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About 250 residents came to the West Roxbury Safety Association's resident-only meeting at the Elks last week to discuss the proposed safety plan for Centre Street from the city.

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WRSA: traffic lights, enforcement are keys to safety

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The resident-founded West Roxbury Safety Administration (WRSA) met with about 250 West Roxbury residents – and some public officials and a few members of the media – at the Boston Elks on Spring Street on June 14 to discuss the group's alternate plan to the city's proposed road diet on Centre Street.

Residents were asked for their identification upon entering so as to ascertain the neighborhood in which they live.

The city's plan is to reduce lanes from four travel lanes to two travel lanes with a middle turning lane. The idea is to provide less space for vehicles to maneuver, which has been shown in studies to reduce traffic speeds (<https://tinyurl.com/48a48j7p>) and increase crash survivability rates for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Almost everyone in the Elks meeting was dead set against reducing the number of lanes. At-Large City Councilor Erin Murphy said she was opposed to the measure, mainly because she felt there was not enough community involvement in the plan. She said though many may feel the lane reduction is a "done deal," nothing is ever over until it's over.

"A lot of people are saying it's a done deal. It's hard to keep your spirits up but keep coming to meetings like this and voicing your opinions, it does matter. Change has happened across the city in different neighborhoods when people

show up."

At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said his position has not changed on the diet and that position is "what works in one neighborhood may not work in another." He pointed to L Street in South Boston where traffic improvements came through after a child was killed.

"What the community asked for was raised crosswalks, stop signs and some additional signal lights as a way of traffic calming and for more enforcement," he said. "What we saw in South Boston after we made what we thought were traffic improvements were people taking lefts and rights – the paths of least resistance and streets that didn't have much traffic – and everyone speeding. Everyone's in a rush to get to work, so what I would suggest is to find the unique solution for this community."

WRSA co-founder Steven Morris went through the city's plan and problems he said he saw with it. The first he addressed was the "double threat" that had an impact on the death of Marilyn Wentworth in 2019. Wentworth's death led to the initial road diet discussions later that year. A double threat is when a pedestrian is crossing a four-lane roadway and a vehicle in the closest lane stops to let the pedestrian go. A vehicle in the next lane may not see that pedestrian crossing until it is too late or a vehicle behind the stopped vehicle may not see the pedestrian and try to go around, further endangering that person crossing the



Steven Morris

street.

"It's a very real concern," Morris said.

Morris said adding on-demand pedestrian stop lights – not the flashing yellow lights highlighted in the WRSA's earlier plan iterations – would solve this concern where there are not green-yellow-red lights on the .8-mile stretch of road. He also said that when they heard rumblings that this road diet discussion was going to start again, he and the group went on to the Federal Highway Administration's website to see what other options may be available.

"There are so many options out there; it dumbfounds me why the city hasn't looked at these, all they have is this road diet," he said. "That's all they have is road diet. There's different signaling, different techniques, but what we're proposing for most of the intersections is on-demand pedestrian lights... They have them at

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Hundreds of Hyde Park residents came out to the New Mission School to celebrate Juneteenth this past weekend.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW WILDING

Hundreds gather to celebrate Juneteenth

Matthew Wilding
Staff Reporter

The sky was full of rain clouds, but they failed to dampen the spirits of the hundreds of Bostonians who gathered at New Mission School this past Saturday to celebrate Juneteenth. Hosted by the Racial Equity and Justice Forum of Hyde Park, the five-hour celebration featured music, dancing, poetry, and speeches from community leaders.

The holiday, now nationally recognized, is a celebration of the last messenger to reach the last enslaved peoples in the United States after the Civil War.

The school auditorium provided a hub of activity, where organizer Marcia Kimm-Jackson shared master-of-ceremonies duties with At-Large City Councilors Julia Mejia and Ruthzee Louijeune. The program opened with African drumming, followed by a religious invocation by Father Charles Madi-Okin of the Blue Hills Collaborative and Church. The crowd then joined Jensen and Jerisha Johnson of the Roosevelt School in a captivating rendition of the Black National

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Green Basket denied beer and wine

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Devangkumar Patel and his two partners have owned Green Basket Market, at 186 Green St., for over a year and they say they want to add beer and wine to their shelves.

They see new housing being built around their store, like 3353 Washington Street and 197 Green St., and they want to expand their business to take advantage of the new neighbors soon to move in.

That was the argument they made at the April 4 and June 6, 2023 Jamaica Plain Public Service Committee, which took up their petition for a beer and wine license. But the old neighbors didn't want Green Basket to expand into beer and wine sales and

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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Holy Name.”

There are three-color lights on the West Roxbury Parkway between the school and the church of Holy Name and one on Centre Street directly in front of the church, both of which appear designed for pedestrians.

“So the city knows about them but they don’t want to put them in areas just as critical, such as Hastings Street, Park Street, or Maple Street,” he said. “We should put them in there.”

Morris advocated for extended crossing times at most crosswalks so as to accommodate West Roxbury’s elderly population. He also said they want a pedestrian light on Centre at the intersections of Greaton Road, Maple Street, Hastings Street, Richwood Street, Mount Vernon Street and Quinn Way.

Boston Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodges said at the previous road diet meeting held at the Ohrenberger School that this would not only slow down traffic, but could desensitize drivers to pedestrian stop lights. He said in the past too many pedestrian lights makes

it easier for drivers to ignore them.

The WRSA also advocated for signage warning motorists of pedestrians at the West Roxbury Rotary and Lagrange Street, increasing police enforcement, having empty cruisers to encourage drivers to slow down, making the inside lane a shared vehicle/bike lane, and adding “Share the Road” signs at the Rotary and Temple Street.

Many residents spoke during the meeting, though few gave their names before doing so. One resident, Steve Lewis, said he was in support of the road diet.

“I’ve lived here almost 11 years, but that’s not enough for many people,” he said. “My kids go to the Lyndon, and they cross the street at Bellevue every day. And every day, I’m terrified. Four lanes are too much. It needs to slow down and it needs to be safer. That blinking light doesn’t do anything; cars blow through that red light when there are kids during school pick up and drop off. I don’t think anything you’re showing here is going to address that issue.”

Lewis also said he didn’t feel that the WRSA reflected all of West Roxbury residents’ feelings on the matter, and at that point members of the crowd started booing him and telling him to “go home,” and that “I’ve been living here for 30 years,” or calling him a “coward.”

“You don’t speak for West Roxbury,” Lewis said. “And I will go home as soon as I’m done here.”

Morris tried to wrest control back when one other resident yelled out in what can only be described as a U.S. Army Drill Sergeant’s voice for the crowd to “Quiet down!”

Many residents advocated that cyclists use the side streets rather than Centre Street.

“Let the bicyclists go from Weld to Vermont, it would be much safer for them,” one resident said.

One big issue was that of organization. Morris said they are working as best they can, but they need more help. One big way to do that is for any resident, for or against the city’s road diet proposal, to reach out to all elected officials in the district: the mayor, District 6 City Councilor Kendra Lara, the at-large city councilors and the state senator and state representative (Mike Rush and Bill MacGregor respectively) for West Roxbury and tell them what you think.

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EPA gives update on the Neponset Superfund work underway

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Monday, June 12, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a community meeting regarding its progress on the Lower Neponset River Superfund Site.

As officially designated, the heavily contaminated site runs 3.7 miles from its confluence with Mother Brook (near the Grimké Sisters Bridge on Dana Avenue in Hyde Park) to the Walter Baker Dam (at Adams Street, on the Dorchester/Milton line).

Bordered by many industrial mills through most of the twentieth century, the Lower Neponset's sediment has long been polluted with hazardous waste, including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs): carcinogenic chemical compounds once popular for industrial and manufacturing purposes, but banned in the United States since 1979.

After a long series of studies and investigations by state and federal entities – and a selective, slow moving EPA evaluation process – the site was added to the National

Superfund Priorities List on March 16, 2022. This officially marked the start of what will be an extensive years-long EPA coordinated cleanup, the goal of which is to restore and protect the Lower Neponset's natural environment, and to make it safely usable.

Presented by the EPA's Lower Neponset community involvement team, the meeting served as an overview of site work being done now, a review of project activities during its first year, and a preview of its schedule for the remainder of 2023 into 2024.

Current work is focused on the site's first upstream mile: from the Neponset-Mother Brook confluence to the Tileston & Hollingsworth Dam, which is located behind Planet Fitness (892 River St.). It broadly falls into two categories: a remedial investigation of that stretch of the river, and removal actions at two Hyde Park locations alongside it.

The removal action at the former Lewis Chemical site has been most visible to passersby crossing the Fairmount Bridge. The now empty, fenced off lot is between the river and the inbound side of

the Fairmount commuter rail station but, from 1963 through 1983, the industrial facility once located there collected, transported, stored, and processed hazardous waste containing PCBs. Last October, the EPA reviewed sampling data from the site that showed high levels of PCBs, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and metals in its soil. As a result,

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after recommending deferral on April 4, on June 6 the public service committee voted four-to-two to deny the request.

On April 4 the debate revolved around the security grates on the building. The neighbors wanted them removed.

Patel didn't.

"I would feel uncomfortable not using the grates," he said.

Competition also crept into the first hearing when a caller named Prakesh came on to say he was from Ruggiero's Market [3345 Washington St.] and he opposed the beer and wine license for Green Basket Market.

Ruggiero's has a full package store license.

After being advised on April 4 to work things out with the neighbors, Patel returned on June 6 but did not fare much better.

Patel's attorney introduced the Green Basket request.

"The owners have changed to a beer and wine license [from a full package store] and they also want to expand their produce and bakery selection," he said.

"The owners have agreed not to roll down the window grates. They can't be removed because they're built into the

building.

"They're not proposing a full-service liquor service," the attorney said, "just beer and wine. It will be in the back and take up less than 20 percent of the store.

"It's an amenity for the customers; there's an influx of new residents."

Tim Reardon was first on the call to testify; he said he lived at 22 Forest Hills St. and was chair of the Egleston Square Main Streets economic development committee.

He said the Patels had met with the committee.

"This is a key space, an outstanding opportunity," Reardon said.

"It's great competition with full alcoholic sales right around the corner at Ruggiero's."

Joseph Britto called in from his car; he said he was "a loyal fan of Ruggiero's, Best friends with the owner."

"I was the second Black family in Jamaica Plain," Britto said. "Sixty-two years. Ruggiero's is a staple in this community. During COVID-19 we were there for everybody; we had the milk. We had the pizza. We delivered."

Britto seemed more concerned about the influence beer and wine sales would have on the community.

"Right now there's a luxury building right across the street [197 Green St.] but Green Basket is right across the street from a rooming house at \$80 a week; real recovery people," Britto said.

"All that beer and wine, they love it. They can walk across the street," he said.

"Then right there Green Basket is near Pine Street that's also taking care of recovery people. Green Basket is not going to help the addicted people. This [beer and wine] is right in their face."

Diane Simpson said she lives at 65 Cornwall St.

"You have to prove need," she said. "This doesn't meet the need criteria. You're 1/10th of a mile from Ruggiero's."

"Let's be up front, folks. This would not go over on Pondsides." Simpson said. "Let's have the same kind of respect for Brookside as Pondsides."

Public service committee chair Michael Reiskind supported Simpson.

"They do have to show public need," he said, "and the ability to manage an alcohol-related business."

Committee member Paige Sparks, of Rossmore Road, testified in favor.

"I was really impressed," she said. "It's a friendly place. They've made concessions. It's important that we support a family-friendly business."

Sparks made motion to approve.

That motion failed.

Reardon did not seem happy about the vote.

"I don't believe the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council is in the business of being a protection racket, protecting Ruggiero's," he said.

The Bulletin stopped by the store on June 8 and talked with Devangkumar Patel. He said he had a petition of 70-to-80 signatures in support.

"I'm not sure exactly what I'm going to do," Patel said.

Letters to the Editor

IN SUPPORT OF ROAD DIET

To the Editor:

Our family fully supports the lane reduction plan for Centre Street. We walk, bike, drive, and ride the bus on Centre Street every day. Speeding and swerving cars make it far more dangerous than it should be, as shown by the above-average accident rate shown in city data.

The focus on bike lanes is a red herring. The primary reason for the lane reduction is safety - the bike lanes are merely an add-on feature to utilize the extra room created. The lane reduction will create safer conditions with or without them.

That being said, I for one will absolutely bike more often if bike lanes are constructed. And I will walk to stores more often as well, instead of driving. And when I drive I'll feel much safer because there won't be cars swerving between lanes and they will be travelling more slowly. The lane reduction will make Centre Street safer for all modes of transit, and help create a more livable neighborhood, which is why we support this plan.

Erik Gehring
West Roxbury

COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING STILL AN ISSUE

To the editor:

The neglect of West Roxbury's Washington Street corridor continues.

Earlier this year in a Letter to the Editor I highlighted the proliferation of commercial vehicles using the inbound stretch of Washington Street, from West Boundary Road to the Enneking Parkway, for extended parking and load exchanges. Numerous 311 tickets and the direct intervention of our Boston City Council D6 community liaison failed to get the responsible city agencies to address this ongoing abuse of public

property.

As of the writing of this letter on June 17th there are two large commercial trucks, both with out-of-state company signage, that have been parked for multiple nights along the road. A section of sidewalk median just north of West Boundary Road has serious damage due to trucks that pull onto the median. They also impede access to the sidewalk.

These trucks have recently been joined by a school bus owned by a suburban company also using the area for long duration parking. When the trucks are gone, private vehicles are left in their place indicating they are using the stretch of road as a relay area.

At night, the combination of a short line-of-sight due to the hills and overgrown trees obscuring the street lights makes it difficult to see the parked trucks.

Area residents already must contend with unsafe conditions when crossing the street to access MBTA inbound bus stops, most of which are not located anywhere near a traffic light or crosswalk. They also contend with trash strewn along the sidewalk adjacent to the reservation and in the bus stop shelter at the corner of Phinn Way.

The seeds of blight once planted grow quickly and their roots extend easily. Dealing with these safety and quality of life issues is long overdue. It's time for the city to pay attention to this ignored gateway.

Joe Cauteruccio
West Roxbury

NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY POLITICS AT PLAY

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Said amendment would amend "Map 7A/7B/7C/7D, Allston-Brighton Neighborhood District," by adding the designation "D," indicating a Planned Development Area overlay district to the existing zoning designation of approximately 135,716 square feet (approximately 3.11 acres) of land commonly referred to 155 North Beacon Street in Brighton. Said Development Plan would allow for the development of three new life science buildings on the Project Site containing, in the aggregate, approximately 400,526 square feet ("SF") of gross floor area, as that term is defined in the Zoning Code ("Floor Area, Gross" or "GFA"). Building one will include the construction of up to a six-story building including 177,598 GFA of laboratory use and up to 4,370 GFA of active retail use totaling 181,968 GFA. Building two will include the construction of up to a six-story building including 163,987 GFA of office and laboratory use. Building three will include the construction of up to a three-story building including 51,801 GFA of office and laboratory use and 2,770 of active retail use totaling 54,571 GFA. The ground floor of the campus will include lab and office space as well as a publicly accessible uses such as retail and a winter garden. The ground floor will also include a bicycle parking facility including 229 bicycle spaces. The bicycle parking facility will include a 24/7 bicycle parking facility to the public as well as two publicly accessible restrooms. The project will include no more than 324 vehicular parking spaces.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC_July2023. Copies of the petitions and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov.

Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023. Please request interpreting services **no later than July 7, 2023**.

For the Commission
Jeffrey M. Hampton
Executive Secretary

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cleanup activities were prioritized and began in the spring.

This was raised in discussion following the EPA's presentation, with one attendee complaining of what she described as the "cavalier" method in which the initial work had been done, noting the clear-cutting of riverside trees and the absence – until recently – of water trucks to keep the dust down as bulldozers moved brush and contaminated soil.

She also recommended that representatives from the contracting company attend future community meetings, and that a sign giving an overview of the work be posted.

The EPA's project manager for the Lewis Chemical site was not present at the meeting, but ZaNetta Purnell – the EPA public affairs specialist responsible for it – was.

"One thing that we are really strong about, and we try to push for constantly when it comes to any of our cleanup sites is to have dust control, and to have air monitoring on the site," she said in response. "So if you have that concern, those are the things that we want to hear so that we can reach out to our site team," she finished, promising to follow up.

Excavation of the site began on June 12 and is sched-

uled to be completed in December.

The other priority removal is about half a mile downstream, at the Riverside Square PCB site. In 1962 and 1964, the river was dredged, with the scooped out sediment deposited at several locations along its banks, thus creating new land. One of those sediment deposit locations abuts Riverside Square, a residential cul-de-sac that forms part of a corner junction including Metropolitan Avenue, Pierce Street, and Arlington Street.

Last October, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) formally requested that the EPA further investigate the site, and the sampling phase of the removal program is scheduled to begin in July, with the results expected in September.

EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Ashlin Brooks also announced opportunities for local participation as the project gets underway. A community advisory group (CAG) will be formed later this summer, and it will be comprised of a cross section of affected community members that will provide ongoing input to the EPA regarding the project.

She also informed the 15 in-person attendees at the Municipal Building/BCYF and the 45 participating virtually that the EPA is seeking comments on the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) drafted for the project. The CIP presents a detailed overview of the Lower Neponset Superfund Site, with components taken from input given at community meetings and workshops held in 2022, and with updates ongoing. The 45-day public comment period opens on Monday, June 26 and closes at midnight on Thursday, Aug. 10.

To view a copy of the draft CIP, to join the mailing list, or to find any other information pertaining to the Lower Neponset Superfund Site, visit www.epa.gov/neponsetriver.

To comment on the CIP, or to contact the EPA about anything else pertaining to the project, email Ashlin Brooks at brooks.ashlin@epa.gov, or send her a letter at 5 Post Office Square, 1-CO, Boston, MA 02109. She can also be reached at 617-913-9140.



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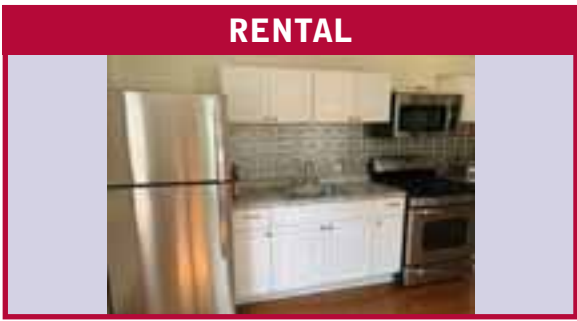


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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No. SU23P1070EA**

Estate of: Elaine J. Stearns **Suffolk Division**
Date of Death: December 15, 2022

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Michelle Clayton of Norwood, MA**
A Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Michelle Clayton of Norwood, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the state to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **Docket No. SU23P1219EA**

Estate of: John M. Callaghan **Suffolk Division**
Date of Death: April 21, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Petitioner: Sheila P. Callaghan of Wakefield, MA**
Sheila P. Callaghan of Wakefield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU23P1294EA

Estate of: Mabel Yu
Date of Death: 05/22/2022

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph Y. Cheung of Quincy, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Joseph Y. Cheung of Quincy, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 07/28/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 16, 2023

Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 06/22/23

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU23P1190EA

Estate of: Judith Ann Devitt
Also known as: Judith A. Devitt
Date of Death: 04/11/2023

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **David J. Donovan of West Roxbury, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **David J. Donovan of West Roxbury, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 02, 2023

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West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 06/22/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU23P1251EA

Estate of: Robert J. Selva
Date of Death: 01/18/2023

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Raymond Selva of Roslindale, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Raymond Silva of Roslindale, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 09, 2023

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU23P1259EA

Estate of: Robert Edmund O'Hara, Jr.
Also known as: Robert E. O'Hara
Date of Death: 01/25/2023

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Carmen C. O'Hara of Boston, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Carmen C. O'Hara of Boston, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 13, 2023

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU23P1266EA

Estate of: Evelyn Dolores Bone
Date of Death: 09/16/2022

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Duane S. Bone of Peterborough, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kurt S. Olson of Andover, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 13, 2023

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ror when noting that newly elected Representative MacGregor failed to mention Roslindale in thanking voters for electing him to office. The writer was correct in pointing out that Bill did not mention West Roxbury or Roslindale in his letter to The Bulletin but his use of the term Parkway to include both

neighborhoods assumed that residents of each regard themselves as living there. I could find no official definition of the Parkway; indeed, Wikipedia noted that its use was missing a reference. But if the letter writer was referring to the silly habit of segregating people into groups based on the location


they live in then she was correct. When I first moved to Roslindale in 1993 I was puzzled by the neighborhood identity politics as I read about about the fuss over the 02131 versus 02132 zip code assignments. Later, as I learned more about the class, ethnic, religious and racial politics of Boston I realized that there were many more factors involved and that these have shifted over the gen-

erations as people move out or die and other people move in. I frequent West Roxbury businesses several times a month and do so without consideration of whether I am helping or hurting the businesses based on where they are located. I suspect that this is true for most people. However, had I attempted to attend the recent West Roxbury Safety Association meeting I would have been turned away due to my address. This leads me to believe that the opposition to making Centre Street safe for everyone is really about old identities that are being buffeted by the inexorable winds of change. There is more traffic on Centre Street than when I first bicycled it on my

way to work at the VA hospital in 1988 and the drivers of the larger and heavier vehicles are increasingly impatient and distracted. There is no traffic engineering study that endorses 4-lanes in a commercial area as being safe but there are many hundreds of examples in the US which have shown that lane reduction and other physical infrastructure traffic calming measures enhance business activity. I am certain that the successful real estate professionals in the Parkway area understand this and will emphasize the future safety of the business district as an attractive feature to prospective buyers.



*Alan Wright
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SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU20D1339DR**

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Sylvie Joseph vs. Willot Joseph

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **Irretrievable Breakdown**.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Sylvie Joseph, 22 Lockwood Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136
your answer, if any, on or before **07/18/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 17, 2023
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DEATHS

BIRD

Peter A. of Hollis, NH, formerly of Lexington, MA, passed away on June 12, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Frawley Bird. Son of the late Kenneth and Jean Bird. Devoted father of Jonathan Bird and his wife Christine of North Reading. Loving grandfather of Elise and Liam Bird. Brother of Christopher, Duncan, Gregory and Jeffrey Bird. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Peter received his degree in Electrical Engineering from MIT, in 1965. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and attended Officer Training School and Pilot Training. He flew all over the world as an aircraft commander in the C-141A Starlifter, and then finished his USAF career as a Captain with a tour in Vietnam in 1971 as a C-7A Caribou pilot. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Cross of Galantry, the Air Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. In 1973 he began his commercial pilot career with Eastern Airlines, where he met his wife Pattie. When he retired from the airlines in 1983, he returned to engineering, where he became an expert in computer publishing systems for the printing industry for another 23 years. Peter served actively on the board of directors of the C-7A Caribou Association. This war veterans' organization serves USAF personnel who had the distinct honor of having been assigned to the

Air Force C-7A aircraft, one of the most unique airplanes ever flown by the USAF. Peter loved woodworking, computer programming, sports cars, country music, and collecting everything from stamps to tools. But his favorite activity was going to Maine with his grandchildren in the summer. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Peter's memory to C-7A Caribou Association 12402 Winding Branch, San Antonio, TX. 78230. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

HANNON

Michael John of Roslindale, formerly of Sligo, Ireland. June 10, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Josephine M. (Murphy) Hannon. Devoted father of Garry Hannon and his spouse Aaron Sciandra of Brooklyn, NY; Molly Hannon of Roslindale; Danny Hannon of Roslindale. Loving grandfather of Kaiana Clancy-Hannon and John M. Clancy. Brother of Eddie Hannon of Ontario, Canada and the late Jimmy, Tommy John, Frank, Paddy Joe, Joe, Mary, Egune, Kate Ann, Peter, Madge, Lizzie, Tessie, Bertie, and Rita. Also

survived by many nieces and nephews. A trained auto body painter, he enjoyed anything sports related or Irish adjacent. Walking was his passion and he loved reading the paper with a cup of Barry's tea and his cat, Dodo, resting near him. A funeral Mass for Michael was held on Tuesday, June 20. Interment in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. Funeral arrangements by P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre Street, West Roxbury.

KENDRICKEN

William M., age 73, died on June 17, 2023, at home in Roslindale from ALS. Born August 15, 1949, Billy was a beloved husband of 50 years to Janice E. (Koschen); father of Jo Ann of Chicago, John and Kim of West Roxbury, Liz and partner Brian Donovan of Roslindale, and Mary Kate Kasper of Jamaica Plain. He was the adoring grandfather to Finn and Audrey. Billy grew up in Hyde Park, served in the U.S. Army 1970-1971, and was a dedicated patrolman for 32 years in the Boston Police Department. He furthered his education at UMass Boston with a Bachelor's in Criminology and Anna Maria College with a Master's in Criminal Justice. He loved spending time at Newfound Lake in Bristol, NH, with his family and beloved Beach Buddies. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. Interment private. To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

Deaths

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Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No. SU23P1220EA**

Estate of: Joseph L. McDonald **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
Date of Death: 02/27/2023 **24 New Chardon Street**
 Boston, MA 02114
 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Denise M. Cole-Giovanni of Norwood, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Denise M. Cole-Giovanni of Norwood, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 14, 2023
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 06/22/2023

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Prime Storage - Hyde Park located at 1641 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA 02136 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 7/12/2023 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. John Mongo unit #1039 contents: Tires, Car parts; Eddie Kotee unit #1090; Tache Harvey unit #1092; Lawrence Fernandez unit #2005; Wilventz Saint Pierre unit #20465; Gertrudy Romero Aybar unit #2109. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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LIGEROS of Roslindale, formerly of Manny, longtime resident Plomari, Greece, passed away

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The Bulletin

on June 17, 2023. Beloved husband of Magda (Sitaras) Ligeros for 57 years. Devoted father of Marcia Adam and her husband Khaled of Marlboro, and Michele and her husband Andrew of West Roxbury. Loving papou of Omar Adam, Abdallah Adam, and Dena Adam, and Yianni Photis and Niko Photis. Brother of the late Michael Ligeros. A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, June 20th at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church 39 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale. Interment Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Manny's memory to St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church 39 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale, MA 02131. For online guestbook pemmurrayfuneral.com. Ar-

rangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

SPAGNUOLO

Diane Frances (Gibbons) "Dede", longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Roslindale and Mission Hill, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Diane was born on September 24, 1948, in Boston, beloved daughter of the late John and the late Constance Gibbons. Devoted mother of Richard, Jr. and spouse, Mari, Leah Marie and spouse, Brian, and John and spouse, Stephen. Former wife of Richard J. Spagnuolo, Sr. Loving grandmother of Daniel, and Emilia and spouse, Luis. Great-grandmother of Mason and

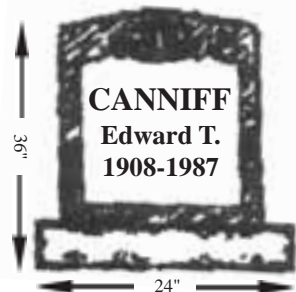
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Magdalena. Lifelong childhood friend of Helen Collins. Diane was a dedicated lead administrator of VA Hospital, West Roxbury, for 27 years. Diane enjoyed cooking and baking for her family, the beach, nature, reading, listening to a variety of music, painting, and attending musicals with her family. A special thank you to Diane's neighbors for their thoughtful friendship and kindness. Safely home Nanny, we love you!! A Funeral Mass was held at St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury, on Wednesday, June 21st. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, to please take a moment to do a kind act for someone else. For online guestbook, pemmurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons, West Roxbury, 617 325 2000.

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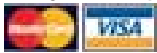
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Anthem, along with a color guard display from the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry reenactors.

Among the attendees, State Representative Rob Consalvo, who also provided a land acknowledgment in the program, emphasized the historical significance of Hyde Park.

"This is just an amazing celebration," he said. "You've got the 54th Regiment, the first African-American regiment to serve in the Civil War, right here from our neighborhood. There are memorials at Meigs Field, the sacred land around Sprague Pond — this community that has such an important history in our country around voting rights. I'm proud to represent a district that is a people-of-color majority, so to have this celebration here and to be one of the first in the city, to be one of the largest in the city is historic."

Councillor Louijeune echoed him, adding Rebecca Crumpler, the first Black woman to receive a medical degree in America, to the list of Hyde Park figures.

Dane Lewis-Elliott, President of the 54th Regiment, was jubilant at the program, calling Hyde Park home to his group.

"Juneteenth being the celebration of the real end of sla-

very in the United States goes well with our mission, which is to share the stories of the role African-Americans played in the Civil War," he said.

While history was front and center in the celebration, Juneteenth in Hyde Park was also very much about the future. LaToya Johnson of Roxbury said she was drawn to the event by the singing and entertainment, and brought her young daughter along.

"It's important for children to come [to Juneteenth events] to learn about their culture, and to see what's going on," she said after stopping at a 360 selfie-station, holding a heart that read "Happy Juneteenth" in the African-American flag color scheme.

The event also recognized 13 Black and Brown "Living Histories of Hyde Park" from the community, honoring them with banners, short films, and a rousing poem by Boston's poet laureate Porsha Olayiwola. Following the unveiling, honoree Imari Paris Jeffries of Embrace Boston praised Kimm-Jackson and the other organizers.

"To have celebrations in this neighborhood is important," he said "Everyone in here is from Hyde Park or lives in Hyde Park or is Hyde Park adjacent.

So to come to neighborhood events like this, you're going to meet someone you actually live with: You're going to see them at the grocery store, you're going to see them at the pizza shop, you're going to see them at a local restaurant. And I think that's the way we build up the fabric of community."

Segun Idowu, Boston's Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, was also recognized. "I'm happy to be here with a pantheon of leaders being honored in this series," he said. "But also the leaders that have not yet been honored who are here with us today and who we will seek to keep working with in the future."

In Mayor Michelle Wu's late-program remarks, she noted the event's "focus [on] making sure to celebrate the work that is still to come, but also the joy and the light and the brilliance of the community." The community did not disappoint, flocking out to the hallways of New Mission School to speak with representatives from other community groups, eat ice cream, pizza and beef patties, and press on into the day, the sun breaking through the clouds to seemingly try to match the light the mayor had just lauded.

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—V.C.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.
—V.C.

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