A different Arborway improvement process resumes

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The Arborway Parkway Improvement process resumed at a virtual meeting that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) said was attended by 141 people on June 24; Isabel Torres from Rep. Elugardo’s office and Natalie Kaufman from Rep. Malia were announced as being present. DCR also reported that seven city officials attended, including three from Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and one from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

This was a follow-up to the first public meeting held on Nov. 21, 2019 at the Faulkner Hospital auditorium.

It is today a much different Arborway as DCR Program Manager Deputy Chief Engineer Jeffrey Parenti acknowledged.

“There’s now a lot of open questions about the future of [Arborway] traffic,” he said. “A lot of question marks about how traffic volume will return, and if traffic patterns return to pre-COVID mode.”

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11 Dana Ave. battle goes before ZBA

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The saga of 11 Dana Avenue, a 24-unit development at the Hyde Park commuter rail station, is not over yet.

It came before the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) at a virtual hearing on Tuesday, June 30. But after hearing both sides, Chair Christine Araujo referred the case to the City’s Law Department for further review.

“To clarify, the Board referred the matter to the Law Department for a legal opinion on the issues raised in the appeal and the Chair suggested that all written materials should be forwarded to the Law Department by Friday, which is obviously a holiday,” said Lisa Timberlake, Director of Publicity for the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) in a statement. “It will be fine if the materials are submitted by next week.”

The ZBA hearing was called after a request for an interpretation made by abutter Dana Ave.
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Parkway restaurants open with more outdoor dining

Ariane Komatsi
Staff Reporter

As Massachusetts reopens its economy, restaurants are supposed to be following strict guidelines regarding seating arrangements, face coverings, and physical distancing.

Over three months ago, Gov. Charlie Baker shut down Massachusetts restaurants (besides takeout and delivery) in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 - this measure was initially expected to only last three weeks.

Outdoor dining returned on June 8, which was the start of “Phase Two” of Massachusetts’ reopening plan. This opening includes numerous restrictions regarding staff, customer safety, and physical distancing.

Last week, indoor dining resumed in Massachusetts, but with strict guidelines - including tables being at least six feet apart and six feet away from high-traffic areas, mandatory face coverings for employees and customers, no bar seating (but bar areas can be reconfigured to allow for more table seating), and if an employee, customer, or vendor of a restaurant has a presumed or positive case of COVID-19, the restaurant must immediately close for 24 hours and be cleaned and disinfected.

Many restaurants in the West Roxbury and Roslindale neighborhoods are reopening and adapting to this “new normal.” Restaurants such as West Centre and the Corrib added additional outdoor seating.

Porter Cafe, located on Centre Street in West Roxbury, has been “open for dining inside since Monday [June 22] and are using our patio as we had before (no special barriers required),” said owner Paul Murphy.

753 South Restaurant in Roslindale opened for outdoor dining on its patio on June 8 and outlined the guidelines on its media - masks are mandatory while not seated, and guests will be unable to stay longer than 90 minutes.

Not all of the restaurants have decided to open up for in-door dine-in just yet. The Distraction Brewing Company, located in Roslindale Square, has decided to only open with outdoor dining for now. “We have not opened for indoor seating at this time. But as of June 26 we have opened up patio seating on Birch Street, which is adjacent to our building. Seating is set up with ample social distancing and our staff wears masks at all times. We have barriers set up to define our patio space, as the restaurants near us have designated areas as well,” explained Distraction Brewing Company Partner Patrick French.

Delini Gelato, located off Centre Street in West Roxbury, opened in June after a delay of a couple months. Owner Viki Petkova faced even more challenges than normal opening her store, due to the pandemic.

“We were working on the project for multiple years and about almost a year ago we signed the lease for 5 Bellevue St. and our original plan was to open in the end of March or the beginning of April,” explained Petkova. Due to COVID-19, the process to upgrade electrical services, certify the kitchen for dairy products, order equipment, and get a health inspection took much longer than usual.

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About Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

Dear Rusty: How do I find out if I get any extra earnings for my military service of 28 years (Navy, 1982-2011), when I begin collecting my full Social Security retirement benefit next year (in July 2021)?

Signed: Retired Veteran

Dear Retired Veteran: First, as a fellow veteran, I want to thank you for your 28 years of military service, but I need to clarify what those “special extra earnings” are.

That’s not an additional amount which will be added to your monthly Social Security benefit as a bonus for serving. Rather it is an additional dollar amount which has already been added to your lifetime earnings record for those years you served in the military.

Those receiving active duty military pay have contributed to Social Security since 1957, and that record of your military pay is already on file with Social Security. But a change in Congress did decide to bump up the recorded earnings of those with earlier military service to make it easier for them to qualify for Social Security, and to possibly provide a slightly higher benefit when the earnings from those years in the military are included in the computation of SS benefits.

To compute your benefit, Social Security uses the 35 highest earnings years from your lifetime earnings record (adjusted for inflation). So, if your earnings during the years you were in the military are among the 35 years used to calculate your SS benefit, those military earnings were supplemented with an additional amount to make them up to $12,000 per year higher than you were actually paid.

And that higher earnings amount possibly means a higher Social Security benefit because it could make your Lifetime Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME) higher (a higher AIME translates to a higher benefit amount).

In your case, an extra $100

Ralph Rosati. He claimed that

ISD violated Hyde Park’s zoning code because a parking garage on the first floor is forbidden.

“I did file this appeal because I see at least three zoning violations,” Rosati said.

Craig Martin of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) spoke on Rosati’s behalf.

“We first want to be on the record that we have never opposed this development,” Martin said. “We’ve never even discussed this development. We’ve been troubled from Day One that there are violations and it’s not as of right.”

“There’s got to be a technical reason that this applicant [filed the appeal],” Araujo said.

Martin said the group has copies of two letters from ISD defining the first floor from the bottom of the second floor to the right of the exca- vated portion — a 14-foot first floor.

“It sounds to me that you issue is that the article — and I have your letter in front of me — is that Article 69 forbids a parking garage on the first floor to designate that custom- ers should be social distancing

This is our first request for that parking space, Martin explained.

For more information regarding reopen Massachu- setts, visit https:// www.mass.gov/info-details/re- opening-massachusetts.

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Opponents say they are not against the building itself, a rendering of which is shown above, but that the fact that it was presented as an all-rights project.

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hourly cleaning of high touch areas like door handles, bathroom cleaning after each use etc. Although our pozzetti displays (the home of our gelato) has a strong tempered glass sneeze guard, we went above beyond and installed another plexiglass shield above it. We also have a plexiglass guard above our register. We always use masks and gloves as well, we kindly ask customers if they don’t have a mask to put one on or we provide one disposable mask for them if they can’t get one. We have removed our chairs and have put caution tape on the countertop so customers know that they can’t use it. We have neon orange tape on the floor to designate that custom- ers should be social distancing six feet apart,” she stated.

Delini Gelato has also implemented other safe ways of ordering, including contactless orders on their website and also “integrated our menu system with our website so our customers can see the currently available flavors on our website without spending time in the store looking at the menu.”

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Belnel Family Neighborhood Association (BFNA) held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, June 25 to discuss the redesign of Cummins Highway and the group’s injunction hearing on the Burger King at Riverwood Plaza. The group also hosted District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.

President Helena Tonge announced that, since the Burger King at the Shops at Riverwood Plaza received its common victualler license in May, five neighborhood groups have met, four expressing their disapproval of the decision. BFNA has taken the lead in filing an injunction in Suffolk County Superior Court against Northeast Foods, the nation’s second-largest Burger King franchiser. The hearing was scheduled for Thursday, June 25 but had to be postponed until Thursday, July 2 so that papers could be served.

Jeffrey Alexis, Department of Public Works (DPW) project manager for the Cummins Highway redesign project, gave a presentation on the portion of the project that would most directly impact this area. The community outreach process has been ongoing for the past 18 months. Three community meetings were held to gain feedback on four proposed streetscape ideas.

The “preferred selection” chosen was “Concept 4.” It would remove the median and reduce Cummins Highway to two 11-foot lanes in each direction. Turning lanes would be kept at intersections. To address safety issues, the City decided to have wider sidewalks and bicycle lanes incorporated into the plan, based on the meetings and two community surveys.

The biggest change impacting this area would be at the nexus of Mattapan, Hyde Park and Roslindale near Wood Avenue, heading toward the Stop and Shop plaza at American Legion Highway. There is a proposed roundabout at Greenfield Road. “Currently there is no control for this intersection,” Alexis said. “This is one of the intersections where people were speeding because it’s pretty much right in the middle of Cummins Highway. “We don’t want to build something and invest millions of dollars to have the same issues that we currently...

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Feast known to fail)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me who you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—S.C.A.
My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

boundary (it used to have a Roslindale zip code, but, after reclassifying by the Post Office, it now is 02132). I have also enjoyed small town parades in the community with the most memorable of zip codes, 01776, which Sudbury somehow secured years ago.

A very memorable Fourth was the one experienced in Wall, South Dakota, eight or nine years ago after a couple of days of white-water rafting on the Yellowstone River and horseback riding up into the Gallatin Mountains of Montana. Wall, a small town off Interstate 90, is the home of the very small National Grasslands Visitor Center, where city boys such as moi can learn about the 20 types of grass populating America’s prairies. For hundreds of miles as one comes east from Wyoming, signage appraises motorists of the existence of Wall Drug Store, (as if it were a huge mecca).

Needing a place to stay after touring Mt. Rushmore in the afternoon, my wife and I stopped at a motel in Wall as a number of motorcyclists drank Bud longnecks beside their Harley’s. The motel keeper had her nearby television tuned into the (then) nationally televised concert by the Boston Pops; undoubtedly she thought, What are two people from Boston doing out here when you have that great, free concert taking place back home?

Fortunately, we didn’t converse long with her: we hoofed to a nearby restaurant just before it closed: we were the only customers there.

Ah, yes, the Fourth—a time for memories such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. May Bostonians be safe this year from rogue firecrackers, speeding mopeds, and COVID-19.
he would like to see an increase in the area median income (AMI) thresholds for the city’s Rental Assistance program. He said he’s also been working with coalitions of interested residents to ask developers to increase their affordable housing unit counts or contributions. He said they are also working to allow Individual Taxpayer Identification Number tax filers (reserved for those who are not a resident of the U.S.) and gig workers to receive unemployment payments to help cushion the financial blow.

“We had a need before COVID, we’re going to have a bigger need post COVID,” he said.

Derosier also said that everyone interested in housing security right now should be advocating for the Senate Bill 2785, which would implement a pilot program if passed to require the city’s Housing Court were represented only about 7 percent of those in housing court were represented.

“The economic impact of this is startling, and so many of our neighbors work in food service, service industries, hospitality, and those jobs just disappeared overnight and that’s a huge impact on our community here in Allston Brighten,” she said.

State Rep. Kevin Honan pointed out that where the community in Allston Brighten could make a difference responding to the immediate needs during the pandemic; residents came together better than what most could have expected.

“It was extraordinary to watch our nonprofit communities like the West End House Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA totally change their missions to providing food for families that were very much in need,” he said. “Brighton (Allston) Congregation Church had triple the amount of people waiting for food there and we had companies in the neighborhood also change their mission, like New Balance started doing masks, and we had Houghton Chemical starting to do hand sanitizer, and the schools stepped up as well. Brighton High is serving lunch programs there that are open to adults as well. The neighborhood has really come together to try to address the food insecurity issue.”

Regis also emphasized the importance of providing access to the internet in the neighborhood. While it’s probably not something a lot of people are thinking about right now, everything that would be happening online, and she said if you don’t have reliable access to a strong broadband connection, many digital meeting services are out of reach, both for education and for summer camps, as well as information on places to pick up food or other donated items.

“It makes it difficult for you to be able to access the supportive services you need,” she said.

Walter Marroquin is creating his art in a bit of a different vein in Hyde Park during the COVID-19 crisis.

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Hyde Park artist sprucing up statues

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Local artist and Switch Co-Founder Walter Marroquin said he’s been doing art of some kind since he was a kid, and he said he’s been very lucky to be able to harness his passion and make a living from it.

However, that somewhat came to a halt during the COVID-19 pandemic. Marroquin said exhibitions and art shows had completely stopped, and so he was looking for something unique to do.

“I wasn’t inspired or anything it was just completely dumb luck,” he said. “I ended up doing one of these statues. I don’t know if you’re familiar with Ferrara’s Greenhouse (19 Emmett St. Hyde Park), but Diane Ferrara was working at Bacaro’s as a waitress and her sister posted on Facebook that she needed her St. Anthony statue painted, and

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7th annual Blessing of the Bikes starts season in WR

In February the veteran transportation planning corporation Howard Stein Hudson was hired to prepare a redesign of that section of the Arborway between Murray Circle at Centre St and Kelly Circle at Parkman Drive.

According to DCR their contract is for $1 million. This would replace the 2013 design concept drafted by Toole Design Group during an earlier planning process.

The six-member HSH team headed by senior civil engineer Matt Jasmin includes two public affairs personnel, a traffic engineer, a transportation leader and a landscape architect from Halvorson Design. Planning for the Arborway began 16 years ago.

“DCR has studied the Arborway many times,” Parenti said. “Now it’s time to build it. Howard Stein Hudson will be the design contractor and will take it through the entire design process to the construction phase. We expect construction to begin in 2021 and last for two years. We’ll have 25 percent design refinements for you in the fall (of 2020).”

Bob Strathopoulos, HSH traffic engineer, said that new traffic counts scheduled for March 2020 couldn’t be done. “So we used historical data from the 2013 traffic count,” he said. “We also used the traffic count from the Centre-Walter intersection study; most of those cars will be entering the Arborway.”

Strathopoulos described the six parts of the current problems of the Arborway: Murray Circle is “a mess” with cars “going all over the place”, wrong way use of the U-turn at Kelly Circle, poor signage, no traffic lane striping, high speeds and bike-motorcar conflict.

Brian said he lives along the Arborway and has three suggestions: protective bike lanes, eliminate parking on the Arborway, and reduce the size of the parkway.

“If we build for cars more cars will come,” he said. “Get rid of the carriageway [traffic lanes]. Don’t focus on cars.”

In addition to protective bike lanes, most of the speakers wanted Murray Circle improved. Susan Reese from Moss Hill was concerned about pedestrian safety at Murray Circle.

“I take my life in my hands every time I cross Murray Circle to get to the Orange Line,” she said. Parenti agreed. “Murray Circle is the doorstep to the Arbororetum,” he said. “We do not want this to be a barrier.”

“We’ve walked Murray Circle at least three times. It’s a treacherous area. Impossible for pedestrians. The crosswalks don’t work. There hasn’t been striping for years. It’s an old school New England rotary. We’re studying how to do rotas-

ries better. Build roundabouts in the European model like we have at Putterham Circle in Brookline.”

Parenti said that long-term design solutions will come out of the public comments but short-term results can be done now. “We’ll repaint the traffic lines on Murray Circle,” he said. A little bit of paint will go a long way. “We’ll paint the lanes and replace the old signs. Over the next several days our contractor Newport Construction will be repairing ramps and sidewalks. We don’t have to wait two years for that. There are 26 ramps to be replaced and 50 areas in total to be worked on.”

As an aside, people reported a traffic accident had occurred at Murray Circle the night before.

Beth said she lives on the Arborway and the reason was “uncontrolled speeding.”

“There’s no enforce-

ment,” she said. “What are you going to do to fix this huge problem?” They run red lights all the time at Murray Circle.

Her suggestion was to reconfigure the Arborway so that it’s the right size. “Con-

trol the size, you control the speed,” she said.

Parenti said he needs a consensus.

“We need to agree on one concept to complete the job,” he said. “Howard Stein Hudson needs that to come up with a design to go into consensus. We need a spirit of compromise to go into the next public meeting.”

DCR public affairs director Jenny Norwood said that meeting would be held in late summer.

The comment period ends on July 10. For more infor-
mation and to comment please visit Arborway Park-

Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

Q) I have a 2008 Toyota RAV4 with 175,000 miles. Recently, I noticed that one tire was losing air pressure, at first about 2 psi a week, then 2 psi overnight. Nothing could be found in the tire, and resealing it did not help. It was only after the second trip to the tire shop that they showed me where air was leaking through the inside circumference of the rim itself. Since the rim is steel, there is some surface rust. Could the rim be rusted clear through, or possibly cracked? The service man at the local Toyota dealer said that they have never heard of this problem. —John

A) I have seen this before especially in the snow belt area. In some cases I have ground down the rust area and used a 2 part epoxy to seal the leak. I have also installed an inner tube, or replaced the rim if needed to the customers liking.

Q) You recently mentioned a battery tender. I live in New England and many times my 2005 Cadillac XLR remains un-driven for many weeks. I was wondering if you could recommend a good tender that is easy for this senior citizen lady to use. –Maureen

A) The most important thing is the maintenance tender MUST be automatic. Do NOT buy a cheap tender. You can buy one at any auto parts store. The unit you want will have a cord and plug, the plug goes into the tender and the tender has 2 cables coming out. Do NOT but a tender that the unit and plug are together and plug into the wall. The average cost will be around $50.00 / $60.00. You can connect the cables to the car and leave the wire end where you can simply plug the tender to the wire with outlet having to open the hood and connect the wire. I also would not leave the charger on 24 / 7 for the winter season. I personally connect my vehicles weekly for 48 hours or less what ever it takes to get the battery up to full voltage. The tender will have an indicator on it to let you know.

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Rolling Thunder and the West Roxbury Gardens at Gethsemane hosted the seventh annual Blessing of the Bikes to start the biking season.

While a bit delayed this year because of the pandemic, more than 100 bikers came out to have their rides blessed and hopefully get that little extra bit of luck on the road.
so I said I’d do it, because hey it would pay something, and I posted it and I ended up with 10 of them in my backyard.”

Marroquin said the painting series has taken on a life of its own now. He said he’s gotten Madonnas and statues of saints in every kind of condition, and if they need extra work, he scrapes them down with a wire brush before applying the paint.

“Then I put a base coat of white latex exterior paint and that seals it and makes sure whatever paint I put on top of it is going to stick,” he said. “Then I put a base coat of white latex exterior paint and that seals it and makes sure whatever paint I put on top of it is going to stick.”

For instance, one of the statues was for a woman who had recently gone through chemotherapy for breast cancer. So he used a lot of different colors for that singular piece.

“So it was important for her to have pink in the piece and for me, if I have pink, I’ve got to have red to kind of offset it a little and that’s why that one is a bit different,” he said.

Marroquin said the response to the paintings has been amazing too.

“Because of everything going on, especially if you’re strong in your faith, staying on and not just flaking off,” he said. “After that I paint close to seven days and then I let it dry. Then I put a base coat of white latex exterior paint and that seals it and makes sure whatever paint I put on top of it is going to stick.”

They were very passionate that they did not want a two-lane road.”

Lacet said, noting that “90 percent said they were against it.” He added that they heard the two-lane proposal with bike lanes would be tested with barriers.

Alexis said that everyone in the meetings believed that Cummins Highway needed to be safer, although they did not agree on whether it should be with two or four lanes. The goal was to make it safer for residents, drivers, and bikers.

Latoya Campbell, a Cummins Highway resident, said that since she has moved there about seven months ago, she has witnessed seven accidents, including the biker who died about three weeks ago.

“One ran into my yard,” she said. “This past week there were two accidents in a block radius. Within that block there are three apartment complexes.”

Arroyo thanked Tonge for leading a cooling initiative for the City. Because the BCFY centers and the libraries have been closed, the usual pools and cooling stations are not available to escape the heat. He suggested open air cooling stations in the parks.

The councilor also discussed his vote against the operations budget, describing areas he felt were underfunded.

“I actually see it more as a reallocation of our resources,” Arroyo said. This year, there were $70 million in police overtime fees paid. Instead, money could have been allocated to other departments including Fair Housing and Equity ($307,000), Veterans ($4.8 million) and Immigration ($1 million). Police overtime, by contrast, was budgeted at $48 million. “We’re heading into record evictions and record foreclosures,” he said. “That doesn’t work for me.”

He added that several of his staff members speak French and Haitian Creole, so that the office can serve previously underserved constituencies.

“The reality is it’s not right. For years and years this office has mostly taken care of the whitest aspects of our communities,” Arroyo said. “And I think that’s created a divide where folks don’t necessarily know that we’re available or what we can help with.”

Treasurer Gladys Frias gave an update on the Walker family, whose house on Osceola Street burned in a June fire. “I want to thank the neighbors for coming together,” she said, “because that’s what we do down here as a community.”

The group started a GoFundMe page, which to date has raised $2,515 to help with their expenses. They have also collected items for their personal care, food, clothing, and masks. To donate to the family, the link is www.gofundme.com/f/house-fire-the-walker-family.
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Deaths

AMICO
Richard A. of Weymouth, formerly of Troy, NY, passed away peacefully after a long illness, June 25, 2020. Beloved son of the late Peter and Jesse Amico. Loving cousin of Angelo Amico, John Amico, Sister Roseann Amico, CSJ, Grace Bertolino, Marguerite Pennini, Dennis Amico, Richard Amico, Elaine Wall, and Marjorie Amico. Richard is survived by many other cousins and extended family and friends in NY and MA. Richard was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and a District Deputy for the Jurisdiction of NY. He was a Hospice volunteer. Richard was a graduate of Siena College. He was a member of the Franciscan Immaculate Conception Province of the order of Franciscan Friars Minor. Richard was Director of Faith Formation and Pastoral Care at St. Edward Parish in Clifton Park, NY for many years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury, on Friday, July 3, at 11:30 am. Visiting Hours in the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Friday morning, July 3, from 10:00 am to 11:15 am. Interment will be private.

GAVIN
Margaret M. “Peggy” (Hoban) of West Roxbury, age 89, on June 23, 2020, formerly of Indreabhan (Inverness, Scotland), Galway, Ireland. Beloved wife of Michael J. Gavin, with whom she shared nearly 60 years of marriage. Loving mother of Michael J., Jr. and his late wife, Jane M. (Hamilton) of West Roxbury. John M. and his wife Alexandra Gremban of Charlestown, Francis G. of West Roxbury, and Paul R. and his fiancée, Beth of West Roxbury and Martha’s Vineyard. Grandmother of Eliza- beth, Mave, and her fiancé, Sissy of Philomena Curran of Norwood, John and Martin Hoban of Galway, Ireland, and their late Colleen, Tia, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, Saoirse, 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wasn’t working, he was enjoying time with his family. Whether it was the family’s annual trip to St. Maarten for New Year’s, summers on the Cape or winters in Naples, tennis with Kataina or playing cards with their friends, Chris enjoyed life to the fullest. His family loved his stories about Greece and history, and as a consummate story and joke teller he provided incredible laughter and memories that will always be cherished. Our Papou will forever live in our hearts. Due to Covid-19, a private family service was held in the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Monday, June 29, at 11:00am. Intercept Forest Hills Cemetery. A Celebration of Chris’s Life will be held at a later date for all to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chris’s name to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 162 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445. lawlerfuneralhome.com

KINCH Eloise Passed away peacefully on June 24, 2020. She was 100 years old. Beloved wife of the late Chester J. Kinch. Eloise was born on PEI, Canada and graduated as a registered nurse from Mount St. Mary’s in Michigan, Canada. She worked in various Boston hospitals, ending her career at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury, MA, where she worked with quadruplecits. Eloise is survived by her children, Kevin and Joanne (Smith), Paul and Denise (Boerri) and 5 grandchildren, Carly, James, Kristina, Daniel and Elizabeth, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Raymond and Annie Jane (Callahan) Gallant of PEI, Canada, and her sister Sr. Mary Fidelis CSM and her brother Raymond. Her remaining sister, Norma, resides in California. Funeral from the Robert J Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, MA 02132. Interment St. Joseph’s Cemetery. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com 617-323-5600.


MONIZ Paul E. Formerly of Roslindale, passed away on June 21, 2020 at age 62. Son of the late Norman E. and Louise C. (Manley); brother of Michael, Stephen, David and the late Anne Moniz. Funeral services have been held. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

New task force to address illegal fireworks across city

While there have always been some illegal fireworks leading up to the Fourth of July, this year has been worse than usual.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced a new Task Force to address the increase of illegal fireworks in neighborhoods across Boston ahead of the Fourth of July holiday. The Task Force will be made up of the Mayor’s Chief of Civic Engagement, the four At-Large City Councilors, the Boston Arson Squad (Fire Investigation Unit), the Boston Police Department’s Bureau of Community Engagement, and community leaders.

“Fireworks are a serious issue not only in the City of Boston, but all across the country. People lose sleep, babies get woken up, some people with PTSD experience real harms, pets are terrified, and they’re fire hazards,” said Mayor Walsh. “Working together with our partners in public safety, the City Council and the community as a Task Force is an important way to address this issue and work to take fireworks off the streets.”

The At-Large City Councilors joining the Task Force include:

- S.G.H.

Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in intercession, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithfully intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of danger, you have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to correct my aids. Help me in my present and urgent petition in return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Father, three Hail Marys and three Glorias.

Publication must be promised. St. Jude's Day is September 29.

- S.G.H.

Novena to St. Clare

Ask St. Clare for three favours, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say nine Hail Marys for nine days, with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. The powerful novena. Say “May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, now and forever, throughout the whole world, Amen.” Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem.

- S.G.H.

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 to Your heart, Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, next mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

- S.G.H.

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Menino Arts Center hosts Hyde Park Art Association’s 31st Annual Members Exhibition online

The Menino Arts Center proudly announces the Hyde Park Art Association’s 31st Annual Members Exhibition. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak this year’s exhibition and reception will be online. The exhibition is viewable at http://www.hpaa-mac.org/31st-annual-members-exhibition/ and features the work of the 51HPA members listed below. It will run from June 26 – August 21, 2020, with the virtual artists’ reception on Zoom on Thursday, July 9, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

From Roxbury:
Erica Nazzaro

From Canton:
David Dauer

From Dedham:
Ronald Goss and Adele Rothman

From Jamaica Plain:
Myra Balk, Sharon Berke

Gail Bos, Joni Lohr, Kay Mattheis, Mardi Reed, Elizabeth Slattery and Wilma Vookidis

From Hyde Park:
Dotti Baker, Linda Eyker, Lisa Goren, Larry Johnson, Susa Lucas, Maritza Ranero, Erica Schwartz and Donna Tessari

From Milton:
Al Wallstrom

From Roslindale:
Erik Gehring, Mary Harman, Rob Larsen, Rebecca Phillips, Judith Robichaud, Lysa Sinkovski and Ann Turley

From South Boston:
Kathy O’Brien

From West Roxbury:
Robert Boyle

The Menino Arts Center is home of the Hyde Park Art Association. The mission of the Hyde Park Art Association is to support local artists, make cultural opportunities accessible to families, students, and seniors who may not otherwise have access to them. Participate; enrich community life, serve as a unifying force in the neighborhood; and help create a more vibrant commercial district. The Menino Arts Center serves the neighborhood of Hyde Park, greater Boston and its suburban counterparts. With over 4,000 square feet of space, the MAC is home to the Paul Nolan Studio, seven affordable artist work studios, three galleries, a library and resource center, an auditorium and this year has been working with the center hosts workshops, concerts, readings, exhibitions, and other events in the service of promoting the arts in the Hyde Park community.


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Rare Offering of this Turn of the Century Grand Colonial on sought after Mt. Vernon Street! Welcoming glass enclosed from porch leads to a gracious foyer with period details and pocket doors, museum like quality and tastefully renovated library and dining room with soaring ceilings and oversized window, Chef’s Kitchen with custom cabinets and granite countertops. Inviting fireplace living room overlooking rear enclosed porch and deck with scenic views. Pantry with custom shelving and cabinets leads into a mud room and side entrance. 2nd level offers 4 spacious bedrooms including a master bedroom with a dedicated dressing room, vintage sinks, 2nd floor bath has double vanity sinks, soaking tub and separate shower stall and heated floor. Laundry room on the second level with cabinets and storage. 3rd level suite with game room / home office and full bath. Private yard with a garage / studio space with endless possibilities, full walk-out basement. $1,600,000

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