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Over 60 percent of graduates are people of color. Recruit class is the first to receive language access training during academy

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## BPD celebrates diversity

Last week, the Boston Police Department (BPD) celebrated the graduation of the most diverse class of recruits from the Police Academy. Class 63-23 spent 29 weeks training in physical, tactical, and classroom activities. Additionally, for the first time, the recruits received language access training. The Boston Police Department and the Office of Language and Communications Access (LCA) partnered to embed robust language access training into the Boston Police Academy so the new officers are able to serve all residents regard-

less of the language they speak. This training helps ensure the City of Boston's workforce is trained to be culturally competent, bolsters trust with community, and eliminates barriers to access to resources and services for Boston residents.

"This is one of the largest and most diverse classes of BPD recruits the City has welcomed, with 134 new police officers ready to serve and protect our communities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thankful for the leadership of Commissioner Cox, Academy staff, and all the community partners who helped train these officers. Most of all I'm

grateful to this newest class of Boston Police officers focused on building trust and community throughout our neighborhoods."

"This recruit class truly represents the City that they will be swearing an oath to serve and protect," said Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox. "Not just in race, ethnicity, and culture; but in lived experience and commitment to serving all communities with fairness and respect. Congratulations to the class of Class 63-23 for the tremendous hard work and sacrifice that it took to become Boston Police Officers."



Residents spoke against the project during the WRNC meeting, but the vote was split among the council members.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA

## WRNC split on 370 Vermont

Susan Kryczka  
Staff Reporter

More than 50 people attended the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) meeting on Oct. 24, with many engaging in a heated discussion with the development team over a proposed project set for 370 Vermont St, the current site of Baker St. Market & Deli.

In the end, the committee cast a split decision, with three voting for and three voting against the motion to recommend approval of the project to the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The project calls for demolishing the existing one-story structure and erecting a four-story, 14-unit condominium with retail space on the ground floor that would include the existing market. While there are businesses on both sides of the intersection of Vermont and Baker streets, the immediate area is made up of single- and two-family homes. Past opposition has been based on the height, character, increased traffic, and parking issues that a multi-residential building would bring. This is the second pre-

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## Eight acres kept at Arborway Garage

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

The Arborway bus garage plan for 200 electric buses has been dramatically redesigned. This was the message at the second MBTA public meeting of 2023 held in person at English High School on Oct. 24. Many people came in with green stickers on their lapels that read, "Keep the 8 acres."

The eight acres along Washington Street, long-promised as a city development parcel feared shrunk to six acres in June, had been retained.

Joining MBTA manager of bus facility modernization Alexandra Markiewicz were Diana Fernandez, BPDA deputy director of design, and Jascha Franklin-Hodge, chief of streets.

Markiewicz said the plan was at the 15 percent design stage of the new bus garage.

"In June, we showed a two level, in-door facility for 200 buses," she said. "And we heard a lot of concern; three things clearly. Eight acres was a priority, the size of the buildings and the entrance from the Arborway."

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## DCR reviews Artesani Parking Lot improvements

Ariane Komyati  
Staff Reporter

More than 40 community members from the Allston Brighton area attended a meeting regarding Artesani Parking Lot improvements via Zoom. The Oct. 25 meeting was hosted by the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) and discussed initial design concepts/improvements to the Artesani Parking Lot. The parking lot is located off of Soldiers Field Road in Lower Allston and is adjacent to the Artesani Playground.

The proposed improvements are part of the Herter

Park Master Plan. Key components of this plan include addressing accessibility, stormwater management, green infrastructure, and utility upgrades. Further meetings will be held regarding the Master Plan of the park, but the Oct. 25 meeting focused on the lot. Goals for improvement include "reconstructing the Artesani Parking Lot to be parallel to Soldiers Field Road, reclaiming valuable open space between the parking lot and the river for additional picnic grounds, event lawn expansion and stormwater infrastructure, which will provide great environmental benefits to the

Charles River," explained Project Manager John Cavanaro.

Cavanaro discussed the current site conditions of the Artesani Parking Lot – no main entry signage, insufficient traffic calming measures, poor paving conditions, poor drainage, erosion, and poor access management.

"This creates traffic and speeding in and out of the facility. With the master plan, we looked at coming up with a plan to align the parking lot more centrally to the Everett Street intersection," he ex-

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never 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 herein 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. —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.

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. 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. —V.C.

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sentation in two months to the WRNC with changes made to the original plan.

"We were here back on Aug. 21. We asked the board to withhold their vote," said Attorney Joseph Hanley representing the owner, Louis Dakoyannis.

Hanley said the project has a floor area ratio (FAR) of 2 and parking at 1.5 spaces per unit, and two for the retail space.

"We are in a district that allows exactly what we are proposing." He noted that the rear and side yard violations have been taken care of, the revised design meets the parking requirements, and the retail market has been reduced to 850 square feet. The building would be 38 feet tall, three feet higher than allowed. With a new setback of six feet at the Vermont and Baker corner, visibility is increased for cars turning onto Baker.

"This reduces the size of the footprint," said Hanley.

Lucio Trabucco, architect for the project, displayed a slide showing that parking requirements have been met, and additional plantings added. "There will be no parking entrance off Vermont. The only entrance will be on Baker Street," he said.

Steve Smith, WRNC member, asked about the small retail space and the two-car parking space allocation.

"I drive by Baker Street all the time...I know there are more than two cars parked there regularly."

Hanley said deliveries can happen after rush hour. "We can stagger deliveries and receiving...There are things we can do. We're not asking for a variance to park."

Tony Sarofim, WRNC committee chair, thanked the development group for responding to many of the issues previously raised. "I don't think three feet is a big issue."

Some in the audience disagreed, saying they felt 38 feet is a big issue. Trabucco displayed a shadow study showing the effect of an extra three feet on neighboring houses over different months, at 9 a.m., noon, and 4 p.m. during the year. There appeared to be no impact.

Comments and questions from the audience were all in opposition to the project. One attendee said, "I would ask you to consider the 35-foot height as sacrosanct. Once you go over 35 feet you open up a whole can of worms... the proposal for 1905-1911 Centre St. is being contested in court because they want to go above the 35 feet." He continued. "Once you allow a 38 feet exemption, the camel's nose is under the tent."

"This project is too large," said an attendee who attended the previous meeting. "They didn't address the elephant in the room, the building itself. It is too large for the neighborhood and out of character for the neighborhood."

"I just want to make a point," said Saroufim. "For the building size, we don't have a violation for FAR. The building size is not bigger than what is allowed."

"I don't think this is about NIMBY-ism, not in my backyard," said a neighbor who said they have lived on Baker Street for more than 10 years. "I think this is about what is appropriate. This is a family residential area. There are pockets of multi-family units, no more than three. This is inappropriate."

Cathy Bent, whose son lives on Cheshbrough Road said, "They keep calling it a business neighborhood, but the businesses keep getting smaller and smaller...If that three feet doesn't matter, do they have to keep the store?" Bent questioned the construction schedule and its accompanying issues. "It's supposed to take 18 months. Where are these big trucks going to go? They're going to be blocking off Vermont Street. It's not fair."

Saroufim reminded the audience that once the vote is taken, it will go to the Zoning Board. "They are looking to build housing...they are approving these because we are lacking housing."

Saroufim said that even if the WRNC says no, they will be overridden. He said he is hoping to reshape the project as much as possible based on neighborhood feedback. Smith agreed that it is more than likely that the Zoning Board will approve the project, but it was important to make a stand.

The WRNC voted three in favor and three against the motion to recommend the ZBA approve the project proposal.

PROJECT CONCLUSION Allston-Brighton Needs Assessment

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請加入我們了解需求評估調查、利害關係人訪談和社群回饋的結果, 並深入了解如何將這項工作納入即將推出的Allston和Brighton社區計畫。

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# Deutches Altenheim expanding

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Deutches Altenheim, perhaps better known to residents as the German Center, announced recently that it will be undergoing a renovation this fall and winter to expand services at the Edelweiss Village.

The German Center plans to convert 62 of its residences into certified memory care apartments, common areas and secure outdoor spaces. The Edelweiss Village is the assisted living facility of the Deutches Altenheim Campus.

Deutches Altenheim CEO Babacar Diop said memory care is basically just what it sounds like, care centered around those with conditions associated with memory. The most well-known of these conditions are Alzheimer's and dementia, but there are also many other conditions that can be associated with memory. He said the facility they have designed and will build with Edelweiss Village builder Aberthaw Construction will create an area for residents in need to live safely and more freely.

"Usually, a facility offering this kind of care has controlled accessibility compared to traditional rooms, but we have a very thoughtful design and a special staff highly trained, very compassionate and uniquely

experienced for individuals with memory challenges," he said. "We're going to have more community engagement as well, specific to the mental, emotional and physical well being of the residents in memory care."

Diop said this renovation completes a "continuum of care" for residents with memory conditions.

"This will complete the continuum of care we have at the facility," he said. "If you think of the care continuum as a wheel, we already have the assisted living spoke, the skilled nursing spoke and the rehab spoke. Skilled nursing memory care is the piece that was missing from our continuum of care."

Diop said they have care for residents at different levels of memory conditions, and said it's important to make sure residents are provided the right kind of care specific to their conditions.

"Because sometimes you will have a high functioning assisted living resident who requires just one or two hours of attention per day; they're pretty independent in their assisted living apartment," he said. "But as they age in place and if they need it, they can move to skilled nursing where the level of care required increases from an hour to three to four hours a day or more."

However, some residents don't exactly fit into either category, and so they are making sure they can provide memory care so that they do not have to move to another facility.

"They're not ready to go to skilled nursing, and sometimes will seek assisted living with memory care elsewhere, thereby interrupting their stay at Deutches Altenheim or Edelweiss Village. We want them to be able to age in place."

Diop said he thinks this will be a great addition for current residents.

## Memory Care

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## Traffic planners or traffic engineers

I wonder if there is any difference between the two jobs referenced in the title. My father was a traffic engineer, not traffic planner (I'm not sure if that job title even existed then) for more than 40 years for the City of Boston's (then) Boston Traffic Commission, now called the Boston Transportation Department. (During his years bike/bus lanes did not exist, nor did 3-way and 4-way STOP signs.) Thus it is in my DNA to take traffic seriously and lash out at incompetence.



My Kind  
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Joe Galeota

Engineers solve problems. Whether civil, mechanical, aeronautical, electrical, industrial, software, or otherwise, they view problems and then try to solve them; they do not try to create problems.

The former Monsignor Casey Bridge, known locally as the Forest Hills Overpass, was in the jurisdiction of the state; it was built during his time working for the city and it solved a lot of traffic problems. Now that the overpass has been taken down, the vicinity looks attractive, but traffic going from the Arborway to Dorchester (and vice versa) is horrendous at rush hours with gridlock resulting at the intersections of Arborway and Washington Street and Arborway and Hyde Park Avenue. In the olden days police used to ticket when motorists would cause gridlock, but not anymore.

The Murray Rotary (the "Poor Clares" rotary) where the Arborway and Centre Street intersect will no longer be a rotary; it will be a signalized intersection. A few hundred yards closer to Jamaica Pond, the Kelly rotary will also be signalized. While some cities were featured recently on the national news—Oxford, Mississippi, and Carmel, Indiana, come to mind—as creating more rotaries to keep their traffic moving, here in Bos-

ton the opposite is true.

And get ready for the installation of hundreds of speed bumps here in the city as a traffic-calming measure—3 inches high and 12-14 feet long suitable (the actual word is "comfortable") for proceeding over at 20 mph. Green Street in Jamaica Plain now can boast about half-dozen speed bumps from Lamartine to Centre Street to slow traffic down. At least the bumps are not as pronounced (i.e., high) as those on JP's Eliot Street and Brookline's Pond Avenue; the guys in the snowplows should appreciate the diminished humps.

As the VFW intersects South Street in Brookline, the DCR two weeks ago imposed on motorists that there will now be left-turn-only lanes, thus restricting the immense volume of through-traffic to only one lane.

The "vox populi" was not listened to when the city made Seaver Street and Columbus Avenue around Egleston Square only one lane; American Legion Highway is now a slalom course with its infrequently used bike lanes. And then there's Dorchester Avenue. And now comes the road diet to West Roxbury's Centre Street, planned by either pie-in-the-sky urban planners or down-to-earth traffic engineers: which do you think?

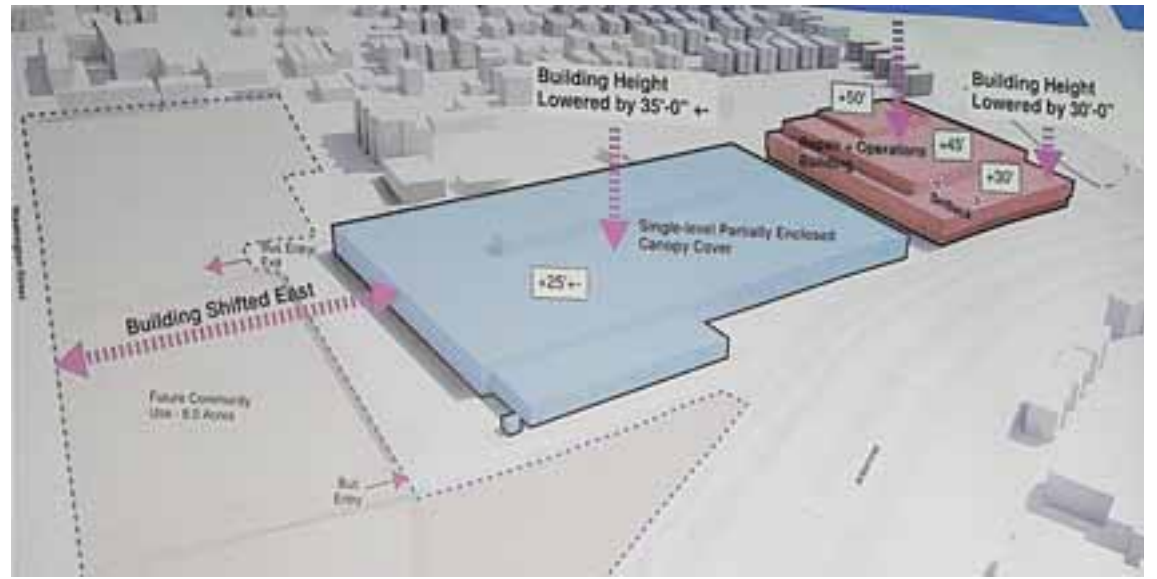


Diagram of the redesign showing the outdoor canopied bus yard and two story maintenance garage.

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## Arborway Yard *continued from page 1*

Markiewicz pointed to a slide on the screen above the stage; "We heard you. We developed a concept that provides eight acres for community use.

"Working with the city we made three new changes," she said. "We reduced the physical size of the building by storing the buses in an open air canopy that we can put over the Stony Brook culvert, moved the bus entrance and exit to Washington Street and modified the public works yard down to half an acre.

"We feel this is a more efficient organization of the site," Markiewicz said.

The revised massing design displayed on the screen showed two buildings reduced in height by 30 and 35 feet.

The canopied bus storage is 25 feet high and shifted back 224 feet from a wide green buffer added to the Casey Arborway.

Entrance and exit from the covered bus storage yard for the 200 electric buses with electric charger stations is on Washington Street, the exit nearly opposite Burnett Street.

The changes create three separate future development parcels, the largest lot at Brookley Road.

The second building, separated from the covered bus storage area by a wide corridor, is the two-story bus repair garage adjacent to the half acre public works yard setback 45 feet from the Casey Arborway.

Markiewicz explained that the two-story building will have repair shops on the ground floor with MBTA offices and an emergency control center on the upper floor.

At the Lotus Street corner with Forest Hills Street there would be a shared entrance gate for both the MBTA and Boston public works vehicles.

Markiewicz said that to save space employee parking for about 150 cars would be shared with the future city-owned development parcel.

According to the diagram of the site plan, greenspace would be increased 35 percent along the Casey Arborway and at Forest Hills Street to Franklin Park.

Franklin-Hodge said that the

reconfigured half acre public works yard is a "minimum footprint with a shared use of an exit on Forest Hills Street."

He said that the salt storage would be covered in a shed during winter that would be used for hazardous materials drop-off.

"The location is critical, Franklin-Hodge said. "It serves Mattapan and Roslindale; all our other yards are at capacity.

"We've looked at other sites, but the city doesn't own the land. There are no other suitable sites."

Fernandez offered some thoughts on the use of the eight acres, "to respond to a lot of feedback."

"There's capacity for 980 units of housing—including income-restricted—in keeping with Plan JP Rox guidelines of seven to 15 stories," she said. "And it would still keep significant open space and improvements to Washington Street.

"We heard you loud and clear that you want a retail space and we think that's possible here with a 16,000-square-foot location."

There was considerable comment on the scale of the development and criticism of Plan JP Rox itself until Rep Samantha Montano stood up.

"This is a win," she said, referring to the redesigned garage which also keeps eight acres.

"But don't get caught up in the Article 80 process. That won't happen for five or six years. It will be a huge process."

MBTA chief of real estate Richard Henderson was introduced.

"The property (eight acres) will be offered for a consideration to the city," he said. "The cost of shared parking is going to be considered."

There was enthusiasm for the new design. Eric Herot of Transit Matters spoke first.

"This garage is essential," he read from a statement. "This is serving the needs of an environmental justice community. The goal is to get this modern vision project [built] as soon as possible."

One speaker spoke in favor, but had a question.

"This is dramatically different, why didn't you think of it before?"

"We heard your concerns," Markiewicz said. "We started planning five years ago. We talked with [bus operations] staff, we looked at other models. What do we absolutely need? Most important is to provide bus coverage to communities who use it the most. So we rethought it with our bus operations staff."

One speaker was critical; he said the community was not involved in the redesign.

"This is the worst way to design a project," he said, "Shame on you." He said he was an architect and had offered his help pro bono.

Gabriella from Forest Hills Street responded.

"This is a win," she said. "Accept it as it is. Keep out the negative. This is something positive."

Greg Berkowicz of A Better City seemed impressed.

"You sincerely listened to all the comments. I'm sure everybody in here compliments you"

Fred Vetterlein of Union Avenue has long been critical of the first plan.

"This is a shock to see this," he said. "You've reduced this facility by half. We expected to come here tonight and fight like dogs but this is something totally different. Now there's just the details to work out. We want a beautiful building."

Markiewicz said that between now and the end of December the design will be worked on.

"But we don't want to jump into design quickly. We want to listen to your comments first. The employee parking for example is a concept only," she said.

Shown on the screen was the timeline.

"This is a schedule-driven project," Markiewicz said. "The deadline is 2029 to have the infrastructure in place. I cannot overstate the bus capacity at 200."

The contract award for final design phase will be in December 2023. Construction is scheduled to start in 2026 and be completed in 2029.



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# River St. bridge work continues

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) released its regular progress report on the River Street Bridge in Hyde Park.

The bridge was shut down in May of 2022 when structural deficiencies were first discovered. The state intimated that it would close the bridge to do a full inspection and correct any problems it found.

Turns out, there were a lot of problems. The entire bridge needed to be replaced, and the state is in the process of performing stabilizing repairs to soon, hopefully, once again allow vehicle traffic on the vital rail crossing.

In the next two weeks, MassDOT is reporting that it is planning to continue to de-

molish and remove the existing bridge deck pans, as well as demolish and remove the existing beams and stringers.

A bridge deck pan is basically the surface of the bridge; it's what you walk or drive over. The beams and stringers are the support structures underneath. A bridge beam is the vertical support, while the stringer is the horizontal support.

MassDOT stated that the removal of these components will require the use of "small equipment" to dismantle the components and then trucks will come in to haul away the resulting debris. According to MassDOT, noise levels in the neighborhood "will be similar to normal traffic operations."

The work is expected to take place between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., depending on the

Amtrak schedule. The work is planned for several years, since Amtrak has not made many concessions in its regular schedule to allow for more work to be done, at least according to past MassDOT meetings. There are certain operations MassDOT is allowing for eight-hour shifts with the Amtrak catenary on (the poles providing very high voltage and high amplitude power to the electric trains), but only 1.5-hour shifts for operations that require the power off. There will be no work on Nov. 10, the national observance of Veterans Day.

Past traffic patterns are still in place and cyclists and pedestrians will still be able to use the bridge. MassDOT reported it has completed about 10 percent of the work removing the deck pans,



Work is progressing on the bridge project, if a bit slower than residents would probably like.

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beams and stringers.

The bridge was first built in 1883, and has been repaired many times over the last 100 years. Repairs are expected to be completed for vehicle operations 2024, while more prep work is completed for the final replacement. The final bridge is expected to be

completed in at least a couple of years as design, stabilization, and the transfer of water, sewer, gas and electric lines take place.

For information regarding the River Street Bridge project, visit [www.mass.gov/hyde-parkriver-street-bridge-replacement](http://www.mass.gov/hyde-parkriver-street-bridge-replacement)



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. SU23C0503CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA
(617)788-8300
In the matter of:
Messiah Phatkim Viaud
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by
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Any person may appear for purposes objecting to the petition by filing an appearance
at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of
11/09/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a
written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 10, 2023
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 11/02/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. SU23C0523CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
In the Matter of:
Zya Amaryss Barber-Montgomery
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by
Zya Amaryss Barber-Montgomery of Hyde Park, MA
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Zya Amaryss Love
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Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an
appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return
day of 11/16/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file
a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: October 23, 2023
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: 11/02/2023

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. SU23P1775GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §
In the matter of: Michael King
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Cen of Boston, MA
in the above captioned matter alleging that Michael King is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) to be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00AM. on the return date of 11/14/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: October 30, 2023
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 11/02/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
DOCKET NO. SU21P0035GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
In the matter of: William Coley
Of: Hyde Park, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Mass. Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA
Brian McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA
in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:
Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 11/27/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, HON. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 17, 2023
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: 11/02/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOCKET No. SU23P2247EA
Estate of: Frances A. Keady
Date of Death: 11/01/2022
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
Thomas J. Keady, Jr. 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:
Thomas J. Keady, Jr. of West Roxbury, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without 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 11/28/2023 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: October 17, 2023
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 11/02/23

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. SU23D1951DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Isaura Birriel Rivera vs. Ramon Armando Amancio Cespede
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:
Isaura Birriel Rivera, 951 Hyde Park Avenue #3, Hyde Park, MA 02136
your answer, if any, on or before 12/05/2023. 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 his Court
Date: October 17, 2023
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: 11/02/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU23D1484DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Lucky Ogbodu vs. Emilia Enanga Likine
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:
Lucky Ogbodu, 5 Wayne Street, Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02121
your answer, if any, on or before 12/14/2023. 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: October 26, 2023
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: 11/02/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
SUFFOLK Division
Docket No. SU23W1670
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Karen L. O'Sullivan, Plaintiff v. Zachary Davis, Defendant
To the above named Defendant: Zachary Davis
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Karen L. O'Sullivan seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity.
You are required to serve upon: Karen L. O'Sullivan whose Address is 67 Hewlett St. #1, Roslindale, MA 02131 your answer on or before 11/24/2023.
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, in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114.
Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 6th day of October, 2023.
Stephanie Everett
Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: 11/02/2023

# Artesani Park

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plained. The present-day site was described as an outdated, flat lot of asphalt.

The proposed plan for the parking lot consists of a compact, split lot design with 232 parking spaces with a large, center landscape island for stormwater management. “One thing that’s really nice about this [the proposed design] is that we are providing less asphalt and more greenspace,” said Bryan Zimolka of Nitsch Engineering. “The great thing is the existing lot is 232 spaces, and we are able to redesign it and maintain the 232 spaces.” Zimolka also presented the enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access, improved stormwater management, up-

graded electrical infrastructure, and electric vehicle (EV) accommodations. Boat trailer access and storage during the Head of the Charles regatta was also discussed.

Meeting attendee Galen Mook asked what percentage of the parking spots will be reserved for EV charging stations.

“The amount of planned EV-ready spaces is approximately 10 percent of the total parking spaces provided,” Zimolka responded.

“Could you explain stormwater management? How you plan to prevent flooding, use rainwater for watering greenery, etc?” asked meeting attendee Patricia Centola.

## Master Plan Design Directive

- A main entry that aligns with Everett Street
- Location based on Everett Street Signal plans developed for Soldier's Field Road diet
- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle access and circulation
- More green space
- Improve stormwater management
- Improve electrical infrastructure
- Electrical vehicle accommodations
- Provide boat trailer access and storage during the Head of the Charles regatta



DCR representatives said they are looking to improve greenery and stormwater infiltration at the site in order to reduce the regular flooding of the lot.

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Resilience Specialist Jessica Wala presented the proposed stormwater and utilities design. She spoke to meeting attendees about issues with the current stormwater management, which include bad water quality, flooding, and poor drainage.

“There’s a number of reasons why this is happening – poor grating in the area, stormwater not making its way to the catch basins, and the low elevation of the parking lot,” she explained. “Stormwater in the parking lot currently discharges into the Charles River, and there’s no treatment before it discharges. The EPA has issued a total maximum daily load of pollutants to the Charles River. The City of Boston and the DCR needs to treat that water before it makes its way to the river. That will continue the work of improving the water quality of the river.”

Collecting and treating runoff water from the parking lot through Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI), overflowing treated water to existing outfalls, raising the grades of the parking lot and catch basins, and increasing inlet capacity of the drainage are some of the solutions designed to fix the parking lot’s stormwater issues. Infiltration basins, bio-retention basins and vegetated swales (rain gardens) will collect, treat, infiltrate and slow down stormwater through GSI. Wala also discussed how elevating the Artesani Parking Lot can efficiently reduce current and future flooding through 2050.

Danielle Diselets, the Lead Landscape Architect, discussed other green elements of the proposal including trees, shrubs and other herbaceous plants that are native to Suffolk County planted around the parking lot and bio-retention basins. Red maple, sycamore, swamp white oak, buttonbush, silky dogwood, arrowwood, sweet pepperbush, swamp milkweed, butterfly weed, goldenrod, blue flag iris, and blue joint grass are some of the many native plants Diselets said she is considering. She also presented proposed site lighting, which will potentially include solar poles and collectors.

After the presentation, there was allocated time for

comments, questions and concerns from community members. Allston community member Harry Mattison had concerns about connecting pedestrian/cyclist paths being too narrow and becoming too crowded. “I’m surprised you can’t find an extra five or ten feet to give us a safe and comfortable path,” he told the DCR.

Cavanaro responded that the DCR is being mindful of how much asphalt they use. “We can’t design these paths as roadways,” Cavanaro told Mattison.

“Can you speak on how many inches of rain the GSI at the parking lot will retain and manage?” asked Dira Johanif. Wala responded that they are still in the early phases of the design process, but “at minimum” it will infiltrate or treat the first inch of runoff in the systems.

“Regarding flooding, please do not forget Herter Garden. There are three or four plots that are impacted and underwater when there is heavy rain and flooding,” remarked community member Eleanor Jewett.

Towards the end of the meeting, DCR’s Director of Transportation Engineering Jason Santos provided an update on the Everett Street Intersection project.

“Currently, as many of you know, there are no controlled crossings across Soldiers Field Road. This project will fix that. There will be multiple crosswalks and a new bump out to shorten the length getting across the road,” stated Santos. The intersection project will also have ADA compliant ramps. The project will go out to bid in November.”

The public comment period is currently open for the Artesani Parking Lot Improvements Project. To submit a comment, visit [www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments](http://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments). The deadline to submit is Nov. 10.

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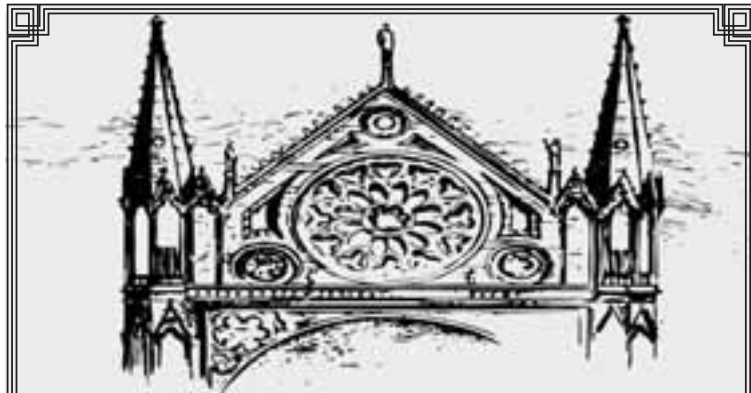
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## German Center *continued from page 3*

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care operates and staffs in a different way than assisted living.”

Diop said they are already looking to start signing residents up for the new facility.

“We have already started a wait list for those who want to move in, and we also have residents in traditional rooms who

will be moving to memory care,” he said.

They are hoping to reopen the site in about four months, and might have a ceremony to top it off, but nothing is set in stone just yet.

For more information on the Deutches Altenheim, go to <https://www.germancentre.org>

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## GOT PUMPKINS?

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Boston families are invited to bring their Halloween pumpkins to The Great Pumpkin Family Fun Smashing and Composting Event the Saturday after Halloween on Saturday, November 4 (rain or shine) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to The English High School outdoor track, 44 McBride Street, Jamaica Plain.

The City of Boston Zero Waste team is teaming with city-wide environmental and youth organizations to educate Boston residents about the benefits of composting, encourage people to sign up for the city’s curbside composting program, and keep lots of pumpkins out of landfills and incinerators, all while having a great time.

The pumpkin smash will get the composting cycle started. You can break up your pumpkin at the hoop toss, off the T-ball stand, on the smash board or in the smash booth, or just toss it in our pumpkin compost dumpster. Instead of causing pollution, smashed pumpkins will head to Garbage to Garden, where they will help make

healthy soil.

The City of Boston Zero Waste team, Boston Green Academy, the South Street Youth Center and Mothers Out Front are organizing the event. If you are interested in signing up for the city’s free curbside food waste collection program, please go to <https://www.bostoncomposts.com>. You can find out more about Mothers Out Front at [mothersoutfront.org](http://mothersoutfront.org)

## FRIENDS OF ROSIE’S PLACE HARVEST BRUNCH

The West Roxbury Friend’s of Rosie’s Place invite you to its Annual Harvest Brunch and Raffle on Sunday, November 5th from 10:00-12:00 noon. Join us for a festive brunch to raise money for Rosie’s Place, a multi-service center that offers women emergency shelter and meals and so much more, the Rosie’s Place food pantry, the Roslindale Food Pantry, and camperships to send children who would otherwise not be able to attend to summer camp programs.

It will be held at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury. Gift certificates and items from your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled-off.

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Temple Beth David of the South Shore, in Canton, Mass., will host an art exhibition of the paintings of renowned artist, Jeffrey Melzack, on Sunday, November 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., with a presentation by the artist at 2:00 p.m.

Please email [event@templebethdavid.com](mailto:event@templebethdavid.com) to RSVP or with any questions. Temple Beth David of the South Shore is located at 1060 Randolph St., Canton, Mass.



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# DEATHS



John Joseph Daniels died peacefully the evening of October 20, 2023 at the Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Norwood, following a lengthy illness. He was the son of John Joseph Daniels and Lillian Manning Daniels, both of whom passed away during his childhood. He was also predeceased by his older sister, Barbara Grosse, of Dedham. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary (Dungan) Daniels of Dedham; his children, Elizabeth Shabanoff and husband Paul of Myrtle Beach, SC; John

Daniels and wife Maryellen of Woodbridge, VA; and Mark Daniels and wife Jackie Cowin of Dedham; and 8 grandchildren: Daniel, Lillian and Katherine Shabanoff, of SC; Megan Daniels of Philadelphia, PA; John Daniels of Chesterfield, VA; Tessa Damuth of Townsend, MT; and Michael and Emily Daniels of Dedham. Mr. Daniels was born in Hyde Park and graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1951, where he played basketball and baseball. He enrolled in the Air Force following high school and served from 1951 to 1953 in Korea and Japan. He was assigned as a clerk typist and traveled with the Air Force basketball team. After leaving the military he enrolled in Boston State College, where he played basketball and remained one of the school's top all-time scor-

ers until its merger with UMass. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1958, and a Master's Degree in education in 1961. He taught in the Waltham public schools for three years before transferring to the Boston Public Schools, where he remained until his retirement in 1994. He rose through the teaching ranks to become Principal of the William Barton Rogers Middle School in Hyde Park from 1974 until he retired. He served as President of the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS) from 1992 to 1993. He was an avid reader, always with a book nearby. He was also an international traveler, taking his family on road trips throughout the country, and then around Europe, during summer vacations. He enjoyed attending auctions, doing so even in Europe. And he always enjoyed good Chinese food, pizza, and chocolate bars.

## MEREDITH



Charles H., longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Roslindale and Jamaica Plain, passed away on October 24, 2023. Beloved husband of Irene (Glynn) Meredith. Devoted father of Charles Meredith Jr., and his wife Lauren of Walpole, Paul Meredith and his wife Amy of Westwood, and Matthew Meredith of Weymouth. Loving grandfather of Bella, Ryan, Caleb, and Ava. Brother of Jean Rampino of Norwood, and the late Mary Almon, Evelyn Daley, Josephine Newton, Robert Meredith, Joseph Meredith, and John Meredith. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Charles served his country in the U.S. Army. Later he volunteered helping other disabled veterans through the DAV. Charles was a retired letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially interacting with and watching his grandchildren grow. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment St. James section of St. Joseph Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Charles' memory to VA Boston Healthcare Voluntary Services (indicate 135 DAV), 1400 VFW Parkway West Roxbury, MA 02132. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

## O'BRIEN

Patricia A. of West Roxbury, October 26, 2023 age 88. Beloved wife of the late

Richard J. O'Brien Sr., Devoted mother of Richard O'Brien and his wife Mary of Dorchester, Jil Nolan and her husband Kevin of Duxbury, Gregory O'Brien and his wife Jacqueline of Milton, Kristyn O'Brien Shields of West Roxbury, and Robyn Gallagher and her husband John of West Roxbury. Proud Grammy of Elizabeth, Caroline, Hayley and Matthew O'Brien; Jacqueline, Thomas, Julia and Timothy Nolan; Christina, Ben and Jake Shields and John, Jil and Sydney Gallagher. Pat will be missed by her companions Oakley, Moose, Snoop, Big E and Jack, just as much as she missed each of their predecessors that had called her house their home. Pat spent many years involved with Holy Name Parish organizations, and 20 years in support of the Holy Name Band Association where she made many lifelong friends. She also enjoyed many summers in Marshfield, helping to create happy family memories that will last for generations. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pat's name to MSPCA - Angell, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130 [www.lawlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawlerfuneralhome.com) 617-323-5600.

## ZACCARIA

Dorothy M. (Galante) of Readville, October 26, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Michael Zaccaria. Loving mother of Tonia Zaccaria of Watertown, Michele Zaccaria of Readville and Paola Zaccaria Valchuis and her husband, Joseph of Watertown. Sister of the late Esther, Joanne, Domenic, Louis, George and Frank. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Cat Connection, P.O. Box 541435, Waltham, MA 02454. For online guestbook, [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781 326 0500.

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## DiLUCA

Antonietta "Netta" (Peccia) of North Attleboro, formerly of Hyde Park, October 27, 2023. Dear and devoted wife of the late Antonio DiLuca. Loving mother of Anna King and her husband, Ralph, III of North Attleboro, Linda Mahoney and her husband, Mark of Brockton and Anthony DiLuca and his wife, Kristen of York, PA. Cherished grandmother, "Nonna," of Michael Cooper, David Cooper and his wife, Joanne, and Nicholas and Jacob DiLuca. "Big Nonna" of Emma and Cody Cooper. Dear sister of Louisa MacDonald and her husband, Garry, Mario Peccia and the late Gina Scioli. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (at the corner of Centre St.), WEST ROXBURY. At the request of the family, please make contributions, in lieu of flowers, to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Guestbook and other information, at [www.kfouryfuneral.com](http://www.kfouryfuneral.com)

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