

Boston food pantries open, but need your help



Rose's Bounty Food Pantry members, pictured above, are hard at work during this time of crisis, along with all of Boston's local food pantries.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Boston's local food pantries are seeing an uptick in clients as the travel restrictions and furloughing of non-essential workers is making a lot of people's paychecks disappear.

At the same time, concerns over sterilization of offerings from the COVID-19 virus are making donations of food also problematic. Most food pantries are requesting monetary donations at this time.

At the Roslindale Food Pantry, located in the

Roslindale Congregational Church at 25 Cummins Hwy., organizer Rosemary Braverman said they are definitely seeing more families coming to their Saturday distribution from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We had more than 150 families last week. On Wednesday we're picking up 3,000 pounds of food, and on Friday, we're picking up 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of produce," she said. "We have a bunch of partners, Star Market, Roche Brothers, Wegmans and Target, but we literally got cleaned out last weekend because we gave everybody

five bags of food."

Braverman said it was not a usual occurrence.

"I couldn't believe it, the freezer was pretty much empty," she said. "All the stuff I already have will probably be gone this weekend."

And that could present a problem, as a lot of food they distribute comes from the Greater Boston Food Bank, which is seeing not only an uptick in demand from the more than 500 hunger-relief programs it serves, but also a

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Parkway Residents help making masks



West Roxbury residents, as well as residents all across the state, are pitching in to make as many masks as possible.

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Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

As cases of COVID-19 continue to grow in Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh issued a recommended curfew of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting on Monday, Apr. 5 and asked all residents to wear a mask when leaving the house.

With a shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and medical masks across the country, many residents and community members are learning to create their own masks. With the help of YouTube, Facebook, and other helpful DIY websites, commu-

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Charlesview grants funds for AB workers

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Charlesview, the local Allston nonprofit that owns and runs the Charlesview Apartments, has commenced two workers relief funds for the neighborhoods of Allston and Brighton.

The funds were split evenly by the Allston Village Main Streets (AVMS) and the Brighton Main Streets (BMS) to provide mini-grants of \$250 to workers employed by Allston or Brighton businesses.

"This came from Joanne Barber, who is the executive director at Charlesview Inc. She gave me a call a couple of weeks ago and said that the Rabbi Abraham Halbfinger and the Charlesview Charitable Fund had \$25,000 to split," said AVMS Executive Director Alex Cornacchini. "We wanted to create a relief fund as simple as possible so as many who need the money

as possible would be eligible for it."

Cornacchini said both AVMS and BMS are not just sitting on their \$12,500 a piece, but that they are actively in talks with other local organizations to provide more funds to the grant program.

"That was the idea from the get go," he said. "We wanted to establish this grant fund before we reached out to other organizations, and we think that with everything currently going on, other companies and Allston Brighton businesses would likely add to this fund. I've already started talking to a few other local organizations."

Cornacchini said the application process is pretty simple and can be found at allstonvillage.com and brightonmainstreets.org depending on your neighborhood. He said the application

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Rozzie Bound donating profits to Roslindale Cares

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Rozzie Bound Bookstore owners Tom Nealon and Roy Karp started out in the fall of 2019 with the idea to host local bookstore pop ups at the Roslindale Substation with an eye towards eventually buying a permanent brick and mortar shop.

While things aren't going that way anytime soon, the pair decided to put their efforts to local good by supporting the Roslindale Cares Mutual Aid Network.

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Roy Karp, middle, Tom Nealon, right and their first customer, left, from their pop up book store in December at the Roslindale Substation.

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Council looking to soften blow to restaurant industry, workers

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and discussed a hearing order from District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards aimed at figuring out how city government can help restaurants and their workers recover from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Currently, there is only take-out services allowed for any restaurant, and with the recent curfew restriction on non-essential workers put in place by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh this week, the restaurant industry is under immense pressure right now. Every day, restaurants in Boston neighborhoods are at least temporarily shutting doors even to take-out, as the economic impacts of staying open are just too high.

“As the District 1 City Councilor, I am proud to represent what I believe to be the largest concentration of restaurants in the North End and that industry is hurting, as well as the neighborhood of the North End and the economy of Boston,” Edwards said. “So today I wanted to start the conversation in the City Council and bring all the tools that we can bring together to not only bring back this industry, but not forget the workers who are also suffering.”

Edwards pointed out that workers in the restaurant industry didn't exactly have a

fair shake before the COVID-19 outbreak, and would be feeling the full force of the economic shut down.

“As many people are fully aware, this industry has sub minimum wages or tipped minimum wages as standard practice,” she said. “The tipped minimum wage, for those who don't know, in Massachusetts is \$4.75. The waiter or waitress is expected to make up the difference in tips. That has set a lot of people up for vulnerability, as many of the tips are cash-related. So when that person is now seeking unemployment because they've been laid off because we have closed the restaurants, that amount of unemployment is based on two-thirds of their income, which is based on the tipped-minimum wage and whatever cash tips that they remember to put in when they file their taxes.”

Edwards said the United States Federal Government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) will be issuing cities with funds for economic and housing programs for small businesses and restaurants. Edwards said they have been approached by the Restaurant Opportunity Center United, which has been approached by local restaurants saying that sub minimum wage just isn't working. And she said she is hopeful after this crisis, restaurant owners will do the right thing and do away with the age-old system of sub-minimum wage salaries for tipped workers.

“So we have to look at how can the city help with that,” she said. “While we cannot pass or change the minimum wage as a body, what we can do is look at the process and incentivize res-

taurants who are getting relief to either adopt the minimum wage or adopt \$15 an hour for their workers.”

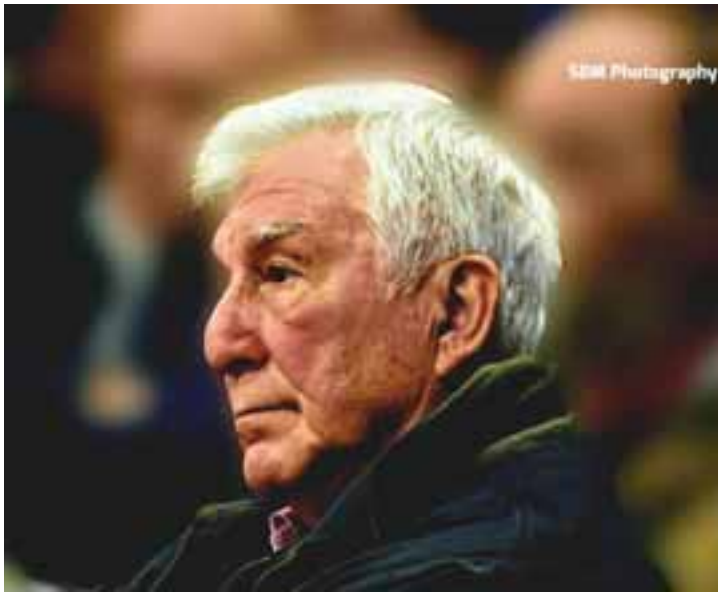
Edwards said the city could help through licensing processes, fees, and the lines people have to get into to start a new restaurant business and how the city could ease the burdens of that process.

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu said that the city needs to support its workers in any way possible, especially since many restaurant workers may be getting hit harder than others.

“We know that many of our workers are not eligible for the relief mechanisms that will be available, we know that many of our restaurant owners do not have the credit to take out additional loans, even if more are being made available,” she said. “I just wanted to lift up the situation and the voices of those workers.”

At-Large City Councilor Julia Mejia added that chefs and wait staff are particularly exposed, as they make up some of the largest percentages of uninsured workers.

“Totaling up to 1.1 million uninsured workers (in the United States) as of 2018, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation report, and a number of these workers are also undocumented,” she said. “Forty-five percent of all undocumented immigrants in the United States are uninsured, and this is not just a risk to their health and safety, but a risk to the health and safety of anyone who comes into contact with them in their occupations.”



Angelo Scaccia has been a mainstay in Hyde Park for decades, but recently announced he is not seeking the Massachusetts State Representative seat he's held since the 1970s.

PHOTO BY STEVEN MORRIS

Scaccia will not be seeking reelection

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park's mainstay and Massachusetts State Rep. Angelo Scaccia announced to the Statehouse News Service on Tuesday, April 7, that he is not seeking reelection for another term.

Scaccia has served 23 terms in the State House, making him the most senior member of that legislative body. He first took office in 1973, and also served his country as a U.S. Marine Corps soldier in the Vietnam War, from 1966 to 1971. He has held chairs of the House Sci-

ence and Technology Committee and the House Rules Committee and was at one time a member of Speaker Salvatore DiMasi's leadership team. He was first elected to the Fourteenth Suffolk District in 1973 to 1978, and then served again starting in 1980.

Scaccia has been a rock in the Hyde Park community, and has attended events large and small to support local businesses, nonprofits and charity organizations with steadfast regularity. He has been a vocal supporter or opponent to many developments

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Jamaica Plain Zoning Committee struggles with virtual meeting

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Virtual meetings have come to Jamaica Plain.

On April 1, chair Dave Baron hosted the first Zoom conference of the JP zoning committee.

The scheduled March 18 meeting was cancelled so Baron moved to Plan B.

“The meeting will not be open in the sense that only people on the distribution list will be invited,” he said before the meeting.

“The purpose will be a trial run so people can become familiar with the technology. We’re going to give zoning applicants the option to set up a virtual meeting,” Baron said. “There will be separate virtual meetings for each matter. If applicants opt out, we will just put their matter on for a regular in-person meeting once we can safely hold them again.”

When the virtual meeting opened, Baron admitted that there would be a backlog of applications.

“People can’t go to ZBA because they can’t get scheduled,” he said. “All the April meetings have been moved to June.”

Committee member Kevin Moloney was in favor of the



The April 1 virtual Zoom meeting of the JP zoning committee. Chair Dave Baron top left

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virtual meeting format,

“We will have a backlog,” he said. “This is going to go on for weeks. Keep the meeting schedule.”

“There’s nothing in the [ZBA] pipeline now,” Baron said, “although zoning appeals are still being filed through ISD.”

“There’s about eight to ten items ready to come to the zoning committee,” he said.

Committee member Marie Turley had an agenda.

“Are any of those Article 80?” she asked. “Some are very controversial; we’ve spent some time talking about them.”

“Is this something spe-

cific?” Baron asked. “Are you talking with Jennifer Uhrhane [of SNA]? Is this a general question? There are no Article 80 in the pipeline.”

Uhrhane has been a strong opponent of the BPDA-approved 10 Stonley Road housing.

3326 Washington St. - the planned 47-unit housing opposite Ruggiero’s Mkt. was also controversial; it has gone through the Article 80 process and is waiting on a BPDA date, when those monthly meetings reconvene.

Baron said there are about eight items on the zoning committee agenda including Mead-

owlark Butcher at 579 Centre St.; Arbour Hospital; 373 Centre St., 120 Minden, and 24 Spaulding St.

“All of these are fairly minor matters,” Baron said. “None are Article 80.”

The conversation among the eleven zoning committee members who joined Zoom, including Jake Hart who tuned in from Vieques, Puerto Rico, turned to how applicants advertised their developments plans to the neighborhood.

Lee Goodman agreed that the meetings should continue.

“But I’d feel uncomfortable if the committee didn’t notify people,” he added.

Andrea Howley also agreed but had the same concern.

“How are we able to advertise this? This is different than being in a room,” she said.

All agreed that requiring applicants to flyer door-to-door as usual was unwise.

“I got pushback from every applicant on this,” Baron said. “All said that flyering was unsafe. I don’t want them to take unnecessary risks.”

Baron suggested that applicants should mail out notices but admitted this would be expensive.

Moloney wondered how documents and plans would be posted on Zoom. He said that applicants should post all the documents on line before the meetings so everyone could be informed about what was planned.

Members asked how would all the committee see these plans on Zoom “with all the little 3-by-5 boxes”?

Turley raised an issue in her Union Ave neighborhood.

“A lot of my neighbors don’t use technology,” she said. “I’m concerned a lot won’t get notified. This adds to the vulnerability. How do you address the digital divide?”

She added that some people

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Trembling

*Talk back, trembling lips
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It was not until recently that a local musicologist specializing in the ol' time rock and roll interpreted for me the 1963 hit song by Johnny Tillotson, the first two lines of which are captured above. It was not the girl in the song who experienced the trembling lips and the shaky legs; it was, surprise, surprise, the male singer who was displaying physical symptoms as a result of the teenage lovers' break-up.

Because of the coronavirus, the whole world, even the most macho among us, is trembling, as it were. For many of us it's the word of the day. It's hard to think of something else—perhaps a rogue asteroid or a thermonuclear disaster—that within a short time would unite our fragile planet together in such a fearful state of emotional, if not physical, trembling.

There are two classic scenes of visible trembling on the big screen, both involving water and both foretelling events to come. One is in the 1993 movie "Jurassic Park" (the original), when a glass of water on the table starts to quiver, indicating the unseen, unheard, and distant stomping of feet by approaching dinosaurs, unbeknownst at first by Laura Dern (aka Ellie) and others sitting at that table.

The other classic scene involves Tom Cruise (aka Lt. Daniel Kaffee) in the 1992 movie "A Few Good Men," when he has to decide whether to press for the full truth when interrogating a formidable superior officer, Jack Nicholson (aka Colonel Nathan Jessup), about the latter's issuing an illegal Code Red. Cruise's colleague, Demi Moore (aka Lt. Cdr. JoAnne Galloway), had advised him not to pursue that line of questioning because if it did not produce the desired result, Cruise would be demoted. After 10 minutes of



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unsuccessful interrogation, Cruise approaches the defense table and reaches unsteadily for a glass of water—trembling in his hands—indicating he would eschew Moore's advice and go for the jugular to break Jack Nicholson's seemingly indomitable stonewalling.

Usually during this week, called Holy Week on many calendars, congregants would hear and sing more about trembling, undoubtedly due to the current popularity of the gospel hymn, "Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)?" each stanza ending with the haunting "Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble." Originally and likely composed by slaves in the 19th century, the hymn was first published in 1899 in William Barton's Old Plantation Hymns. Reputed to be a favorite of Mahatma Gandhi, the hymn was recorded by a number of contemporary artists; it was also the first spiritual to be included in the Episcopal Church hymnal.

Indeed, this is a time of year when many of us, reflecting upon the significance of the present contagion and of historical occurrences some two thousand years ago, are also not averse to admitting, "Sometimes it causes me to tremble."

Corrib Road Race Update

The organizers of the annual Corrib Road Race are currently exploring scheduling options for the 2020 event which is slated to take place on June __. In this time of great uncertainty, there is a very real probability that the race will not take place at that time. With an average of over 2,400 runners and hundreds more spectators and attendees, there is a clear health hazard at this time to all due to the pandemic.

The Corrib Charitable Trust (CCT) Board of Directors and the Bligh family are also looking at possible dates

during the Fall of 2020. Many factors are involved in a possible date move, including consultation with City and health officials, vendor availability, volunteer participation, and many more logistics involved in an event of this large scale. We also want to avoid any conflicts with area races and other local events.

Typically, at this time of year, we open up local and on-line registration. However, the CCT will delay this action until we have better direction from all involved parties.

The CCT will keep you in-

formed as soon as possible of further decisions through the Bulletin Newspaper, Corrib Pub face Book page, local social media outlets, and past participants will also receive email notifications. We will direct you to the appropriate race web site shortly with these developments.

The CCT Board of Directors and the Bligh family are proud to have provided the Parkway community with fun and safe events over the last 28 years and donated over \$1.2 million to local charities. We certainly hope to continue this in 2020.

Mayor Walsh Announces Property Tax Bill Extension Until June 1

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the City of Boston has extended the due date for property tax bills in Boston until June 1st to give residents more flexibility during the ongoing public health crisis caused by COVID-19 (coronavirus). Property tax bills were previously due May 1. The City of Boston is also waiving interest on late property tax and motor vehicle excise tax payments until June 30th, if the bill was originally due after March 10, meaning any resident who is facing a late fine for not paying their excise bill on time will have a grace period of no late fees until June 30th.

"During this challenging time, our priority and focus is the health and safety of all those who live in Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "Provid-

ing residents with more flexibility and options during this difficult time is crucial, and I encourage all residents to access the resources we have available."

On Friday, Mayor Walsh also announced that his Administration is dedicating \$3 million in city funds to assist Bostonians who are at risk of losing their rental housing due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will help income-eligible tenants in the City of Boston achieve housing stability by providing direct financial relief to assist with rental payments. Applications to the Rental Relief Fund will be available on Monday, April 6th.

Resources and information about COVID-19 are available on boston.gov/coronavirus. Resources avail-

able on boston.gov and through City departments include support for renters and homeowners; small businesses; free meals for Boston students; free toiletries for Boston students; emergency childcare centers — including 27 centers in Boston — support for older residents; information on homeless shelters; transportation options for healthcare workers; resources for those in recovery or those who have a substance use disorder; and mental health resources.

For additional questions or programs, please visit boston.gov/coronavirus or call 3-1-1, Boston's 24-hour constituent hotline. Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to receive text alerts on a regular basis, available in six languages.

Letters to the Editor

TOGETHER WE STAND STRONG

To the Editor:

We are living through a horrible pandemic like never seen before but in the midst of all this forced social distancing, I have seen my fellow human beings actually coming closer together. We are all walking around like participants training for a marathon just to keep from going insane.

As all of us struggling through this virus and its side effect of nuking our economy, I have seen many folks reaching out and acknowledging each other in my many walks. We are all one people enduring what has befallen us. There is no difference between us. There is no sex, gender, race, and ethnicity. There is no white, black, Latino, straight or gay. This virus

we fight brings us together in our pain.

What we are experiencing swallows up any identity politics out there. I can only hope that when this virus passes we will not forget this time when we saw ourselves and those around us sharing so much in common.

I believe God never gives us more than we can handle. I hope this time in history will not be forgotten. All of our distractions have been removed and we see how much time we can waste on stupid things and stupid actions and stupid words.

Together we can stand stronger than ever.

Sal Giarratni
Boston

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decline in the number of workers they're allowed to have in the building at any one time. But the GBFB has been able to rise to the challenge, and announced recently that it has distributed 8.1 million pounds of food in March 2020, while March 2019 saw 5.5 million pounds.

Regardless, Braverman said they could use all the cash donations they can get.

Braverman said they have instituted a grab and go policy with their distributions, which means they pack bags of food for their clients and ask that they come to the door at the Roslindale Congregational.

"We're all wearing masks and, to limit exposure, we put the bags on the porch and they come up and get them. We keep the side window open so we can see if someone is coming."

To find out how to volunteer or donate, go to Roscon.org/food-pantry/.

In Hyde Park, Jacqueline Cucchiara said they are still doing client's choice at the Hyde Park Municipal Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

"Right now, we're trying to abide by social distancing and have people wait outside and limit the number of people going into the Municipal Build-

ing," she said. "We were expecting a huge uptick the first few weeks people were home, but it wasn't until this week when we saw an increase."

She said since the Hyde Park Food Pantry is an emergency food pantry, residents from any town or neighborhood can come to get a bag of food and they at the pantry help them find their closest food pantry.

Cucchiara said they also need donations of funds from residents, as some of their major fundraisers in the spring, like Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, have been put on hold.

"So on our website, HydeParkFoodPantry.org, we have an option to donate and really that's the best way people can help right now," she said. "We got a couple of inquiries to donate food, but we're trying to keep people safe and limit contact, and right now a monetary donation is the safest and easiest way."

Cucchiara said the help is sorely needed, since as an emergency shelter they are also seeing an increase in local residents who have not signed up for food assistance before.

"We need to be prepared for an influx if it does happen," she said.

In Allston Brighton, Rev.

Mark Seifried said they also really need monetary donations, since they have also seen a big increase of clients for their regular distributions on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We usually offer a variety of nonperishable foods," he said. "We're also partnering with the Allston Brighton Health Collaborative and we have a cadre of volunteers who will be offering their services to bring groceries to people's homes who are in high risk categories and should not be out in public. Hopefully, we can offer that as a regular service until the State of Emergency has been lifted."

He said workers in Allston Brighton have seen their incomes disappear overnight, and he said they're seeing a huge increase in clients.

"We have had a lot more people show up than we normally experience," he said. "We've seen fewer seniors because they can't get out. We would love monetary donations, which could be sent to the church office, care of the Allston Brighton Food Pantry at 404 Washington St. in Brighton at 02135."

He said they are discouraging food donations, since each item would have to be sterilized.

"We're also trying to encourage people to just take what we offer and not select items and leave some behind," he said. "Just like donated food, we have to sanitize all that after people have touched it or throw it away, and we shouldn't be throwing away food in the middle of a public health crisis."

For more information, go to <http://abfoodpantry.com/>.

In West Roxbury, Darra Slagle said Rose's Bounty is currently delivering meals to home bound seniors who are customers of Ethos, as well as a drive through service at the Stratford Street Church (77 Stratford Street West Roxbury, MA 02132) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

"To minimize contact, clients are asked to stay in their cars," Slagle said. "Volunteers are putting pre-packed boxes of produce and bags of non-perishables into peoples' trunks. Normally we do not pre-pack items, and we regret that we are not able to ask folks what items they would like. However, both clients and volunteers seem appreciative and understanding of the new system. Another change is that ALL volunteers, not just food handlers, are required to wear a mask or bandana, wash hands frequently, wear gloves,

and socially distance themselves."

Slagle said they first reached out to Ethos because the pantry was not set up for delivery services for those most in need.

"We are not set up to take calls directly from the public," she said. "We need a social service agency to help identify folks in need of delivery from the food pantry. So a partnership is a perfect answer. Unfortunately, we do not have the volunteer resources to deliver to everyone who is afraid to go out. That's why our drive through is such a good option for seniors and high risk individuals."

She added, however, that members of the community have definitely risen to the challenge.


"We live in such a great area!" she said. "We have volunteers from West Roxbury, Roslindale, and Jamaica Plain who are willing to help in this uncertain environment. People realize what our clients need, and they are donating food, hygiene products, and cleaning products. Unfortunately, the changes we've had to make include expenses we were not anticipating."

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are also more successful in bringing out a crowd than others.

Baron said they could use the phone.

"Everybody knows how to do that," he said.

He went on to say that the mayors' office was of limited help right now.

"[JP liaison] Lindsey Santana said she didn't have time for zoning matters right now," he said.

Before the meeting, Baron explained that at the Zoom meeting he wanted to block out one or more times for individual projects before the regularly scheduled April 15 zoning committee meeting.

But this was not discussed as the committee struggled with communication issues. Kendra Halliwell said she could help with posting documents and plans on the Zoom platform.

"But we're all trying to figure out how to work from our homes," she said.

Turley wanted a time frame.

"Let's do this for a month and see where the world is. Work out the glitches," she said.

When the zoning committee does take a vote on a proposal- and Moloney wanted to know how that could be done on Zoom- it would have to be ratified by the full neighborhood council.

The council will hold its scheduled April 28 meeting on Zoom.

When the March 18 zoning committee meeting was cancelled, two developments

within a few blocks of each other were postponed; one hotly opposed and the other warmly supported.

Arbour Hospital is a sprawling, seven-acre campus tucked into a residential neighborhood of large homes in wooded lots on a curly-cue road off Centre Street.

Opened as a sanatorium in 1909 at a private home, it was enlarged in 1939 and 1979 as a hospital for the treatment of psychiatric and substance abuse disorders; the average length of stay is 11 days. It has a satellite counseling office at 157 Green Street.

Parking has always been contentious with the Robinwood neighbors and to calm complaints Arbour used the former JP Gas at 579 Centre St as an off site parking lot, only to annoy other neighbors, until 2019.

The plan to expand from 118 to 122 beds in May 2019 caused a neighborhood uproar that CEO Eric Kennedy went to great lengths to quell, even to the point of offering to hire a traffic director.

At least two abutter meetings were held over the summer; the first scheduled zoning committee date on August 7 was cancelled by the hospital, it cancelled the next one on Sept 4, and it deferred its scheduled Oct 8 ZBA hearing to a later date. Indications were that the March 18 zoning committee hearing would be packed with opposition, in part because Gert Thorn, who lives at 72 Robinwood and is a committee member, is displeased with Arbour Hospital.

It's not often that a developer gets a round of applause and

even hugs at the end of his presentation, but Max Gitman achieved that at a well-attended and supportive meeting of the Jamaica Pond Association on March 2.

Gitman wants to turn the old JP Gas and Mini Mart at 579 Centre St. (once used as Arbour Hospital parking) into Meadowlark Butcher and Grocer.

Gitman's butcherie is a favorite at the Loring Greenough House summer First Thursdays as a "pop-up sausage purveyor."

He calls it a "nose-to-tail butcherie." He said it would use locally sourced grass fed meats and rotating favors of sausage with complimentary groceries, produce, prepared foods, beer and wine.

"I've always wanted my own store," he told the JPA. "It's very near and dear to me, a sustainable butcherie. This is particularly lacking in this area."

Gitman has worked well with the neighbors, to the point of signing on to a five-point agreement including waste and snow removal, parking, planting and sound barriers.

This paid off.

Dozens of people came out in support of Gilman's butcher shop.

"This is nifty," said JPA member Franklin Salembene. "I'm happy that the neighbors agree. This cleans up a derelict space."

A Goodrich Road resident was enthusiastic.

"I live 46 steps from this store," she said. "It's wonderful to have something like this. We're thrilled."

The JPA voted not to oppose and there were hugs and handshakes all around for Gitman.

Rozzie Bound

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"We run this monthly pop up book store, and we first had it in December, during the last weekend before Christmas at the Turtle Swamp Beer Hall," Karp said. "We also did weekends in January and February and we were planning to do March April and May, but when COVID-19 broke we just canceled all those."

Karp said the idea was to give Roslindale its first brick and mortar book store since Pazzo, Nealon's other book store, went to just online sales in 2014.

"So the whole online platform was not core to our business model," he said. "We didn't want to be a primarily online business. We wanted to do signings, author events and things like that so we had to change very suddenly. We were focused on our collection of secondhand books, but then everything changed with COVID-19."

Karp and Nealon signed up with Bookshop.org, which is an online bookstore that purports to support independent bookstores in two ways. Firstly, there is a pool by which 10 percent of all non-affiliate online sales on the site supports the American Booksellers Association members. That fund is distributed to its members every six months. Secondly, any affiliates, like Rozzie Bound, can give their customers access to almost any book on the market from Bookshop's online catalog and 25 percent of that sale goes directly to the business.

"So, if you pay \$20 for a book, we get \$6, which is pretty good, especially since we have no inventory costs," he said.

Karp said he and Nealon understand that they're not going to end everyone's problems during this time, but he said they thought since they both have their own steady incomes elsewhere, they had an opportunity to really help.

"We said let's start promoting the web site and I checked in with Tom and asked him what do you think about selecting Roslindale Cares Mutual Aid?" Karp said. "I said it seems legitimate and I know some people who are involved and it's not sketchy so why don't we donate all of our online proceeds for the near term to Cares? I mean we're not talking Rockefeller fortunes here... Tom and I are in a position where our small business is not there to put food on the table, we're not relying on the income. We felt that we had the capacity to be generous and we're not bringing in huge amounts of money here either. We're hoping to bring a couple hundred dollars, but it just felt like the right thing to do."

Karp said supporting the community was always part of the model, and that initially their first pop up sent 20 percent of their proceeds to Greening Rozzie.

"The idea was that we always saw the business as being very rooted in the community and we even started talking about incorporating as a cooperative," he said. "That's how early we are in this, we're not even incorporated yet."

As for the brick and mortar store, Karp said they have no definite plans right now, and that while he is hopeful, they are in a holding pattern.

"We'll wait and see," he said. "You know on the exact week that things got bad, we looked at a space, you know right before things got crazy? We looked at a retail space, Tom and I and my wife we were talking about the space and then three days later, the world was turned upside down. It was not a fun time to open a brick and mortar store. That plan is certainly on hold for the foreseeable future, but we'll keep promoting the web site and if we could build up some good will and reputation and people know the name? Well, we'll go from there. We never meant this to be an online business, but for right now, this is what we can offer."

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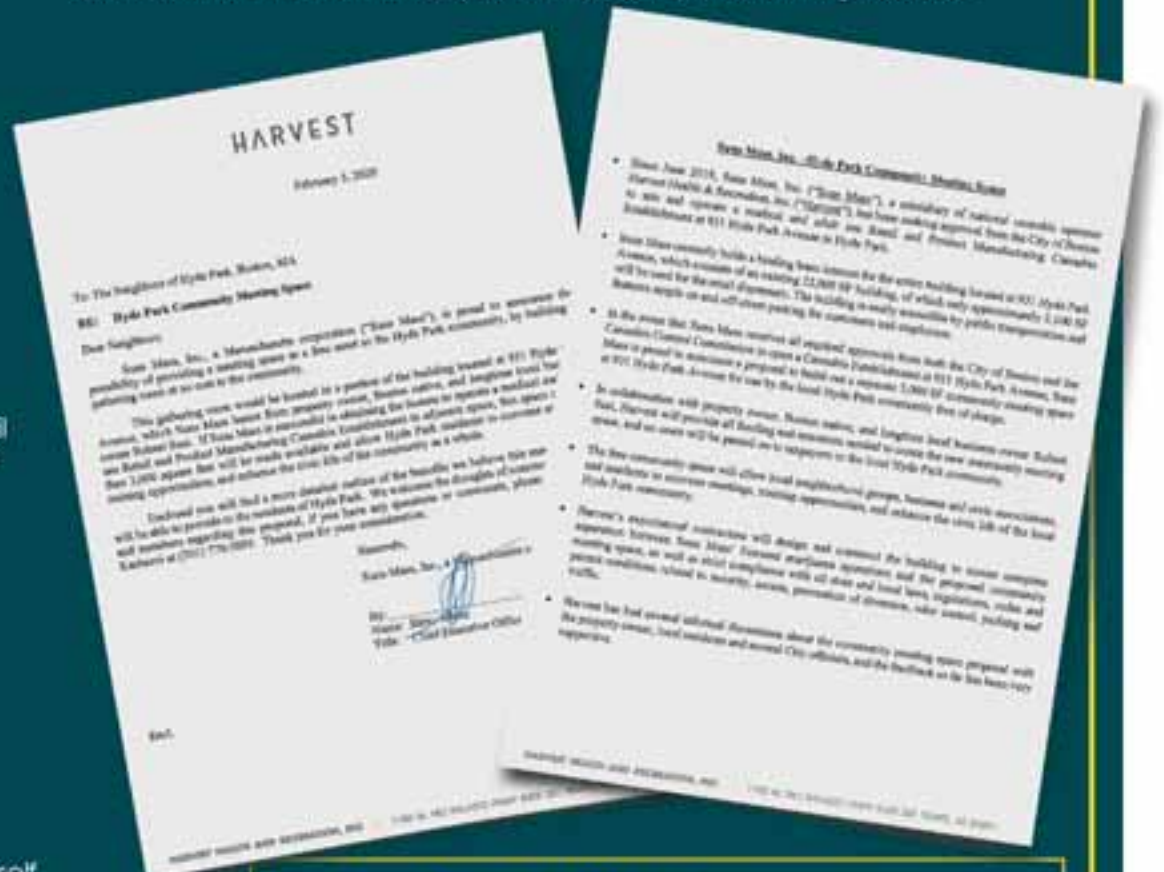
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Making Masks *continued from page 1*

nity members are sewing masks for themselves, family, neighbors, hospital workers, first responders, supermarket employees, and nursing homes.

West Roxbury resident Cindy Claussen is working full-time from home while sewing masks for other community members and the Sherrill House, a nursing and rehabilitation center in Boston. "I plan to keep making as many as I can as long as they are needed. I could probably make 30 or 40 per day if I could spend the whole day doing it but it gets kind of tiring so I only can do what I can do. And I do also work a full-time job working from home. I work for the American Red Cross so I am involved with keeping the donor blood supply going at this time," explained Claussen.

She has been sewing her entire life - sewing dolls and quilts at a young age - so creating masks came naturally to Claussen. She found that sewing masks have a lot of similarities to sewing quilts, and learned more information about how to sew masks by watching YouTube videos and reading trusted sources. "What you don't want to do is spend a lot of time making a mask that is not effective or comfortable. The collaboration between neighbors using Facebook groups has been really great through all this we've been sharing material and resources. It's been really nice to be able to connect with people in this way as well," Claussen stated.

Shannon Connery, the art teacher at St. Theresa School in West Roxbury, has put her artistic skills to the challenge and has created and donated the masks. Using cute and funky patterned cloth (such as floral, gingham, cartoon, and Disney), Connery has created almost 200 masks in only five days. "I have been donating mainly to individuals who are looking for them. And of course people working in hos-

pitals and those considered essential," Connery remarked. "I'm not charging anyone, but am accepting donations for supplies."

Roslindale resident Ken Hjulstrom has been making masks for over a month now. "I've been making masks since I first learned about mask patterns around the beginning of March from a friend in Japan, who posted a "do-it-yourself" pattern on Facebook that showed how to make a mask from paper towels and tape. At that time, COVID-19 was still not widely feared in this area. I found a sewing pattern for a mask at that time, which happened to contain instructions in Japanese only. I translated the instructions to English and made my first mask from this pattern on March 2nd," he explained. "Following that, I've made a mask that will cover an N95 medical mask, and recently, I've been using a modified version of the pattern promoted by the Jo-Ann Fabrics, using ties made from fabric instead of the elastic used in their pattern, since elastic is pretty much impossible to come by." In addition to making masks, Hjulstrom has been giving advice and assistance to neighbors who are making masks, and is also offering sewing machine repair.

West Roxbury community member and resident Tonya Tedesco, who has been sewing for many years, is also sewing masks for friends and frontline workers. So far, she has created and given away over 40 masks. Using the power of community, Tedesco is helping create a team of mask-makers. "I've taught the teen living with me [how to create masks] and he has become really good in a short period of time. We are now building a team in the neighborhood to make it faster. Those that don't sew are going to prep the materials so those that have machines and can sew can finish them

faster," she explained.

Another West Roxbury community member, Debbie Grupp-Patrutz, started sewing masks about two weeks ago when she learned that countries with socialized mask-wearing have lower rates of COVID-19. "My sister is an ER doc, and the only way to reduce the number of patients coming into the ER is to reduce the numbers of people who get the virus. I make about 25 masks a day (for free), for people in West Roxbury," Grupp-Patrutz stated. "I'm also sending some to my sister's hospital in case they have run out. The hottest commodity right now is 1/4 elastic, so people in the community have been donating that."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends "wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission." The CDC also recommends using homemade cloth face coverings to "low the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure." Cloth face coverings should not be placed on anyone under the age of two or those who have trouble breathing. The coverings should also be routinely washed.

You can learn how to create your own sew and no sew masks on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

For up to date information regarding COVID-19, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring> or <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

AB Workers

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Charlesview was originally built in the 1970s as a way to create affordable housing for displaced residents, and was redeveloped only a few years ago. Above shows the original development, top photo, and the redevelopment, bottom photo.

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requires a name, phone number, where the applicant worked, their city or residence, the neighborhood they worked at and if they have or have not received unemployment benefits at this point in time.

"We want to prioritize people who haven't received unemployment benefits first, but we will be giving to people currently on unemployment," he said. "We're also working on getting the application in a couple of different languages as well, including Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Vietnamese."

BMS Executive Director Aidan McDonough said they are happy to expand and help out the neighborhood.

"Brighton Main Streets and Allston Village Main Streets have a long relation-

ship and are natural partners when it comes to supporting the neighborhoods' small business communities," said McDonough. "For both our organizations to come together to support the laid-off or furloughed workers with the Allston-Brighton Workers Relief Fund is a necessary and exciting opportunity during this time."

Charlesview's contribution comes as little surprise, as the organization was apparently founded to help residents displaced by the 1960s Urban Renewal program to find affordable housing. More than a century later, the organization is running strong in that regard. For more information on Charlesview, go to <https://charlesviewcommunity.org/>

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Arroyo wants follow-through on brother's 'Invest in Boston' ordinance

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo introduced a hearing order at last week's regular Boston City Council meeting to audit the feasibility of implementing the Invest in Boston ordinance, originally approved by the council in 2013 and introduced by Arroyo's brother, then At-Large City Councilor Felix G. Arroyo.

At the time, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino vetoed the ordinance, but the council overrode the veto and approved it. It was a big win for Arroyo, as it was a four-year fight to get it to a vote.

The original ordinance, "Amending the Municipal Banking Commission and Providing for Responsible Banking Practices," would basically require any bank looking to win a contract with the city to prove they are investing in local residential and commercial development as well as social and cultural institutions. The idea was that banks looking for lucrative contracts from the city government would be forced to improve the city's neighborhoods and social centers. At the time, Menino opposed the idea because he said he didn't believe it would have a meaningful impact and would increase the cost of doing business to the

point of banks not applying for those contracts at all.

Felix Arroyo and the council believed that the requirements would help the city, as it had for New York City, Los Angeles and others. After four years of back-and-forth between the council's relevant subcommittee, the measure finally passed. More to the point, the ordinance also required banks to prove that the funds the city keeps in those banks – about \$1 billion on any given day according to Ricardo Arroyo – is available and ready to be taken out, which Ricardo Arroyo said at last week's meeting is especially relevant now. It would also require any bank holding a piece of the City of Boston's \$1 billion deposit to disclose all banking practices publicly, including foreclosure, hiring, mortgage practices and loan practices.

But it was never implemented.

"For reasons that remain unclear, the Invest in Boston Ordinance has not been implemented by the City of Boston since its passage in 2013," Ricardo Arroyo said. "These would be valuable tools available to the city and instrumental to the management of the economic impacts of the crisis we're currently facing."

Arroyo said he wants the discussion to have a dual-focus, to



The Arroyo delegation, from left to right: Former At-Large City Councilor Felix G. Arroyo, Former At-Large City Councilor Felix D. Arroyo and Current District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.

both deal with the city's current crisis due to COVID-19, but also to ensure banks operate more openly, effectively and act more focused on improving the city in which they do business.

District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards had more recently filed a hearing order on this ordinance last year and the year before. She said she is more than ready to follow through on a promise made to residents more than seven years ago.

"The Boston City Council had made a commitment in 2013 and we had not fulfilled that commitment as a body," she said. "I'm excited to be part of

making sure this, at least what was thought of as groundbreaking legislation that passed in 2013, comes to fruition."

Edwards also pointed out that the discussion should also include a focus on enforcement procedure if banks decide not to cooperate with the ordinance later on.

"I just want to make sure we have a form of accountability to hold the banks accountable," she said.

District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok said she sits on the board of the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance,

which initially helped to draft the ordinance seven years ago.

"I will say that there's been some encouraging news on that front recently, I know that MAHA met back in early March just before we all went virtual, with the city's treasurer Drew Smith and learned that the city has been producing linked deposit reports and doing some more of the steps in the ordinance than MAHA had realized," she said. "However the public-facing aspect of that, getting that information out to people and helping people know how our different banks are doing hasn't really been there."

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CARABITSES



Pauline (Papapostolos) In her 101st year, of Hyde Park, formerly of Boston's South End, passed away on April 1, 2020. Devoted wife of the late Nicholas Carabitses. Beloved daughter of the late Anna and Peter Papapostolos. Loving mother of Thelma Kealey and her late husband Dennis of West Roxbury, and Anne Raso and her husband Charles of Dedham. Grandmother of Charles Raso and his wife Emily of Sharon. Great-grandmother to Addison Elizabeth Raso. Sister of Christine Kehayes of Naples, FL, Helen Vierbickas of Orlando, FL and Koula Holmquist and her husband Donald of Montoursville, PA and the late Athena Cox, Georgia Davidson, and John Stolos. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. In 1999, Pauline was awarded the Diocesan Award in gratitude and appreciation for her many years of outstanding service in the Greek Orthodox Church. A private Funeral for immediate family members only will be held at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, Roslindale. Private burial St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations

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DeSIMONE

Mary (Tobin) Age 85, of Roslindale, passed away on March 25, 2020, after a brief illness. Mary was born in Roxbury, MA. She graduated from Blessed Sacrament High School. Mary was married to Rudolph "Sonny" DeSimone. They were married for 55 years until his death. Mary worked for Whiting's Milk Company after she graduated high school. She taught faith formation classes at the Annunciation Church in West Roxbury for many years. She was also actively involved in the Parkway Seniors organization. Mary is survived by her son James DeSimone, daughter-in-law Susan DeSimone, grandson John DeSimone, granddaughter Eva DeSimone of Minneapolis, sister-in-law Beverly Tobin of Hyde Park, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Mary is preceded in death by her sons, Michael DeSimone and Richard DeSimone, and her brothers William Tobin, Hugh "Bob" Tobin, and Francis Tobin. Due to the current situation, no Funeral Services will be scheduled. A Memorial Service will be planned in the future when possible. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Annunciation Cathedral of West Roxbury. The family of Mary

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Patrick J. Of West Roxbury, formerly of Galway, Ireland passed away on April 1, 2020 after a brief, non COVID-19 illness. Devoted husband of the late Theresa F. (Hoban) Flaherty. Loving father of Mary T. Flaherty and Susan DiMatteo of Roslindale, Peg and Jim Duggan of Mansfield, Trish and Sean Hurley of Hyde Park and Ann Marie and Bill Piscitelli of Foxboro. Papa to Erin, Michael and Lauren Duggan, Patrick and Lindsay Piscitelli, Kathleen and Bridget Hurley. Dear uncle of Eileen Webster and Ann Torchetti of Roslindale and brother of Bridget Feeney, Moira Kelly, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Peggy McFadden of Galway, brother-in-law of Jerry Wells of CA. United States Army Veteran. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boston Fisher House, VA Hospital, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Services will be private. For guestbook, please visit gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Home 2055 Centre Street West Roxbury, MA. 02132 617-323-8600

HAYES

Paula Of Hyde Park, formerly Mattapan, passed peacefully on March 23, 2020. Born to parents William D. Hayes and Josephine (Fila) Hayes in 1939, Paula was a true Boston girl. She was the treasured sister to Brenda Hayes Hussey and her late husband Donald A. of Hingham and Thomas J. Hayes and his wife Valerie of Quincy. She was the beloved aunt of Gregory Hayes and his wife Shannon of ME and Jennifer Golec and her husband John of CT and great-aunt of Liam, Caili and Hale. Private Funeral Services will be held at a later date. For additional information and the online guestbook, please visit www.DowningChapel.com

Deaths *continued from page 10*

HOLLAND

Emil Weldon Died suddenly, March 31, 2020 in Port Charlotte, FL. Emil was born in Boston in 1927, the son of Ruby Falconer Holland and Francis W. Holland. He grew up in West Roxbury, MA and later lived in Jamaica Plain and Auburn, MA. He served in the US Navy in WWII and beyond. He attended Boston University and Northeastern. A surveyor and engineer, he worked for the MWRA and the UBWPAD. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Anora (Lougee), and sister, Doris Kelly. Survivors include his children, Debra, Wendy Anastasia, Mark, Carrie, Andrew, Laura St. Jean and James, sister Judith Clarke, thirteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and nephews and nieces. Memorial Service at a later date.

LANDERS

Joseph F. Jr. Lifelong resident of Roslindale passed away on April 2, 2020. Beloved son of Joseph F. Landers, Sr. and Mary (Flanagan) Landers. Devoted brother of Ann C. Landers of Quincy and the late Mary C. Plunkett. Uncle of Kathleen "Kit" Plunkett of Milton and Kevin S. Plunkett and his wife Kathleen Watson of Walpole. Granduncle of Kevin R. Plunkett. Longtime owner of Landers Electric Company, Roslindale. Member of the Catholic Association of For-

esters. Due to the pandemic, a Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury at a future date to be announced. For online guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

LANE

Kenneth Joseph Age 92, of Palm Coast, Florida, passed away after a long illness, on March 21, 2020. Born in Cambridge to the late Edward Leo and Katherine (Donahue) Lane and raised in West Roxbury, Ken was a graduate of BC High School and a WWII Navy veteran. After retiring as New England General Manager from The Dannon Company, Ken retired to Barnstead, NH and eventually Florida. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Ami Paulette Lane; sons Thomas, Kevin, Edward, Christopher, Paul, and Jeffrey; Ami's daughter, Shelli Beth Truett; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces; and three beloved sisters Mary, Louise and Joann. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eileen, and sons Richard and Kenneth Lane, Jr., brothers Ted and Paul and sister Dorothy. A military service will be held at a future date at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, Florida.

MICHOULIS

Mary of Westwood, formerly of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, passed away on April 4, 2020. Loving wife of the late Thomas Michoulis. Beloved daughter of the late John and Astero (Rokleopis) Primes. Devoted sister of Sylvia Mouradian and her husband George of Norwood, Peter Primes and his late wife Katherine of Hyde Park, the late James Primes and his late wife Helen and the late George Primes and his surviving wife Litsa. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Due to the pandemic a private family funeral service will take place at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, Roslindale, Burial will follow at Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mary's memory to St. Nectarios Church 39 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale, MA 02131. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

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(Never known to fail!)

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Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. 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 Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. *This must be said for nine consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail.* —S.G.H.

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Animal Care and Control: The Animal Shelter is open by appointment only with limited services. Our offices at 1010 Mass. Ave have reduced staffing levels. Please review our service changes, call 617-635-5348 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.), or email animalcontrol@boston.gov for more information.

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BOS:311: Employees are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for non-emergency issues. Call 3-1-1 or 617-635-4500, or use one of our online options.

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Library: All Boston Public Library locations are closed until further notice. For questions, call 617-536-5400 or email ask@bpl.org.

Mayor's Office: In-person meetings are by appointment only. Please call 617-635-4500 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or email mayor@boston.gov,

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Boston Home Center: Our call center is open. Please call 617-635-4663 or email us at HomeCenter@boston.gov with any questions about our programs. Office of Housing Stability: Our hotline is open. Please call 617-635-4200 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or email Housingstability@boston.gov.

Neighborhood Services: The Neighborhood Services office is closed to the public. But, you can still contact your neighborhood liaison for questions related to your community. For questions, call 617-635-4500 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or email contactons@boston.gov. The Love Your Block initiative is still accepting applications for mini grants and cleanup volunteers.

Parking Clerk: The Parking Clerk office is open, but with reduced staff. The City recently released updated enforcement regulations and transportation services due to COVID-19. For questions, call 617-635-4410 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or email parking@boston.gov.

Parks and Recreation: Our offices at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue are open, but with reduced staff. Please reach out by phone at 617-635-4505 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) or email at parks@boston.gov before visiting our offices in person. Please review our service changes page to see how the current public health emergency has affected Boston parks.

Public Facilities: The Public Facilities office is closed. Our Bid Counter is relocating to City Hall, Room 241, and operating on a reduced schedule. The Bid Counter will be open to the public for the scheduled bid openings, and will accept bid submissions in advance of the bid opening by appointment only. Please visit our website for additional details about temporary hours of operation. To make an appointment to visit the Bid Counter, or if you have questions about current IFBs or RFPs, email bid.info@boston.gov. For all other questions, email publicfacilities@boston.gov.

Public Health Commission: Our response to the COVID-19 crisis is happening around the clock. Our office is open during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call the Mayor's Health Line at 617-534-5050 or email info@bphc.org for more information. Our homeless shelters and recovery services also remain open. For recovery support, call 3-1-1 or 617-635-4500.

Public Works: The Public Works Department is open with reduced staff. Trash and Recycling

collection is running on a regular schedule. Please call 617-635-4900 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.) or email publicworks@boston.gov. For information on the Public Improvement Commission, please review our status document.

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Schools: Governor Baker issued an emergency order extending the closure of all Massachusetts public and private schools until May 4. With Boston Public Schools closed to students, the City will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all Boston students. View a map of meal sites for children and youth.

Small Business Development: Our offices are closed to the public, but we've compiled updates and guidance for businesses and organizations in response to COVID-19. Email smallbiz@boston.gov for more information.

Transportation: The Transportation Department is open, but at reduced staffing levels. Please review our informational page to see how the ongoing public health emergency has affected the Transportation Department. You can also call 617-635-4680 or 617-635-4675 for emergency permits (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.), or email btd@boston.gov.

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Council calls for hearings on equitable recovery, veterans services

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

At-Large City Councilors Michelle Wu and Julia Mejia and District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo co-sponsored an order calling for a hearing to plan for an equitable recovery from the impact of COVID-19 at the Apr. 1 Boston City Council meeting, which was held via Zoom.

“We all know and are hearing from our constituents that this is way beyond just a public health pandemic,” Wu said. “It’s really an economic crisis, and it’s a situation that has been deepening preexisting systemic inequities across our city, deepening housing instability and deepening food insecurity.”

She added that planning for an equitable recovery immediately is essential because the same communities that faced disparities economically as well as in public health care prior to COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, will face a disproportionate burden as they rebuild.

“We know that there’s deep

inequities in our systems that have existed since their creation,” Arroyo added, “and that those systems have impacted those most vulnerable and people of color throughout its history. There’s also a very well-documented history of crises deepening those inequities and really highlighting the ways in which those inequities harm our communities.”

He stressed that, as the economic landscape changes both nationwide and on a local level after COVID-19, the focus should be on places where biases had already impacted areas.

“It’s incredibly important that we stay on top of this,” Arroyo said, adding that the Council should do “everything in our power to ensure that we’re putting the spotlight on ways that we can make things more just, more fair, and also make sure that those recoveries are felt in all of our communities and not just some.”

Mejia said that one of her concerns was access to resources.

“I believe that Boston is resource rich but coordination poor,” she said. “Every community organization in every neighborhood is looking to help. But with so many people engaged in relief, it can be confusing where to go to get their needs met.”

There needs to be a sustainable information network put into place, she explained, so that people and groups will know where to go and how they can contribute most effectively.

Another concern Mejia raised regarding equity was that many people in underserved communities do

not have access to computers or are as adept with the Internet and digital technology as others.

“What we have come to realize is that it’s great that we have Chromebooks and Comcast that has provided free Wi Fi,” she said. “But there’s still the digital understanding in low-income communities in particular in terms of how you access certain apps.”

Language and transportation access are other barriers to an equitable recovery, Mejia noted.

However, she said the recovery process is a time for communities to “lead with strength.”

“So much of the conversation is centered around what our communities lack,” Mejia said. “I think this is an opportunity that we can lead with an asset-based lens as it relates to low-income communities.”

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell, who represents a portion of Roslindale and Jamaica Plain, said that this discussion particularly would energize Mattapan, Dorchester and Roxbury.

“Hopefully this is the last catalyst we need to get it right for certain neighborhoods,” she said.

Campbell added that the pandemic not only affected low-wage workers and the operators of day care centers in her district but also the parents who had to stay home when their businesses closed.

District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn added that Asian Americans, who comprise a large number of constituents

in his district, have been experiencing an increased number of hate crimes due to the coronavirus outbreak.

“It’s critical that the Asian community knows that they’re treated with respect and dignity, even though there have been many cases of discrimination against them,” he said. “We have to work extra hard to continue to outreach to our Asian neighbors across our city and across our country as well.”

The hearing was moved to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

Also on the agenda, Flynn requested a hearing to discuss the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has on veterans and their families and the resources available to them

He said he has been working with Commissioner Santiago in the Mayor’s office

as well as his counterpart in the state.

“During this epidemic we want to make sure that our veterans, our military families know exactly what services are available to them,” Flynn said, “whether they’re city services, state services or federal services.”

Flynn said that, in addition to working with Commissioner Robert Santiago at the Mayor’s Office of Veterans Services and contacts at the state’s Department of Veterans Services, he visited the West Roxbury VA Hospital, where patient transportation has been a key issue.

“I’m looking forward to a robust discussion on how we can make sure that our veterans, our military families and our disabled veterans and our women veterans have the services and benefits that they earned.”

The hearing was moved to the Committee on Veterans and Military Services.

Scaccia *continued from page 2*

in the community, including the 1717 Hyde Park Ave. project, now known as Residences at Readville.

“If you ever thought of anyplace you shouldn’t put this development, it’s here,” he said of the proposal at the time. “It’s right at the heart of a bridge that – for seven to nine hours every day – has nothing but traffic half a mile, mile deep, and it just stays on the bridge.”

He also vocally opposed the proposal on the other side of the Father Hart Bridge at 36-70 Sprague St.

“These two projects alone are greater (in number) than the housing units on both sides of Readville combined,” he said at the time.

He also helped the state to work with the City of Boston on the reconfiguration of traffic on the Father Hart Bridge, which is slated to be completed this summer.

Scaccia has historically been very vocal for veteran and senior issues, supporting at every opportunity the Massachusetts 54th Regiment Reenactors, who are currently looking for a permanent exhibit in Hyde Park. He has also been a vocal member of the Blue Hills Collaborative, supporting endeavors there for decades.

Scaccia’s long service joins that of his predecessor, Hyde Park native Michael Paul Feeney, who had served from 1939 to 1981.

St. Jude’s Novena

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Q) Dear Doctor: We recently had a 65,000-mile service done on our Audi 2013 Q5 with the four-cylinder turbo engine. Before bringing in the car the oil light came on and we added oil. When my wife brought the car in she mentioned it to the service advisor. An oil consumption test was performed when it needed oil at just 900 miles. The service advisor said that she would call our extended warranty company for approval to repair the pistons and rings. But we were denied because the warranty company doesn’t consider oil consumption a reason for this repair. The service advisor said our car does not have normal oil consumption, and she would call Audi for some financial assistance as they quoted repair is \$7,000. We just spent \$4,000 for CV joints and motor mounts. Is it worth the expense to make this repair? Our extended warranty runs out in 3,000 miles. —Bill

A) Your not the only vehicle with oil consumption. It seems that more expensive 4 cylinder turbo engines are having oil consumption issues. Your Audi is only 6 years old and has very low mileage. I am amazed that C/V axle joints and engine mounts were also in need of replacement. At this point I would speak with a representative from Audi for financial support or a 10,000 voucher toward trade in. There is no way I would spend any money for an engine rebuild. You can also switch to high mileage engine oil, this should cut down on the oil consumption.

Q) Dear Doctor: The main computer board in my 1998 Jaguar XJS has failed functioning properly. The repair company says it must be replaced. Do you know where I can find such a computer? Hard to find. —Joe

A) Did you check with all the computer re-builder shops on line? I use a company called Auto ECM, try calling at 800-900-0194, they may be able to assist. Check on line at car-part.com. The next step is any Jaguar clubs web sites. You may also want to contact the Jaguar dealer for their input. One of the problems with the Jaguar is the dealer may be the only place with the factory scan tool to set up and or program a replacement computer.

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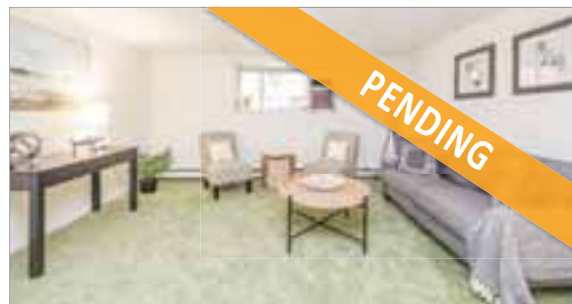
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