

Residents looking for dog park in Allston Brighton



Residents in Allston Brighton are looking to put in a dog park for the public to use in the neighborhoods.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Allston Brighton is a growing neighborhood for new families and residents.

While the area has some of the lowest home ownership rates in the city, due in part to rising real estate prices and the high number of students living in the area, many residents are starting to see a shift in demographics in

the dual neighborhoods. Resident Chris Arena has started to see it, and he said he felt it was time to address something he felt was sorely lacking.

“I’m one of those dang renting transients who doesn’t care about the neighborhood,” he said with a laugh.

Arena is trying to organize the neighborhood to advocate for a

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Retail Marijuana Dispensary Planned for Hyde Square



The Core Empowerment Team of Tomas Gonzalez, Michael Ross, April Arrasate and Dan Linsky explain their plan for a recreational adult-use facility in Hyde Square.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Retail marijuana is coming to a Boston store near you and Core Empowerment wants to be the first to open up.

It plans to open a Jamaica Plain dispensary in the old Milky Way location next to Whole Foods at 401A Centre Street, vacant since 2008.

Actually Core Empowerment wants to open a Retail Cannabis Establishment, Social Justice Cannabis Museum and Education Center in the basement that used to be the bowling alley.

Core Empowerment (Core) gave its first public presentation

to a full house of over 50 people at the Jamaica Plain zoning committee meeting on Dec 5. Only one variance is required for a change of use.

Tomas Gonzalez is chief operating officer of the four-member Core team. He checked off the credibility boxes in his introduction.

“I’m a former member of the neighborhood council, 20 years ago,” he said. “I’m a lifelong resident, lived on Washington Street; I was also a Neighborhood Services liaison.”

“The city has changed in 20 years,” he said. “An economic boom, a housing boom. We’ve put together a solid team to talk through our proposal and con-

cept.”

The team leader is April Arrasate who founded Core on June 15, 2018 in Farmington Connecticut. The principal agent of record is former city councilor Michael Ross, an attorney with Prince-Lobel-Tye; one of its specialties is the new field of retail cannabis.

Another team member is attorney Derric Small who, like Gonzalez, worked in Neighborhood Services.

Kathie Mainzer is a consultant. She and three partners—one of whom, Carol Downs, is on the BPDA board—opened Milky Way Lounge and Lanes

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City Council supports National Grid workers

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met for its regular meeting last week and discussed several issues.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O’Malley introduced a resolution to support Mass House Bill 4960, which had been heard on the State Legislature floor that week. The bill is proposing to cut off government funding to National Grid and would not allow the Department of Public Utilities to allow an increase in rates for gas or electric. The bill would also require National Grid to continue to provide health benefits to locked out workers. The bill is designed to protect locked out workers while en-

couraging National Grid to come to an agreement with the local unions representing those locked out workers.

“More than 1,200 members of the United Steel Workers Local 12012 and 12003 have been unfairly locked out since June 25, 2018,” O’Malley said. “On Oct. 30, we sponsored a hearing on the safety of the City of Boston’s local gas infrastructure, and while National Grid failed to appear, their workers did not. They were here and they offered incredibly helpful testimony to the council that only workers with decades of experience working on the ground could provide.”

O’Malley discussed his experience with National Grid in

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BFD youth Bball hosting championship at Auerbach Center

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Fire Department’s (BFD) Community Enrichment Program (CEP) Basketball League will be hosting its first-ever championship game at the Auerbach Center at Boston Landing in Brighton Dec. 14 at 8 p.m.

To league founders Roslindale Firefighter Jorge Diaz and Firefighter Larry Smith, this was far more than they hoped for during the league’s first season.

“I wanted to get a nice venue for the kids to end the season with a bang and, hopefully, next year we can do the same,” he



The Community Enrichment Program for the Boston Fire Department is heading to the Auerbach Center for their championship game.

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MAC team up to launch "Book and Blog Launch Party"

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Two dynamic friends with a common goal of education, particularly focused toward the African American community, decided to team up at the Menino Arts Center on Sunday, December 9. They called it the "Book and Blog Launch Party."

About 50 people attended the three-hour reception with these unique authors. Each woman tried to capture the spirit of her respective community while making accessible to a wider audience.

Jewell Simmons and friend Barbara M. Barros, who goes by the pen name B. Marie, have been great friends since they met several years ago. Each had a goal of expressing her personal history and educating people about the experiences that shaped who they are.

"Whenever you see us in a picture, we are side by side," said Simmons with a laugh. "We are just inseparable. So we figured, why not just do an event together and have fun?"

"We have a great respect

for each other and for our crafts," she added.

B. Marie expressed her vision through a family history in two books targeted toward younger and older children, respectively. *Tulsa: A True Tragedy*, is geared toward readers ages seven to nine. Readers aged ten and over will appreciate *Tulsa*. Both books are follow-up publications to her premiere novel, *Love and Lies*.

Tulsa can be purchased online through Amazon.com at https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/s/ref=is_s?k=Tulsa+by+B.+Marie.

The Boston native is no stranger to Hyde Park, having attended school here beginning at the Grew Elementary School, then to the Rogers Middle School, through to Hyde Park High School.

"That's one of the reasons I chose the Menino Arts Center as a venue," she said, noting that she taught in the Boston Public Schools for 25 years and the Sharon Public Schools for seven years. "I did look at some other towns, but Hyde Park was really the right fit."



About 50 people came to the event to help the authors make an impact with their words and perspectives on the world.

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Now that she has retired, B. Marie said she has been able to devote herself to her lifelong passion for writing. She enjoys biographical fiction, history and poetry.

Her family's personal history is what propelled the *Tulsa* project forward, she said.

"My grandparents lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma during 1921

and told me the stories of the race riots, which was the worst race massacre in our country's history," she said. "It all started when a ten-year-old black boy bumped into a white woman, and she cried rape."

point," B. Marie continued. "These businesses were burned down. Reparations were paid to white business owners by the government, but to this day have never been paid to the descendants of the black owners." She said



Jewell Simmons and Barbara M. Barros started this project working together as friends.

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She said she felt compelled to write about it because it was never discussed in schools, yet it affected a prominent piece of African American history.

"Tulsa was known as the Black Wall Street of that day," she explained. "There were many black-owned businesses, schools, churches and banks in that area then, and there was resentment. The society was prosperous, with many doctors and lawyers.

"So when this incident occurred, this was the tipping

she wrote the book for two different age levels "because children really do need to know about this and understand the consequences of what happened."

In contrast, while B. Marie focuses on history, Simmons created a blog to create a venue for women to learn about women's current issues and express their viewpoints.

"I am from Roxbury, born and bred" said the licensed social worker. "Although I no

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Editorial

PARK AND RIDE

As reported in the Bulletin, The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means met on Nov. 26 to discuss a new grant that gives the City \$6.5 million to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads.

The funding, budgeted over two years and appropriated from the city's Capital Grant Fund, will investigate the impact ride share services like Uber and Lyft are having on the city's roads and bridges.

The influx of cash comes from state legislation that adds 20 cents to every ride share fare, giving 10 cents back to the point of origin (Boston in the case of the riders contributing to the Council's grant money). The funding mechanism expires in 2026, according to the state law that authorized it.

While we appreciate the addition of a sunset clause (too many taxes live past their necessity or fairness when they are established in perpetuity), this is one very affordable surcharge that should immediately be extended beyond the cut-off, no matter how far off that date may seem. Seriously, a dime added to a ride is a pittance, albeit a small sum that can make a big difference in the city's needed infrastructure work, from sidewalks to traffic signals to bike lanes.

Among the potential uses for the grant is \$500,000 to build temporary plazas in certain areas, including Main Streets districts and other business hubs across the city, to serve as gathering places and pedestrian-friendly environments. It is a great, laudable idea and we applaud the City's smart thinking.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy was among those urging all involved to reinstate the state program beyond 2026. "I think the state swung and missed in a big, big way," he said. "If you stand out on Congress Street right now you'll see hundreds and hundreds of cars go by you with nobody in the back seat with Uber and Lyft signs just aimlessly driving around. I think as we move forward with that, imagine if it was a buck a drive in Boston or a buck a drop off in Boston? Now you're looking at \$78 million a year for Boston."

He is absolutely correct. The surcharge is smart and carries little burden on users. It should be extended and increased.

We need to grouse a bit about a recent neighborhood meeting, also reported in the Bulletin that took place in Fairmount Hill on Nov. 27. Specifically, we take an admittedly slight issue with Councilor McCarthy, who is a key figure in yet another transportation-related story we covered.

At that meeting, Hyde Park residents gathered to discuss residential parking woes and the idea that permit only parking might help curb commuters who otherwise grab needed spaces.

McCarthy, who organized the meeting, agreed that residential parking permits would be worth exploring and likely a good solution for the aggrieved neighbors. Similar efforts in other neighborhoods have been a success, he said, recommending resident-only parking from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We appreciate his support of the permit plan, but respectfully take issue with his approach. Resident-only parking for such a short stretch of the day will help ease the situation, but it will not solve the problem. What happens when a mom returns home after 1 p.m., perhaps with school kids, to find that commuters are still hogging all nearby spaces. A parked car at 1 p.m. is bound to still be there at 2 p.m. Will the city tow or just issue a cursory ticket before calling it a day?

The plan would somewhat limit those who park all day, but not everyone punches in at 9 and leaves after 5. A parking plan needs to consider the full range of commuter rail activity and the wider geography of all streets affected (with exemptions, as appropriate, in business districts).

McCarthy had this to say at the meeting when he objected to extending the plan to more of the workday: "If you go resident parking all day, when Nana comes to visit, Nana's going to get a ticket."

Let's be clear, the concept of residential parking permits is not a new one. As a young child, our family had one (albeit not in Boston proper). The idea that residents are left in the lurch when visitors come calling seems to ignore one crucial detail: temporary visitor permits. If "Nana" drives into the neighborhood, she is given a temporary pass from the parking restriction by displaying that temporary permit on the dashboard. Problem solved.

McCarthy may very well be correct when he says the shorter "no parking" time limitation is successful and appreciated in other neighborhoods. We do give him a lot of credit for facilitating what is an important quality of life conversation. We just hope the ultimate plan is stricter, expanded, and well-enforced.

5- and 10-cent store

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Ev'rywhere you go;

Take a look in the five-and-ten, glistening once again

With candy canes and silver lanes aglow.

The opening verse of Meredith Willson's 1951 Christmas carol contains math references with which many young 'uns are not familiar, specifically the third line.

Before probing this, let's take a step back. Originally entitled "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas," the song had "a Lot" inserted after "Look."

A popular belief in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, holds that Willson wrote the song while staying in that city's Grand Hotel, as later verses reference a "tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well..."; the park being Frost Park, directly across the street from the aforementioned Grand Hotel.

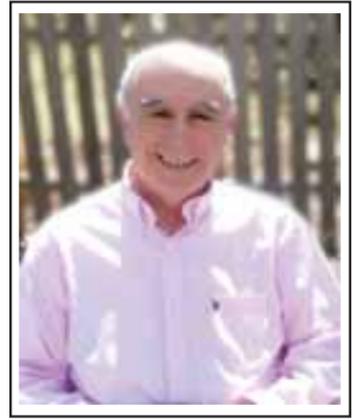
It is also possible that the "Grand Hotel" Wilson mentions in the song was inspired by the Historic Park Inn Hotel in his hometown of Mason City, Iowa, the basis for the River City (Iowa) locale of "The Music Man." This hotel overlooks a central park.

But back to the words that many in a younger generation may not recognize: "five-and-ten."

These types of stores proliferated in the 1940's and 50's. They were the precursors of Zayre's, Bradlees's, Dollar Store, Value Village, and so many others. 5 and 10 refers to cents, as in "five and ten cent stores" because so many of the products used to cost that much. Woolworth's, Kresge's, and Grant's assumed nationwide status as modern five-and-tens, even though inflation jeopardized the usage of those numbers.

Every neighborhood in Boston had a five and ten, including its lunch counter, just as it had a five cent savings bank: where else could you go to buy a sewing needle, spatula, and s-hook all in one store? They were so popular that the city installed for a number of years parking meters right outside many of them, to gobble up consumers' pennies and nickels.

Up until the 1970's I'm guessing, there was a Woolworth's at Downtown Crossing. There were many of us sad to see it go the way of Gilchrist's, R.H. Whites,



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Raymond's, Kennedy's, Bond's, and other anchors of the downtown shopping district. (Okay, okay, Jordan Marsh and Filene's were the REAL anchors of the area near Winter and Summer Streets.)

And so, if you find yourself crooning this carol made famous by Perry Como and Bing Crosby, among others, it shouldn't be done so on Christmas Day because the song talks about how close Christmas is, not when Christmas actually arrives. But because anticipation is said to be nine-tenths of the pleasure, it's a great Xmas tune to be hummed and sung on the days leading up to the 25th.

Paying Social Security Tax Doesn't Increase Benefit

Dear Rusty: If I started drawing Social Security benefits in May of 2007 at age 62 and continued to work and pay Social Security taxes to date, can I expect an adjustment in my benefits? Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior: Not from simply paying the Social Security payroll tax, because paying your FICA taxes while you continue to work isn't what will cause an adjustment in your benefit amount. Everyone who works and earns (except certain public sector employees) must pay the Social Security payroll tax, even if you're collecting Social Security, and that has nothing to do with your personal Social Security benefit amount. Those Social Security FICA contributions you pay while you're working go into the Social Security Trust Fund, which is a special fund from which all Social Security benefits (and only Social Security benefits) are paid.

Your benefit amount at age 62 was based upon your lifetime work record at that time - specifically, the 35 inflation-adjusted years in which you had the highest earnings. If you con-

tinued to work after you claimed your Social Security benefits, and your earnings for any current year are more than in any of those 35 years used to originally compute your Social Security benefit, then you would get a small increase in your benefit amount. But remember that to determine if an increase is appropriate, your earlier years' earnings are adjusted for inflation. That means that your current earnings would need to be more than the inflation-adjusted earnings to cause a benefit increase.

Each year, Social Security looks at your earnings and determines whether your lifetime "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME) number has changed, warranting a benefit increase. That annual review continues for as long as you are earning, and whenever you earn enough to replace one of those 35 years used to originally com-



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pute your AIME you will see an increase. But if your current earnings aren't high enough to replace one of those earlier years, your benefit amount will stay the same. Except, of course, for any Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) which may be granted annually (2018 COLA was 2% and 2019 COLA will be 2.8%).

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Congresswoman-elect Ayanna Pressley attends last meeting

Last week's Council meeting ended on an emotional note, as Congresswoman-Elect Ayanna Pressley bid adieu to the Boston City Council.

The first woman of color to serve on the Boston City Council, she will now transition to the 7th Congressional District, becoming the first Black woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress.

Congresswoman-Elect Pressley served on the City Council for nearly a decade, and, as her colleague Councilor Edwards noted, has broken through glass ceilings. Remembering the lead-up to her first election, Pressley recalled struggling with the thought of running for City Councilor At-Large, and it wasn't until she realized how many young girls needed her to fight for them, that she decided to run for the seat.

Pressley holding back tears she said, "I wanted to fight for girls, not be their voice, but to lift up their voices, their stories, their struggles, and their ideas to create room and space and dignity for them at the policy table and in committee hearings. I made a vow to myself to listen and to value their voices and lived experiences,

to push and to demand more from government, to develop gender specific and responsive programming and policies and protocols, and I made the decision to run for an at-large Boston City Council seat to do exactly that."

She followed up saying, "Admittedly, many, in public and private, offered that I wasn't ready, I didn't know enough, I wasn't from here and that saving girls wasn't the job of a Boston City Councilor, but rather a mission statement for a non-profit. And we proved them wrong."

Fellow Council members offered her praise, support, and well wishes as they said their goodbyes.

Council President Campbell said, "I have a grown, as a human being and as a Councilor, because of your leadership. It is not lost on me that you paved the way for each and every one of us to be here. I appreciate you; I thank you for your service."

Before reminiscing on how he met Pressley and how they became friends, Councilor O'Malley said, "You have given so much to this City, to this Commonwealth, and now to this Country."

Councilor Tim McCarthy thanked Pressley for repre-

senting Boston and reflected on the history of firsts on the Council during her tenure. He expressed excitement that she would now be the first Boston City Councilor to go to Congress. "You are now my Congresswoman and I'm proud to say that."

Councilor Frank Baker showed his appreciation for Pressley's partnership on different issues in Dorchester, and reminded her to continue doing the work she's been doing, hold her head up high and just be her.

Through tears, Councilor Janey said, "You've been unapologetic in your fight for Black people, in your fight for people of color, in your fight for immigrants, in your fight for women, in your fight for children, and it's been wonderful to see your evolution." She then joked with Pressley saying, "You're trading in the six leading ladies on the Council for your new squad," referring to Congresswomen-Elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib, who were present in the Council Chamber.

Councilor Essaibi-George continued the teasing, pointing at Ocasio-Cortez and Tlaib saying, "I don't like them. Watching all this on



At-Large City Councilor and now Congresswoman-elect Elect Ayanna Pressley

Twitter, and these girl photoshoots, thinking they have your back - no! We have your back!" She continued with, "We got to know each other and we developed this wonderful bond and this wonderful friendship. It is the greatest gift you have given me."

Councilor Edwards followed her leading ladies with, "The few moments where I think about the great ones or the ones who set legacy, I know that they are called many many names. You're officially Councilor Pressley, you are officially Congresswoman-Elect Pressley, you go by A.P for a lot of folks, for

me - you are the great destroyer of glass ceilings. You are the one that says, 'Why not us?' everywhere you go, and because of you I am, Kim is, Andrea is, Michelle is, this Body is - a better, more perfect body."

Councilor Flynn said, "We are proud of her. Proud of her legacy in supporting people that don't have a voice in government or in society - the poor, the homeless, the immigrant community and the hungry. I'm proud to call Councilor Pressley a friend. I know she will fight for all the residents of the districts and Com-

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the past when he and the Boston City Council successfully passed an ordinance requiring the company to repair any documented gas leak in the city when a utility or construction company was digging up an area where the gas leak could be accessed. National Grid successfully repealed the decision, but O'Malley said this highlights the need for more skilled workers on the ground, as many of the estimated 2,000 leaks in the City of Boston remain.

"This issue has many sides to it from the climate change implication of frequent and unsolved gas leaks made worse by the lack of skilled labor currently addressing them to the safety implications of the destruction of our energy workforce at this critical time to the importance of securing fair healthcare and retirement benefits to all workers," he said. "National Grid may believe that the gas leaks going unfixed during the lock-out are harmless, but every release of greenhouse gas adds up and the climate won't listen to excuses."

National Grid also cut off healthcare to its locked out workers, which in turn affects their families. O'Malley said he heard from workers that they are facing instances of late-stage cancer in their families and among their children, and though National Grid has stated it did not want the ratepayers and residents to pay for benefits through National Grid, many critics said residents will pay for it anyway under the Massachusetts Healthcare mandate.

"It is unconscionable what National Grid is doing," he said.

As of the date of publication, another bill related to the workers, House Bill 4988 has made it through the Massachusetts House of Representatives, but it is unclear as to whether or not the bill has the momentum to make it through the State Senate. The bill would require National Grid to immediately restore benefits to locked out workers.

Also during the meeting, At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu released the results of her Boston Youth Transportation Project. The report was the culmination of research undertaken by her office in the summer regarding how the Boston Public Schools determines its transportation policy, essentially examining which students have to walk to school, get an M7 MBTA pass, how students are transported with yellow buses and how those transportation routes are devised.

The report, for example, gave an estimated cost of what it would take to fund M7 bus passes, which give free rides on MBTA buses and subways to students within the city. Currently, the city gives these passes to students who live more than 2 miles from their school, but many students and residents have said this can be unfair to students who live less than two miles as the crow flies. The report also pointed out that any student with an M7 pass can travel throughout the MBTA network for free during the school year, creating two classes of students. To increase the total number of M7 passes to every student amounted to \$4.7 million, or 4.7 percent of the BPS transportation budget.

One of the major issues reviewed in the report was of student safety. Many students pointed out that if they have to walk home from school, sometimes they have to go through "shifty" or "shady" neighborhoods that make them feel unsafe. This forces them to take a longer route or take public transit, even if they cannot afford it.

Many students in the report expressed a desire to be able to bicycle through the city, but the lack of protected bike lanes makes this option seem unsafe to students. The plan recommends a more aggressive bike promotion policy than what is put forth in the Go Boston 2030 plan.

"The major areas that are exacerbating inequities across the city are affordability, reliability and safety of transportation and these are all issues that we in city government could do something about," Wu said.

Boston Renaissance Charter Public School Hosts Annual "Young Kings" and "First Ladies" Mentoring Breakfast



Dr. Olivia Slaughter, a Boston psychologist, did double-duty, mentoring two students - Keimoni Johnson (left), 5th grade and Chloe Calhoun, 3rd grade - during Boston Renaissance Charter Public School's Annual Young Kings and First Ladies Mentoring Breakfast.

COURTESY PHOTO

Community leaders from across the city were paired with students at the Boston Renaissance Charter Public School's Annual Young Kings and First Ladies Mentoring Breakfast.

The breakfast is an annual event that connects students ages eight to 11 with adults from the community for a morning of conversation about education, career paths, personal aspirations, and life's challenges. More than 80 guest mentors participated, including professionals in an array of fields such as health care, real estate, education, higher education, housing, communications, religion, art, music, law, and technology.

Roslindale Village as European Christmas Market



Hundreds came out for the annual Roslindale Holiday Market on Birch Street to have some fun and to highlight the local businesses there.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday night, Dec. 6, the third annual Holiday Market on Birch Street was held on a clear and chilly evening from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Roslindale Village

Organized by Roslindale Village Main Street (RVMS), the event featured live music, food and drink (in the courtyard behind Birch Street), and activities, as guests visited the shops on the pedestrian access (for the night) street and checked out the wares of the mostly local

vendors who had set up tables in the Emerald Society building.

"This is my favorite event," said Alia Hamada Forrest, who has helmed RVMS for the last three and a half years. "It's one that I was able to launch when I became the director."

Standing near the Main Street hot chocolate table in the courtyard as she greeted guests – many of which she knew – Forrest spoke more about the event and others like it that RVMS organizes throughout the year.

This one was put together in

conjunction with local businesses and inspired by the idea of one in particular. "Actually, Adam from the cheese shop [Adam Schutes from the Boston Cheese Cellar located at 18 Birch St.]..." Forrest said as she looked toward a table by the back door of the shop – where a woman was slicing from a wheel of cheese set up under a heat lamp – and continued, "This was his idea. He's from the UK and he said, 'In Europe, they have Christmas markets. We should have one

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BRIGHTON ALLSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 2019 HISTORICAL CALENDAR

The Brighton Allston Historical Calendar is for sale. These calendars can be purchased in Brighton at the following locations: The Winship Spa= 290 Washington St. Brighton Locksmith & Hardware Shop=383 Washington St Brighton Allston Heritage Museum = 20 Chestnut Hill Avenue St. Columbkille Rectory= 321 Market St. In addition, in front of the Brighton Post Office, Members of the Board will sell the calendars every Saturday morning between 11:15 AM and 12:15 PM

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HOLIDAY MEAL

Charlesview, Family Nurturing Center, EmPath, and Bridge Over Troubled Waters are working together to host another Holiday Meal event for families living in shelters in Allston and Brighton this holiday season. Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 pm at the Charlesview Fiorentino Community Center, 123 Antwerp St Extension, Brighton, MA 02135

How you can help: Contact Amelia at amelia.youngstrom@bostonabcd.org to bring a dish, donate a raffle prize, or volunteer during the meal! Or forward this information along to someone you think might like to participate. Please note: We are hoping to limit the amount of leftovers we have at the end of the night this year. For this reason, please try to sign up for a unique item. Be aware that I may contact you after signing up to assign a different item or suggest donating a raffle prize instead of a food item.

PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

Holiday Reception

Friends of the Brighton Branch Holiday Reception Friday December 14, 2018 2pm—5 pm Brighton Branch Library/ 40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032

Please stop by the Brighton Branch Library for coffee, juice or some pastry. Find out more about the Brighton Branch Library's friends group. Enjoy some conversation with other patrons of the library. Hope to see you there!

Book Discussion Group

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/ 40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am.

The featured selection for December 26th will be *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

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Two ESL conversation groups meet at the Brighton Library:: One on Monday evening at 6:15 pm; The other on Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617) 782-6032.

THE LAST DREAM: STORIES CREATED AND PERFORMED BY THE CHILDREN OF TPS

Friday, December 14, 2018, 7:00pm to 8:30pm Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston Join the Harvard Ed Portal, Comité TPS, and Boston Experimental Theatre for a performance of *The Last Dream: Stories Created and Performed by the Children of TPS*. The play fea-

tures the children of parents with Temporary Protected Status, a federal immigration status in danger of being canceled. The production is a dramatic representation of the struggles and joys of children of immigrants, including members of the Harvard community, and the pain of threat to one's way of life. <https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/last-dream>

HYDE PARK

TOT SHABBAT AT B'NAI TIKVAH

A TOT Shabbat at B'nai Tikvah, 1301 Washington Street, Canton, will take place on December 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents, parents, and other caregivers to bond with their precious little ones with an educational/spiritual/fun experience. Children of 18 months to four years accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend this program of games, stories, crafts, snacks, and more. The event is free and open to the public. For further information please call the temple office at 781-828-5250, or email Melissa Rudman, director@bnaitivkva.org, or Faye Sienkiewicz, Fruma51@gmail.com.

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ETHOS EVENTS

Falls Prevention Classes for Seniors

Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

Classes run for 8 weeks and include fun videos, group discussion, a safe surroundings survey, and mild exercise to increase strength and flexibility. It is offered at no charge. Those using a cane or walker will also benefit from this program – it

is a great class to help improve your balance and self-confidence.

Location: Blake Estates (Community Room), 1344 Hyde Park Ave. in Hyde Park Day and Time: Wednesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Class Dates: January 9th thru Feb. 27th 2019

Tai Chi Club for Seniors

Calling all former and current Tai Chi participants! New Tai Chi Clubs are about to begin. Tai Chi Club will run through the winter months. This is not Tai Chi instruction. It is a program for those who have taken the Tai Chi for Seniors workshop and would like to practice weekly with an instructor.

Location: BCYF Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River St. in Hyde Park Day and Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Start Date: January 8, 2019

For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglor@ethocare.org

JAMAICA PLAIN

JAMAICA PLAIN WINTER STARS HOLIDAY COMMUNITY CONCERT

Saturday, December 15 @ 11:00am at the Hope Central Church, 85 Seaverns Avenue, Jamaica Plain Featuring Jamaica Plain and Dorchester Kodaly Singing Classes and Training Choruses and introducing the Boston City Singers Carolers.

ETHOS EVENTS

Café Connections

NEW from Ethos! Combine a nutritious lunch with an informative and interactive workshop that also includes a simple exercise routine to stretch and strengthen. Learn how to eat well, control pain, begin an exercise program, handle stress and relax, and increase your energy level. Lunch and Workshop are offered at no charge. Anyone from any neighborhood may join in.

Location: Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road in Jamaica Plain Day and Time: Thursdays, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Class dates: January 31st thru March 7th, 2019 For more information or to register for this workshop



Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

2019 Ram – North Edition

Excitement was in the air as the 2019 Ram made its debut at the Automotion Garage in Middleboro, MA to the NEMP journalists. This was the first release of this full-size pickup. The North Edition is made for cold weather and mountain terrain, but rides smooth and can travel on almost any surface.

The all new Ram has lots of features unique to this edition. It starts as a basic Ram, then FCA lets the engineers do their magic. How about a factory 1-inch suspension lift electronic locking rear differential, severe snow rated, off-road Falcon tires specifically designed for the truck that add traction and off-road capabilities WITHOUT the loud road noise and crappy ride? Tow hooks and engine block heater are also standard equipment. The monochromatic paint scheme looks like that of an expensive import, covering the grille, bumpers, door handles, and mirror covers.

We all know what the snowbelt area brings to the table, and so does this new Ram. Heated seats and steering wheel, remote start, Uni connect 8.4-inch touchscreen, 12-way driver's seat with 4-position lumbar control, heated folding mirrors, front and rear park sense audible and visual warning system are all included.

Ram became separate from the Dodge brand in 2009 and has not looked back. Sales have increased in a very crowded market and continue to grow. First-time buyers cannot believe all that Ram offers.

Towing capacity on the 1500 ½ ton is 1270 lbs. The 2019 Ram also lost 225 lbs. while increasing stiffness. The interior seating is firm and comfortable. You do not need a college degree to operate all controls. The entry height has been lowered on some models and, with the four corner air suspension, lowering the vehicle is a push of the button. If you want a 12-inch touchscreen, no problem. Whether a two-door or four-door, V/8 or V/8 eTorque power are available options. (eTorque is an electric power adder to increase power while improving gas mileage.) There is no question that Ram is a very interesting truck. Ram has also made purchasing options easy with packages that will save money compared to articulate buying. If you are considering buying a new full-size pickup, the 2019 is a must see. My suggestion is a long road test in a Ram that does have some optional equipment and, if the four door is your interest, bring along the family on the test drive.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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here in Roslindale.”

The cheese table is doing a steady business, with a constant line of the curious and hungry stopping to observe and – more often than not – sample what’s on offer.

As Bissia Viglietta – Schutes’ wife and a physician by profession – explained it, raclette – the dish made of the melting cheese she scraped from the wheel under the heat lamp onto a small cardboard plate of mini potatoes and cornichons (tiny pickles) – is a typical dish in the Swiss Alps during the winter.

“It’s not my own tradition,” Viglietta cheerfully added as she explained that she comes from Rome, far from the mountains. Nonetheless, she admitted that she enjoys the dish. “Oh, yeah. Absolutely. During the winter, mainly. At home usually it’s less messy.”

Somebody else likes raclette, too. “This is why we’re here,” a customer says. “I’m so excited.” After a brief exchange with Viglietta regarding potatoes, she orders one before – after a momentary pause – making a seasonal reconsideration. “We might get two.”

Musical entertainment was provided by several groups: David Harrison of the Boston Imposters, the Roslindale Congregational Church Carolers, Tail Wag, and JP Honk.

Hailing from neighboring Jamaica Plain, JP Honk – a 14 piece street marching band – was making its second appearance at the Holiday Market, greeting commuters arriving on the 5:47 p.m. Needham train at Roslindale Village Station with Christmas carols (“You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch”), before moving out with a spiritual (“Down By The Riverside”) and arriving on Birch Street with a jazz standard (“Mercy, Mercy, Mercy”).

The two youngest players in the outfit are the Sanchez brothers: trumpeter Giovanni (11 years old) and sousaphonist Ezequiel (10 years old) and they start the band off on a quick march rendition of “The Second Line” as the crowd looks on, moving in place.

Their mom, Erica, is at the edge, and shares some of their back story. They’ve been playing with the band since they were 5 and 6 years old, and learned how to play under the older musicians’ guidance. Since then they have kept at it, learning and growing.

“They just like it,” the self-described “music mom” explains of her sons, as they blast and groove with the adults. “I think they’re very inspired by the band members.”

At the opposite end of Birch Street, the inside of the Emerald Society is warm, bright, and

crowded with vendors – most of whom can be found at the summer or winter farmers markets (also organized by RVMS) held in Adams Park.

Near the door, a man and woman wearing what look like Christmas wreaths on their heads hand out sample cups – from behind a row of bottles – of what turns out to be all natural drinking vinegars infused with whole fruit, botanicals, and sweetener and water.

As Bauman’s Best Botanical’s (www.baumansbest.com) owner Adam Bauman explained his vinegars, “they’re great on their own for gut health... but they’re very, very tasty.”

Bauman listed their many uses, including as a mixer with water or cocktails, a straight up drink, or as a salad dressing, among other things, and went on to describe another intended benefit. “They can have kind of a wake-up tonic or a mid-day stomach fix.”

Toward the center of the room, the Roslindale Soap Company has set up shop with Mimi Owens – 25 year resident of the neighborhood – the sole proprietor and soap maker.

Using mostly vegetable products, animal fat, and lye, Owens – through her extensive research into the science of soap making – began develop-



Residents sampled food, drink and soap as shown here.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

ing and testing her soap recipes on her family. “My kids were my guinea pigs,” she said of the developmental phase of her products, adding with a chuckle, “Sometimes they were really unhappy.”

Now in its fifth year, the Roslindale Soap Company (www.roslindalesoapcompany.com) offers – by Owens’ estimate – 20 different varieties of artisan soaps, with lemongrass her best seller, which her daughter-in-law, Cierra Morson-Owens also recommended.

In its tied bag, the scent is unmistakable. “The only way someone doesn’t like that soap

is if they don’t like lemons,” Owens adds. “It’s also one of my most successful recipes.”

Wandering from table to table, Deborah Galiga stops by to check out the soap and to comment on the Holiday Market, which she has attended each year since its inception:

“It gives a festive feeling to start the holiday season,” Galiga said, adding what Forrest would deem the mark of success. “It makes you feel good to see your neighbors. I’ve already seen many people that I know, which is why I like to do these Roslindale events.”



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FACES Gala celebrates Mayor Walsh in Fenway



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Winter Clothing Drive at Beth Shalom-Blue Hills

As part of its “Third Thursday Community Service Mitzvah Program,” Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills will again be assembling 75 bag lunches at the synagogue for Father Bill’s Place, a homeless shelter in Quincy, Mass. on Thursday, December 20th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. We will repeat this event on Thursday, Jan 17th, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM.

All members of the community are heartily invited to volunteer and participate in either or both of these two events,

helping to provide a meal for those in need in our communities. Father Bill’s has been helping our most vulnerable neighbors and friends who don’t have a home for over 30 years, serving individuals, veterans and families.

The Mitzvah Program of Cong. Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills, operating under the Jewish tenet that “doing good deeds is an obligation,” provides service to the community by both congregants and community members. It includes and welcomes other participants, including individuals, schools, houses of worship and community organizations.

To volunteer for the “Lunch Bag Assembly” or for more information about the synagogue’s “Third Thursday Community Service Mitzvah Program,” please call 617-698-3394, email office@BethShalomBlueHills.org, or visit www.BethShalomBlueHills.org.

The synagogue is located at 18 Shoolman Way (off Lodge Street) in Milton. There is no parking allowed on Lodge St. or Maitland St.

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longer live there, it will always be my home.”

After graduating from Wheelock College in 20011, Simmons became a counselor specializing in domestic violence at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She provided trauma informed clinical services to the families, professionals and community providers. Since 2007, Simmons has worked as a domestic violence specialist with the Department of Children and Families.

Simmons has channeled her counseling experiences into providing advice and support on her blog, entitled “Hormones and High Heels.” It can be accessed at <https://www.hormonesandhighheels.blog/>

“Three years ago, my friend and I were sitting on a beach in South Boston,” she said. “We were talking about different issues, and I wanted to bring about an awareness of them. That’s where the idea began.”

Simmons also has crafted clothing and other merchandise that accentuates this theme in a positive manner for women of all ages.

“A lot of women need dating and relationship advice, but they don’t have anyone to turn to,” she said. “And some of us older women need advice about things like hot flashes and other issues. The blog is a space where I can share my poetry, my life experience, my love and my joy.”

Attendees said they enjoyed the warmth of the women and the environment of the MAC.

“My aunt wrote the book, so I wanted to come out and support her,” said Tyrone Gonsalves of Plymouth. “I knew about the subject, but it was great to bring it down to younger kids so that they could understand it. I am very proud of what she has done.”

“It was great to be here and to support them,” said Serita Clarke of Hyde Park. “I never realized that the MAC was here. I just enrolled my daughter in a class.”

“This was a wonderful event,” said Erik Gehring, a MAC Board of Directors member and photographer. He said he was thrilled with the turnout.

“I met a lot of neighbors and some new faces,” he said. “We want to hold more events here and be a resource for the community.”

BFD Basketball *continued from page 1*



All six teams will be able to head out to the Auerbach Center free of charge thanks to the efforts of local donors, the BFD and the Dropkick Murphys.

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said. “We were looking at Northeastern or Boston College to let us use their gym and we ended up getting the Auerbach Center. It’s awesome, I’m sure the kids are really going to enjoy it. You’re playing a game on the same court where the Celtics practice and all the Celtics’ successes on the court start at the Auerbach, so it’s a big deal.”

Diaz said the couldn’t have done it without the support of the Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn and his fellow firefighters. He said he and the other coaches are looking forward to it.

“For me and all my guys working with me, it’s a big deal and they’re all really excited about it and I’m sure the kids are going to be excited about it too,” he said.

The Condon Community Center will be playing the Marshall Community Center in the final game of the year but before that game starts, the four teams not playing in the championship will get to play on the court during a scrimmage set up to start at 7 p.m.

“We just didn’t think it would be fair to just have the championship teams play at the Auerbach,” Diaz said. “So we’re having all the kids come out.”

Diaz and Smith started the league earlier this year as a way to connect local Boston Centers for Youth and Families Community Centers throughout the city. He said many kids in the city grow up never seeing past their own neighborhood or their own school and he wanted to give students the opportunity to broaden their horizons and make new friends. Diaz said they were successful in that goal.

“A lot of the kids at first would just show up play the

game and go home,” he said. “Now, they show up early and they say ‘hey, what’s up’ and they talk and I’m sure many of the kids have made lifelong friends. They get there early and get up on the bleachers talking and joking and stuff, and so that was really awesome to see and that was the intention of the league. We wanted to get the kids out of their own communities and get them mingling, and so that’s really positive and big as far as the league goal as a whole.”

Diaz said the kids have also shown great improvement in the sport itself.

“We had one team that was underachieving and they weren’t playing too well, but by the end of the season you could see they had really progressed,” he said.

The league relies on the community centers for transportation to and from games, and Diaz said they have had no issues so far and doesn’t expect any for the championship game.

“The guys from each community center, the coaches, they have been doing a really great job when it comes to getting the kids to and from the games,” he said. “We’ve spoken to them already and they are set to go.”

Diaz said as the year is ending, he and the league are looking into trying to offer other sports so the program can continue year-round. He said this is more difficult than finding the funds for basketball, however.

“It’s the plan for the future and I’ve looked into it, and if we’re going to do other sports, we’re going to need a lot more funding,” he said. “We’re also going to have to do a lot more recruiting. It’s pretty easy with basketball because those

kids are already going to the community centers to play all the time anyway. When it comes to something like football, that’s going to be harder to find a venue, get permission to use the venue, and get equipment.”

Diaz said despite the challenges, he still wants to see if he can expand the program.

“I don’t see it stopping me from trying,” he said.

Diaz said the league is currently going through the process to become an official 401c3 charity, and any help from the community anyone wants to give will be greatly appreciated and they can reach him at bfdcep@yahoo.com.

“All donations are welcome, big or small it will help a great deal,” he said. “I definitely want to thank Commissioner Finn, the Dropkick Murphys’ Claddagh Fund and Auerbach Center for supporting us, it’s been awesome.”

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Retail Marijuana *continued from page 1*



Site of the proposed cannabis dispensary at 401A and 405 Centre St. Patrons will enter from the entrance at the far right and go downstairs.

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in 1999 at 401A Centre Street in a string of brick stores owned by Mordecai Levin. When he raised the monthly rent from \$13,000 to \$24,000, Milky Way closed in 2008.

Arrasate introduced herself and explained that she was founder of one of the first medicinal cannabis cultivating and processing plants in Connecticut.

“We’re not proposing a medical, retail operation,” she said. “We really want to have an apothecary feel, to encourage a responsible cannabis community. That’s important to our corporate philosophy.”

Gerry O’Connor is a zoning committee member.

“Who owns this place?” he asked. “Where is the capital coming from?”

“People who live here are the owners,” said Arrasate. “Women and minorities are the owners

of the business; 100 percent of our investors are local with a commitment to the community. We want to have a local workforce.

“Boston has been slow to move on this,” she said. “There are not many dispensaries in the Boston area. But that is going to change. By the time we’re on line in two years there will be other dispensaries near us.”

“The old Milky Way location is below ground,” Arrasate said. “Six thousand square feet. We will be the biggest dispensary in Boston. But we really are interested in educating people about cannabis. I can’t say this enough.

“This [retail cannabis] is coming to the community; we want to be the team selected.”

Two other retail cannabis shops held community meetings that same week; 1292 Blue Hill Ave. in Mattapan on Dec 3 and

882 South St. in Roslindale on Dec 5.

Gonzalez explained that Core would fit into the community.

“This place was empty for years,” he said. “We settled on this, there’s a lot of parking. With the Milky Way not there, we fill a void.”

“We will have very little signage,” Gonzalez said. “A fortified door. Security is one of the first things we discussed with the captain at E-13. We’ll have police detail for the first six months.”

“You’ll have to be 21 to enter. There’s a greeter at the door. You’ll have to have your ID ready. Once you’re buzzed in, the dispensary technician—“the budtender”—will know what you want.

People were far more concerned about how customers will get to the dispensary than

what they will buy there. Traffic and parking concerns went back and forth for two hours.

Attorney Michael Ross was honest about the parking issue.

“Are we going to create a hazard here?” he asked. “There will be a lot of shock at the beginning. Crowds and traffic. We have Howard Stein Hudson to do traffic studies. Within a quarter mile there are 273 existing parking spaces. But we haven’t gauged what’s going to happen. Sometimes when you advertise parking people will drive.”

Ross said Core will offer T passes to employees, subsidize blue bikes and are considering a valet like Milky Way had.

Dan Linsky is the security consultant. He is a former Superintendent in Chief in the Boston Police Department, and is a security consultant for at least two other retail marijuana facility applications, one in Hyde Park and one in Brighton.

Linsky said he was in the undercover drug unit and the whole part of legalizing marijuana is that it takes it off the black market,

“There’s no mobsters selling it now,” he said. “Crime is down around these dispensaries.”

He said customers would have to sign a good neighbor policy.

“Customers are going to have to follow the rules,” he said. “No smoking outside. No resales. You break the rules, you’re no longer allowed back.”

Ross agreed.

“We don’t want to be a nuisance here,” he said. “We don’t want anyone to have a reason to shut us down. We’re like a bar or liquor store. No bad behavior allowed.”

Maura Toomey operates Center and Spring Acupuncture

nearby. She is very concerned about traffic, but is in favor of Core Empowerment.

“I’ll get stuck in traffic,” she said. “but I’ll be very happy to see the Mordy signs come down. And something will go in that empty business. I’m a business owner across the street. There are four or five establishments where I can go and get drunk. That’s why I’m not opposing this. But be honest. You’re not going to have a sign? Be up front. You’re selling pot.”

Support was strong. One neighbor said it up front.

“The biggest community benefit of all is you’re selling pot legally.”

Socrates Abreau is the owner of Chilacates Mexican Street Food.

“It’s good to see a Latino man up there,” he said. “I think it’s going to be a great situation. Parking is a problem all over JP.”

Christina is a Chestnut Avenue resident and a visiting nurse.

“The amount of doctors promoting this is incredible,” she said. “You’re finally making a clean product. It’s wonderful. You should be super proud.”

But Dave Baron, chair of the zoning committee, did not want to vote on the zoning variance.

“What is in it for JP?” he asked. “This is very important to me. Dispensaries [in Central Mass.] have made \$2 million in two weeks. This is a very big business. We’re hearing about this for the first time. What is your host agreement?”

Mainzer said that Core is committed to working with the neighborhood.

“We have seven letters of support from abutting businesses,” she said. “And over 100 signatures from local residents in support.”

“The host agreement is very confusing,” she admitted. “The city hasn’t made it very clear.”

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Dog Park *continued from page 1*

dog park somewhere in Allston Brighton. He said there are very few to no options for residents who can't or don't want to drive.

"I looked online, and there are about three to four local dog parks in the city," he said. "We're talking off-leash dog parks that are designated solely for dogs; no humans there and the dogs can't escape. So there's one in Honeywell on the Newton Brighton line, one in East Boston, one in South Boston and one in the North End."

Arena said he has been living in the city for more than a year after moving from Washington D.C. and, after participating in several community groups, including the Allston Civic Association (ACA), the Brighton Allston Civic Improvement Association and several Impact Advisory Groups, he started to see a trend.

"I started hearing three very clear groups in meetings about dogs or dog parks," he said. "There are people like me who are planning on spending the rest of their lives in this neighborhood, a group of renters who are transient but still care about the neighborhood, and those who don't want dogs pooping in the parks."

Arena said he currently has access to a private dog park at a local apartment complex one of his friends allows him to use. He said he and about 20 other people

were talking at this dog park and they all agreed it would be nice to have one for the public to use.

"I started a Google doc of people who are supportive of this, and we had about 20 people at the start," he said. "All of a sudden it started to snowball... (ACA President Anthony D'Isidoro) Tony was also gracious enough to give me five minutes to explain my reason that this is good for dog owners and non dog owners at the ACA. Basically, a lot of owners are forced to take their dogs to parks that weren't meant for dogs and you get a lot of bad interactions. So last week, Arena decided to start an online petition, and the support has been overwhelming.

"I got about 20 signatures at the ACA, and the petition has been out almost two weeks and it has more than 110 signatures now," he said.

Arena said he is hopeful, but he added he knows how much support he will actually need to get a new dog park funded and placed in the neighborhood.

"Realistically I understand that not a lot gets done with parks here," he said. "Parks is usually a pretty active group in a city and actually cares about things other than ballpark permitting. Harvard has expressed interest in getting involved, at least early on. I'm hopeful working with a private entity will be a little easier than working with (the Department of Conser-

vation and Recreation) and the Boston Parks Department because Parks is never going to get funding for it and DCR is never going to give funding."

Arena said despite this dour outlook for DCR, he and his advocates are looking at the site east of Herter Park on the north side of Soldiers Field Road. He said he feels it would be a perfect spot, since there is already a huge parking lot there, it's easy for pedestrians to access and there are already dogs on leashes in the area.

"The only issue I could see is that swath of land is always overrun by geese, and I think many people think they're worse than dogs," he said. "The problem is that's DCR land and I know DCR wants to get the geese out of there, and it's kind of like what do they hate more, dogs or geese?"

Arena said he knows there is a dog park on Mansfield Street that was built with help from State Rep. Kevin Honan, but he said the site was not built properly and has devolved from a dog park.

"It's more of like a poop park; it's not a place for a dog to play, it's a dog toilet," he said. "The thing is it's privately-owned and is not maintained. Kevin got the park built there but no one ever goes there because it's disgusting. It's got a rock coating that is hard to clean, unlike turf."

To sign the petition and find more information, go to <https://goo.gl/Cqbbht>

Last Meeting

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monwealth everyday. We could not have a better Congresswoman."

Causing much laughter in the Council Chamber, Councilor Zakim said, "Allow me to rise to be the first one to say I am thrilled that Councilor Pressley is leaving the Boston City Council and going to D.C and I will tell you why. For the first time in the five years that I've been on the City Council, I finally have a chance to be my wife's favorite City Councilor." He described Pressley as a trailblazer, advocate, champion, and as courageous, bold, fearless, gracious, generous, and persistent.

Gesturing to the photo of her mother that Pressley has brought with her to every Council session, Councilor Flaherty said, "We know how close you were to your mom and know that you continue to draw on her strength. The first person you will think of when you get sworn in will be your mom and her influence on you. Continue to do what you do, continue to advocate to the best of your ability, and keep remembering and listening to your mom and bring your mom to D.C."

Councilor Wu, "I am one of hundreds if not thousands of women, young people, candidates to [walk] in your footsteps, that you have opened the door for. I would not be sitting in this seat without your courage and conviction over your entire career."

Congresswoman-Elect Pressley closed her farewell speech paraphrasing an affirmation that she revisits daily, from "The President's Devotionals: The Daily Readings That Inspired President Obama," entitled "A Gentle Battle."

"Everyday we awaken to a gentle battle and we must decide if we will go in the direction of worry, of weariness, and indifference, or if we will go in the direction of joy, of peace, of equality, and justice. Of all the negotiations and decisions of our day, this gentle battle is the most important. As soldiers, in what direction will we march? How shall our minds be focused?"

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Date of Death: 12/23/2016 Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
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Edward C. Pearsall of Baltimore, MD requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Edward C. Pearsall of Baltimore, MD be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 27, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK DIVISION DOCKET NO.SU18P1689EA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LICENSE TO SELL REAL ESTATE BY A FOREIGN FIDUCIARY Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Date: December 3, 2018
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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU18P2244EA

Estate of: Ivan A. James Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
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Date of Death: 09/01/2018

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 4, 2018
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION DOCKET No.SU18P2328

The Evelyn E. Zippin Revocable Trust Suffolk Division

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
David Zippin, 2310 N. Keystone St., Burbank, CA 91504
requesting
The Petitioner requests the Court do the following:

1. Enter a decree ratifying and confirming the acts of EVELYN E. ZIPPIN (By BRUCE J. ZIPPIN as Attorney-in-Fact under a certain Durable General Power of Attorney dated November 21, 2006, and recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 45278, Page 19) and BRUCE J. ZIPPIN, in their capacity as Trustees of the Evelyn E. Zippin Revocable Trust, under Declaration of Trust dated November 21, 2006, in executing and delivering a certain Deed of real property dated July 23, 2009, and recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 45278, Page 15, as the free act and deed of both in their capacity as Trustees of the said Trust, and as a valid conveyance by them, in such capacity, of the real property described in the Deed and located at 15 Nottinghill Road, Brighton (Boston), Suffolk County, Massachusetts, to EVELYN E. ZIPPIN, and to all those claiming by, through, or under the said EVELYN E. ZIPPIN.
2. In the alternative, appoint Petitioner or some other suitable person as successor Trustee of the Trust, with authority either to (a) execute a confirmatory deed conveying the Property to EVELYN E. ZIPPIN and those claiming by, through and under her, nunc pro tunc to July 23, 2009, or (b) execute a confirmatory deed conveying the Property to BRUCE J. ZIPPIN and those claiming by, through and under him, nunc pro tunc to August 23, 2010.

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