

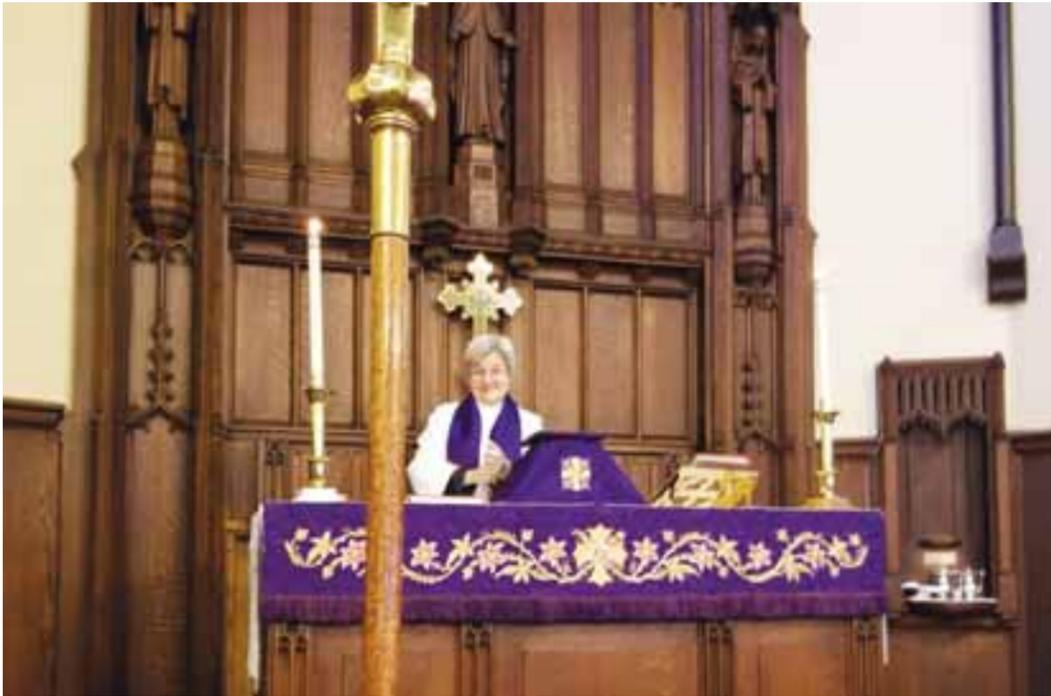
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Dr. Joyce Caggiano, Priest in Residence at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, West Roxbury, served Communion wearing gloves

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Parkway faith communities adjust to meet the pandemic threat

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, March 12 Fr. John R. Carroll, administrator at St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church in West Roxbury, felt he was well prepared to keep his congregation safe from the COVID-19 virus. Hand sanitizing dispensers are installed in the walls. Cleaning personnel had been diligent in wiping down pews, handrails, and doors every night. Carroll had also made changes to

the Mass. “Communion now is just in the hand, not on the tongue. Wine is just for the priest. There is no shaking of hands. People can nod or wave.” He remained positive about meeting the challenges. “You have to go along with things as you see it. One of the things we don’t do is panic. You have to deal with it in a rational way.”

By the next day, Friday March 13, Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley suspended all daily and Sunday Masses and religious services in the Archdiocese of Boston. Though ser-

vices were no longer being offered, Carroll still plans to meet with people and is providing his cell number to those who need to talk.

It is a scene being repeated throughout the West Roxbury/Roslindale community, Boston, the Commonwealth, and the nation, as faith communities grapple with the realities of the pandemic. What seemed to be an effective response to keeping worshippers safe one day was

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Architect Tim Johnson describes his four-story building at 3305 Washington Street to the JP zoning committee which approved it. The Zoning Board of Appeals did not.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Housing deferred, extended and approved

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

It’s a rough and rocky road to get to the building permit on Washington Street.

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals on March 10 kicked one project back to the drafting table, gave a two year extension to another larger project that began four years ago and allowed a two month deferral to a third project that’s still wrestling with the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association.

The only good news was

that the board unanimously approved 3368 Washington St. (Pine Street supportive housing) but even that had a wrinkle.

The excitement was all behind the scenes with 10 Stonley Road, the 46-unit rental building proposed by Brooksted LLC.

ZBA chairwoman Christine Araujo opened the meeting with a lecture about deferrals.

“Don’t defer without careful thought,” she said. “Be really careful; make every effort to meet the dates.”

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Insight moves into Tierney Realty

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

No, Patricia Tierney is not stepping back from her role in either the real estate community or the Hyde Park community, she’s just taking an administrative step back.

“Myself and the whole team is staying on,” she said, “the Tierney Realty Team. I came and everyone came. But from now on the name Tierney Realty will only be a name within the Insight Group. In real estate, you have different

people come together and create teams, and so under the Insight logo and banner we have the Tierney group. It is hard to describe.”

The company name will be changing, but the people in Tierney Realty will stay the same. Tierney said she’s happy to step back and leave the management to Insight.

“I gave up all the managing, Insight is the real estate office here and Tierney Real Estate

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Dozens of residents came out to support Pat Tierney and the merger between her real estate group with Insight Realty last week.

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The first meeting of the Black and Brown Bookclub of Boston took place recently in Hyde Park at the Menino Arts Center.

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MAC hosts Black & Brown Bookclub of Boston

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Seven African American authors combined their stories and strengths into a four-hour forum of different genres at the Menino Art Center (MAC) on Sun., March 8 at the first Black & Brown Bookclub of Boston (BBB) Popup Event.

The event was the inspiration of author B. Marie, who has written two children's books about the Tulsa massacre, which killed 300 people. She partnered with children's

author Delanda Coleman, who she met on a Facebook authors' group in November, to bring this event to fruition.

"We thought that this was a good way to get our books into the hands of our people," B. Marie said.

"We have really big aspirations," said Coleman, who co-authored two children's books she later presented with her husband, Terrence. She noted that publishing is driven by an industry that is 80 percent white, and it is hard to find books that feature characters of

color written by people of other races. For children's books, there are only 10 percent that feature protagonists of color.

"We think it's really super important to have books that represent characters of color," she said. "This is for the benefit of all children, because it helps build empathy and it helps reflect a world that they're all being a part of."

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Arroyo wants racism to be labeled an emergency

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo called for a hearing during the regular Boston City Council meeting to determine how racism could be more effectively combated if the city labeled it as a public health emergency.



District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo

“According to the American Academy of Pediatricians, racism continues to undermine the health of children, adults and families,” he said. “The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) has stated that racism has an independent influence of all social determinants of health and racism in and of itself, has an impact on health. Institutions, systems and processes are created and are responsible for their results. Justice here requires acknowledging that these systems and processes are responsible for the racial inequities they create and that they worsen. It requires acknowledgment that racism was built into their creation and intentionally or unintentionally, and it continues to have an impact today.”

Arroyo, in addition to calling racism a public health crisis, wants to create an independent office to assess the racial impact of all City of Boston policies before they are implemented.

“To ensure that everything we do at a municipal is done through a racial equity lens,” he said.

Arroyo said the BPHC has stated that black and Latino Bostonians rank at the bottom of every single health outcome in Boston, which include life expediency, infant mortality, heart disease, diabetes and asthma. He said not including the influence of systemic racism in health outcomes has another detrimental effect on people of color.

“It creates a narrative, a narrative that suggests people of color, most especially black and Latino people of color are inherently broken,” he said. “Justice requires we hold the driving force of those inequities accountable.”

Arroyo said that Milwaukee, Madison and Pittsburgh have declared racism a public health crisis to help proactively combat and

eradicate systemic racism in their cities.

“We have literally the ability to subtract years off the lives of people of color in the City of Boston,” he said. “That is why we must make sure that racial equity is at the forefront of everything that we do.”

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell said she supports the measure and felt that this was a concrete idea to address “the very issue.”

“The office that you’re talking about, that really could in an independent way to look at everything we do, not only in this body but also in the administration, to go through a robust process to determine whether or not that policy, legislation or regulation is having a disproportionate impact on communities of color; is it expanding or increasing inequities or decreasing them is essential, otherwise why are we here?” she said.

At-Large City Councilor Julia Mejia said overcoming those systemic problems will be a huge lift for the council and this potential new office.

“Having survived the Busing Era here in the City of Boston and understanding the deep-rooted racism that exists and the hate, my hope is that as we explore this, that we consider this conversation around unity and recognizing that we need a lot of healing in the City of Boston and if we’re going to have a conversation around race, that we need to center it around the fact that we need to build bridges and bring people across our differences, no matter whether we live in West Roxbury or Roxbury; at the end of the day we’re all struggling.”

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu said this hearing item would allow for dozens of different sub topics around health and race to be tackled under this one large umbrella.



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Editorial

Think of the babies!

These are trying times, of this there is no doubt. This pandemic will surely be one of the great tests of our national resolve. People will die and there is going to be, at best, a recession of our economy, if not an outright damnable depression. Americans will more than likely experience hardships the likes of which most of us have only read about in newspapers or watched on the nightly news. The only question left is whether or not the United States of America has the backbone to persevere.

Okay, now that that's out of the way, it's time to lighten up!

This newspaper has no doubt that not only will this greatest country on earth come through this bent but not broken; we will actually grow stronger. All of us will, through intense introspection, discover what we are made of. The joke currently making its way through social media (God, we hate that term) is that the Coronavirus will forever be known as the "Boomer Remover". Man is that cold, huh? Well, this boomer thinks our time to shine is now. Some within our ranks will be among the casualties, of that you can take to the bank (unlike your paychecks) but it will be the boomers who will lead by example. Our responsibility is not only to make sure the final days of the Greatest Generation are as comfortable as possible, but to demonstrate to Gen Xers, Millennials and Gen Z that we're not ready just yet to sink down into our recliners and pull the blankets over our heads, well not until at least 7 p.m. anyway. We may not be able to answer the first responder calls like we used to, but if we can't be directly on the front lines, minimally we will make sure those answering those calls have all the support they need.

How? By sucking it up and stop lamenting about every little thing. So what if we can't buy toilet paper. Improvise. Not throwing away those mismatched socks doesn't seem so hoardish now does it? And for those disgusted by this weekly rag, well now it really is worth the paper it's printed on! We will have Gen Xers' backs when the times get tough, both monetarily and psychologically, because they will most certainly need their moms and dads during these darkest hours, perhaps more than ever. Boomers' contributions to this cause may not be primarily on the front lines, but significant those contributions will be.

And to the Gen Xers? Your job is to be the muscle, to do the heavy lifting. You need to take care of those boomers who can't take care of themselves. But most of all, you need to make babies! That's right, by next December and January we boomers want to be awash in babies. How do you think boomers got their moniker? Let's face it, if you're quarantined there is only so much video gaming and Netflix binge watching you can do. Just shut off the TV and put on a little Barry White (don't laugh, the man is a procreative icon) and do your part to Keep America Great! (sorry, didn't mean to spoil the mood).

And to the Millennials, your job is to stay in your safe spaces and, whatever you do, DO NOT make any babies! You guys are simply not ready. More to the point, your parents and grandparents are not ready. The good news is that all competitive activities have been suspended, meaning all the manufacturing efforts currently directed at building your participation trophies can be repurposed toward more useful efforts, like getting a jump start on building all the nursing homes you're group is going to require by the time you turn 30.

The next year is gonna be rough, but we will get through this. We always do...

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Letters to the Editor

NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

To the Editor:

If you have been to either Star or Roche Bros recently, you know most of us have gone over the cliff when it comes to fear and panic. We need to stay in control. The novel coronavirus is an existential threat to the entire world. We have had the coronavirus around for a long time but I believe it crossed over at that market in Wuhan, China where different exotic animals, really not meant for human beings, were all placed together and then sold to folks who like eating

things like bats. Still can't wrap my head around that horrible idea of Bat Burgers UGH!!!

Hopefully as warmer weather arrives this virus will start dying off; meanwhile we'll keep trying to find a vaccine to stop it cold. I compare today with the Spanish Flu of 1918-19 or to the Polio Epidemic of 1953-54 when I was a small child. Folks like my parents feared the polio was quite catchable and parents were quite fearful without trying to show us their fears. I remember that shallow pool at the Prado in the North End. Kids use to play in it but not

during the polio scare. I remember lining up at St. Anthony's School to get the Salk vaccine shot in the arm. I remember in 1958 getting the Sabin Oral Vaccine too, lining up for a Dixie Cup drink.

This coronavirus too shall pass but we still don't know when. We must make the best of it. Don't panic. Don't travel in large crowds. Keep an abundance of caution with you at all times.

Finally, remember, it's not the end of the world. We can get through this.

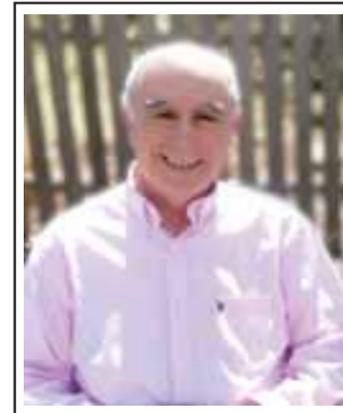
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Not as famous as D-Day

In years—nay, decades—to come, March will be remembered as the first month American citizenry hunkered down to avoid and, worse, fight the coronavirus. March 13 will also be recalled as the date on which the president declared the country's 61st national emergency.

Considering the present and looking at the past, March 24th is not a famous March date around Boston. The 17th is much heralded because of St. Patrick's Day and, more important historically, Evacuation Day, when the British packed it in and left Boston for good. We Americans frequently do not know what it means to have our community occupied by enemy forces, but most of the world knows that feeling of foreign occupation.

The movie "The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming!" is a fictitious account—and comical at that—of the Russians landing on Martha's Vineyard. Except for Attu in the Aleutians, perhaps no other American community has had opposition occupy our homeland. In our imagination we can envision the excitement of Bostonians in 1776 observing the British warships depart from our city after living here for a while, possibly giving rise to the Third Amendment within the Bill of Rights, which places restrictions on the quartering of soldiers in private homes without the owner's consent (The



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amendment was a response to the Quartering Acts passed by the British parliament during the buildup to the Revolutionary War, which had permitted the British army to lodge soldiers in private homes.)

December 7, June 6, August 6, and August 9 are dates with which hopefully all high school seniors are familiar as they relate to World War II. March 24, 1945, is a date that is not stressed or even taught, but it marks the day that the largest single-day airborne drop ever occurred.

Code named Operation Varsity, the push across the Rhine River took only 4 hours to land almost 20,000 Allied soldiers, most of them American from the 17th Airborne Division. Almost 1600 transports, 1300 gliders, and 240 B-

24's delivered the soldiers and 133 howitzers and 1800 tons of ammunitions as well as medical supplies, gasoline, and communication equipment.

We here in Boston were staggered by the amount of people killed and hurt in the Marathon bombing, but the numbers pale beside those who perished on March 24: 430 from the 17th Airborne, 347 from a British airborne unit, 73 American and British glider pilots died as well as 16 medics. The Eighth Air Force lost 109 bomber personnel, the RAF 23, and power air crews of our (Army) Air Force lost 41 with four times that missing in action.

Not all casualties resulted from ground action, which resulted in 3000 Nazi prisoners of war: transportation in gliders was fraught with danger. Moreover, the drops from Liberators had to be from a somewhat low altitude, subjecting the planes to deadly anti-aircraft fire.

Congratulations to any ball players who during this seemingly abbreviated school year made the varsity teams of any sport in their high school. But to those remaining, aging World War II paratroopers, the word "varsity" has a different meaning: Operation Varsity conjures images of America's (and Britain's) painful push to quash Nazi superiority. May our medical people do the same to quash the coronavirus.

Herbert D.J. Hassell to be honored

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

District 5 Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo called for the creation of a Hero Square at last week's regular City Council meeting at the corner of West Street and Hyde Park Avenue commemorating Private First Class Herbert D.J. Hassell for his service to the United States during World War II.

"Private First Class Hassell and his family have long roots in Hyde Park. He was born there as was his brother and lived there until his passing in 2018," Arroyo said. "Both served in World War II, and Pvt. First Class Herbert D.J. Hassell unfortunately made the ultimate sacrifice and was

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COVID-19 affecting local Parkway businesses

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COVID-19 Affecting Local Parkway Businesses

By Ariane Komyati

The effects of COVID-19 Coronavirus are being felt throughout the entire world, but the effects are starting to hit closer to home for many Boston residents. As of Mar. 15, there were 164 cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, 45 of which were confirmed, 119 of which were presumptive positive cases (Source: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring>).

On Sunday, Mar. 15, Gov. Baker announced statewide restrictions in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus. This includes gatherings with more than 25 people are prohibited (this does not apply to grocery stores and pharmacies) and restaurants, bars and establishments cannot permit onsite consumption. Food is to be consumed through take-out and delivery only. Local officials, such as District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley, are encouraging people to support their local restaurants by buying a gift

card or ordering takeout.

These measures are necessary to help slow the spread of COVID-19, but many local Parkway restaurants and local businesses are afraid of how this will affect their business and employees in the long and short term.

Tony Bligh, over at the Corrib Pub on Centre Street, said it's been a tough time to be an Irish Pub on Saint Patrick's Day weekend.

"It definitely hurts and it couldn't have happened at a worse time for our business and staff on St. Patty's Day," he said.

The Greek International Food Market at 5204 Washington St. announced they have essential food items in stock and have increased their offerings from international foods to every day staple items as well.

"We are all in this crisis together, and we want to help our neighbors," said Katerina Iliades, owner. "Their lives may be disrupted, but they can still enjoy the foods they love. These include many Mediterranean Diet staples that are not only delicious but may improve everyday health and wellness."

Iliades said they will be in-



Businesses all around the neighborhood are being affected differently based on the type of business they do.

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creasing or bringing in for the first time more produce like eggplant or cucumbers and tomatoes, fresh breads, dairy and juice and more cleaning supplies.

Insight Realty Partner Mike Maguire said so far there hasn't been a drop in their business in West Roxbury or Hyde Park. He said since Friday, they have closed on six properties, which is a good half week for that business, but he said regardless they are taking precautions.

Gary's Liquors, located on the VFW Parkway, has been open for 78 years and last week owner Gary Park says he has never seen anything quite like this affect business.

"It definitely hasn't hit us yet but it's going to be very fluid moving forward," he said.

He added that for house

showings and open houses, they are keeping each tour to a one-on-one basis as much as possible. He said all sellers will be asked to keep all closets, cabinets and doors open for showings to eliminate the need for potential buyers to touch anything, and all sellers will be sanitizing their properties as much as possible before and after showings. He said they are also utilizing Matterport cameras, which allow for a full three-dimensional walk through of a property without having to actually go there. He said he hopes potential buyers will look through those first and pick homes they are really interested in to reduce the number of showings they have.

"We want people to make sure it's something they're really interested in before they go out

for a physical appointment," he said.

"The initial effects have been financially positive. People are bulk buying and preparing for the worst. I have to say I have never been so sad, and felt so bad to be this busy. Usually when we are busy it's because people are getting ready to celebrate and have a good time. We are excited, our employees are pumped up for a big event or holiday, we prepare and execute our sales plan and all usually goes well. We have not experienced anything like this, even during 9/11. This is similar yet different. I think then we went from shock to great sadness, then fear, then anger. Right now there is still such a strong feeling of fear and angst. Will it get worse? How bad will it get? Who will

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works within the office and the community,” she said, adding that her capacity as a volunteer and supporter of the arts through various community organizations and events will be increasing. “I will continue to do everything I have been doing, just far less management.”

About 30 people gathered at the office on Fairmount Avenue to celebrate Tierney’s accomplishments and commitment to the community as well as the opening of Insight’s new location.

“I’m so happy and thrilled, I think it’s wonderful,” she said. “It’s a big change, but change is opportunity, they say, and I think it’s going to be good for the neighborhood too. These guys are really high tech, they do drones, they do their own photography and staging all within the company. In the past I had to get that from other sources.”

Insight’s Michael Maguire said the company has traditionally served West Roxbury and Roslindale, but was looking to make a change and approached Tierney.

“We had always wanted to go to Hyde Park, and Pat’s a legend, a true pioneer in the business and we’ve always respected each other,” he said. “We have similar businesses, we’re both independent boutique-type of offices, and we give back. We’re really involved in the community. And so we approached Pat, and it was just the perfect time for us to take over, keep her on board and grow the business.”

Insight Partner Kris

MacDonald said he has been working with Maguire for the better part of two decades, and said they’re ready to come to Hyde Park, where the area is great for those looking to come to Boston.

“A lot of people who were looking in Roslindale and West Roxbury are looking in this direction,” he said. “I’ve chatted with some developers who have some stuff planned in the area. They might be in the early stages where they’re going to shoot for the moon with 90

units and realize they’re going to get 20, but change will be good for everyone”

MacDonald said they have completely renovated the office in three weeks.

“It all came together pretty quickly and nicely,” he said.

Several residents said they came out to support Tierney and Insight. One, who didn’t wish to be identified said, “I’m very good friends with Mike Maguire and Insight. I’m a native Hyde Park resident and I’ve known Mike for years,” he said. “It’s awesome, I was just in here three or four months ago and it came out really, really nice.”



Residents took a tour through the newly-renovated office of Insight Realty that will be working with Tierney’s group.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN CARR

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abandoned the next day and replaced with the unthinkable—the necessity to suspend religious services indefinitely.

On March 12, Rabbi Barbara Penzner, of Temple Hillel B’Nai Torah in West Roxbury, along with a task force composed of medical and public health members and others, unanimously agreed to cease all in-person gatherings at the temple building for the 30 days. This includes all religious services and the Hebrew School. Penzner said that the decision came quickly. “The way to stem the virus is by flattening the curve and stop contact with people.” She emphasized that the offices remain open, the staff present by phone and in person, under safe conditions, and digital services are being explored. Reaction from the

congregation, she said, has been positive. “All the feedback has been supportive and loving.”

After March 8, the Rev. Dr. Joyce Caggiano, Priest in Residence at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, West Roxbury, had instituted hand-sanitizers, cleaning pews, doorknobs, before and after services. She had been distributing communion wearing gloves. On March 12, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts established strict guidelines for those wishing to continue services and supported those parishes who chose to suspend them. “We offered a bare-bone, no choir, no music, service on Sunday, March 15 with no coffee hour,” said Caggiano. She then suspended services for the foreseeable future. Streaming services and other options are being considered.

“Most of our parishioners are grateful for the care we are showing them. If we are cautious now, then the peak of the virus will flatten out and create better resources for those who are sick, especially for the elderly.”

The Rev. Dr. Jean Halligan Vandergrift, Interim Pastor at Roslindale Congregational Church, UCC had a more complicated decision to make, as the church’s annual meeting was scheduled for Sunday, March 15 when officers of the church are elected and important business is conducted. “Two Sundays ago, we were more conscious in our peace. We were giving alternatives—the peace sign, or a prayer sign, fist bump, or bow,” Vandergrift said. For March 15 her plan was to have all congregants remain in the pews for a moment of peace, looks, bows, smiles, or a peace sign and to sit apart. By Friday, March 13, those issues became moot. “We decided to cancel today’s (March 15) worship service and next Sunday’s, at least. We’re using and exploring alternative ways of meeting and connecting electronically and virtually.” Vandergrift noted the paradox of the situation.

“When caring means keeping a distance from each other, that is the irony. You gather and you scatter out into the world with good news. How do we scatter in the world these next two weeks?”

Pastor Seth Fortier at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church, West Roxbury had also instituted best practices of hand sanitizers and individual cups for grape juice (wine is not used) on March 8. By the end of the week he had been instructed through the Methodist regional district to follow what the school district is doing. “I will not be having in person worship starting next week (March 16). I already have a free conference call account I use for the prayer meeting I have on Thursday, so I will be using that. The worship service will change as far as order goes but we will see what happens.”

The suspension of worship services has been difficult for clergy and worshipers alike. The overwhelming consensus, however, was that it was critical to do, and that faith will sustain them. As Vandergrift remarked, “God is working for the good in this circumstance and change. What opportunity is this giving us?”



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HPNA considers 11 Dana Ave. action

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The saga of 11 Dana Ave. reached the breaking point at the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) meeting Thurs., March 5, which was attended by more than 40 people.

Craig Martin updated the group that a building permit had been issued on Feb. 25 for the three-story mixed use development off of Hyde Park Ave. at the Hyde Park commuter rail station.

“The 11 Dana Ave. topic has come to a climax,” he said. “We’re appealing it. This is the Building Commissioner’s decision that it’s worthy of a builder’s permit. Our feeling is that the Building Commissioner erred – and certainly it’s an easy thing to prove - and therefore, it has to go to and pass through the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeal) to review it.”

Abutter Ralph Rosati is filing the appeal to the ZBA, and Martin asked the HPNA to vote to join in support of it, as well as to contribute toward the fee for the application cost. He asked for a vote of commitment from members to contribute money toward the appeal cost, which was approved. The sum was not determined at that time.

“I think it would help all of

Hyde Park, not just us,” said Vice President Ralph Cotelleso, who acted as president in the absence of Jim Kirker, who is on vacation.

The permit was issued on Feb. 25, according to Lindsay Mercier, Head Clerk at the Commissioner’s Office at the Inspectional Services Department (ISD). It was granted after a violation notice had been issued on Jan. 23, when the developer installed concrete forms on the project without a permit. Although it was previously stated that ISD had issued a fine, Mercier, in an email to the Bulletin, said “a fine was not issued for this property by the Inspectional Services Department.”

Martin explained that Rosati himself has to go to 1010 Massachusetts Ave to file the appeal, which would include a statement as to why he feels the ISD was wrong in granting the permit, as well as a copy of the building permit.

One of the main contentions of the 11 Dana Ave. proposal is what the plans say is a basement. A basement must be more than 35 percent below grade, but the area is only four feet below grade. The HPNA asserts it is technically part of the first floor. First-floor parking is forbidden in a Neighborhood Shopping-2 district (NS-2). In



Recently, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association updated the community of the continuing debate over the proposed project at 11 Dana Ave.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

an NS-2 district, only commercial development is allowed on the first floor.

Martin said that he has an email to Kirker from ISD representative Kim Thai-Durrigan, who appeared before the HPNA several months before, proving HPNA’s point.

“We’ve got her admitting in writing that that basement is actually part of the first floor, so it’s 14 feet of first floor,” Martin said. “Parking is forbidden on the first floor. It’s that simple. I have no problem believing that the ZBA has to acknowledge that when we have this all in cement for them that they’ll recognize that this

should go before them again with variances.”

The group never has gotten to the point of deciding if the building is a good project because it has spent its energy on fighting the developer’s claim that the project is “as of right,” he noted.

A surprise came when local contractor Mario Mejia, president of Boston Carpentry, asked questions. He grew up in one of the apartments in 11 Dana Ave. and specializes in framing. “The developer called me and asked me to bid the project, and I’ve been selected to build it,” he said. “But then I heard there was some controversy and read a

couple of articles. I figured I would come over here and see what the issue is.

“My fear is, if you guys are going to oppose it or shut it down, I don’t want to be left out in the cold,” he continued, asking if there was common ground. “It hurts small subs like me, who’s local.”

Bryan Flynn, the Hyde Park liaison for the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, addressed the group. He said he spoke to Mayor Marty Walsh about the issue that morning and also wrote a memo to him containing information from an

HPNA

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Stop and Frisk *continued from page 4*

killed in action at the Battle of Normandy.”

Arroyo said his family is still in the neighborhood, and his great nephew still lives in the family’s house on West Street. He said Hassell served with Company E of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division during the war. He was killed in action on June 6, 1944 in France. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge as well.

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell introduced an informational order for documents related to the Boston Police Department’s (BPD) field interrogation and observation policy as well as the field interrogation and observation data from 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

“Also known as Stop and Frisk,” she said. “This data was

previously released in 2017, the 2016 data, and back in 2015, amid a conversation around stop and frisk policies and the disproportionate impact it has on communities of color, the administration agreed to release this data. So I’m following up to ensure that it gets released. There have been numerous public records requests, not only from folks from media outlets, but also civil rights organizations and those requests have not been fulfilled.”

At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George also called for a hearing during the meeting to assess the feasibility of either increasing the capacity of the current office or the possibility of building and staffing an additional Boston Police Department (BPD) Forensics Crime Lab.

“The Criminal Justice Reform Bill had important provi-

sions that require rape kits to be processed within 30 days, and while this is a huge step in the right direction for survivors, it’s a big ask for our crime lab, which is already under-resourced and has insufficient space to meet their current caseload efficiently,” she said. “This hearing will give the BPD a chance to share what it is they need to meet their capacity and demands. I do want to note that our crime lab is highly-accredited and seen as the model for crime labs. But we do need to make sure that they have the capacity and ability to do the work they need to do, both on the rape kit front but also on unsolved homicides.”

The BPD announced it has since released all informatino publicly at bpdnews.com/news/2020/3/13/boston-police-department-releases-latest-field-interrogation-observation-data

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Helen Peterson McCloskey
Soloist

Businesses *continued from page 5*

get sick? How sick will they get? What will the economic impact be on our families, friends, and neighbors? I wish I knew, and for that matter I wish any of our officials knew,” Park stated. “We are scrubbing and sanitizing everything in the store that comes into contact with your skin. Shopping carts, door handles, key pads on the credit card terminals, counters and more. We have gloves if our employees feel more comfortable wearing them. So far my staff has been amazing. They are focused and working unexpectedly hard right now.”

Gary’s Liquors is also reaching out to the community to help anyone struggling or in need. “We know that many children rely on schools for meals, and many schools are closed or in the process of closing. Please contact me at gary@garysliquors.com,” the business posted on social media last week.

Many local small restaurants and cafes are updating their customers via social media. Recreo Coffee & Roasterie, located on

Centre St., is remaining open and updating their customers on Facebook: “We are intensifying some Health Department procedures already in place and establishing others to avoid or minimize the risk of spread and contamination of the virus. Although we are aware that some of these steps could create a bit of inconvenience in your daily coffee routine, we believe it is for the safety of us all.

Bonapita, located on Spring St., is offering 10% off online delivery or pick-up orders.

Other local Parkway businesses, such as small stores, are also feeling the pressure of COVID-19. “This is my 20th year of shopkeeping over the years I have watched, from my front windows, a change in the neighborhood, our traffic both foot and car traffic and over the years I have watched with delight the growth of our sweet neighborhood. In the past two weeks or a bit longer...once the seriousness of a possible pandemic arrived...retail on our little street has slowed to a near standstill. I understand why but as a

shop owner who has invested both money and time into creating this shop it is painful to experience. I may well close the shop for a short period of time until this virus plays out, that is a decision yet to be made. I expected the city to determine a retail pause but that also is yet to come. I believe we are, as small retailers, left to our own devices and decisions. I want both my elderly self and my wonderful clients to remain virus free which I suspect may require a self imposed quarantine,” stated Joanna Rossman, the owner of Purveyor of the Unnecessary & the Irresistible, located on Birch St.

On Mar. 14, the Parkway YMCA announced they would be “closing its fitness facilities on Monday and will focus only on food distribution and essential programs for youth.” The closing began on Mar. 16 and will remain closed until further notice.

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/>.

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PLAY TO ACHIEVE

Housing *continued from page 1*

However, the attorney for Brooksted LLC gave no reason and was not asked for one when the board gave his client an extension until May 19.

The zoning board was clearly briefed beforehand because this change was abrupt; up until Thursday March 5 the agenda had 10 Stonley scheduled for a vote.

According to Jennifer Uhrhane at the March 10 SNA meeting, it was deferred on Friday.

JP Neighborhood Services liaison Lindsay Santana confirmed to Uhrhane that she talked with Jay Walsh, the Brooksted consultant, and he agreed to defer.

Uhrhane briefed the SNA at its March meeting,

“There’s been a big flurry of communication,” she said, “between Councilor O’Malley’s office and the BPDA. George Lee of Keepit100Egleston has been working on the sticking point of reducing the number of units while maximizing the affordability percentages for a lower number of affordable units.”

“There’s been a lot of pressure and last week, on Friday, George Lee- who is really good at figuring this out- came up with two scenarios, four to five affordable or nine.”

Uhrhane said the back and forth with the mayor’s office was to ask the developer to defer.

“Our hope is that the affordability calculation will now work,” she said. “It’s a huge deal for a deferral.”

Brooksted LLC disagreed with this explanation.

“Jennifer is not accurate,” Matt Zahler of Brooksted told The Bulletin the next day.

His partner Jeff Glew added later that the information was incorrect.

“We have not given SNA or any other group any indication that a smaller project is feasible,” he said. “In fact a smaller project would not be feasible.”

“The decision to defer was made not to decrease the number of affordable units but rather to accommodate a scheduling conflict that could not be avoided.”

The Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services did not respond to a request for clarification.

The March 10 ZBA hearing opened with a major change for one of the most controversial developments on the corridor, 3353 Washington Street/211 Green Street proposed by Boston Community Ventures.

Attorney Mike Ross asked for and received a two-year extension of the zoning approval granted on May 9, 2017.

The six-story 45-unit building burst on the Washington St corridor at a rambunctious BPDA Article 80 meeting held

on April 28, 2016.

Although public opposition was fierce, it received BPDA and zoning approvals but was stalled by an abutter’s lawsuit for well over a year before being dismissed in favor of BCV in September, 2018.

Ross explained the reason for the extension was the lawsuit.

“Since the suit ended in August 2018, we’re now just picking up the pieces,” he said. The board gave an extension until May 2021.

Marie Mercurio has been the project manager of BCV since March 2019 and she explained what those pieces were to The Bulletin the next day; the time spent on the lawsuit saw construction costs increase to over \$100 per square foot.

“We offered up to 18 percent affordability, six at 50 percent and two at 70 percent and then watched the rents decrease at 3200 Washington Street,” she said. “They’re giving away 1-2 free rent concessions, larger units aren’t renting. We need good rents to pay off the cost of construction and subsidization of the affordable units. Our project as approved just doesn’t pencil out.”

Mercurio said BCV could make smaller units and increase the density in the same size building for more rents.

“But that would require a notice of project change at the BPDA and then new ZBA approvals. We didn’t want to take the risk of being sued again like we did in June 2017 by the same group of abutters.”

“We’ve put the leasing signs back up on our four buildings and perhaps we’ll take another bite of the apple in two years,” Mercurio said. “The extension we obtained was a back pocket option.”

The Zoning Board told Brian Murkland to come back in two months with “something less dense and more respectful of the neighborhood” for his four-story, 15-unit rental building at 3305 Washington Street near the Brookside Health Center.

Architect Tim Johnson opened the presentation by saying how much support the development had from abutters, the Brookside Neighborhood Association and the JP zoning committee, but Arauyo cut him off.

“Approvals are all well and good,” she said, “but you know the drill. Tell us details. There are three forbidden uses.”

What concerned the zoning board the most was the commercial space.

“There’s a lot of commercial spaces on Washington Street,” Arauyo said. “A lot of it is still vacant. Is there a need for a commercial space?”

Zoning board member Mark Erlich said that the BPDA was not satisfied with the project; it should have gone through the



3353 Washington St./211 Green Street will remain standing for two more years as BCV received an extension on its development of the property.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Article 80 Small Project Review process.

“The essential issue is we’re all struggling with this proposal,” Erlich said.

“I’ve noticed how much Washington Street has changed dramatically,” Arauyo said. “I’m concerned with density. I’m not satisfied that this is the best use for this site. I’ve heard from several sources.”

“Do you request a denial without prejudice or a deferral?” she asked.

Johnson asked for a deferral; he has until May 19 to come up with a new plan that satisfies the ZBA.

Attorney Joseph Lieber, architect Rasmi Ramaswamy of RODE architects, Lydia Scott of The Community Builders and Jan Griffin of Pine Street took the table to discuss 3368 Washington Street, the 140-unit supportive housing and 62 deeply affordable unit development that The Bulletin has extensively covered for a year.

Hotly debated by local neighbors, but strongly supported by the mayor, Arauyo wanted to learn more.

“Start from the beginning,”

she said. Let us learn more about this project. How many units? Office spaces? Parking?”

Arauyo was also concerned about the supportive services and Griffin explained.

“Each floor will have its own amenity spaces,” she said. “There will be case management staff on a daily basis. All the units will have amenities. We don’t want anyone to isolate themselves in their rooms. There will be 60 staff on site. The second floor courtyard will be available to all residents.”

Erlich looked over the blueprints.

“The plans are nice,” he said. “Supportive housing I understand, but not the smaller units. Will they be compact living?”

Scott of TCB said the fully affordable units are small but do not come under the scale of compact living.

There was strong support from BPDA project manager Dana Whiteside, Ann Conway from DND and Lindsay Santana of the mayor’s office.

“I’m excited about this project,” Whiteside said.

“This is an important

project,” added Conway. DND provided \$10 million through the Way Home Fund to underwrite the supportive services at the formerly homeless quarters of the residence.

Councilors O’Malley, Flaherty and Essaibi George wanted to go on record of support.

Attorney Cynthia Snow wanted the board to know that her client, John Lincecum of Turtle Swamp Brewery, was “firmly and completely in opposition to this project.” Lincecum was worried about parking.

“My client has 21 employees,” Snow said. “There is no parking. Visitors will take up the parking. This will cause a detriment to his restaurant.”

Lincecum was on the BPDA- formed 3368 Washington St Impact Advisory Group.

In contrast, Bob Harrington, owner of BMS paper- a direct abutter- spoke through his attorney Chris Tracy that he was in favor.

“BMS paper wants to go on record to support Pine Street,” Tracy said. “It’s a wonderful organization.”



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Bookclub *continued from page 2*

black and brown authors and encourage them to create their literature as well as to provide a safe space for them to hear each other's works. Their mantra is "stories about us, by us."

Veronica Chapman read from her book "King Khalid is PROUD." She has spent the past few years traveling in Panama and Cuba and hopes to create an inter-diaspora children's book exchange so that black children from both cultures can learn about each other. In her spare time, she enjoys learning how to code, so she incorporated it into this book as a way to encourage children's interest.

In the book, Khalid wanted to be proud in everything he did, including playing video games in order to beat his high score. At school, he found a flyer for a computer club during recess, where Khalid learned to build his own game. He won a certificate and a trophy, which made his parents proud as well and earned him some extra evening time to create.

"I'm inspired by every self-

published author that goes through this process," Chapman said, a comment reflected by many authors throughout the course of the day. "When you're writing, you'll never realize the impact you're going to have."

"I like the fact that the boy won the award and that black is powerful," one young girl told Chapman, which brought applause from the audience of 60 at the sold-out event.

The Colemans presented their best-selling book, "More than a Princess," with their daughter, Sydney standing with them. They decided to create children's books promoting STEAM education with Sydney as their inspiration. While many children's books they found with characters of color focused on self-esteem, there were none that dealt with science, technology or "more challenging issues," according to Delanda Coleman.

A fairy godmother allowed Princess Kiana to explore being an astronaut, a doctor, an engineer and an artist in the plot, while she encourages her,

"Nothing can stop a smart princess like you."

The day took a more serious tone as B. Marie took the podium. The retired educator from Boston described her grandparents' survival of the Tulsa Race Massacre as her inspiration for publishing her books and working to incorporate them in the Tulsa Public School curriculum, which is ongoing.

"Yes, I know it's a heavy subject," she said, noting that, in her research, it is only briefly touched upon in the high school curriculum, but nowhere else. "But I started thinking about, 'What was that day like for the children?'"

The horrific event occurred on the first day of summer vacation. While no accurate account has been historically verified, the commonly disseminated story started with an elevator malfunction. African American shoe shiner Dick Rowland had been riding up the elevator at the Drexel Building to use the only nearby black-use restroom, and when the elevator malfunctioned, he fell into 17-year-old elevator operator Sarah Page, who screamed rape. A mob showed up at a

courthouse where Rowland was being held, and when groups of black residents came to defend Rowland, a riot ensued, which instigated the massacre. Dozens have been confirmed dead, but the numbers have been estimated as much higher.

"The United States government dropped bombs on Tulsa, Oklahoma," B. Marie said. "The black population in Tulsa was very prosperous. They had their own churches, businesses, hospitals. Whatever you wanted, they had it. There was always this underlying tension that went on."

The second part of the event focused on powerful adult themes of stereotypes, family, abuse, motivation, survival and encouragement. Detroit native Nicole M. Young is a spoken word poet who has her work on CD. Based in western MA and CT, she was a musician earlier in her career before turning to poetry. She is also a playwright who studied and worked at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She began writing in 2007.

"I literally moved out to this area with two suitcases and a computer," Young said.

Young said she self-produced her CD, *In/Put: Live from the Valley*, with the feel of stand-up comedy. Although the adapted excerpts she presented were dramatic, she said she enjoyed the medium of being able to connect with an audience through the spoken word. Proceeds from the album go to a fellowship she started for emerging female and non-binary writers of color, which she started in January through Straw Dog Writers Guild.

Her first piece dealt with coming from Detroit, with its rich cultural history of industry, Motown and a majority African American population. Her second addressed how she coped with the racism she encountered in the rural, white college town.

"Decide to Become Awesome" author Pastor Robert Gray has served as a motivator for a diverse set of people. He is a retired probation officer, associate pastor at Bethel AME Church in Jamaica Plain, and served as the assistant chaplain for the New England

Patriots and the Boston Red Sox, and is currently the Boston Celtics chaplain.

"No matter what station people have in their lives, they have some things that are common," he said, noting that, no matter how much money people have, they "may not know how to negotiate the bumps in the road."

"One of the greatest gifts you've been given in your lives is the power to make decisions," Gray said, noting the book is used in support groups. "And I've worked with a lot of people who have made poor decisions."

Heidi Lewis-Ivey read poetry from her book, "Can I Rest Awhile?" She said it was never meant to be a book, but was taken from memories from her journal chronicling her life with an abusive stepfather.

"Pen and paper saved my life," she said. "It kept a 15-year-old girl from running away from home. Pen and paper kept my mind when I was in an abusive marriage. It's from childhood to love to finding the sound of my own voice."

She added she was ready to send the book off under a different name, but became inspired to write the poem that is the title of her book. It talks about her struggles, her relationship with God, and her sense of identity.

Kenya Brown-Milfort had a near-death experience that inspired her two books, "Open" and "Wide Open." She suffered an accident that required her to be placed in a medically induced coma and her resulting anxiety and depression struggle. This book provoked a conversation about the lack of discussion about mental health issues in the African American community.

Sabrina Akintan attended the event with her husband, Oyeghemi. The couple is in the process of co-authoring two children's books as well as romance novels, and they drew inspiration from their peers, she said.

"It was a very inspiring event," she said. "I like that they incorporated a variety of children's and adult themes, and the authors supported one another."



Ask The Doctor

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

Q) Dear Doctor: What are your thoughts on a hybrid or electric cars? —Mel

A) Over the last month I have been driving both hybrid and electric cars. The Kia Niro was an amazing electric car with over 230 mile range. It also had more power than I ever imaged. The Niro was also quick to charge with a standard 110 volt plug in. I also spend a week in a Jaguar I Pace EV400 AWD that was everything a Jaguar owner would want. Electric vehicle range has improved as current draw has also so the range and power is a lot more. There are more charging stations are more coming on line every day. Today I am for electric and hybrid cars that meet the needs of drivers. For drivers that have a commute that fits the range of and electric vehicle I am all in. Electric vehicles can be optioned with all the options of gas powered vehicles. The hybrid vehicle is another option for drives that are long mileage daily trips. Good luck on your decision.

Q) Dear Doctor: I own a 2006 Ram 2500 4x2, 5.9-liter six-cylinder engine, and more than 350,000 on the odometer. The mileage calculator says I'm getting 30 mpg although it actually gets about 18-20 mpg. What do I do? —Mark

A) It does not matter what the engine size is when an owner is checking gas mileage via the dash cluster mileage they all differ some more than others. The computer gets the information from the fuel level sensor then calculates through the the mileage traveled.

Q) Dear Doctor: I have a two part question. I lease a 2017 Mini Cooper convertible until next March. I have all weather run-flats and due to highway potholes I have had to replace my tires four times over the last two years. For this winter, I am considering changing out the run-flats to snow tires. Can you recommend tires that could work on this car? (I have to put the run-flats back on when the lease is up). Secondly, I'm contemplating buying it when the lease is finished as I love my car -- and due to some damage on the hood from I believe a rock that would cost me big bucks upon returning it to the dealer. Is it possible to get a good deal on purchasing the car rather than once again leasing a newer model? —Joann

A) You can change out the run flats for conventional snow tires if you like or buy run flat snow tires. The brand you buy is up to how much you want to spend. Winter tires have a different rubber compound and do not get hard in cold weather, they stay flexible.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

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**FACT
2**

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**FACT
3**

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

**FACT
4**

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

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Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**FACT
5**

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
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DEATHS

BONANNO

Ambrose Hugo "Amby" Passed away on March 11, 2020 following a battle with dementia. He was 86 years old. Born and raised in Hyde Park, the son of Andrew and Anna (Quezel) Bonanno, he was a longtime resident of Canton for the last 40 years. He was the beloved husband of Margaret DeYesso Bonanno, married for 62 years. Devoted father of Andrew Bonanno and wife Sharon, his daughter Ann Marie, his son Louix, and his son Anthony and wife Susan. Proud grandfather of six grandchildren, he also leaves behind his brother Andrew "Joe" Bonanno, his cousin Anthony and many good friends. Mr. Bonanno served in the United States Army during the Korean War in a mountaineering unit and was the founder of Technical Aid Corporation in 1969, later known as TAC Worldwide. He was an avid golfer and a longtime member of the Milton Hoosic Club. Ambrose loved the ocean and entertained his family and friends on his boat. In his lifetime he was known for his big heart, fierce loyalty and quiet generosity. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Gerard Majella Church, Canton, Saturday, March 14th. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org Arrangements by the Pushard Family Funeral Home, Canton, MA. www.roach-pushard.com

BRENNAN

Angelina E. (Pennacchio) Longtime resident of Roslindale, formerly of Boston's North End, passed away on March 8, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Richard J. Brennan. Devoted mother of Sharon Brennan of Roslindale, Stephen Brennan of Roslindale, and Shawn Brennan and his wife Michelle of Westwood. Loving grandmother of Krystal (Neale) Hayden of Scituate, formerly of Roslindale, and Katherine and Elizabeth Brennan, both of Westwood. Dear sister of Frank, Anthony, and Ralph Pennacchio, and Marie Ferrentino, and the late Florence Giannasoli, Camille Klien and Joseph, Vito, and Pat Pennacchio. Also survived by many nieces and nephew. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, March 12th at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Interment St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. For guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000.

CUMMINGS

Mary Lou of West Roxbury, March 8, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Lawrence and Mary (Rigney) Cummings. Loving sister of James A., Joseph F. and the late Lawrence, John, and Edwin. Longtime best friend of Dale Stephansky. Loving sister-in-law of Claire, Peggy, and Marguerite. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and many friends. A Funeral

Mass was held on Friday, March 13th in St. Theresa Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to The Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

GILLIS

Barbara K. (Keane) of West Roxbury, March 12, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. Frederick J. Gillis. Loving mother of Barbara Lee Taylor and her husband John of GA, Cheryl Lane and her husband Robert of Middleboro, Jean Rogers and her husband Richard of TN, Michele Cemate of GA, and Frederick J. Gillis, III and his wife Shelly of West Roxbury. Sister of the late Alice Melanson and Dorothy Keane. Grandmother of 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Friday, March 20th at 9 am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa Church at 10 o'clock. Visiting Hours Thursday 4-7 pm. Relatives and friends respectfully invited. Interment MA National Cemetery, Bourne at 1:45pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Ethos, 555 Amory St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

GJINO

Zoica of West Roxbury, formerly of Fier, Albania, passed away on March 11, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Xoxi Gjino. Devoted mother of Vilasi Gjino of West Roxbury, Violeta Rusi of Michigan, Llaqi Gjino of Michigan, Leonora Mone of Revere, Marinaq Aliaj of Illinois, and Liljana Gjino of Albania. Second mother to her daughter in law Zela Gjino. Loving grandmother of Anjeza Gjino, Lorena Gjino, Voltisa Hatija, Mariglen Rusi, Gerald Gjino, Miklovan Gjino, Elton Mone, Nada Mone, Laura Aliaj, Ermal Aliaj, Alma Lombardo, Endri Rula, and Ilir Rula. Zoica was the matriarch of the Gjino family. A private visitation was held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Saturday. Burial followed at St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury.

HOEY

Michael J. Unexpectedly in Jamaica Plain on March 7, 2020. Devoted son of Barbara A. (Isberg) Hoey of Jamaica Plain and the late Francis M. "Bingo" Hoey, Sr. Loving brother of Francis M., Jr. of Jamaica Plain and his former wife Patricia A. of Wareham, Ellen A. Berry and her husband Robert of Rhode Island, Christopher M. and his wife Lisa of Watertown, John F. and his wife Maura of West Roxbury and Patrick E. and his wife Josephine of Hyde Park. Cherished uncle of Ryan, Lindsay, Patrick, Christopher, Brendan, Liam, Amber and the late Kristen. Dear great-uncle of Ellie Rose. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in Holy Name Church 11 at o'clock. Interment Mount Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's

memory may be made to the Gavin Foundation, 675 East 4th Street, South Boston, MA 02127 or at gavinfoundation.org For guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

KEARNEY

Paul R. Sr. of Roslindale, March 14, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Marguerite (Leonard). Loving father of Maureen A. Kearney and the late Paul R. Kearney, Jr. and father-in-law of Leanne Kearney. Cherished Papa of Meghan Ramasci and her husband Alex, and Ronan. Brother of the late Virginia, Marion, Peter, Mildred, Dennis, Martin, Robert and Margaret. Visiting Hours in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Thursday March 19th from 9-11am, followed by a Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church at 11:30am. Relatives and friends invited. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to MSPCA-Angell, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

MAROTTA

Josephine M. (Ferrara) of Dedham, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on March 8, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Julio Marotta. Devoted mother of Thomas Mount and his wife Doreen of Dedham, Joanne McLaughlin of Amherst, NH, Brian Mount and his wife Kathy of Westwood, Nancy Marotta of Norton, Deborah Cornetta and her husband Joseph of Dedham, Joseph Marotta and his wife Patricia Caudle of Taunton, and Judy Guccione and her husband Peter of Dedham. Loving grandmother of 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Roland "Mac" McCarthy and his surviving wife Donna of CA. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Susanna's Church, Dedham, MA on Friday, March 13th. Josephine will be laid to rest at New Calvary Cemetery in Roslindale. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Josephine's memory may be made to the Memory Unit at Deutsches Altenheim located on 2222 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. For guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000.

O'CONNOR

John J. of West Roxbury, passed away on March 15, 2020. Beloved son of the late John J. and Florence (DeGregorio) O'Connor. Devoted brother of Thomas O'Connor and his wife Arlene of Randolph, Kevin O'Connor and his wife Shiela of Texas, and Kathleen McGarry and her husband Robert of Canton. Uncle of Chad, Chris, Katie, Jaclynn, and Adam and great-uncle of Emma and Violet. John was a longtime U.S. postal worker, Centre St., Jamaica Plain. A private Funeral Service will be held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Saturday, March 21st, at 11am. A public Graveside Service will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury, 617-325-2000.

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Construction suspended; Libraries, BCYF centers close

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced on Tuesday, March 17 a series of updates relating to construction activity, the Boston Public Library system, and the Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF).

As a reminder, all Boston Public Schools will be closed starting tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17 until Monday, April 27, 2020. Should the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency improve on a faster timeline than expected, Mayor Walsh and BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius will look into reopening schools before April 27 if that is what is best for Boston's school communities.

"COVID-19 is one of the greatest public health challenges our city has ever faced, and the steps that we take now to mitigate its spread are critical for the wellbeing of our residents," said Mayor Walsh. "We understand these steps are disruptive for our daily lives, and I want to remind everyone that this is a citywide effort that requires everyone to do their part to help us keep our city strong and resilient. I thank all of our residents, especially our first responders and medical staff, our educators, and everyone who is making a difference."

CONSTRUCTION SITES

Effective tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the City is suspending all regular activity at construction sites in Boston. Employers should maintain the necessary crews to keep their sites safe and secure, keep any materials from blowing away, and prevent trespassing. This work needs to be completed in the next week, by Monday, March 23, 2020. After sites have been secured, skeleton crews will be permitted for the remainder of this suspension to ensure safety. The only work that will be permitted moving forward will be emergency work, which will need to be approved by the City of Boston's

Inspectional Services Department.

That essential work includes: emergency utility, road or building work, such as gas leaks, water leaks and sinkholes new utility connections to occupied buildings mandated building or utility work work at public health facilities, healthcare facilities, shelters, including temporary shelters and other facilities that support vulnerable populations work which ensures the reliability of the transportation network, and other work necessary to render occupied residential buildings fully habitable.

In addition to the list of essential construction projects, the City will, on a case-by-case basis, review requests for exceptions to the temporary construction moratorium. These may be granted by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services for building-related work or the Commissioner of Public Works for street-related work. These will be granted if they support increased public health and safety.

This policy is effective as of March 17 and will be reviewed at regular intervals. New projects cannot be started at this time, unless they meet the criteria above. Any currently permitted and active construction project must be in a secure situation by Monday, March 23. This policy only applies to projects permitted by the City of Boston.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

As of 6:00 p.m. today, all branches of the Boston Public Library (BPL) system are closed until further notice including the central library in Copley Square. During this time, BPL will expand automatic renewals, and allow people to keep their books and other materials for an additional 15 weeks, instead of the standard three weeks.

All late fines will be waived until May 1, 2020 and

library patrons will have until October to renew their library card if it is set to expire. In the coming days and weeks, BPL will increase online services, including ebooks, downloadable movies, audio books, and other information resources.

As a part of the City's school closure plan, Chromebooks are being distributed to every student who needs them. Students will be encouraged to make use of the BPL's vast collection of resources during this time.

BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

All BCYF pools, gyms and fitness centers are closed. By this Wednesday, March 18, 2020, all BCYF programming will be suspended. Only select BCYF centers will be open for youth meal distribution during school closures. For a list of meal distribution locations, go to boston.gov/coronavirus.

To protect Bostonians and their families from the spread of the virus, residents are reminded to practice caution: wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol; avoid shaking hands; cover your coughs and sneezes; clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; and avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you think you might be sick, please call your doctor or 311 to be connected to the Mayor's Health Line. Residents are also reminded to practice social distancing: keep your distance from others (6 feet apart); avoid crowded places.

Residents are asked to not call 9-1-1 unless you are experiencing a medical emergency. The City and BPHC will continue to provide updated information on bphc.org and boston.gov/coronavirus.

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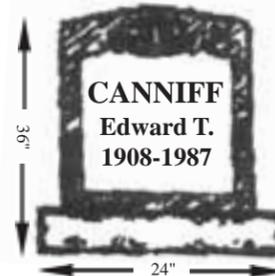
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email from Kirker, which was sent to him and the office of District Five City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.

“I have been advocating bringing this issue back to City Hall since Day One,” Flynn said. “I have been bringing it back. Unfortunately, I can’t force the hand of ISD and other departments to further take a look at things.”

Flynn added that he has communicated with both ISD and Kirker, but it appeared that both sides were at an impasse. He said that ISD was not willing to come back to an HPNA meeting. ISD offered to have Kirker and a couple of HPNA representatives come to the ISD office, which he said Kirker refused.

On the other hand, he said he “felt bad” for local contractors who would be impacted because “they rushed to approve it.”

Hank Cohen from Arroyo’s office stepped in at that point. While he urged HPNA to appeal if they chose to do so, he said that members needed to look at things from the perspective of a small business owner.

“I do want you also to recognize that someone from your local neighborhood, who has a small business here, who’s trying to benefit this neighborhood is here with all of you, part of this community, and is trying to listen to all your feedback and represents a unique opportunity,” Cohen said. “I really need us all to encourage each other to work in a courteous way, okay? We’re all trying to build a stronger, better Hyde Park.”

At that point, communication broke down, and a few people walked out.

“You’re talking to us like we’re children,” HPNA Treasurer Val Mayo said.

Cohen told people in the crowd to speak one at a time, circumventing the board and calling on FHNA chair Joseph Smith.

“We in fact are going to file an appeal on a project that we have been getting no answers on for over a year,” Smith said. “We know we’re right based on what we read in the zoning code.”

He added that the developer had cleared the lot prematurely, and while it may impact the contractor, there is an overarching issue at stake.

“Precedents are set by such decisions as this one, and they’re contagious,” Smith said, in reference to the proposed development at the former Dempsey’s site. “We need to nip this in the bud, or at least get the City to acknowledge they made a mistake and come to terms with it.”

“Our intent is not to shut down or stop the project,” Cotelleso added. “All we want, and I’ve said this on numerous occasions, is for them to become compliant with the zoning code. Otherwise it becomes a slippery slope on a way to do construction in Hyde Park.”

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU20P0399GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Melvin Hawkins RESPONDENT
Of: Hyde Park, MA Alleged Incapacitated Person

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Melvin Hawkins** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **03/26/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 11, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: March 19, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE DOCKET No. **SU200374EA**

Estate of: Mary T. Kelleher
Also Known As: Maureen Kelleher Suffolk Division

Date of Death: December 29, 2019

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner: **Michael J. Loney of Boston, MA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate

Michael J. Loney of Boston, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU20P0287EA**

Estate of: Quentin R. Dawkins Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA. 02114 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 03/15/2013

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **James O. Harris of Framingham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
James O. Harris of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00A.M on the return day of 3/31/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 27, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU20P0326EA**

Estate of: Danielle Sahely Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA. 02114 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 02/08/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Camille Sahely of Wellesley, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Camille Sahely of Wellesley, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00A.M on the return day of **05/12/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 12, 2020
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. **SU18P1417PM**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA. 02114 617-788-8300

Estate of:
Barbara Cameron

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:
Department of Developmental Services of Boston, MA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m on the return day of 04/02/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 25, 2020
Felix D Arroyo Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: March 19, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DOCKET No. **SU20P0464EA**

Estate of: Jacqueline Augustin Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 10/09/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
Frederick Knodel of New York, NY

Requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that **Kevin Hall of Winchester, MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 04/21/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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