

Council looking at emergency preparedness for major weather

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

As hurricanes Irma and Harvey have shown earlier this summer, coastal cities can be severely impacted by extreme weather events, and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley called for a hearing last week to make sure the City of Boston is ready for any such event.

While O'Malley said the city itself has been lucky so far, he felt it was only a matter of time before a major storm came Boston's way. He said the current trend of multiple "once-in-a-hundred-year" weather events has him deeply concerned.

"A little more than a month



District 6 City Councilor
Matt O'Malley

ago I stood in this hall with all of you introducing a different type of hearing order and I remarked that in the past seven

Preparedness

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City Life/Vida Urbana rally residents about rising rents



Coraleen Pilgrim, a resident of 76 Walnut Park, speaks at a City Life rally Sept. 9 to protest rent increases by her landlord Alliance Realty. City Councilor and mayoral candidate Tito Jackson at right.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

While the Marty Walsh administration struggles to build new housing for low and moderate-income residents, it doesn't know how many of renters in existing housing lose apartments by eviction or are forced out by high rents.

On a sunny Saturday Sept 9, this tension between new

housing and housing preservation was played out at a City Life rally on the edge of Egleston Square.

At 80 Walnut Park, Urban Edge is building a seventeen unit apartment building, a process which began three years ago; all apartments will be available to families earning less than 60 percent Area Median Income (AMI) and

Housing Rally

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Polish Harvest Festival rocks South Boston



Hundreds came out on Sunday (not all in costume) to the South Boston Polish Harvest Festival.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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Staff Reporter

The Polish Harvest Festival came through the Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish on Dorchester Street over the weekend to the delight of hundreds of residents.

The festival is held every year to celebrate and promote

Polish culture in the region, which has historically been known as the Polish Triangle. The region encompasses the area in between Boston Street, Dorchester Avenue and Columbia Road.

Hundreds came out for some traditional music, food, dancing and costumes. Andrea Haber, of the Krakowiak Polish Dancers

of Boston, said the event was one of many on their schedule but always had a special place in the organization's heart.

"We volunteer to support the Polish community every year at this festival," she said. "Maintaining Polish identity among the people here is re-

Polish Festival

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Marquis Health to showcase plans for North End Nursing Home

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) met last Thursday and discussed, among other topics, the fact that Marquis Health will be coming in next meeting to showcase their plans for the North End Nursing Home.

The nursing home was set to be sold last year by the Spaulding Partners Healthcare group amid severe neighborhood concerns, as residents were worried the site may become something other than a nursing home. After a good deal of waiting to hear from Spaulding, last year they announced the sale to another healthcare organization. Residents and officials at the time said they were happy about the



The North End Nursing Home will remain a nursing home, but residents are concerned that it may not be that way in future decades..

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sale, especially considering a Land Disposition Agreement that stated the nursing home would have to stay a nursing home in perpetuity so long as the area was under the Urban Renewal guidelines set forth by the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

"They wanted to come and

give a little presentation about what they wanted to do, but I think the really important question about the nursing home is will the deed restriction remain on that property, and that's what we will get an answer to," said NEWRA

NEWRA

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Age Old WISDOM
by Gregory Karr, CEO and Deborah L. McPhee, Comm. Relations

GET SLEEP TO IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY

As we all know, older adults face many obstacles (including frequent trips to the bathroom, insomnia, and sleep apnea) that stand in the way of a good night's sleep. The good news is that addressing and treating these problems helps us feel more awake and alert during daytime hours. We also now know that during non-REM "deep sleep," when we enter the non-dreaming restorative stage of sleep, our memories consolidate. So, when we are able to get the quality deep sleep that we need, our memory improves. Thus, it is important to adhere to a regular sleep schedule and not rely on sleep medications. Sedating the brain is not the way to get the benefits that natural sleep provides.

In general, people with poor health or chronic medical conditions have more sleep problems. Older adults will find a spirit of community that embraces the realities of aging while promoting the joys of living at **DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM**. We recognize the diversity and circumstance of every resident, as we remain firmly committed to helping our seniors maintain their maximum level of dignity and independence. Please call to schedule a consultation and tour of our senior community at **2222 Centre Street, West Roxbury**. "Ask about our *Schrafft Pavilion for Alzheimer/Dementia Care and Edelweiss Village*."

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Cops for Kids with Cancer hands out donations



Last week, officers from District D-4 (South End) were happy to make 8-year-old Edarwin Santana's day a little brighter with a police escort and tour of the district police station where Edarwin, a cancer patient and avid fan of police officers, and his family were presented with a generous donation from Cops for Kids with Cancer. A big thank you to D-4 Captain Lanchester, the officers who participated, and to CFKWC for putting a smile on a Edarwin's face!

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State looking at rapid transit options for Fairmount Line

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Monday, Sept. 20, from Noon until 2 p.m., a public hearing was held by the Joint Committee on Transportation in Room A1 of the State House.

The meeting drew a standing room crowd, and discussed Bill #H2723 concerning the Indigo Line (better known as the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line).

This bill – filed by State Representative Evandro Carvalho (Fifth Suffolk District) is, as he described it, fairly straightforward in its goals: it proposes an increase in scheduled trains, and more payment compatibility.

He said it also seeks to improve payment compatibility with bus and rapid transit lines, allowing riders to use the Charlie Card.

"The bill's pretty simple in what it does," Carvalho said to the Committee, "It's a pilot, so that means it's in draft, so that means it's flexible in session."

He cited a statistic that served as major motivation in his advocacy of the project:

"I filed it because of a study from Harvard that said that commuting time is the single most important factor in people being able to get out of poverty. Not education, not public safety and some of the other big issues that we think of."

He brought up an all-too-common transit scenario:

"If you take an hour, two hours to get the bus, then you're not being productive."

Three other people – representing different aspects of support for the bill – joined Carvalho.

Sue Sullivan, Executive Director of the Newmarket Business Association, which represents – by her count – 235 area businesses and 28,000 blue collar jobs, said the organization is focused on transit and productivity:

"It is a crime that these people in this corridor cannot get to these jobs without taking two buses and a subway to get there, and it takes an hour-and-a-half, or they have to take the commuter train."

Pamela Miles – Chairwoman of the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition and Lead Organizer of the Four Corners Action Coalition – brought her years of involvement with the project to the table:

"We have worked for over 20 plus years – actually 30 years – all of which have been put into bringing the Indigo Line to fruition, and the goal was to have a hybrid rapid transit type line that would run along this line."

Carvalho's pilot project – if approved – would, in fact, achieve that long sought goal, but Miles chose to concentrate most of her time on potential threats against it:

"Right now, there's something going on with the Line where it could be converted back to a commuter rail service, which was never the plan."

She talked about the idea that's been circulating to extend the Fairmount Line to Foxboro:

"MassDOT has put together a pilot to send the line down (to Foxboro) and turn it back into a commuter rail, and not to bring to fruition the promised Indigo Line that was supposed to be launched when our fourth station was built out." In 2019, the last station is scheduled to be completed.

She made one last point:

"The commuter rail is defined as a service that goes from 10 miles outside of the city. This line is only 9.2 miles long, and it only runs within the city so, if this bill is passed... it will provide a lifeline and the service to the community that we so desperately need."

There City of Boston Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca – who had also spoken on behalf of the bill at the hearing – went into more detail regarding Mayor Walsh's interest in the plan:

"This was part of our Go Boston 2030 long term mobility plan that we released in March.

In the two-year run up to the launch, the Mayor's Office engaged with the public extensively and the Fairmount Corridor was identified as fitting with the plan's goals for all of the reasons previously mentioned. When Carvalho filed H2723, he said he reached out and found that Mayor Walsh was "closely aligned behind the spirit of the bill."

Representative Carvalho also talked about how he became involved with the Fairmount Line:

"What alerted me to this issue was the DMU's (Diesel Multiple Units, a type of train) that the Patrick Administration put in the capital budget to get these trains that were supposed to increase the frequency and run rapidly. And then the Baker Administration came in and pulled that plan. So that's what flagged it for me, and then I realized that folks had been working on this issue for much longer."

As of the date of publication, no date has yet been scheduled for a vote on Bill H2723.

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•Fay School	Southborough	5-15 years (K-9)	Thurs., October 5: 10-12 pm ♦ Sun., Nov. 5: 1-3:30 pm	508-490-8201	fayschool.org
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•Boston Trinity Academy	Boston	11-18 years (6-12)	Sat., October 14: 12-2 pm ♦ Tues. Nov., 14: 6:30-8:30 pm	617-364-3700	bostontrinity.org
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•Delphi Academy	Milton	2.9-13 years (PK-8)	Sun., October 15 and Sun., December 3: 12-2 pm	617-333-9610	delphiboston.org
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•The Rashi School	Dedham	5-14 years (K-8)	Tue., October 24: 9:30 am ♦ Sun., Nov., 19: 10:30 am	781-355-7318	rashi.org
•Charles River School	Dover	4-14 years (PK-8)	Sat., October 28 and Sun., November 12: 2-4 pm	508-785-8213	charlesriverschool.org
•Concord Academy	Concord	14-18 years (9-12)	Sat., October 28: 9 am-1 pm	978-402-2250	concordacademy.org
•BB&N Lower School	Cambridge	4-12 years (PK-6)	Sat., October 28: 12-2:30 pm	617-800-2471	bbns.org
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•Lexington Montessori School	Lexington	18 mos-14 years (T-8)	Sat., October 28: 10-12 pm ♦ Tues., Jan. 9: 9:30-11 am	781-862-8571	lexmontessori.org
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Editorial

DATA DILEMMAS

Attorney General Maura Healey has filed the nation's first enforcement action related to a recent (and massive) data breach that struck credit reporting firm Equifax.

"We allege that Equifax knew about the vulnerabilities in its system for months, but utterly failed to keep the personal information of nearly three million Massachusetts residents safe from hackers," Healey said in a statement.

The breach, reported earlier this month, potentially compromised the personal information of 143 million consumers nationwide, including nearly three million of this state's consumers.

The AG's complaint, in Suffolk Superior Court, alleges that Equifax did not maintain the appropriate safeguards to protect consumer data in violation of Massachusetts consumer protection and data privacy laws and regulations.

Proving negligence, in this case, should be pretty much a slam dunk.

Equifax, according to the complaint, left private consumer information exposed to intruders by relying on certain computer code that it knew or should have known was vulnerable to exploitation. Hackers infiltrated Equifax's computer system through a "Dispute Portal." Think about that: a means for public complaint and concern proved the weak spot in the firm's cyber-defenses.

Why, aside from the local AG angle, are we so riled up about this?

If you suffer identity theft, a compromised credit card, or other cyber-security headaches, the cause is usually transaction-specific. Not to suggest that a victim is to blame, but "someone" did "something" via an online purchase, etc. Here, with Equifax, we see a grand intrusion into our personal business by an unwanted third party.

Yes, credit ratings have a role to play. All of us who ever plan to buy a car, home, or other major purchase will have the terms and interest rates dictated by our credit worthiness.

Increasingly, some companies are even trying to tie credit ratings to employment opportunities and hiring.

The reality, however, is that members of the public rarely "hire" a firm like Equifax. We do not ask them to collect our data. We don't ask for their opinion. We don't even have much of an opportunity to question their assessments.

Simply put, and frighteningly so, a private company you know very little about has an out-sized effect on your life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. You are nobody, unless they say you are somebody.

There are places where privatization is a great idea. Having a company act as a dumping ground for our most sensitive data is not one of them. We applaud Healey for her action, no matter how easy that decision was to make.

Our message to public officials: learn the lesson. We need them to step in where no one else can and be a cop on the beat for protecting the personal data that falls into private hands. We need the conversation about cyber-security to become one with the general public, not just a high-level, academic, and technical debate.

The state and city collect volumes of data about all of us. Like Equifax, we may not even start to comprehend the troves of personal data they have amassed. We have no doubt that local officials take the security of this data very seriously, but let's hear them tell us that, explain their protocols, and delve into contingency and enforcement plans.

It is a question of when, not if, a government data breach (federal, state, or local) will strike. Going after private firm breaches is important and necessary work, but we also need a critical eye watching the watchers. We deserve to know how prepared public officials are to protect us, even when their own data collection practices are what we need protection from.

A time for ruing?



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

muters would not reach the end of their line at Dewey Square.

Not too many Bostonians actually attend Patriot games in distant Foxboro. If the city had let Robert Kraft site the Patriots in South Boston or in Mattapan at the site of the former state hospital, more city people would be able to work as ushers and in concessions, and the name "Boston," not "New England," would precede "Patriots."

Yes, I know the road infrastructure of Morton Street, Blue Hill Avenue and Hyde Park Avenue, as we know now it, could not support the Patriots in 02126, unless Forest Hills Station on the Purple Line had been somehow involved in the mix, but . . .)

Drivers on the Jamaica Way know the difficulty of staying in their narrow lanes without hitting huge trees on the right or oncoming traffic on the left. Decades ago there was a

traffic plan to have the Jamaica Way one way inbound with three much wider lanes, and then outbound on the Brookline side of Muddy River but Brookline would never accept it. Every time there is a vehicular death on the Jamaica Way, think about the one-way plan.

It is also worth regretting that the Commonwealth chose a beautiful piece of Franklin Park to build its two huge buildings of the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. Frederick Law Olmsted must have turned over in his grave when the bulldozers savagely attacked a pristine piece of the Emerald Necklace.

One item that the city might soon rue is being a one-newspaper town. Having lost the Boston Post, the Boston Traveler, and the Boston Record-American, the city cannot afford to be a one-newspaper town. With the owner of the Red Sox now the owner of the Globe, any news about the residents living in the Fenway being justifiably upset by the noise, time extension, and expansion of the summer concerts on Yawkey Way is not reported.

And, yes, I do rue that Route 128/95 bisects a beautiful part of the Blue Hills by not having built a mile or so to the South; speaking of bisecting, it's too bad the Bussey Road does the same for the Arnold Arboretum.

Enough on ruing, or should we all take a deep breath and rue the departure of a wonderful summer.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

In this time of obvious climate disruptions from overpowering storms, fires burning ferociously in the West, record-high temperatures across the country, and faster-than-predicted sea-level rises, we should be doing all we can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change.

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*Rickie Harvey
West Roxbury Saves Energy*

COUNCILOR PRESSLEY'S AVOIDANCE

To the Editor:

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City Council looking at EV charging, Dreamers and Chinese American Vets

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and discussed several issues facing the city. First on the docket was a new ordinance that City Council President Michelle Wu introduced which would allow property owners to put in electric car charging stations on their property without changing a condominium agreement or gaining permission from the condominium association.

“As we’re encouraging residents who are thinking about getting rid of their fuel-powered car and moving to an electric vehicle, we need to think about how we’re going to charge that vehicle across the city,” she said. “We can’t be encouraging people to drive these cars without giving them a way to get them across the city with no place to charge.”

Wu said there is a chicken and egg scenario going on, where gas station owners and businesses that could accommodate a charging station are hesitant to install one, as the vehicles are not yet proliferated for such consumption to make such a business choice profitable.

“One step that we can do as a council is making sure that residents who want to charge at their homes have the right to do so,” she said. “Boston has a lot of condos, many multi-family homes converted to two-condo or three-condo buildings, and the condo association rules can be very strict, in that every unit has to sign off to make any change in the property. While we don’t want to take away a property owner’s right to affect what’s happening, we want to make sure they have a reasonable say but not prevent anyone staying there from paying for, operating and maintaining that charging station for an electric vehicle.”

The ordinance would alter the Boston Code Ordinances to allow for anyone who wants to install a charging station for an electric vehicle to do so, despite any condo association rules or otherwise required sign-offs. The ordinance went into committee and would be hashed out at a later date.

District 7 City Councilor Tito Jackson offered a resolution that was later voted in unanimously by the council membership to oppose the U.S. Federal Government’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

“It seems as if almost every meeting we are defending our city, our state against what is going on in Washington, D.C., and this is a brutal attack on young people,” he said. “Young people who followed the rules, who stepped forward and did what they were asked to do, identified themselves in the DACA program. This program, based on the Boston Foundation numbers, affects 7,934 young people who live in Massachusetts and about 6,300 of them live in Boston.”

Jackson said the city and the community needed to send a message to the federal government that ending the DACA program is the wrong thing to do.

“This needs to be looked at as a strength and not a weakness,” he said. “As the City of Boston, the birthplace of American democracy, and the space that we actually sit in today, it is important that we declare to the Trump administration that we believe DACA should stay, and that the young people who are covered by this program should be defended, that we have their back and that the City of Boston emphatically believes that the extension of this program is the right thing to do.”

District 1 City Councilor Salvatore LaMattina said several of those thousands of DACA participants live in his district, and he said it is wrong for them to have to live in fear.

“I think all of us need to rise, because this is really, really important,” he said. “Particularly in my district where I know a lot of these kids and it’s really sad that they have to live in fear of being deported.”

LaMattina said he posted on his social media page the week that the DACA decision was announced that it was a sad day for the United States, and he said he did not get reaction he was expecting.

“I have to be honest with you, I was really disappointed in a lot of the people in my district who wrote some really negative comments,” he said. “People forget; you know my grandparents came here in the early 1900s as Italian immigrants, and they didn’t have it easy in this country. They came to Boston but there was no work for them, they had a hard time find-

ing a job. My grandfather moved to Reading, Pa. and worked in the coal mines, because no one would work in the coal mines; it was one of the most dangerous jobs in those days. I know these kids, they worked in my office, they’re good kids, and I cannot even imagine having to go back to El Salvador or wherever it was they managed to escape from, and good for them for managing to make a new life for them.”

Wu also put forth a resolution of support for a Congressional Bill, H.R. 2358, to support Chinese American veterans of World War II. Wu said the bill, cosponsored by Ed Royce and Ted Lieu from California, would recognize the contributions of aforementioned veterans, who, Wu said, faced blatant racism from the then still-enacted Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which restricted the immigration of Chinese Americans, despite their contributions to the war effort.

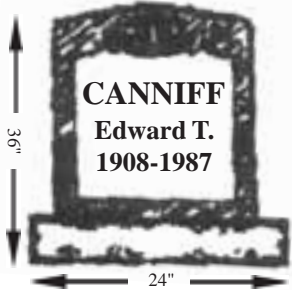
“We really want to, in time for the 75th anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, to make sure that our surviving veterans of World War II receive the same honor for their service,” she said. “There were fewer than 120,000 Chinese Americans living in the United States, including all the territories, and out of that 120,000, 20,000 actually stepped up and served. About 40,000 were prevented from becoming citizens until legislation passed during the war. Out of these, many were spread across the air force and other branches. We are grateful every day for all of our veterans, the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given so much to defend our liberty, this is time for us to add another group to receive this recognition for what they did, which was very difficult back then.”

At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley also put forth a resolution to support the passing of a state bill, H. 742, which would amend the Victim Compensation Statute to allow compensation for victims who may have been killed while involved in gang or otherwise illicit activity.

The Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes Fund donates funds to help pay for funeral and burial costs for the families of victims killed in violence. Pressley said this was to put a stopper on the cycle of violence in the community. She added that the funds are collected by obtaining the bail costs and legal fees of those convicted of violent crimes in the state.

“However, because of a clause in the statute, a surviving family can be denied if the victim contributed to their own death,” she said. “Now every loss of life causes a ripple of trauma in our community and the inability to pay for the burial of a loved one can re-traumatize families and punishes a family for their loved one’s murder.”

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Jamaica Plain kicks off Latin Heritage Month



Residents in Jamaica Plain and South Boston this week and last Friday to kick off Latin Heritage Month celebrations.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

This week and last week, the Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF) in Jamaica Plain kicked off Latin Heritage Month – which goes from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 – with several events, including Monday’s Dreams of Chonta musical event.

Firstly, the HSTF started the neighborhood story walk, which works somewhat like a scavenger hunt throughout the neighborhood. Participants can grab a map from the Connolly Branch of the Boston Public Library until Sept. 29 and follow it through the neighborhood to discover the different stories littered throughout Hyde Square.

On Friday, the HSTF held a concert from Zayra Pola and 3nity, an all female salsa orchestra. Participants danced the night away at the Blessed Sacrament Church Plaza.

On Monday, the group held a discussion and concert based around the upcoming documentary, Dreams of Chonta. The film follows the story of Diego Obregon, an Afro-Colombian undocumented immigrant who took his region’s local music to the United States and, according to the documentary, never gave up on sharing his culture’s identity and heritage.

The documentary’s creator, Monica Cohen, said she grew up in Colombia herself but had never heard the Afro-Colombian music, as the western region of the country is cut off from much of the rest. She said it was like an awakening, and she created the documentary to help spread this unique culture, and it’s now almost complete.

“There are excerpts from the film that I have been working on for the past seven years,” she said.

Cohen said she first met Obregon in a small neighborhood in New York City, and the first time she saw him, he was playing a Chonta Marimba, which is an

artisan-made instrument from Obregon’s region.

“He just had my attention because even though I have heard these rhythms before, and even being from Colombia, I knew very, very little about this region,” she said. “He then opened his life to me.”

Cohen said Obregon opened her up to the history of the region and his own story. The Pacific coast of Colombia is straddled by the Andes Mountain Range, and therefore all the evaporated water coming off the ocean gets pushed back into the region by the mountains. This brings deep humidity to the region. Cohen said it’s very tough to live in the area and even just to get there, but the Spanish colonized the area in the 1500s because it was rich in gold. Cohen said they took what they wanted and gave nothing back to the region, as it was remote and relatively impassable. She said even today, there is little infrastructure and governmental presence in the area, and that is a remnant of the Spanish Colonization.

“So much of this territory has remained completely isolated from the rest of the country, in so many ways,” she said, “Not only geographically, but socially and economically.”

In the 1600s the area was so isolated that when the Spanish could not sustain the work output they wanted with the native peoples, they brought in African slaves to do the work. This is how the Afro-Colombian tradition started in the area.

“They brought in slaves and extracted everything they could and gave nothing to the region,” she said. “Now they suffer the consequences of those decisions.”

During the film, Obregon speaks to the audience saying that, “I arrived in New York with my beautiful folklore, leaving a legacy in this region.” Cohen said she hopes to help him do that with mini concerts coinciding with her showings of the film. She said because of the isolated nature of

the region though, it preserved a culture that started hundreds of years ago.

“Only in the past 15 or 20 years has there been any sunlight for this culture, and that’s what makes this so important, because we’re giving life to this region that has been neglected for too long,” she said.

Cohen said the music of Pacific Colombia is unique because it combines African rhythm structure with Spanish and European melody construction. One of the unique aspects of this was the fact that all instruments for this music are percussion instruments.

The Latin Heritage Month continues throughout the months of September and October. Go to hydesquare.org for a full list.

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President Mary McGee during the meeting.

Also discussed were residents’ concerns regarding a rat problem developing around Copp’s Hill. Resident Tom Schiavone said the area around the park and the burial ground has become severely infested.

“The Friends of Copp’s Hill have been maintaining the ground for about 28 years now, and because of the habitat disruption on Commercial, Hull and Snow Hill streets – and I imagine this is playing out in other parks and along other corridors that they’ve had intense construction in the roads, the rats have chosen to move to higher ground and maybe, better digs,” he said. “They’re getting rid of their basement apartment and they’re moving up the stairs.”

Schiavone said the area can become chaotic during the hours in which the rats are most active.

“My neighbors have said that, at least in the Copp’s Hill area, from 5:30 to 6 on Monday and Friday mornings, it’s a smorgasbord for the rodents,” he said. “There are huge holes in the area, and I’ve lived here for 43 years and I’ve never seen anything – I mean they’re like prairie dog holes that are coming into the burying ground.”

He said he called the Parks Department and he said the burying ground initiative that has immediate control and jurisdiction was already overwhelmed. He said their representative asked that they try other methods of getting rid of the rats.

“She frankly sounded very frustrated; she said ‘Why don’t you dial 311 and have your neighbor’s dial 311?’” he said.

Schiavone said pointed out that the Burying Ground Initiative for Copp’s Hill has a direct line to the Parks Department, and that going through 311 seemed redundant.

“The point is, this is not just advocating for the park, and again, these are phenomenon that I have not seen in four decades and some of the neighbors said it really does get incredible,” he said. “The more people that dial 311, if they get 20, 30 or 40 calls, it bubbles right to the top.”

NEWRA also discussed the fact that the organization is forming an AirBnb inventory, or an inventory of confirmed addresses where short-term rentals are available. Residents have been concerned about short-term rentals for some time now, since they can cause noise issues and have been known to take up close to entire city blocks in nearby Chinatown.

“I’ve been hearing from more and more neighbors saying ‘I’ve noticed the building next door to me or the building across the street from me is turning into an AirBnb, and I don’t think there’s anyone in the city keeping track of these things,’ McGee said. “It’s really taking rentals out of circulation in the neighborhood. It’s something we’re going to need to address, but I think it’s something that we’re going to need to document.”

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BOSTON BLOOMS WITH DAFFODILS PROGRAM RETURNS

"Boston Blooms with Daffodils" beautification initiative will distribute 20,000 daffodil bulbs this fall to volunteers for planting on public ways citywide.

The plantings will take place in approved locations along the City's public ways on the weekends of Oct. 28 and Nov. 4. Groups with approved planting locations will be contacted by the Parks Department and given bulb pick-up instructions and dates.

Individuals, civic associations, church groups, sports leagues, scout troops, open space advocates, and parks friends are just some examples of the volunteers the Parks Department seeks to help in the "Boston Blooms with Daffodils" effort. Last year over 100 community groups planted the bulbs distributed by the City.

Anyone interested in assisting with planting can fill out a form online at www.boston.gov/boston-blooms which asks for contact information and identification of the

public space the applicant is volunteering to plant. Groups and individuals are asked to use their own tools.

Participants are also encouraged to take photos of their groups on planting days and email them to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at parkpartners@boston.gov with "Boston Blooms with Daffodils" in the subject line. Photos will then be available for viewing at www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment, the Parks Department website, and submitted to local newspapers. For more information on how to participate in Boston Blooms with Daffodils, please call the Parks Department at (617) 961-3006.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR MAYOR'S CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department have announced that registration is now open for the 2017 Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament.

This year, the Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament will be held on the weekends of Oct. 21 - 22 and Oct. 28 - 29 at Moakley Park in South Boston. The Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament offers local youth soccer programs the opportunity to compete against each other for the right to be called the best soccer team in Boston. Reflecting changes implemented by US Youth Soccer, divisions are now grouped by grade and age.

This year's age/grade groupings are: Grades 3/4 (U10), Grades 5/6 (U12), and Grades 7/8 (U14) with boys and girls divisions for each age/grade grouping. Coaches may register their teams online at <http://tinyurl.com/2017MayorsCupSoccer>. Registration is open now through Friday, Oct. 13. For more information about the Mayor's Cup Soccer

Tournament, please contact Woodley Auguste at woodley.auguste@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3084.

BCYF NOW RECRUITING FOR 2017-18 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Boston high school students are invited to apply to Boston Centers for Youth & Families' (BCYF) Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Established in September 2014, the BCYF Youth Advisory Committee serves as an advisory board to identify, discuss and inform BCYF leadership on youth issues and programming. The purpose of the Committee is to instill members with the knowledge, skills and confidence to work in cooperation with BCYF to best serve the needs and expectations of Boston's youth and to empower them to make positive change in their community.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday, Sept. 22. The application can be found at Boston.Gov/BCYF

JAMAICA PLAIN ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS

This event is free and it showcases the artwork of up to 200 artists at 40 sites including artists' studios, the historic Eliot School, the Haffenreffer brewery complex and more. It runs from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. over the weekend of Sept. 23 - 24, 2017.

Tracking down specific artists, or planning your own route through the event can be aided by a visit to the website: www.jpopenstudios.com. As Duprey says: "The website lets you preview artists and their work to help you decide where you want to go."

Free maps will be distributed at local JP businesses and are available at information booths during the event at the Brewery (284 Amory St.) and JPLicks (659 Center St.). Maps are also available for download from www.jpopenstudios.com. All Open Studios sites are MBTA accessible on the Orange Line at the Jackson Square, Stony Brook, Green Street and Forest Hills stations as well as several bus routes. More information is available by calling 617-855- 5767 (JPOS).

THE MAN IN THE COWBOY HAT THIS FALL

We are thrilled to announce that there are three opportunities to see The Man in the Cowboy Hat this fall! The film, a documentary about Carlos Arredondo, will show at the Jamaica Plain Branch Library on Thursday evening Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Please join filmmakers Janice Rogovin and Laura McLam for the screening and Q&A following.

The Man in the Cowboy Hat will also screen at the Boston International Latino Film Festival, Sept. 28 - Oct 1.

PARKARTS WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

Budding artists ages 9 and up are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for its popular fall series of ParkARTS Watercolor Painting Workshops

during the month of September at six Boston locations. The series of free workshops is just one of the many offerings of the 21st annual ParkARTS program sponsored by Holly and David Bruce.

The workshops welcome artists of all skill levels to create their own greenspace-inspired masterpieces with instruction and materials provided. This fall's featured instructor is Juleen Jones. Ms. Jones has a BFA in Fine Art from Montserrat College of Art as well as a custom painting business called The Artist Touch where she transforms rooms with faux and specialty painting, murals, hand painted furniture, refinishing, and more.

All classes are held from noon to 2 p.m. weather permitting. Dates and locations for the workshops are as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 23, Public Garden, Back Bay

Sunday, Sept. 24, Victory Gardens, Fenway

For further information on the workshops and other ParkARTS programs, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Parks Department online at www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment or www.cityofboston/parks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

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Tax-Aide volunteers receive training and support in a welcoming environment. There is need for volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification.

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HYDE PARK

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The Switch Co-op, 21 Fairmont Avenue, Hyde Park, will hold its Grand Opening Event Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss this evening of art, food and music! See the works of over 25 artists and craftspeople, including paintings, photography, prints, sculptures, pottery, jewelry and more. This is a FREE event and the public is invited. Email: switchcoop@gmail.com Website: www.theswitchcoop.com and check out The Switch Co-op on Facebook too!

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APPLICATION

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City of Boston. In Public Safety Commission September 27, 2017. In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday the 27 day of September at 10:00 o'clock A.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the *Boston Bulletin* (Jamaica Plain) and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held: 1010 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

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Housing Rally

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five will be dedicated to those earning 30 percent AMI.

Next door at 72 -76 Walnut Park, owned by Alliance Realty of Westwood, 18 renters are feeling the squeeze of rent increases that make them uneasy about their future.

City Life/Vida Urbana organized the rally in support of the Walnut Tenants Association to get answers about their future from Scott Dabney of Alliance Realty. Denise Barcelo lives at 72 Walnut Park.

“We live in a state of anxiety, not knowing if we will be able to stay,” she said. “I’m always looking to see if there’s something in the neighborhood that I can afford.”

Alliance Realty also owns nearby 4-10-14 Abotsford St., a 30-unit apartment block. According to Steve Meacham of City Life, rents have been climbing steadily in both properties.

“Many folks have moved,” he said. “But no one who came to us with an eviction case has been evicted yet.”

Meacham does not think Alliance is emptying out their buildings to make way for higher income renters.

“Dabney has not sent out general no-fault eviction notices unrelated to rent increases,” he said.

The method of mass evictions or building clean out is happening across the city, especially in Chinatown and East Boston, but it’s hard to document.

“We know it’s going on,” Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing, told the Boston Globe recently. “But we don’t know to what degree.”

Allegations of stiff rent increases by Alliance were thick in the air at the rally attended by about 40 people, mostly City Life staff and volunteers.

Coraleen Pilgrim, 69, said she has lived at 76 Walnut Park for 40 years. She said her rent has been raised 25 percent in one year.

“They’re raising the rent every five minutes,” she told the rally. “Rent takes up my whole social security check. I don’t want to be pushed out of my home, Alliance is insisting on a rent increase of \$200 after an increase of \$150. That would push me out of my home.”

Many residents hold mobile Section 8 vouchers, which means they can take the subsidy with them to another property that accepts those vouchers.

“Dabney has to honor them,” Meacham said. “I don’t know if he’s asking for rent above the payment standard [the level at which HUD will subsidize the rent]. As you know every dollar above the payment standard goes on the tenants’ share.”

Pilgrim and 17 other renters sent a letter to Scott Dabney of Alliance Realty on July 15 asking to meet with them; copies were sent to Sheila Dillon, Rep. Liz Malia and Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz.

The letter was made available to the Bulletin.

“We are not seeking an adversarial relationship with you, but we would like to insure that our rents will be stable and we can remain in our apartments,” it stated.

The Tenant Association requested a three-year rent agreement with Alliance Realty. Rep. Malia said she has seen this before.



City Councilor and mayoral candidate Tito Jackson applauds 76 Walnut Park resident Coraleen Pilgrim who testified about rent increases at a City Life rally Sept 9.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

“Folks continue to be displaced across our city,” she said later. “It’s hurting our communities. As I have in the past, I will continue to work with local community groups and the City to protect at-risk residents.”

When Dabney had not replied after two months, City Life and the Tenants Association went public with a rally on Walnut Park.

Resident George Belcher, 80, spoke about losing his home of over 24 years.

Pilgrim urged more residents to turn out.

“If I am the only one who stands up,” she told the rally,

“the landlord will target me.”

Mayoral candidate Tito Jackson told the crowd that he was there as District 7 City Councilor; he wore a “Tito for Mayor” button and his campaign workers milled around.

“Mrs. Pilgrim represents the spirit of this neighborhood,” Jackson told the rally. “She is the spirit of Boston.”

“This is a scary situation to be in,” Jackson said. “The city has to figure out how to control rents. People threw millions for Olympics and Indy 500 races; GE got a \$25 million tax break, but there’s no money for renters.”

The city has taken one step

to help renters like Pilgrim. Mayor Walsh introduced the Jim Brooks Stabilization Act in January 2017 “to defend, preserve and promote stability of housing in the city of Boston.”

Among its requirements is that landlords would have to report their intention to evict or decline to renew a lease and give the reasons to the Office of Housing Stability. But the bill has languished in a City Council study committee since March and the director of OHS is on a leave of absence.

Scott Dabney did not return calls for a response to the rally.



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O'Malley said that the city needs to look at its evacuation routes and emergency plans, as many residents don't know where the evacuations routes even lead.

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To the Public Safety Commission
 Committee on Licenses
 Building Department Boston, MA 08/10/2017

APPLICATION

For the lawful use of herein-described building, and other structure, application is hereby made for a permit to erect a private-public-business-garage 6 vehicle parking garage

and also for a license to use the land on which such building or structure is/are or is/are to be situated for the Keeping-STORAGE 6 cars 120 gallons of gas in the tanks of vehicles.

Location of land: 167-171 Hyde Park Ave. Ward 19
 Owner of land: Parcel U Phase A, LLC Address: 142 Berkeley St., Suite 402, Boston, MA 02116
 Dimensions of land: Ft. front 67.6, Ft. deep 65.5, Area sq. ft. 4,427.8.
 Number of buildings or structures on land, the use of which requires land to be licensed: One (1)
 Manner of keeping: In the tanks of 6 vehicles.

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years we've had 14 'Once in a Hundred Year' weather events on planet earth," he said. "Astounding. Since that time, the number has increased to 16. In fact, we've had two Category 4 hurricanes come into the United States in a 10-day period, and we've never had two Category 4 hurricanes in the same year; now we've had two in a week and a half."

O'Malley said he wants to go over much of the local infrastructure in the city and make sure the lower areas of the city are prepared for flooding, as well as make sure emergency measures currently in place make sense.

"This order will address the current local emergency evacuation plan and physical infrastructure in the case of a natural weather catastrophe in our city, it will identify a potential reduction in funding assistance that may be curtailed in the national budget and it will ensure safety and protection of the residents of the City of Boston from the impacts of global climate change," he said. "We are witnessing the devastating effects of man-made climate change, I am happy to debate this issue with anyone, anywhere, anytime, but I certainly agree that man-made climate change does have a direct increase in major weather events... We've all seen those

evacuation routes, they went up maybe 15 years ago and I'm not quite sure where they go. One sends me to Dedham, one to Brookline; we need to talk about what our plan is."

O'Malley added that the city has been able to avoid the major storms of the past few years, but pointed out that if Tropical Storm Sandy had struck the city at high tide, it could easily have been far worse than New York or New Jersey in terms of flood damage.

"We have been incredibly lucky despite the fact that we are incredibly susceptible to the impact of climate change, so it is as a city with rising sea levels, we are prepared for extreme weather," he said. "According to Climate Way Boston, over the entire 20th century, sea levels rose more than nine inches relative to land; however, by 2030, another eight inches will rise... By 2050, sea levels may rise one and a half feet higher than in 2000, and by 2070 they may be as much as three feet higher than just 17 years ago."

District 7 City Councilor Tito Jackson added that the economic and social justice issues facing the city and the country right now are only exacerbated by natural disasters.

"We also know with each one of these disasters, it actually

inches up poverty by 1 percent nationally," he said. "With just each one, and disproportionately, those who are poor are hurt more. One of the things I would ask Councilor O'Malley to look at that we are not in the City of Boston is we just approved folks to be on the Zoning Board, and we know if there's 36 inches of water at the Seaport, when you stand at the Convention Center, you are way higher than you are than when you're in the Seaport District. We know that area will be flooded if we do nothing."

Jackson pointed out that in California, it's illegal to build a building not resistant to earthquakes, and said such a policy for hurricanes should be implemented here in Boston.

"We need to reevaluate our zoning code, and I know we're having a huge boom in development right now, but if we know that the water is coming, why is it that we are doing nothing to upgrade the zoning code to ensure that the buildings have the infrastructure needed to ensure they will be here in perpetuity?"

Jackson added that if those buildings wash away, so does the taxes generated by them.

"Our body really needs to look at the rules and regulations that guide us so we are prepared," he said.

Hyde Park Neponset River Clean-Up to be held on Saturday, Sept. 23

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Can you volunteer for a few hours to help the environment? We need people like you!

The Neponset River Watershed Association, along with an extraordinary group of local volunteers and partners, is sponsoring their annual Hyde Park Neponset River Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

This important annual cleanup brings together people from across the region in an effort to improve parts of the Neponset River that often go unnoticed. In addition to increas-

ing awareness of the river, the event helps to promote its use as a recreational resource for everyone.

"The clean-up is an opportunity for area residents to spend some time outdoors and explore parts of the Neponset River that they may not normally see. This will give people a chance to get in touch with a piece of nature right in their own back yards," said Hyde Park's Martha McDonough, the primary organizer of the event.

Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes, but last minute walk-ins are also welcome. People can sign up by

emailing or calling Annie O'Connell o'connell@neponset.org 781-575-0354 x306, or by going to the website www.neponset.org/volunteer and using the on-line registration form.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. at the Martini Shell parking lot, 1015 Truman Parkway, Hyde Park, where they will get assigned to a clean-up site.

Please bring water, sunscreen, hats, work gloves, appropriate footwear (no sandals) and work clothes that can get dirty. Snacks will be provided. No one under the age of 15 please.

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MHMC still not convinced on 920 American Legion plan

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

More than 60 residents piled into the Home for Little Wanderers conference room on American Legion Highway last Thursday to hear a proposal from City Realty regarding the company's proposed project on 920 American Legion Highway.

The proposal was a rehash of a proposal presented in December, with minimal changes to the design of the building itself. City Realty representatives said they worked mostly on the drainage issues facing that area of American Legion, as District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy pointed out, the April storm of 1996 impacted the area severely.

"I was out here in '96 as a neighborhood coordinator, and there were people all over the place with boats trying to help people out," he said. "I remember that flood, and that's where you're getting this angst and nervousness."

Steve Sawyer of Design Consultants said they worked to improve the drainage on this project, but also looked at the problem of the Stop and Shop parking lot, which he said drained all its storm water into a culvert across the street from the plaza's gas station.

"It's 11 acres of impervious surface," he said. "What they did was they took the storm water

and concentrated it into that one area. I'm not sure that drainage design would happen now, typically what you would do these days is try to do smaller features scattered throughout the site. Spread it throughout the site so it wouldn't concentrate in on location, but unfortunately with Stop and Shop, that's exactly what happened."

Sawyer said there's a 36-inch diameter overflow pipe that collects all the storm water, which is then fed directly into the Stony Brook Culvert, which was what flooded in 1996. Project owner Josh Fetterman said they can only improve the drainage on their site and cannot help with Stop and Shop, but Sawyer said his current calculations and two infiltration systems in the new rental complex, if approved, would actually improve drainage on the site. He said on the Cummins Highway side of the building they will have three rows of 60-foot long, 48-inch diameter perforated pipe to infiltrate into the groundwater there and another smaller system under the lower parking lot on American Legion. He added they will be putting in rain gardens around the site to aide in draining and filtering the water on the site.

"We'll be reducing the flow on American Legion dramatically," he said.

Residents were still not happy



Residents were still not pleased with the proposed development on American Legion Highway.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

about the project on the whole. Many residents pointed out that the parking ratio for the current plan was, in their eyes, not enough. The project calls for 116 parking spaces, for a parking ratio of 1.4 spaces per housing unit (85 total units, 38 one-bedroom, 39 two bedroom and eight three-bedroom). Residents said that with more than 40 two-bedroom and three-bedroom units, they felt too many people would have more than one car and exacerbate the current parking problem on American Legion Highway and the surrounding neighborhoods.

"There's not one more spot on American Legion Highway for another car," said resident Maureen Donafine. "There's just

not, and you're going to be taking away a few spots (two total) with the garage entrance."

Development Attorney Jeff Drago, of Drago and Toscano Associates, said the data currently collected for Boston residents just doesn't show that new residents are coming into the neighborhoods with two or three vehicles.

"If we have any more parking, we would have more parking than most of the housing projects in the City of Boston," he said. "We can tweak that for you, but at a certain point, the Boston Transportation Department won't allow us to add more."

Resident John Sullivan said any such large development will contribute to an already over-

stocked neighborhood.

"Our neighborhood is trashed right now with parking problems, what are you bringing to the neighborhood? What is City Realty bringing to our neighborhood?" he asked.

Fetterman said he will be working with the Impact Advisory Group once the project enters the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Article 80 Large Project Review process to see what kinds of community benefits could be worked out with the city.

"I don't want to tell you what we're going to do for the neighborhood, I want you and the folks involved in the process to tell us," he said.



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LOBSTER DINNER SPONSORED BY THE ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BOSTON ADULT FELLOWSHIP

LOBSTERDINNER sponsored by the St. George Orthodox Church of Boston Adult Fellowship on Friday, Sept. 29, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. at the St. George Community Center, 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury. Menu: Two boiled lobsters, chowder, baked potato, dessert and coffee. Price: \$25. Children under 12, (1 lobster), \$15. Fish Dinner available, \$15. Take-out orders will also be available. Reservations must be made by calling Michel/Evelyn Easa (617) 266-0065 or Pat Ayoub (781) 326-6755. (If a machine answers be sure to leave your name and number). Reservations are a must! Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Sept. 28. Friends, neighbors, parishioners, all are welcome!

CHILDREN/YA USED BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library is hosting their annual Children/YA Used Book Sale! Date and Time: Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location: West Roxbury Branch Library: 1961 Centre St., West Roxbury. Description: Books for All (Young) Ages at Great Prices. Free kid-friendly entertainment at 11:30.

THE FRIENDS OF THE WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library is hosting their Annual Meeting featuring Ben Mezrich, author of *Woolly* (The True Story of the De-Extinction of

One of History's Most Iconic Creatures)

Thursday, Oct. 19, Reception: 5:30 p.m., Author talk: 6:30 p.m., Location: West Roxbury Branch Library.

Science fiction becomes reality in this Jurassic Park-like story of the genetic resurrection of an extinct species - the woolly mammoth - by the bestselling author of *The Accidental Billionaires* and *The 37th Parallel*.

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NEW BROOK FARM'S THIRD ANNUAL "FOCUS ON BROOK FARM" ARTS EVENT

On Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. New Brook Farm's Third Annual "Focus on Brook Farm" Arts Event New Brook Farm, Inc. invites the community to gather at the Brook Farm Historic Site on Sunday for an afternoon of history and tours with costumed guides, refreshments, and information on their third annual "Focus on Brook Farm" (FBF) event. FBF is an opportunity for photographers, writers, and visual and performing artists to create works inspired by the natural beauty and history of the Brook Farm site. Participants of all ages can submit their creations throughout the fall and early winter. A jury will select works in all media for exhibitions and presentations in local venues. FBF will culminate with a reception for all participants in early spring. Focus on Brook Farm III will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the DCR Brook Farm Historic Site, 670 Baker St., West Roxbury. The event is free; donations are welcome. A rain date will be announced. Brook Farm was an influential transcendentalist utopian community in the mid-1840s. Famous visitors and residents included Margaret Fuller, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Rev. Theodore Parker, and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The farm was later used as a Civil War training camp and an orphanage. The property is now owned by the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation. New Brook Farm, Inc. is a non-profit, all-volunteer neighborhood organization that seeks to raise awareness of the important history and natural beauty of the Brook Farm site and create a demonstration garden on the site. For more information, visit www.newbrookfarm.org, email to info@newbrookfarm.org, or call 617-694-6407.

ART EXHIBIT: "GETTING TO KNOW YOU THROUGH OUR CULTURES"

As part of the Friends of the Roslindale Library race and inclusion programming, the Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library announces an upcoming art exhibit, "Getting to know you through our cultures". Reception is Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The art will also be available as part of the Roslindale Open Studios on Saturday, Oct. 22 until 2 p.m. <http://www.roslindaleopenstudios.org>. Exhibit runs from Oct. 9 through Nov. 18. Located at 4246 Washington St., Roslindale.

The cultures of Roslindale come from all over the world. Artist participants include: Dan Jay, Nina Lev, Dianne Zimbabwe, Phyllis Bluhm, Greg Jundanian, Catherine Jaggi, Michele Audet and Lilly Harrison. More info about Friends of the Roslindale Library at <http://www.friendsofroslindalelibrary.org>

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

The BCYF Ohrenberger Community Center Preschool has spaces available in our Tuesday and Thursday program. The program is offered from September through June, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for 3 & 4-year-olds. The program is designed to promote emotional, social, and physical development. The daily schedule includes time for group activities, stations, gym time, outdoor play, story time in the school library, crafts, free play, baking and daily snacks. For more information contact Grace at 617-635-5183.

41ST ANNUAL BAZAAR & FOOD FAIR PLANNED

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Boston is proud to announce their 41st Annual Bazaar & Food Fair to be held at their community center located at 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. - FREE ADMISSION/WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. Full kitchen service and take-out available. Authentic Middle Eastern Cuisine and Pastry, American Foods and Pastry, Country Store, Photo Booth, White Elephant Table and much more. Do your Christmas shopping here at St. George. Purchase Galaxy Raffle tickets to win fabulous prizes! There's something for everyone at the St. George Church Bazaar! For more information, please call the church at (617)327-6500. Proceeds to benefit church projects. Thank you!

ROSE'S BOUNTY FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN

On Oct. 14 from 2-4 p.m. and Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Rose's Bounty food pantry is open to local residents in need. Please bring bags and ID. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering can reach us at rosesbounty@gmail.com Located on Stratford Street United Church 77 Stratford St. (at Anawan Ave.) West Roxbury

BEGINNING SENIOR YOGA

Hands to Heart Center's Senior Yoga Classes incorporate gentle touch, gradual stretching, connected breathing, deep relaxation and community building. Chairs and props are provided to keep everyone safe and supported—no need to bring a yoga mat and absolutely no yoga experience is required. The class will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. located at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library. Please sign up at the West Roxbury Branch or call 617-325-3147.

FINAL READING IN THE O.W.I.

(BUREAU OF THEATRE)

Final Reading in the O.W.I. (Bureau of Theatre) Spring/Summer second Saturday Reading Series TWO SHIPS PASSING Two sisters collide in October 1962. The two Ship sisters have been passing for white since childhood. Doris has been married into a prominent Boston family for ten years now and Loreen is about to be married to a distinguished West African scholar and diplomat. It had been planned for Doris' husband, Dan, to walk her sister down the aisle, but Loreen has invited their estranged father to attend the wedding with the intention of asking him to walk her down the aisle and thereby giving away both of the Ship sisters. A welcome change of pace from politically correct black-and-white solutions to the problems of blacks and whites.

The reading will take place at Roslindale Branch Boston Public Library on 4626 Washington St., Roslindale, noon. For more information please email info@officeofwarinformation.com

REGISTRATION ONGOING FOR SEPTEMBER ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION CLASSES AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH

On Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. sessions will begin for adults in the community who are thinking about becoming Catholic. This pro-

gram is called RCIA and is an open, welcoming, small group discussion on faith. Sessions are held at St. John Chrysostom Parish, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury. Please contact Mary Campion, Pastoral Associate to register in advance. Call 617-323-4410 or email marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org

MY LIFE, MY HEALTH: A CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

My Life, My Health is a free 6-week informative, interactive workshop, designed for adults who live with the daily challenges of one or more ongoing health conditions. It gives people with chronic conditions (such as high blood pressure, arthritis, heart disease, cancer, depression, asthma, etc.) and/or their caregivers the knowledge and skills needed to take a more active role in their health care. The book, *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Disease* is provided for each participant. Anyone from any neighborhood can attend.

Location: BCYF Roche Family Community Center, 1716 Centre St. in West Roxbury

Day and Time: Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Start Date: Oct. 4, 2017

For more information or to register, contact Ann at 617-477-6616 or agloria@ethocare.org

BCYF DRAPER POOL WILL BEGIN SATURDAY OPERATING HOURS

The BCYF Draper Pool, 5279 Washington St. in West Roxbury, now making the pool available to swimmers six days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For the complete schedule of swim programming at the pool, visit Boston.Gov/BCYF

3RD. ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Please join us on Sept. 27, 2017 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for the American Arabic Benevolent Association, Inc.(AABA) Cheriton Grove/Heights Apartments 3rd. Annual Health Fair. The event will be located on 18 Cheriton Rd., West Roxbury.

MAYOR OF ROSLINDALE CONTEST FOR ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE

The 42nd Annual Roslindale Day Parade will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, stepping off at 1 p.m. from Washington Street in Roslindale Village. The parade will proceed up South Street, to Belgrade Avenue, taking a right at West Roxbury Parkway, through Gottwald Rotary, to Centre Street, to South Street, and ending at Fallon Field. This year the Parade will honor as Grand Marshals Glenn Williams and Sacred Heart School in recognition of their 100th Anniversary.

In addition to parade participants, the Committee is seeking candidates to join in our 19th Annual "Mayor of Roslindale" Contest which will run through the end of September. The winner of the contest will be honored in the Parade on Sunday, Oct. 1.

For information about the contest, as well as Parade participation opportunities for your organization or business, please visit www.roslindaleparade.com, e-mail info@roslindaleparade.com, or call 617-327-4886.



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City looks at disciplinary practices, connection to race in schools

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council Committee on Health Women, Families and Community met last week to discuss disciplinary practices and outcomes for girls of color in the Boston area schools, and according to committee chair and At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley, the numbers do not look good.



At-Large City Councilor
Ayanna Pressley

Pressley said the committee hearing was part of a series set up with the National Black Women's Justice Institute (NBWJI) that looked at the total experience in public schools for girls of color in Boston.

"It was called Project Focus: Girls of Color, which aims to empower girls of color as policy stakeholders and school culture reformers," she said. "The impetus of this was the situation that was widely reported with the Cook sisters at a charter school in the region who were disciplined for wearing flat twists, a hair style similar to my own."

Pressley said the racial divide in terms of disciplinary action in schools for girls of color is rising, making the school-to-prison pipeline a growing reality.

"We know that school discipline policies as well as school climate contribute considerably to the pipeline," she said. "For a myriad of reasons, school policies that appear well-intentioned and neutral on their face are having a disparate impact on girls of color."

During the hearing, Misha Thompson, a doctorate student at Vanderbilt University shared national data of disciplinary outcomes for girls of color versus white girls in the system from the 2013 to 2014 school year. She said the data shows that while black students make up 16 percent of female students nationally, they are about 54 percent of all female students receiving one or more out-of-school suspensions, 42 percent of girls referred to law enforcement by a school, 37 percent to receive one or more in school suspensions and 37 percent to be arrested at school.

In Massachusetts, she said black female students make up about 8 percent of the female student population, but Thompson said those students make up 24 percent of all girls receiving out-of-school suspensions, 17.5 percent of girls receiving one or more in-school suspensions and 24 percent of girls physically restrained or arrested.

"Said another way, given the proportion of black girls in

comparison with those who were disciplined, black girls were 10 times more likely to receive one or more in school suspensions, five time more likely to receive one or more out-of-school suspensions, more than five times more likely to be arrested and four times more likely to be physically restrained than white girls," she said.

For Latina girls, Thompson said the data wasn't much better. She said Latina girls make up 16 percent of girls in the public Massachusetts school system, but represented 37.5 percent of girls who were arrested, 25 percent of girls that were physically restrained and 24 percent of girls that received out-of-school suspensions.

In Boston's BPS and charter school districts, Thompson said the data shows similar outcomes. She said black and Latina girls make up the majority of female students in the Greater Boston area schools, with 40 percent of the students being Latina and 37 percent being black. She said 77 percent of all girls arrested were black, 62 percent of all girls receiving out-of-school suspension and 56 percent of all girls receiving in-school suspensions.

Resident Sophene Jean-Claude said she herself was a troubled youth, and that experience still touches her today. She said she went to an alternative school because of these troubles, which she said was a "pot mix of juvenile delinquents."

"We got Boston, we had here and we had there, that is prison," she said. "I've looked into the alternative schooling policies, and it's prehistoric in many ways. There's metal detectors, you get your shoes searched on random days, your phone and any monetary value over \$20 gets held in the office, it's just crazy."

Jean-Claude said while the alternative schooling system has problems, she believed the lack of services around the BPS system led many students like herself to alternative schooling.

Polish Festival *continued from page 1*



Residents enjoyed several Polish traditional dishes during the festival, including keilbasa and blood sausage.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

ally important. It's better than ever now, but we have to make sure it continues."

Polish immigrant and Krakowiak member Anna Symbor-Nagrabska said the Polish culture has only been strengthening here in Boston.

"There's so many Polish people here, but someone has to promote the culture and do what we can for the culture," she said.

Haber said the Krakowiak organization has been around for almost a century, and she said they don't plan to leave anytime soon.

"The Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston has been around for more than 80 years, and we have been performing at this festival to support the Polish community for many many years," she said.

Marcin Bolec, publisher for the White Eagle Polish Paper, said he supported the festival and helped the church to organize the event.

"I try to help to get the word out, but the church is the main organizer of the event," he said. "All the smaller organizations they get involved too, pretty much everyone in the Polish Triangle."

Bolec said it was important to keep the culture alive with these types of fun events that can get the youth interested in helping to promote and keep Polish communities thriving in the city.

"I have kids, we all have kids in the Polish community and we want to make sure they know the culture, the language and the heritage," he said, adding that former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn, who was also the ambassador to Polish Pope John Paul II, also came by. "He was a very close friend to John Paul II, our Polish Pope. It's a very dynamic, very deep heritage here in South Boston."

South Boston resident Kaz Koczkodan said he's been coming for years and was helping

Hampton Beach resident John Gocłowski to find his way around the neighborhood.

"I come originally to this parish from Poland in 1974, and later I moved to Framingham but every year for the festival I come; it's like my own town," he said. "I'm like a tour guide usually."

Koczkodan said this year's festival was bigger and better than year's past.

"It looks like every year it gets better," he said. "We need to have better parking, which has been a problem in the past and will probably always be one."

Gocłowski said it was his first time for the festival, as he and his wife were visiting their granddaughter, who had moved to the area.

"This was an opportunity for us to go with our granddaughter to Mass and have some Polish food and I ran into Kaz here and he's been showing us the festival," he said.



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 August 22, 2017
 Terri Klug Cafazzo, Register of Probate Court
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 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
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 August 23, 2017
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proving children’s welfare. There is much evidence that early unrecognized developmental experiences that do not satisfy children’s needs can later contribute to personal and social problems including violence when they become adults.

At-large Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley is Chair of the Council’s Healthy Women, Families, & Communities Committee, which is concerned with all public health matters including promoting efforts to reduce violence.

On April 7, 2017, I emailed Luv Villar, Pressley’s scheduler, saying I had an idea for the Council concerning the welfare of children. I asked her to let me know when I could have a brief telephone call with the Councilor. After checking with Pressley, Villar later told me I would be called on Saturday, June 24. When I called on June 23 to confirm, I was told that Pressley would not call me the next day.

I called the offices of other at-large City Councilors and asked how long I would have to wait to receive a five minute telephone call from each councilor. Responses were no longer than a few days.

I made numerous other attempts at communicating with Pressley’s office. My last email on Aug. 10 received no response. To summarize, I tried in vain for over four months to share information with Pressley that would serve the interest of public health and her Council Committee. In at least 15 instances, I received no response from her office, broken promises, and at least one false statement. Boston residents deserve better.

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