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Existing Building & Site



Future Building from Centre Street

A look at the proposed plans for the Forbes Building renovation.

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JPHC votes to support Forbes Bldg 100% affordability

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

In two-back-to-back virtual meetings on Oct. 17, five members of the Jamaica Plain Housing Committee (JPHC) described their plan to renovate the Forbes Building, upgrading all 147 apartments and keeping all rents affordable for low- and moderate-income tenants.

“This is a good day,” said Dot Joyce, media consultant for the owner Paul Clayton. “We’ve done our best to secure your rents.”

Michael Kane, of Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants, said he thought it was a good day too.

“This is the first time over a long time that the owner has

put in writing to keep [the Forbes] affordable. That’s fantastic,” he said at the Jamaica Plain Housing Committee (JPHC).

The first and possibly last Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Article 80 meeting on the Forbes plans opened the evening with BPDA project manager Camille Platt.

Platt introduced Jerry Pucillo of Centergreen, one of the two new partners and presumably investors in the Forbes Building who said he was the development manager.

Clayton was not on the call but was represented by his property manager Andrew Ditson.

Pucillo described in more detail the improvements to the apartments and the building and the affordability plans.

“We’re going to make an old building new again,” he said. “We’ll have beautiful new renovated apartments.

“A whole new ventilation system, new floors, vinyl flooring with wood finish, new bathrooms, new kitchen appliances, new windows that are more airtight, and state-of-the-art heating and ventilation,” Pucillo said.

“Our goal is a greener, tighter building, more sustainable with the entire exterior.” “[The Forbes] is the next generation, sustainable, multi-

JPHC

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A rendering of the proposed development project that could host a new post office in Allston.

COURTESY PHOTO

ACA prefers full post office

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Earlier this month, District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon announced that a letter of intent has been agreed upon between the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and Eden Properties, the developer for the site of the former post office at 25-39 Harvard Ave.

The USPS post office and distribution center at the Harvard Avenue site was closed in 2019 after it was discovered that a nearby tree’s roots had been impacting the building’s wall and creating a structurally unsound building. The USPS declared the post office suspended and started the public process that could determine whether or not the area still needs a post office.

Critics of this move pointed out that since the public process to close a post office permanently is so arduous that there have been cases where a post office has been in this kind of limbo and under suspension for 30 years, at least in one case. This made a lot of residents nervous, especially when the USPS opened a couple of temporary post offices to gauge resident interest and, according to residents and Breadon’s office at the time, didn’t do a good enough job publicizing those temporary offices, possibly creating the appearance of a lack of demand.

After several articles in this paper and others, Breadon’s

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At-large candidates stress experience and local ties

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

The at-large City Council Candidate Forum sponsored on Oct. 18 by the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association (WRBPA) and the Ward 20 Democratic Committee drew a crowd of about 35, with seven of the eight candidates present. Incumbent Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune did not attend due to illness. District 6 candidate, William King, was also present.

Each candidate gave a brief introduction after which the forum was opened for questions. The candidates, overall, stressed their local credentials, commitment to neighborhood services and a willingness to work with other councilors regardless of policy disagreements.

“When I’m in City Hall, the money won’t move me,” said Clifton Braithwaite. Braithwaite is a former music entertainer and manager and played semi-pro football. He

emphasized his upbringing and personal ethics. He vowed to work with everyone regardless of their race or identity.

Incumbent Julia Mejia stressed her council experience, including securing \$1 million for early childhood education. “I show up even when it’s going to be a little scary. I’ve produced 15 pieces of legislation which all passed.” She jokingly added another asset. “I have an award-winning personality.”

Candidate Forum

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City Council candidates, King (District 6), At-Large Braithwaite Neer-Walsh, Mejia, Nelson, Murphy, Vitale, (2nd row right) Nelson, Santana.

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family building with indoor and roof gardens,” Pucillo said.
 At the following JPHC meeting, architect Chris Benedict elaborated on how she would make over the new Forbes building.

“Blanket insulation,” she said. “Seal the building up with really nice windows, an air barrier and heating and air conditioning will be controlled room by room.”

Tenant leader David Nollman and neighborhood council member Michael Reiskind both called in with the same question, “What is the relocation plan?”

“No one will be asked to leave the building,” Pucillo said. “Between now and construction we expect a number of tenants will leave on their own and this will free up units.”

“We’ll fill up a stack of units, five or six, and people can move in for a day while the kitchen and baths are remodeled; sort of like little AIRbnb’s.”

Pucillo said there will be no market rate apartments; 125 units – 86 percent – will be Mass Rental Vouchers (MRVP). The other 22 will be underwritten with low-income housing tax credits.

Reiskind rarely comments on housing but the Forbes Building had gone on for two years.

“I’d like to congratulate the owners for making it 100 percent affordable,” he said. “It took a long time and now all funding is in place.”

Pucillo was cautious.

“We’re still pursuing the financing. The application is underway but not confirmed. No money in hand yet,” he said.

Pucillo said the MRVP vouchers application will be submitted to the state’s Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) in February 2024; the underwriting of capital bonds from Mass Housing for LIHTC will be in 2024 with closing in January 2025.

Pucillo said the development group met with the mayor’s office of housing the day before.

Karla Chafee, attorney for the Jamaica Plain Company, said the vouchers are project based.

“We have funding applications in the next round,” she said. “We’ve had many discussions with the city and the state. The vouchers will cover 30 percent of your rent depending on your income.”

Nollman seemed anxious.

“What’s your plan if you don’t get the 88 vouchers?” he asked. “There’s lot of anxious people here. Do you have a great deal of confidence in getting the vouchers? What’s your plan B?”

“We don’t have a plan B,” Pucillo said. “We’re really early on getting the application but the team is really excited that we can get 125 vouchers. We’re working very hard to get 100 percent. We’ll see at the beginning of the new year.”

Joyce said the Forbes building is “the last 13A subsidy building in the state.”

“The city and state are aware of this and are willing to work with us. The state process is open now. Stay with us. Stay confident.”

“What’s the ownership structure?” JPHC member Aiden Foley asked. “These are very well known performers. I’m very curious what the cost of the project is.”

Pucillo said there are no other investors. “We’re still putting the financial package together,” he said.

The Bulletin asked Dot Joyce the next day what the cost was of upgrading 147 apartments with kitchens and baths, adding over 200 windows and completely insulating a four- and five-story building.

Joyce did not reply.

BPDA interim housing manager Caitlin Coppinger said that the BPDA vote to approve the Forbes Building Article 80 process would likely take place at the end of 2023 or early in 2024.

Platt added that depending on the amount and types of public comment there would just be this one Article 80 meeting.

Joyce said that Bill Reed of Regeneris, the community and tenant outreach consultant, would schedule regular resident meetings.

“We’ve got 18 months ahead of us,” Pucillo said.

Housing committee member Carolyn Royce made a motion that the JP Neighborhood Council send a letter of support for the Forbes Building 100 percent low- and moderate-income affordability and improvements to all 147 apartments.

The motion was passed unanimously that letters be sent to the BPDA, the mayor’s office and Rep Samantha Montano supporting the Jamaica Plain Company plans for the Forbes Bldg.



BPDA Public Event



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Crane Ledge coalition hosts forum on nature-based solutions

Emma Stout
Staff Reporter

The Crane Ledge Woods Coalition, a grassroots group of residents, associations, and advocates, hosted a peoples' forum on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center to discuss nature-based solutions. The forum was co-sponsored by more than 15 Boston-based environmental advocacy groups and included five panelists.

The forum's goal was to "advance our shared Wu Administration/community efforts on these critical issues, accelerating and expanding urgent action steps towards climate resilience in all Boston neighborhoods," according to the Coalition.

This forum followed the second denial by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) of the proposed 270-unit complex at 990 American Legion Hwy., which would be constructed in a part of Crane Ledge Woods. Both denials were on the account that the proponent, Lincoln Properties, did not respond sufficiently to the BPDA's concerns. The disapprovals themselves were also very rare in the BPDA's recent history.

While the purpose of the



A look out on Hyde Park from Crane Ledge Woods.

COURTESY PHOTO

meeting was not to debate the proposed complex, the forum effectively furthered pre-existent opposition to the project, discussing how areas like Crane Ledge Woods are vital in Boston's fight against climate change and environmental injustices.

The organizers said the preservation and maintenance of Crane Ledge Woods would be a nature-based solution to climate change. According to José C. Massó III, the forum's moderator and longtime community organizer, nature-based solutions are "processes that mimic nature; they provide thoughtful solutions to things

like building regulation projects, and they balance healthy ecosystems with solutions for people."

Coalition member and Friends of Allendale Woods member Frank O'Brian added how nature-based solutions can take many forms – "from creating permeable surfaces to land protection and acquisition to preserving individual trees to city wide ordinances."

Throughout the forum, Crane Ledge Woods was identified as being a nature-based solution for two main reasons:

Crane Ledge
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Prime Storage - Hyde Park located at 1641 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA 02136 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 11/8/2023 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Latoya Lewis unit #1108; Adeniyi Waheed unit #2035; Jose Otero unit #20863. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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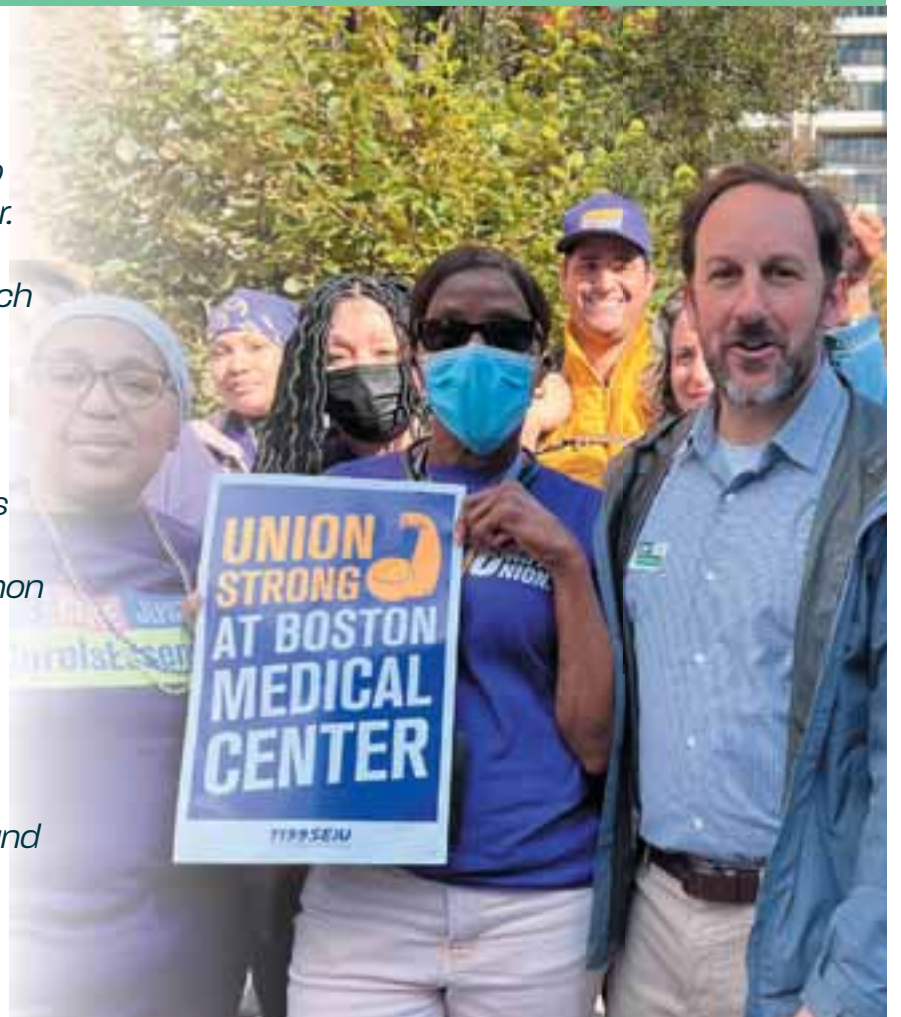
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Ben's Pledge

In the news and reading the paper, there seems to be no end to the political divisions and attacks made by one side or the other. Too often our politics are defined by what separates us rather than what brings us all together. When we are busy fighting each other, the ones who suffer the most are those who most need support.

As an attorney, the best arguments I can make for my clients are well-grounded in the facts and the law, not personal attacks on opposing counsel. I have always stayed focused on finding concrete solutions to important problems, working to find common ground when I can. I want to bring that approach as your next District City Councilor.

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Let's take out the "fighting"

[Full disclosure: I'm half-Irish with grandparents from Tralee and Bannastrand, both in Kerry.] As a lifelong Notre Dame fan, raised by an Italian-American father who delighted in watching Notre Dame football on television on fall Saturdays in the 50's and 60's (when only one college game a week was televised, except on New Year's Day), I delight in that school's successes and wins.



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

But in my later years the image of the leprechaun in a John L. Sullivan fighting position with clenched fists and dukes up for combat rubs me the wrong way, especially in these days of war with so many casualties; the same uncomfortableness occurs with the adjective "fighting" when modifying the noun "Irish." It seems that as the nation's premier Catholic (and, for that part, Christian) university — with due respect to the second-place institution, Boston College or Georgetown — should drop the "f" word. It's not an ethnic objection—perceived by some to be pejorative and by others to be positive—as it is a religious objection.

"Fighting" in and of itself is not a bad word. Drawing without objection from an Indian nation, the University of Illinois still describes its athletes as the

"Fighting Illini." Scientists fight cancer; public works crews fight blizzards; airline pilots fight turbulence. But within the human interface, fighting is not the way to solve problems: that should be placation, civility, compromise, or whatever other words we human have to save opponents and ourselves from broken jaws, chipped teeth, fractured arms and worse.

Yeah, "placating Irish" and "civil Irish" do not have any ring to it, but perhaps the mere word "Irish" can take hold when the team storms the field for the announcers to enthusiastically scream, "Here come the Irish!"

Valued in any location is character. Many towns have shiny streets and shiny buildings and shiny people, and for the most part it's what towns aspire to. But it takes a history, an earthiness, and time to develop character. Truthfully, it can be found in most places, though must sometimes be diligently sought. In other locations it clings to its streets, buildings, and people as tenaciously as wearied eyes to youthful beauty.

St. John, New Brunswick, is such a place. Mist creeps heavily through the narrow, cobblestone streets of this working-class harbor town. Its waterfront is hung with carved, hand-painted signs, disturbed periodically by long, low-moaning foghorns off obscured water, establishing a film noir milieu.

The town has been fog-bound for days, air clinging to skin like cold sweat. Cool weather deters not hardy Canadians crowding the waterfront. I sought seafood recommendations and was directed to Gannon's, and upon entering thanked traveling Gods for such places.

It exudes character; quaint, cozy and the bartender is in a bad mood. I observe a junk-hung ceiling, lobster traps and nets, the varied paraphernalia of seaside trades crowding plaid-shirted, working-class patrons hovering noisily over cradled glasses of beer.

Seafarers enter. One settles next to me and says he is from Newfoundland, working tankers up and down the coast. He tells me he likes Boston, but the Combat Zone disappointed, such was the depth of his voyaging curiosity. He disappears and I peruse the menu. It is expensive, but character compensates. I wander from the bar to claim a window table, order mussels in white wine sauce, fish chowder, and a Molson.

THE PUGILIST



Don Reddick

hollering and yelling, there was swearing and cursing and complaining and cunning, there was sliding and slinging and stooping and stomping, there was yelps and "Helps!" and that's not all!

Fraught with frantic fights and fingers and fists, there was wounded and whining and woeeful wincing glances, there was defensive and anxious cornered stances, there was shouts and louts and bouts unending, there were tables and chairs and beers upending, there was staggering, wearying, hands a-reaching, there were stars and mars and blemishes defending, knuckles and knaves and knowing scowls, there was thrusting and thumping and throwing snarls.

In the alley outside the window is a stage with two stools, ringed by spectators. As I sip beer, I see that it is a Canadian version of Gladiator as inane adolescents don hockey helmets and wield clubs, climb upon the stools and proceed to beat each other's brains out. Whoever falls off his stool first loses.

It is a wonderful setting, excellent food, cold beer, the working-class ambiance and carnage outside my window. I am enjoying myself—and then I notice the newspapers. Framed on the back wall of the tavern are a series of newspaper articles, one headline particularly attracting attention, "Blue Jays Trash N.B. Bar." Of course, we know which New Brunswick bar and I saunter over, curiosity aroused.

It seems during a preseason visit the Toronto Blue Jays descended upon this place after an exhibition game, and—if I get it right—a white bartender objected to a black ballplayer's object of sudden affection. Which reminds of a David Bromberg line in a song about Jerry Jeff Walker: "He propositioned the right woman at the right time in the wrong place, and her husband the bartender..."

The fistfight, by account, was fast and furious. The fun now was in its imagining: It began with a prod, a poke and a push best described in alliterative overload with thumping a well-worn Thesaurus. They came together taunting, tugging, tearing; there was punching, pulling, pushing; there was slugging and spillage and breakage and feinting and flailing and falling, there was kicking and screaming and

I imagined a melee, a donnybrook (Ire.), a collieshangle (Scot.), a brawl of bombastic bedlam, participants so aroused simple words insufficient; they were ferine, furibund, and perfervid, they were dudgeoned, cholered, and envenomed, as well as fulminated with ebullition. There was crashing collisioning chaos, there was catastrophic, cataclysmic calamity; there was razing, wreckage, and ruin, resulting in an inevitable obstreperous reduction of this joint known as Gannon's.

In short, they had come to blows.

When over, the poor bartender had suffered the worst of it at the hands of Toronto's star outfielder, George Bell. And I marveled at the defeated pugilist's words, quoted in his hometown newspaper and plastered on this wall.

During a week in which a New York Met was sued for tossing a firecracker, in an era when people sue McDonalds for spilling hot coffee on themselves, as my moody bartender gripes about being tired and hungry and inane adolescents beat each other's brains out beyond my window, I read the bartender's response to his friends' urging that he pursue the deep-pockets strategy and sue George Bell. His words struck me as very honest, very working class, and enshrouded within St. John's low-moaning, fog-infused character—"Hey, I got clobbered by the American League MVP. Who could ask for more?"

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Readville meets the candidates: Pepén and Ruiz

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 19, the Readville Watch hosted Enrique Pepén and José Ruiz, the finalists for the District 5 City Council seat held by the outgoing Ricardo Arroyo. The forum ran about an hour and fifteen minutes, during which both candidates took turns introducing themselves to the approximately 20 who were in attendance, and then fielded questions.

The relatively informal Meet the Candidates event served as a follow-up to the debate style forum hosted by the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association on Oct. 5, while also giving Ruiz and Pepén the opportunity to build and expand on their ideas and positions.

Ruiz – who lives down the street from the Academy of the Pacific Rim, where the meeting was held – gave his background as a retired BPD officer who had established many youth outreach and other programs over the course of his 29 year career and before it, and as a community activist stretching back to his upbringing in the South End.

Asked what his top two is-

suages would be if elected, Ruiz stated housing and academics. Without going into detail regarding his plan to address the former, he noted that it would involve the federal government. Regarding the latter, he brought up his support for school resource officers with increased authority. “Kids cannot be scared in school,” he said, citing several incidents. “Society has changed, and we need to take a firmer stand.”

He also spoke in support of community surveillance cameras, noting that Hyde Park and Mattapan had missed out on \$10 million in COVID grants for that purpose, and adding that people are already photographed up to 350 times a day, without caring. “This is a very safe neighborhood, but the worst thing that you could do is fall upon complacency.”

With several transit oriented developments proposed in Readville – all of which would have limited parking as a City required component – Ruiz put forward a more moderate approach to changing residents’ transit behavior, rather than reducing their parking options. “We have to figure out how to

condition people to walk on occasion, to ride their bike on occasion, to catch the T on occasion, because no one’s giving up their car.”

As a strategy for dealing with the T’s problems, Ruiz proposed making its maintenance records transparent and available to the public “so that way you know when they’re going to be maintained, exactly

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Weather can't dampen Westie Fest

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

Despite heavy showers, the Second Annual Westie Fest went on as planned on Oct. 21 at Billings Field in West Roxbury.

A large covered tent provided a dining and entertainment area for kids. Individual vendor tents were able to keep most attendees, who came prepared, relatively dry. A DJ manned a separate open-sided tent providing upbeat music from across the field.

Sponsored by West Roxbury Main Streets, the event highlighted about 20 different vendors offering a wide range of products and services from health and personal care merchandise and services, child enrichment programs, art, jewelry, crafts, clothing, candles, real estate, and of course, food. Despite the smallish crowd and the rain, there was plenty of opportunity to interact.

"Everything is \$10. Buy one, get one free," said Michele Sarro of Top It Off, a retail apparel and accessory store. Sarro pointed to her display of gloves, rain/knit ponchos, and other fall weather clothing, which generated a second look by almost everyone who walked by. This may not be surprising to some readers as they may remember this store saw an Oprah bump last year in the public figure's magazine.

The Boston Police Department District E-5 station had a prominent presence with two tents and a police SUV packed with coloring books, non-toxic crayons, and other giveaways including a flyer announcing their 20th Annual Halloween Party scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring food, candy, K-9 and bomb squad demos.

A team from Planet Fitness encouraged all to spin a wheel at their tent to win a free gift. Star Path Montessori founder, Clarissa Robyn hosted non-stop activities for kids in the big tent. And a stop for almost everyone one was to one of the two food tables, Bertucci's or Al-Wadi, the Parkway's Lebanese restaurant.

But even with all the activities, what would motivate anyone to come out in the pouring rain?

"We live nearby and like to come out and see the community," said Brian Walsh who, along with Eizabeth Kent and Brett Rowley, were comfortably seated at a table in the tent, eating lunch from Al-Wadi. "Last year it was like 70 degrees out," said Rowley. As part of their goal to get more involved in what West Roxbury offers, both Walsh and Rowley have run the Corrib Pub's Annual 5K charity race.

A few chairs over, watching Robyn dancing with the kids, were Mike and Denalee

McDonald. "We're always looking for fun things to do, rain or shine, with the children," said Mike. His two children were carefully following Robyn's directions and participating in each activity she offered.

Westie Fest also proved to be a place for city council candidates to talk one-on-one with voters. Ben Weber, District 6 candidate and Bridgett Nee-Walsh, an at-large candidate, were both at the Fest.

"I'm getting a chance to talk to families here in West Roxbury," said Weber. When asked if his conversation with families in West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain have similar themes, he said, "There are certain issues in the neighborhoods that are different. People in West Roxbury talk about the road redesign (Centre Street "road diet"). People in JP talk about the redevelopment of the Shattuck and they're concerned about that. I think everyone in both neighborhoods is concerned about the City Council, they're concerned about the Boston Public Schools, they're concerned about public transportation." Weber spoke with a number of individuals as he looped around the park.

Westie Fest may have been the "wettest fest" so far, but there was certainly something for everyone, if you were willing to brave the elements.



While the weather didn't cooperate, residents still came out to celebrate West Roxbury at the second annual Westie Fest at Billings Field. Top: Boston Police Department E-5 Officers. Bottom: Michele Sara and Rita Gwinn from Top It Off.

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In the matter of: Anna Adams
Of: West Roxbury, MA

Protected Person/Disabled Person/
Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First and Final as Temporary Conservator** account(s) of Raffaella Witkin, Esq. of Wellesley, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **11/23/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2023
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/26/2023



Residents said there have been issues at this intersection between Thorne Street and River Street.

COURTESY PHOTO

Trucks, traffic and parks discussed at Belnel NA

Katie Krom
Staff Reporter

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, community members of Hyde Park and beyond met virtually at Belnel Family Neighborhood Association (BFNA) meeting.

BFNA co-founder Helena Tonge facilitated the meeting, which included information from residents, police, and city officials.

The meeting started out with introductions; on the call was Boston Police Department (BPD) District E-18 Community Service Officer Paul Broderick, representative for State Rep. Brandy Fluker

Oakley's office Stephanie Caros, Jessica Thomas from the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), Ryan Woods from the Parks and Recreation Department, and Robert Lewis from the Public Works Department (DPW).

One of the goals of this meeting was for members to understand the jobs of the different departments and know when it is appropriate to call each. It was also a priority for members to know that when a 311 call goes unanswered – which residents have said is frequently the case – there are other departments that can assist.

The group also discussed

traffic issues on Thorne Street and River Street. Apparently, there has been unsafe driving on the bridge, as well as tractor trailers that are parked, making it hard to see.

“These trucks have been parked here for a long time and even after many 311 calls, they are still here. It is very frustrating,” a community member explained.

Along with the trucks, there are also sinkholes forming which makes it even harder to maneuver the bridge. Broderick, as well as other service members on the call said that they would look into this

Belnel NA

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Candidate Forum

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"Showing up is most of the job." said incumbent Erin Murphy. She said primary for her is constituent services. She noted getting over \$2 million toward treatment and recovery services for the city amid the Mass and Cass crisis still ongoing.

"It's not a man's world. If you can do the job, you can get the money," said Bridget Nee-Walsh, a union member and iron worker. Nee-Walsh worked her way through high school and college and has had jobs that were typically held by men. "We need vocational schools. College isn't for everybody."

"I've dedicated myself to public service. I'm trying to represent the next generation that's coming," said Henry Santana, formerly director of operations for former District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok. He also served in Mayor Wu's administration. He resigned from his position to run for the council and now works the night shift. "That's the type of work ethic you can expect from me." He lived in public housing and attended BPS.

"I'm an activist. I started to pay attention to local politics." Catherine Vitale said she was a restaurant manager and lived in a homeless shelter during the pandemic. That experience, she said, influenced her decision to run for public office. Her goal is to help people gain a better quality of life.

"I've heard from all the neighborhoods. We are not being listened to," said Shawn Nelson, a former U.S. Marine Corps member and certified nursing assistant (CNA). Nelson worked through the pandemic despite being against mandatory vaccinations. He sees himself as a problem-solver for the community.

During the open question period, T. Michael Thomas, founder of The People's Academy, a program focused on providing training in the trades for inner city residents, asked each candidate if they can bring attention to funding his program. "The administration has wasted so much money... I would be interested in funding it," said Vitale. Braithwaite also said he would support it. Nee-Walsh also supports it, saying, "You got me." Nelson also backs community programs.

Jack Flanagan asked Mejia about workplace harassment in the council as she was one of three councilors accused of it. "There is a lot behind that allegation," said Mejia. "It's an HR issue." She added, "I am a thoughtful and reflective leader." She said she is not one to fuel a fire but calms them down.

Steve Morris asked Mejia what she was going to do for West Roxbury. "We need to slow down the development process," she said. "Evaluate the systems that are in place. We're being priced out and sold out."

Braithwaite was asked how the council can help education. "I speak about all the children in the community. There is one Boston... trades are very important. Arts and culture are a springboard. It can't be division. We must come together as Bostonians," he said.

Murphy was asked about a senior center for West Roxbury and a budget. "A lot of movement on this hasn't been apparent. We have to make sure we're not just telling tales. We need to follow through. I'm going to check today... I commit to pushing it forward."

A follow-up question was asked about the amount of money being allocated to Boston as a sanctuary city. "It's a state law," said Murphy so it is not part of the Boston budget. "We're getting one-tenth of what New York City is getting. I don't have a number."

"Is there any way to recoup any of the COVID money for the senior center?" asked Morris. "No," said Murphy.

Santana was asked if he supports rent control. "I support rent stabilization." He is also committed to affordable housing for seniors.

In other business, Jim Hennigan, president of WRBPA asked for volunteers to help deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys to families in the Parkway as part of the annual Mary Mulvey Jacobson Families in Need program. Email mmjfamiliesinneed@gmail.com for information.

PROJECT CONCLUSION Allston-Brighton Needs Assessment

CONCLUSIÓN del PROYECTO Evaluación de las necesidades de Allston-Brighton

IN-PERSON COMMUNITY MEETING

with virtual component*

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

6:00PM - 8:00PM

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Crane Ledge Woods borders Hyde Park, Roslindale and Mattapan, three neighborhoods that have been designated by the city of Boston as “Environmental Justice populations.” These neighborhoods are characterized as such due to their inequitable lack of access to green spaces and the disproportionate impacts of climate change they face.

The wooded area represents an opportunity for building climate resiliency in neighborhoods that are getting less attention. The City of Boston has implemented plans for adapting to climate change through its Climate Ready Boston initiative, but the Coalition claims that the “plan’s coastal focus lacks equity as most Environmental Justice populations are inland.”

Crane Ledge Woods not only enhances surrounding residents’ access to green spaces, but it also bolsters their resilience against the challenges – increased flooding and rising temperatures – that they disproportionately endure.

Trees represent a readily implementable and existent nature-based solution against flooding and heat. Nathan Phillips, a panelist and tree

physiologist at Boston University (BU), described trees as “paragons of resilience; they reprocess water, absorb heat, and cleanse the air.” Having more trees in urban areas will reduce the Urban Heat Island Effect which occurs when land cover is less vegetative, as asphalt and pavement absorb and retain heat. Trees also help reduce flooding because they create pervious surfaces which absorb rain and stormwater run-off.

The forum also highlighted the need and existence of community organization and mobilization around these issues. One question presented to the panel – “how can we work in a way with Wu’s administration on advancing climate, environmental justice, ecological justice, and nature-based solutions?” – prompted an extensive conversation about the power of coalition building and community organization.

“What we are fighting is a huge system,” said Panelist John Walkey, the director of climate justice and waterfront initiatives at GreenRoots. “It’s a system so large that it requires us – the citizens – to grab it by the legs and turn it around. The best thing we can do is to hold the elected officials accountable and help them to change that system.”

“The community members and organizations are re-

sources,” added panelist Celeste Venolia, the forest protection coordinator with the Sierra Club’s Massachusetts chapter. “We’re the ones living in the communities; we walk the streets; we experience the flooding; we experience the heat, and so it’s important to establish and use a mutually beneficial relationship between folks who are on the ground as well as in the city.”

The forum ended with an informal conversation about how to advocate for nature-based solutions. “Join coalitions, work with elected officials, call your representatives,” suggested panelist Dira Johani, the urban resilience advocate for the Charles River Watershed Association.

“There’s so much persistence,” she said. “There are so many folks who are just residents, and they’re out there advocating because they care about the community. Folks in the coalition have a lot of faith that we can do it. We’ve made some progress. It might be slow, it might be hard, but we’re taking it one step at a time, and we’re prioritizing environmental justice needs.”

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Lauren E. passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the young age of 37. Lauren was the beloved wife of Dennis Alessandro (B.F.D.); cherished daughter of Judith (Kinahan) and Dennis Macdonald (Ret. B.F.D.) of West Roxbury. Loving sister and best friend to Molly Lukas and her husband Edward (B.P.D.), Jillian Dubrow and her husband Paul (Br.F.D.), and Brendan Macdonald (B.F.D.) and his long-time girlfriend Regina Perez. Goddaughter of Janice Kinahan Delosh of West Roxbury. Daughter-in-law of Maureen Buckley-Warren and the late Robert Warren of South Boston and Richard Alessandro and his wife Nichole of Somerville. Devoted sister-in-law of Steven Alessandro and his wife Leslie, Brian Alessandro (B.F.D.) and his fiancé Gabriella Corricelli, Kevin Alessandro and his wife Jasmine, and Michael Alessandro. Best friend and cousin to Taylor, Kelsey, Andrew and Madysen Delosh. Lauren, especially known as "Auntie Snack Snack", was the most fun and loving aunt to her nieces Teagan, Madelyn, McKenzie and Emily. She is survived by her many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Lauren was a dedicated nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital for many years and had an affinity for serving and healing others. Lauren graduated from Mount Alvernia High School in 2004 and received her BSN from Regis College in 2008. Lauren was known as an avid

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shopper at Target, Home Goods, TJ Maxx and Home Depot. She loved to travel to Ogunquit and East Hill Farm, and could be frequently found with her Starbuck Lattes, Panera, potato skin pizza from Denos or Golden Temple Chinese food. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home. In Lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lauren may be made to St. Theresa of Avila School, 40 St. Theresa Avenue, West Roxbury, MA, 02132 or online at sttheresaschoolboston.com. All donations will be used to support a scholarship in Lauren's name (STA Class of 2000). For directions and guest book gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

COYNE

E. Brian of Hyde Park, formerly of Dorchester, passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family, on October 14, 2023. Beloved husband of Margherita Ciampa-Coyne. Loving father of Kyle J. Coyne, Gabriella G. Coyne and Christian F. Coyne, all of Boston. Devoted son of the late Edward J. and Shirley A. (Carr) Coyne. Loving brother of Nancy Kiesel of Florida, Steven Coyne of New Hampshire, Sharon Coyne of Dorchester, David and his wife, Kellyanne Coyne of

Hyde Park and the late Michael, Teresa and Kevin Coyne. Brian is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Murphy Funeral Home, 1020 Dorchester Ave., DORCHESTER. Interment will be private. Brian was a longtime employee of the U.S. Postal Service, working for 30 years in multiple Boston area locations including Mattapan, Hyde Park, and most recently, as Station Manager in East Weymouth. He will be fondly remembered for being a wonderful husband, father, brother and son. Above all else, Brian enjoyed his family whom he loved deeply and of whom he was very proud, "sunshine and blue skies". He especially enjoyed the time he spent surrounded by family at his home in East Wakefield, New Hampshire. In lieu of flowers, donations in Brian's memory may be made to The Greater Boston Food Bank, 70 South Bay Avenue, Boston, MA 02118. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.jmurphyfh.com Funeral home handicapped accessible with ample parking.

ESKIN

Gerald N. of Roslindale, MA, passed away peacefully on October 18th, 2023, at the age of 92. Gerry grew up in the Mattapan section of Boston, and attended Boston Latin School, and Boston College. He worked for the National Security Agency in Washington,

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Around the Neighborhood

GOT PUMPKINS? SMASH 'EM, DON'T TRASH 'EM!

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

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

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

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

COLLEGE PREPPROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston University Upward Bound is currently accepting applications for their college preparation program from 9th and 10th graders. Upward Bound serves 86 Boston Public High School Students by providing academic instruction, tutoring, social enrichment and personal support. This includes MCAS English, Math and Science prep, along with SAT prep. The program is free and now has openings. The priority application deadline is December 1.

Students attending Brighton High School, The English High School, Community Academy of Science and Health, Margarita Muniz Academy and Snowden International High School at Copley or attend a Boston public school and live in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, or Roxbury can apply. Program services include an academically intensive six-week summer program (where students live at BU) and an afterschool program of tutoring and academic courses during the school year. For an application and more information on the program contact us at 617 353-5195 or reggie@bu.edu. You can also go to www.bu.edu/ub.

FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE HARVEST BRUNCH

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

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

Join the fun and connect with your friends over brunch while helping neighbors in need. Admission is \$25.00. You may pay at the door, by check to WRFORP, PO Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or by credit card on our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. If you need additional information, please call 617-469-4199. If you can't join us, please consider making a donation to support our work at <https://westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org/donate/>.

TEMPLE BETH DAVID OF THE SOUTH SHORE TO HOST ART EXHIBIT

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

Mr. Melzack's artwork is seen in galleries throughout the world. His visual imagery is striking, as he uses colors, symbols and other graphic ideas to reflect the multifaceted levels of the stories he tells in his paintings. The viewer is invited to experience the meaning of the work in relation to the viewer's own experience. Mr. Melzack will share insights to his paintings, the stories he aims to tell and how he develops his paintings from the use of this visual language. Samples of his work can be seen at his website, melzackartworks.com. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. More information about how to purchase an original work will also be available. RSVPs are not required, but will be helpful for planning purposes.

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

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The public is welcome to attend.

For more information
 Call (617) 325-0186 or Email info@TheGardensCemetery.org

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D.C. for his entire professional career, and then returned to the Boston area in his retirement years. Gerry was a beloved uncle to nieces Rae Eskin (husband Bruce Fishkin) and Sherry Eskin (husband Matthew DeMarrais); beloved great-uncle to Ariella Fishkin (husband Danny Makin), Mia Fishkin, Ivy, and James; and beloved brother-in-law to Eleanor Stone. A graveside funeral was held on Sunday, October 22nd, at Temple Emeth Memorial Park, Baker St., West Roxbury, MA. Donations in memory of Gerald can be made to the Arthur S. and Martin R. Eskin Memorial Fund of Temple Emeth, Chestnut Hill, MA. May his memory be for a blessing. Levine Chapels - Brookline (617) 277-8300 www.levinechapels.com

children Matthew and Lindsey Mahoney as well as in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family, friends and former co-workers. She indulged in life's simple pleasures: family, playing in her yard, plants, sitting in the sun, many summers in New Hampshire at the lake and being at home. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment in the St. James section of St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree in her name or make donations in her name to either the Dana Farber Cancer Center, Boston, MA or One More Dog Rescue, www.omdrescue.org. For online [guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com](http://www.guestbookpemurrayfuneral.com).

OLSON

Eileen Catherine (McCarthy), life-long resident of West Roxbury, ended a wonderful life here on Saturday, October 21, 2023 after a short and strong battle with lung cancer. A retired registered nurse, she was 70. Eileen was born and raised in West Roxbury and attended high school at St. Mary's in Brookline. She earned her nursing degrees from Boston City Hospital School of Nursing and Laboure College, both in Boston. She worked as a nurse in multiple settings, the longest being in long term care at the Star of David Nursing Home in West Roxbury, and most recently at Kindred Hospital in Boston. She was the beloved and devoted wife of Donald with whom she shared 49 beautiful and loving years of marriage. She was the mother of Dr. Douglas Olson of Connecticut and Kristen Mahoney and her husband James of Hyde Park. Eileen was the loving sister of Patricia Vogel and her husband Paul of Virginia, Mary Nikolaidis and her late husband James of Dedham, and Ann Gallagher and her husband Robert. She was pre-deceased by her younger brother Charles McCarthy. She was the daughter of the late Lieutenant Charles McCarthy (Boston Fire Department) and Mary (Hackett) McCarthy. She will be deeply missed by her two grand-



TERPSTRA-HARDY

Thelma J. (Ziegler) of Norwood, formerly of West Roxbury and Roslindale, passed away on October 10, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Francis Hardy and the late Arthur Terpstra. Devoted mother of Richard Hardy of Norwood, Wayne Hardy and his wife Kathy of NC., Ethel Schmitt and her husband Robert of NY, Douglas Hardy and his wife Anna of WV., and the late Kenneth Hardy and his surviving wife Terry of Norwood. Loving grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Sister of Edward Ziegler and his wife Jeanette and the late Robert Ziegler. A private family graveside will be held. For online guestbook [pemurrayfuneral.com](http://www.pemurrayfuneral.com). Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.



Policy Director Wayne Yeh – who had been working on this issue since Breadon got into office – announced that there was a distinct possibility that a retail post office could be placed at the 25-39 Harvard Ave. site. Earlier this month, Breadon said she was very happy to say one step of many in that process has been made.

“I was delighted to learn of this important step in the re-establishment of the Allston Post Office,” said Breadon in a press release. “Allston’s immigrant communities, small business owners, and elderly population rely on the services that the Post Office provides. I am in strong support of the reopening of the Allston Post Office and look forward to input from community members and leaders in Allston as BPDA (Boston Planning and Development Agency) review of this project nears completion.”

A retail post office branch still offers a lot of the same services as a full post office, but does not handle distribution and many other services.

At last week’s Allston Civic Association (ACA) meeting, president Anthony D’Isidoro said this was a good step in the right direction. However, there is always room for improvement.

“It’s a major first step in realizing the replacement of the post office up in Allston, and as satisfying as that is and how much of a positive development that is, the fact remains that we’re coming up on four years without a post office in Allston,” he said. “I have said before and I do not hold back because that’s the responsibility I have as president of the ACA, that why it’s taken this long is as much of a punch in the gut as anything

else. I always say that I’m sure if something like this had happened in Newton or Wellesley or Cambridge or even Kendall Square when they had to move their post office because of development – they moved it in four or five months at Kendall – but this has been going on because it’s Allston. It’s who we are and where we’re at.”

D’Isidoro said he wants to make sure the USPS doesn’t just leave a room with a de-facto drop off mailbox. While the retail site won’t have trucks coming in to collect and then distribute the mail (though residents will be able to drop off packages and letters), he wants to make sure that it is still a full-service post office.

“It’s not just about packages and stamps, but also passport services, PO boxes...we have to make sure we at least have a full-service retail operation, and that still has to be worked out,” he said.

D’Isidoro also pointed out that relying on developers, no matter how good intentioned they may be, leaves open the possibility of litigation against a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, which could delay or stop the project outright.

“So there are many variables here that still need to be overcome,” he said.

Project developer Noah Maslan reviewed the project, including the retail post office and a housing development on the property. It’s about 170 units of housing with some other commercial and community space allotted. Maslan said they wanted to include more community space so as to be able to offer concerts for residents.

When asked about the

structural integrity of the building in relation to the tree that caused the downfall of the old post office building, Maslan said they would be working to make sure that does not happen again.

“One of the benefits of our plan is that there is a separate retaining wall inside of the current post office building,” he said. “So the intent here – and our building is set off 10 feet from that – our intent here is to build a new retaining wall right up against it. I had heard that was part of the issue and currently inside the post office the entire wall is fortified with scaffolding now because it was deemed to be structurally unsound.”

Resident Bernadette Lahey said she had some concerns around construction vehicles and where they are going to go during the project. She pointed out there are four other projects in this project’s vicinity.

“If there are three or four projects in the area, how is the traffic going to flow?” she asked.

Maslan said they would be working with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) as well as putting together a construction mitigation plan with the city, but said it’s difficult to predict with other projects since they have their own internal timelines.

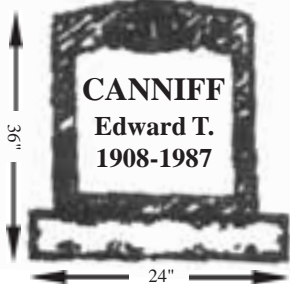
“Part of it is we can’t necessarily predict the Jack Young (another project) construction. I mean those projects were approved many years ago,” he said.

D’Isidoro said there are several other projects coming down the line, like the state’s plan to replace the Franklin Street pedestrian crossing and replacing or rehabilitating the Cambridge Street Bridge.

“So not only do you have development projects like Allston Square, 449 Cambridge St. and others in the mix, but also these state projects,” he said. “This is something we’ve alerted the BPDA of. In some sectors of the community, sometimes a neighborhood community construction mitigation plan might be better than just doing it by project.”

For more information on the project itself, go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n9aunww>

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what's going to be maintained, and who's maintaining them."

Asked about Mass and Cass, Ruiz spoke of his time as Chief of Public Safety at the Public Health Commission, and his professional and personal awareness of an effective recovery process. He also advocated for rebuilding the Long Island Bridge to access the islands. "You know why? Because those islands are ours! They're sitting idle!"

Pepén – a Roslindale resident – followed Ruiz and started by outlining his career in public service: from his internship with City Councilor Tito Jackson, to his work for Congressman Joe Kennedy, to his position as Jamaica Plain liaison under Mayor Walsh, to his non-profit work with Transportation for Massachusetts, and finally as director of Mayor Wu's Office of Neighborhood Services, which he left to run for the District 5 seat.

As had been the case in the HPNA forum, Pepén's general positions were similar to those of Ruiz, but differed in their angles of approach.

When he was asked about his top two issues, he also stated housing and the education system. Regarding the former, he spoke of using federal grants to build affordable houses. Regarding the latter, he proposed a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program for the city's universities and hospitals that would go to the BPS to fund infrastructure, wages, and resources.

Related to transit developments, Pepén's support for a proposed 28 unit building with 15 parking spaces approved

for 1081 River St. – that is still drawing much opposition from its immediate abutters because of its lack of adequate parking – was called into question.

"I want to make sure that I'm pushing the state government to fix the MBTA before we decide to start... continue to build developments next to transportation." Pepén replied. He followed that by speaking of a different project he had been in favor of. "I did like the idea of a bus lane on Washington Street in Roslindale, but it's not working because the enforcement sucks, the bus service is terrible, so I kind of regret taking that stance because the state government is hurting and not investing in public transportation."

Agreeing with Ruiz, he went on. "People are not going to give up their cars. That's the reality. So I want to make sure that we can trust that the development is going to come in, it's going to give them a reliable solution to actually say, 'Okay, I do feel comfortable taking the T.' But that's not the reality at the moment, and it probably won't be for the next 10 years. So I want to make sure that I'm part of the solution, and not the issue."

Both were also asked how to effectively deal with the BPDA's planning, communication, and community engagement. Ruiz spoke in favor of small community advisory groups throughout the city. Pepén spoke of his fear of the BPDA eliminating community engagement. "That is very scary," he said, "because that is when we lose our voice."

Election Day is on Nov. 7.

issue.

In other news, Assistant Commissioner of the ISD Jessica Thomas explained that she works with community and housing issues. Her role consists of taking information, meeting with homeowners, and writing violations. After a violation is written, the homeowner has time to make changes. If the request is ignored, then they can be taken to court, or sometimes instead, they are given services to help.

"A lot of stuff goes on in the background," Thomas said. "I want to make sure our neighborhoods are vibrant and we are taking care of each other."

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods said in Hyde Park, there are four properties that the department takes care of: Amatucci Park, Iacono Playground, Ross Field, and Mt. Hope Park.

Residents said that at Ross Field currently there is a fence that needs to be replaced around the basketball court. There is also a broken swing and other playground equipment that needs to be replaced.

Woods said that he will look into replacing the fence, and order new equipment for the park.

Another member explained that Chittick Elementary School has a hazardous playground. Woods said Parks and Recreation is working to fix this, and that there is a five-year project for the playground in the works that will, at least in part, be redesigned by students. Woods said that he is making sure all of the parties are working together on this

project.

Another issue that was brought up in the meeting was a hill that is not well maintained. The hill that is parallel to River Street is overgrown, filled with trash, and a home to many rodents.

"There is a man who lives near the hill that has gotten frustrated and started maintaining the hill himself with his own equipment," Tonge said. "The City of Boston should really hire him!"

Tonge went on to say that the hill needs to be on a routine maintenance schedule.

"People say that the hill's too steep and they cannot work on it," Tonge said. "But we have seen it done!"

The group discussed potentially redesigning the hill to make it easier, as well as putting foliage that does not need to be maintained constantly.

Woods said that he would look into this issue and go look at the hill himself. Department of Transportation representative Robert Lewis also explained that he can try and help, but does not want to commit to anything at this meeting.

Broderick gave a police re-

port for the Hyde Park neighborhood with everything that has occurred since June 22.

There had been an assault, a shooting, three drug control unit arrests, and a robbery of a cell phone. Someone had been buying an item on Facebook Marketplace, and had their phone stolen during the transaction.

"If you're going to buy anything through a website, do it at the police station," Broderick said. "It is a lot safer there."

Overall, Broderick crime has been down 14 percent since Jan. 1 in the district.

If you are an adult that was raised in a dysfunctional, abusive, or neglectful home, perhaps ACA can help.

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—J.R.

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—K.S.

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. —L.K.



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 (617) 788-8300

In the matter of: Song Yuan He

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Song Yuan He of West Roxbury, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Lucas He**

Any person may appear for purposes objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of **11/09/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 10, 2023
 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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In the matter of: Lia Marie Vasquez Encarnacion

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Lia Marie Vasquez Encarnacion of Roslindale, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Lia Marie Encarnacion**

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
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In the Matter of:
 Mona Assea Moraru

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Monda Assea Moraru of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Mona Assea Moraru-Shafran**

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Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of **11/16/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
 Date: October 16, 2023
 Vincent Procopio,
 Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

DOCKET NO. SU20P0782GD

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street
 Boston, MA 02114

In the matter of: Dora Martin
Of: South Boston, MA

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Brian J. McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: **Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.**

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of **11/16/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, HON. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 12, 2023
 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 10/26/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

DOCKET No. SU14P2253EA

Estate of: Orlando Joseph Albani
Also known as: Orlando J. Albani
Date of Death: 12/21/2013

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street
 Boston, MA 02114
 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **Sandra J. Sullivan of Dedham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that **Sandra J. Sullivan of Dedham, MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 11/28/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This 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 this Court.
 Date: October 20, 2023
 Stephanie Everett,
 Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 10/26/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU23P2253EA

Estate of: Joan Domenica O'Hear
Also known as: Joan D. O'Hear
Date of Death: 03/15/2023

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street
 Boston, MA 02114
 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas M. O'Hear of Walpole, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Thomas M. O'Hear of Walpole, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/21/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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: October 16, 2023
 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/26/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU23P2260EA

Estate of: Joseph Francis Morgan
Also known as: Joseph F. Morgan
Date of Death: 04/16/2022

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street
 Boston, MA 02114
 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Mary E. Morgan of West Roxbury, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Mary E. Morgan of West Roxbury, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/28/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
 Date: October 17, 2023
 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/26/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division
Docket No. SU23D1931DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Flor Castillo Pena vs.
Yimy Alexander Pena Aybar

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street
 Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **Irretrievable Breakdown.**

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Flor Castillo Pena, 22R Lincoln Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136** your answer, if any, on or before **12/07/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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