

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association resists dense housing



A Stonybrook neighbor speaks out against 10 Stonley Rd at JP zoning committee.

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) is becoming increasingly militant as it confronts new housing in its area.

Unhappy with the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) decision to approve 10 Stonley Road - a four-story, 45-unit rental building - SNA had its own meeting with the BPDA on Feb. 12.

Unlike the two publicly advertised BPDA meetings - the Oct. 24 Article 80 meeting and the Dec. 12 BPDA board meeting that approved the development - this one was closed to the public.

Jennifer Uhrhane of Rossmore Road chaired the 10 Stonley Rd. subcommittee and she reported to the full SNA at its Feb. 10 meeting.

She said she was unhappy with the BPDA vote and dissatisfied with the JP neighborhood council zoning committee vote to deny the development on Feb. 5.

"It was a 7 to 4 vote," she said. "It was not unanimous. There were still people who liked the project. The developers came back to us and said they were not going to change the project."

Uhrhane said her subcommittee had scheduled a

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City Council considers parking reform and transportation benefits

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and called for several hearings regarding different aspects of transportation, traffic, congestion and parking in the city.

For parking, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards, District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell and At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George called for a hearing to discuss and possibly implement parking reform. Edwards said aspects of this reform may include changes to residential parking, street parking and drop off temporary parking.

"I don't know of many neighborhoods that don't have this issue," she said. "We want to look at how do we plan accordingly for the cars in the city, but also how do we make sure that we are planning accordingly for people to be able to come home at night and into their buildings without having to circle the block a thousand times."

Edwards pointed out that in her district, East Boston does not have one parking meter, and that encourages drivers from other cities and towns to park on the streets and take public

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Neighborhood reviews plans for Allston's "The Vinyl" development project



Residents were concerned at the meeting about the traffic impact the 166-unit development could have on the surrounding area.

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

More than 20 people came out to hear the latest developments on a proposed housing 166-unit complex for 449 Cambridge St. named "The Vinyl" at a meeting at the Jackson Mann Community Center on Mon., Feb. 24.

This was the second of two major community meetings with Anchor Line Partners, the developer, and Michael Sinatra, the project manager for the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). In addition, there have been two Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meetings, with the third and final IAG meeting scheduled for

Mon., March 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jackson Mann Community Center. After that, the comment period for the project will close on Fri., March 6.

David Wamester, Anchor Line's Executive Director of Development, led the presen-

The Vinyl

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Neponset River PCB project closer to reality



Cathy Horn gestures as she asks a question at Monday night's EPA meeting on Feb. 24, 2020.

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Monday night, Feb. 24, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a public informational meeting regarding its plans to propose a section of the Lower Neponset River for inclusion on its National Priorities List (NPL).

More than 50 Hyde Park,

Mattapan, Dorchester, and Milton residents attended the two hour meeting (divided into a half hour presentation and an hour and a half question and answer period) held in the auditorium of the Mildred Avenue Middle School in Mattapan.

This NPL is made up of sites across the country that the EPA has concluded require investigation and potential

cleanup under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), better known as the Superfund program.

The stretch of the Neponset in question runs from its confluence with Mother Brook at the Grimké Sisters Bridge at Dana Avenue in Hyde Park ap-

Superfund Site

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Hyde Park residents return from Puerto Rico after delivering supplies



Hyde Park residents went to Puerto Rico recently to distribute donations from local residents by hand.

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Hyde Park residents and members of the West Fairmount Hill Community Group returned from Puerto Rico last week after successfully delivering supplies to the beleaguered region.

“We arrived Friday night to news of recent tremors of 3.1 and 3.4 in the Ponce region. And many more homes continue to collapse - 50 last week,” said Marcia Kimm Jackson. “We are clear the need is still great. After the news media and many others have “moved on”, we know-

the need is still great. So, we are energized to give support. After we (Ventaja Boston and Georgia duo), arrived, we traveled to the church where a group of volunteers from Inglesia Pentecostal in Bayamon had already collected many items. Our 15 suitcases full of material goods added to their stash and we continued to pack items in Ziplog bags and recycled bags for distribution. We packed just under 300 bags — in addition to bags of clothing by size and gender, books and crayons, packs of toilet paper, baby and sanitizing wipes and cases of bottled water or drinks. We loaded the rented van and cars and on Saturday we met at 6:00am to make the 2 ½ hour drive to the Ponce Region, making breakfast and bathroom stops along the way. There was a caravan of 6 cars and 1 van. In the truck with 2 others we asked ‘What do the people most need – outside of physical restoration and safety?’ We were told ‘The people need love and care – they are scared and feel abandoned and forgotten.’”

Kimm said their first stop was at a church in Guanica (in the region of Ponce) that was also damaged by the earthquake. She said the congregation was worshipping outside and there were tents and cots in the yard. She said they joined them as they moved in a caravan up to the more remote mountain regions.

“When we got to the area to distribute items we broke off into teams. Our team went to an area where there were many abandoned homes,” she said. “Those who could leave or

move have left. Many others stayed and in the front or back of the homes there were tents – makeshift ones and store bought ones. We walked door to door in teams greeting, talking and offering help. Many of the people we met were elderly and several had young children living in the homes. We were told that the school collapsed and they were having kids meet for “school” in a tent, which floods each time it rains. You can imagine in a tropical climate how many times that is. People were so glad to see us and many openly wept - not sure if it was out of gratitude, fear, or relief. We gave what we had – each person got a bag with food, toiletries and personal care items, paper goods, and water. Those who requested it got blankets, adult diapers, clothing and children’s items. Many wondered what would happen to them, and still they were able to smile with us. There were a couple of families with bedridden members who were terrified. They held on to our hands tightly. We hugged everyone, prayed for everyone and told everyone they were loved and cared for, and we- Boston, Bethel AME Church, Hyde Park - remember them.”

Videos and photos of our visits are posted on the website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

“We also stopped at the Government/FEMA site – with a posted sign that said it is a ‘refugee center,’” she said. We were curious about that label. We shared the donations with them as we learned that many

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Mayor Walsh Announces Reforms to Zoning Board of Appeal

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today signed an Executive Order to establish new, rigorous ethical standards for the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and institute strong policies and procedures that will bring a significantly increased level of transparency, accountability and integrity to the ZBA. These important changes are informed, in part, by the findings of the Sullivan & Worcester report and initiate both immediate and long-term changes needed to ensure that best practices, strong internal protocols and policies are in place at the ZBA.

“The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility,” said Mayor Walsh. “The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their concerns. I want to assure the

residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city.”

Through these reforms, Mayor Walsh is spearheading the changes necessary to strengthen public confidence in the board, improve their functions and efficiencies, and create a more understandable and transparent process. The changes will include strict standards around conflict of interest, financial and ethical disclosures for both board members and certain applicants seeking project approvals, rules governing business dealings before, during and after projects are considered and approved, enhanced ethical training for board members, as well as technological improvements to bring greater access to the board and its process for the public.

Specifically, the Executive Order bolsters the ethics and transparency expectations of its board members by implementing new disclosure requirements, prohibiting members from participating in any project in which they have an interest and prohibiting members from having any subsequent business dealings with

any project on which they voted. In addition, the order establishes new standards for board members, requiring each member to submit annual statements of financial interest and undergo comprehensive ethics training.

In addition, because changes to the Zoning Board of Appeal require state approval, Mayor Walsh continues to work with Councilor Lydia Edwards to craft a home rule petition to the Massachusetts state legislature to change the composition of the board to bring added perspective and expertise.

“It is critical that residents trust and have full and indiscriminate access to 21st century government. Today’s executive order takes critical steps by modernizing the Zoning Board of Appeal, promoting transparency and strengthening ethical standards,” said Councilor Lydia Edwards. “As the council moves forward with legislation regarding the Board of Appeal, I look forward to continued partnership with Mayor Walsh.”

In addressing the need to modernize the functionality and efficiency of the Board, the Executive Order introduces for the first time elec-

tronic submissions in order to streamline operations, including enabling online applications and payments for permits and petitions, electronic submission of plans, email notification of hearings, deferrals and new hearing dates, online subscription list for interested residents and parties, and a search database of all pending applications and decided petitions.

As part of the Mayor’s commitment to making the ZBA more accessible to residents, the Executive Order calls for the designation of an ombudsperson to notify the public of their rights during and outside of ZBA meetings and guide residents or appel-

lants through basic procedural steps of appeal. In addition, the Board will be required to work with the Mayor’s Office of Language and Communications Access to ensure the provision of translation services is available to residents.

The reforms announced today build on steps that Mayor Walsh took immediately after learning about the allegations of bribery that are currently under investigation, which include ordering a comprehensive, independent review of the practices and procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeal, and a separate review conducted by Attorney Brian Kelly to focus on allegations regarding a specific project.



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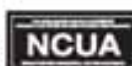
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Residents packed about 300 bags of items to give out to residents in Puerto Rico, who are still experiencing aftershocks.

people who are able to travel, go to the Center for material assistance. The staff requested more articles of clothing for residents who are staying there.”

She said they then drove through the town - the Pueblo of Guanica - and saw what she had seen online and from media outlets, collapsed buildings and many more abandoned

homes.

“It made us wonder: Why almost two months after the earthquakes the sites still looked like the earthquakes just happened a day ago?” she said. “There was debris in the same places, very few caution tapes, and no fencing off of destroyed buildings that posed a danger to the public, and no sign of heavy machinery to begin clearing stuff or starting the rebuilding process. We were sad to see this.”

She said they were able to do a lot of good, but just not enough.

“Many of us ended the day with heavy hearts and a sense that we had only scratched the surface in helping,” she said. “For about 300 people we made a difference. We are grateful for that. While there is material lack, the observed deepest need

is is for emotional and mental support. We were asked 'when will you come back?' We didn't have an answer - only desire and hope to help again.”

Kimm Jackson said the local community really stepped up for this endeavor.

Thank you so much for your support. Your donations allowed us to bring 60 blankets, 12 cases of water, countless items of food, toiletries (including bug spray and medical items) and clothing. When we landed in Puerto Rico, we went to Walmart to purchase 35 blankets and 10 cases of water, 5 more cases of adult diapers and other items. We were unable to buy additional sunscreen or bug spray because the costs were so high. We gave what we had and all we could at this time. We are grateful that we were able to serve. Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you.

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Not one Boston Public School student

When the winners/honorable mention recipients of the state science and art fairs are published—always in the smallest news print possible—I scrutinize them carefully to see how many BPS names are published. And the searches are not in vain, as I see the names of the students and their schools in print. When the results of the recent MIAA All-State Championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center were published, I did similar scrutinizing, but this time all to no avail.



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association hosts track meets, both winter and spring, by class, that is, by the size of the schools. Thus the larger schools are competing only against larger schools, the medium-sized schools against similarly populated schools, and so on.

The All-State track meet is the culmination of these competitions, as it merges athletes from the smallest of schools with those hailing from the larger schools. From this track meet emerge the best participants in various events who will compete in the New England's and the Nationals.

The recent MIAA All-States contained no BPS names in the top three finishers (they may have come in a close fourth). There may even have been Boston students competing for Xaverian or Ursuline or for METCO schools, but there were no students from BPS schools who finished in the top three, whether in dashes, intermediate runs, mile and 2-mile, field events, and relays.

This failure to have any is in sharp contrast to the days when Boston English, Boston Tech(now O'Bryant), and Boston Trade (now Madison Park) as well as some of the district high schools such as Brighton High could boast of top performers in the All-State and well as the statewide division meets by school size.

This is not intended as an

indictment of BPS track coaches. Students must have satisfactory physical exams and have a certain grade-point status before they can compete in interscholastic sports; thus the coaches lose a number of potential competitors because of these demands. But what is more intrusive is the current state of the economy: with poverty levels as they are and with many part-time job openings in the burgeoning food-service industry, students from low-income families are trying to support their families and themselves by working after school, thus depriving themselves of this extracurricular activity.

Students forced to work by their family's economic needs after school not only deprive their high school athletic teams of their participation but, much worse, jeopardize their own academic standing. They are not able to do homework as well as their peers. Moreover, student workers, being more tired naturally, may be more fatigued in class and do not reap the full benefits of classroom instruction, which result in lower grades and in their not being considered for honors and advanced placement courses.

Ah, yes. Maslow's hierarchy of needs has physiological needs on the most basic level, with love/belonging and esteem much higher up.

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WRFORP hosting 18th annual Community Dinner

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place (WRFORP) is hosting its 18th annual Community Dinner on March 28 at St. George's Orthodox Church in West Roxbury, starting at 6 p.m.

WRFORP President Doris Corbo said the event has a deep history in the neighborhood and raises funds for Rosie's Place, a women's shelter in Boston that has been in operation since the 1970s.

"Over the past 18 years, money raised at the dinner helped to fund meals at Rosie's Place, provide food for the food pantries at Rosie's Place and the Roslindale Food Pantry and to send homeless and poor children to summer camp programs," Corbo said. None of this would be possible without the generosity of the Roslindale and West Roxbury business and residential communities."

Corbo said Rosie's Place does not accept city, state or federal housing.

"It relies solely on the support of individuals, foundations and corporations," she said. "As time went on, the

number of volunteers who supported WRFORP's mission to assist neighbors in need grew and the organization's commitment to providing meals to Rosie's Place expanded beyond meals."

Corbo said they get a lot of support from all over the Parkway Community and beyond.

WRFORP is very happy that many of our supporters have been with us since the group's founding in 1981," she said. "We are equally proud that we count as our supporters an increasing number of adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s. Our supporters span several generations and WRFORP is all the stronger because of it."

Corbo said WRFORP was founded as a support structure for the shelter. She said the Spring Community Dinner started in 2002 as a way to bring residents and volunteers together to help those who use the services at the shelter.

"The Spring Community Dinner is a lot of work and requires a substantial commitment from our Board members and our wonderful force of active volunteers," she said. "What makes it all



Hundreds are once again expected for this year's Spring Community Dinner for the West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place.

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worthwhile is that the Spring Community Dinner is truly a community event. Community members come together to help plan and attend the event. That's what I personally like - community members helping others in our community."

Corbo said the organiza-

tion is now branching out to other endeavors. She said while WRFORP started as a group dedicated to serving meals at the shelter, they are now serving the population in many other ways.

"We expanded our mission to include sending children, who might not have the oppor-

tunity, to summer camp," she said. "All the children we support are from Boston, with the majority living in Roslindale, West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. We are always looking out for camp programs that support our mission. Re-

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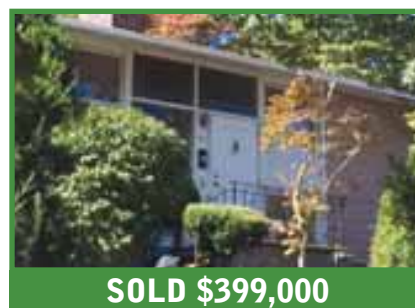
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JP Manning hosts 10th annual Spelling Bee



Jamaica Plain's Manning Elementary School recently held its annual Spelling Bee, for which District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley helped to judge. Student Bella, center, took home first place for spelling "accordance."

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transportation.

"They get that for free, they have the two-hour parking – and not that I'm encouraging this – but they have from 4 p.m. until they get home from the theater for free in the City of Boston," she said. "For those of us who live in East Boston, we live in those streets."

Edwards brought up a point

that At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty has been calling for reform on in the past, in that healthcare workers cannot get to their patients because of residential parking restrictions in some neighborhoods. Edwards also said that many homeless residents cannot stay near their shelters because they incur too many fines.

"A woman came to us because she had a boot on her car," she said. "She had been assigned to this shelter from across the state, and that's not something she can control. The only thing she had was her car, which was what she was living in. But because she could not get an East Boston residence sticker, we ticketed her to the point where she lost the only thing she had. And her only form of income was as an Uber driver."

Also discussed at the meeting was a call for a hearing from Edwards and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu regarding the implementation of transportation benefit agreements with large employers in the city. The idea is to allow employers to provide tax free allotments of free or discounted public transportation passes to encourage the use of public transit and reduce the number of cars on the road.

"This is the lowest of the low-hanging fruit we should be taking when it comes to traffic, transportation and congestion," Wu said. "We know from the data and we

know from the experience of our residents in our neighborhoods that a large part of the traffic, not just on the main thoroughfares but on almost all of our residential side streets, comes from people trying to get work and often from people outside Boston trying to get to work in Boston or near Boston. So the decision that we're making in terms of the commute and how employers are involved in that conversation have tremendous impacts all throughout the neighborhoods."

Edwards said similar programs have been implemented in San Francisco, Washington D.C., New York and the entire state of New Jersey.

"It basically requires employers in Boston to give this to their workers for a pretax benefit, essentially to pay for the T pass or the Commuter Rail pass," she said. "All of the workers in the City of Boston have this as an option. What we're asking for is for employers to at least give that option to their workers. I know people are critical because they feel it's just one more mandate on the business community, but the mandate is just to give them an option to have a pretax benefit. It does not cost the employer anything unless they have a huge number of employees and would be an additional administrative cost. But it would actually save employees a lot of money."

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Council has its own hearing on ZBA rules

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council held a hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 25 detailing a home-rule petition to change the makeup and accountability elements of the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The move comes after years of residents feeling their voices were not being counted or heard in the most current development boom hitting all across the city, and the realization in September 2019 that one ZBA Board member was a real estate broker for projects he was approving variances for, creating a potential conflict of interest.

“This would change the structure of the Zoning Board of Appeal by requiring that its members have expertise in affordable housing, expertise in civil rights and furthering fair housing, expertise in environmental protection and climate change, a background in urban planning and design of neighborhoods,” said hearing sponsor and District 1 City Councillor Lydia Edwards. “It would also require homeowners and renters to be on the Board and also expertise in zoning general laws.”

Edwards added that the proposal would also prevent ZBA members from engaging in the business of real estate construction, development or purchase and sale within the city while they are members of the Zoning Board, as well as requiring they not do so five years after their term of service. She added that contact in-

formation for the Board, a subscription service for notice and advertisement of Board hearings be created and an electronic record of its proceedings be made available.

Dozens of residents testified during the hearing, including North End resident Thomas Schiavoni, who said that as recently as that morning he was with several residents coming to testify at the ZBA. He pointed at one of the big issues facing residents who come to testify against a proposed development, in that many times a developer can ask for a deferral and get it. Many residents have said in the past they believe developers do this to run out the clock and drain the willpower of opposition.

“We didn’t have an opportunity to say, ‘well listen, we took time off from work, got babysitters, somebody canceled a medical appointment they were waiting a couple of months for,’” he said. “It was done so blithely and I am a lawyer, I don’t do zoning law, I do behavioral health, and to tell you the truth my training in disordered thinking came in handy this morning when I had to explain to my neighbors, well, this is part of it, this isn’t written down for you, but you can bring 100 people here and if a developer wants to have a deferral, likely or not they will get it.”

Resident and Co chair of the Harborview Neighborhood Association in East Boston Matthew Berenson said he felt that developers have been able to actively

ignore residents’ concerns and opposition throughout the city and that has disheartened many, leading them to remove themselves from the process entirely, which is not a good thing for representative democracy in the City of Boston.

“At our Neighborhood Association meetings, the number one topic of discussion is always development,” he said. “Many residents don’t bother coming to the meetings, and it’s not because they don’t like us, it’s because they feel like their comments and their votes don’t matter. While I disagree with that and I can point to many examples where we have worked with developers to make better projects, I understand their frustration. The target of their frustration? The ZBA.”

Berenson said he felt the main issue facing East Boston and the city as a whole is rampant speculation, in which real estate developers come from outside the city and, in some cases, the country to buy properties for well above their value or what a residents would most likely be able to afford and artificially drive up prices with luxury apartments and condos. He added that most of the development, at least in East Boston, has been limited to nine-unit proposals, which mean they don’t have to have Inclusionary Development Policy income-restricted affordable units.

“It’s driven by levels of capital, both foreign and domestic, that simply remove average buyers and average renters from the equa-

tion,” he said. “We have seen various developers in East Boston, MG2, City Realty, Volnay Capital and others, purchase property for well above market value.”

District 5 City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo asked Boston Chief of Civic Engagement Jerome Smith about mechanisms and processes related to how his office at least weighs resident comments and opposition to a proposal against the proposed benefits from the developer of that proposal before recommending support or opposition from the Mayor’s Office.

“I think the things I have heard in my district of Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roslindale was a general sense that the voices of residents aren’t given the amount of weight that it should be, and frankly there’s a transparency they feel is lacking,” he said.

Arroyo said many residents feel that the system is already rigged against them and that most proposals are “done deals” before they go through the ZBA and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) processes start.

Smith said those mechanisms that determine weight include lists of opposition and support from community members who have participated in the process. He also said that he sometimes he is frustrated when residents come to ZBA hearings having not been through the previous process and were unaware of changes made because of resident participation.

“There are individuals in the

neighborhoods who don’t want to go to their Neighborhood Association or just don’t have time to go a meeting at night for various reasons and I’m not here to tell them they have to, but at the same time if they can’t do that and they can’t do an abutters meeting, what else can I do?” he said.

Arroyo asked about the processes and mechanisms used to make sure that the applicants are actually flying neighbors for abutters meetings within the 300-foot radius required. Smith said his reps call randomized addresses within that radius to confirm whether or not a good swath of the population has received the abutters meeting notice, to make sure residents have reasonable accommodation for being notified.

Smith also discussed methods they are considering to increase residents’ access to comment on developments.

“I’ve grappled with this a little bit and I have meetings on it next week about it,” he said. “I’m looking for a way to give more people the opportunity to weigh in on more projects and not be bound by a static neighborhood association meeting or a static city-sponsored meeting. What I have been hearing when I’m out and about at different community events is we need to provide more opportunities for individuals to weigh in.”

Smith said having an abutters meeting with 100 people on a sidewalk can make it hard to get everyone’s voices heard, but he said he’s working on online portals for each ZBA project where residents can comment on the project and putting that on the 311 application.



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BOSTON WOMEN, INC. 10TH ANNUAL 'WOMEN AMONGST US' TEA AND AWARD CEREMONY

On Saturday, March 21st, Boston Women, Inc. will honor four prominent women at its 10th annual Women Amongst Us Tea and Award Ceremony. This year's recipients are Freddie Kay - Founder and President of Suffrage 100MA, Alice Palumbo - World War II Marine, Sally Glora - former City of Boston Auditor, and Monalisa Smith - President of Mothers for Justice and Equality.

The event will feature high tea, guest speakers, and musical entertainment from Riverside Theater Work's Sweet Harmony. Join the 'Women Amongst Us Tea' on Saturday, March 21st, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., at Granite Links Golf Course, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy, MA 02169. Tickets are \$50 and must

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The Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association's next meeting on February 27 at 7 PM at the Boston Police Academy will spotlight local author, Michael Boudreau, author of "Last Ride into Readville." Michael is a graduate of Hyde Park High School and has lived in various sections of Hyde Park including Readville, cited in the book's title. The book contains many, many, many references to sites, streets, businesses while it chronicles a dysfunctional local family. It's an interesting must read for all Hyde Parkers and available at the Hyde Park

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BOSTON WARD 18 TO ELECT DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Saturday, March 7, 2010 at 10:00am at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year's state convention will be held May 30, 2020 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for upcoming elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by February 15, 2020 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Boston's Ward 18 can elect 53 delegates and 8 alternates to the Convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org.

Those interested in getting involved with Boston's Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.

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Location: Springhouse Senior Living, 44 Allendale Street in Jamaica Plain

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

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The dinner will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and includes dinner and beverages.

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READ IT AND MEET!

Book discussion on Stories from the Shadows by Dr. Jim O'Connell on Tuesday, March 24

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Boston City Council mulls BPS Transportation budget increases

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met on Monday, Feb. 24 and discussed the reasons for the myriad of increases at the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Transportation Department.

Readers may remember in 2017 when the BPS rolled out a new transportation plan based on an algorithm to increase bus transportation efficiency. At the time, the BPS spent 10 percent of its budget on transportation, \$2,000 per student per year, with increasing costs despite falling ridership. While the program had some growing pains, a total of \$5 million was saved for fiscal year 2019.

At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-Gorge filed a hearing order last fall to try to figure out why the budget requests are still increasing.

During the hearing, BPS Transportation Assistant Director of Finance Edward Pesce pointed out that \$26 million of the most recent budget (FY 2019), one dollar in every five spent, is going to non BPS schools, like private schools and charters. He also said that the total number of sites the BPS transports students to is increasing, while the number of students transported (and the per pupil expenditure funds given to BPS through State Chapter 70 funding) is decreasing.

He compared fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2020, and showed that BPS transported 25,276 students in 2015, while in 2020 that number is down to 18,648 (a decrease of 30,232 to 24,269 of total students, private, parochial and charter, transported). He said that 22 percent of students transported are going to non-BPS sites, a total of 5,621 students. He said that accounts for 48 percent of sites served. He added that half of the Transportation Department's bus stops are door-to-door transportation, ie, students getting picked up and dropped off at their houses, which increases time spent and fuel consumption.

Pesce also said that the expense of transporting homeless students and those in transition is especially high, at \$24,000 per student per year.

"The reason this is so expensive is that these students and the service we provide is so temporary, because we have students hopping from homeless shelter to homeless shelter or from foster family to foster family," he said. "It does push up the cost when you compare the students we're delivering to

and from home day in and day out. There are different mandates and laws that cover the different types of students too."

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley asked Pesce why BPS doesn't use smaller buses, especially for some groups of buses that can sometimes only have four or five students on them – more than 300 trips a day.

"Can we look at vans, can we look at cars, you know for the environmental impact, the cost impact and the traffic impact, of which I could go on and on and on," O'Malley said.

Pesce said the BPS fleet is now at 721 buses total, 154 of which are Mini Safety Vans.

"Your average yellow school bus has a capacity of 71 students and those MS Vans have 12, and so from a cost perspective, they cost about the same," he said. "The real cost here is in the body. We would be spending the same on salary on a person driving a big bus than a smaller bus."

O'Malley said he disagreed. "I would respectfully like to push back on that, I think if we've got opportunities of three or four kids going to one school, I think a sedan would work, and I'd like to see a fleet of electric vehicles from our municipal departments, like BPS, is that something we can do?" he asked. "If we have several hundred trips per day with four students or fewer, why wouldn't we look at having sedans for that?"

O'Malley added that the overall cost to the city's budget could be somewhat decreased as well with smaller vehicles.

"The environmental impact is significantly less, the wear and tear on the roads is significantly less, the efficiency of the vehicle is significantly more, so can we do that?" he said.

Representative of Superintendent Brenda Cassellius Charlene Briner said that nothing is off the table.

"I think that nothing is off the table, including there are other districts that will look at opportunities for parents, so you get some sort of subsidy for a parent to do transportation, and there are multiple creative solutions that we can consider, but I think the larger question is going to be how we engage with the community," she said. "Safety is first, on time is second, and then we get to cost drivers."

Pesce was asked what comparable school districts spend on transportation per pupil, and while he said he did not have a full list of data, the only compa-

table city is that of Buffalo, New York, and that's because, he said, they have more charter schools that Boston.

"Buffalo is the only district I think that spends more on a per pupil basis and they have full school choice," he said. "As we've seen a lot of themes here come down to school choice and the placement of programs. The only district spending more than us is the one with more school choice than us."



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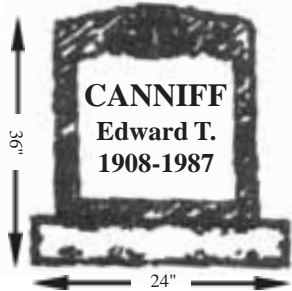
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proximately 3.7 miles downstream to the Walter Baker Dam at Adams Street on the Dorchester/Milton line.

This portion of the river has long contained sediment contaminated with elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a broad group of chemicals domestically manufactured from 1929 until their ban in 1979 that – because of their stability – were used in hundreds of industrial and commercial applications.

The EPA's evaluation of PCBs has determined that they have been shown to cause serious adverse health effects – including cancer – in animals, and that studies support evidence for their potential carcinogenic and adverse non-carcinogenic effects in humans.

Meghan Cassidy – of the EPA's New England office – updated the audience on the preliminary evaluation of the site after first inviting Stephen Johnson, Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to give background on how the EPA became involved.

About 10 years earlier the DEP had helped identify the sources of the PCB sediment that had built up behind the two dams on the Lower Neponset and – after conducting a survey of the area – had identified a high condensation level of PCBs in Mother Brook and the waste sites located there, after which it had tried to identify the responsible parties and have them pay for the assessment and cleanup.

Cassidy confirmed that the DEP had, in fact, worked with a responsible party over several years (which Johnson later added had been privately funded in the amount of \$14 million), but had stopped at the confluence of the Neponset when the state was unable to compel it to continue further.

However, having found high levels of PCBs throughout the lower portion of the

Neponset, the DEP asked the EPA to evaluate it for Superfund consideration in 2017.

“Due to the complications and complexities, we thought that this would be a good move, and I'm glad that they stepped in,” Johnson said of the decision to involve the EPA.

Cassidy continued by saying that the EPA's preliminary investigation had relied heavily on prior information and research that had been gathered on PCB contamination, that it had done its own limited sampling in order to confirm those earlier results, and that its work – should the site be added to the NPL – is only just beginning.

“I think it's important for folks to note that the work we have done to date is by no means an effort to fully evaluate the extent of contamination,” Cassidy said. “The EPA cannot do that until after we place the site on the National Priorities List.” She added that the EPA's project goals will be to determine exactly what its contamination is, where it is, what risk it presents, and the best options to mitigate those risks and to do a cleanup.

She spelled out the EPA's immediate goal: to be ready to present the Lower Neponset site project for the NPL by late 2020 and to add it onto the list in 2021, reiterating – both during her presentation and the Q&A – that the project itself would be lengthy.

“If we are working with responsible parties, there are legal issues. They have to enter into agreements. If they are not willing to do the work voluntarily, we have to get involved in the court systems. It takes time.” Cassidy commented in response to a question. “It's not unusual to say a decade. I'm not going to sugarcoat it. This is a long process.”

Of the many questions asked during the discussion session, the two main points that were returned to several

times concerned funding and responsible parties' liability, and the concern that the contaminated area of the Lower Neponset may be larger than the current parameters of the proposed project.

Speaking of the funding guidelines for a Superfund project, Cassidy said that “these regulations are premised on the belief that the polluter pays, so our first effort is to try to identify liable and viable” responsible parties, acknowledging that some industrial/commercial Neponset offenders are likely no longer in existence.

She went on to add that Superfund money is used only after that initial effort has been made to deal with potential responsible parties and that EPA funding would be based on annual budget appropriations that would then be winnowed down to individual projects.

Regarding repeatedly stated concerns that a greater area than the 3.7 mile section of river may be contaminated, Cassidy explained that a defined area based on available data has to be submitted with the proposal, but that – once the site is on the NPL – the EPA's investigation will determine how large the project will become based on what is found.

There are 40 NPL sites underway in Massachusetts and 123 across New England. The Lower Neponset site is the only proposal currently on the table in New England.

Cassidy and other EPA officials present at the meeting seemed confident of the proposal's success, and encouraged community involvement both individually and through the neighborhood associations that they will be in communication with.

For more information regarding the Lower Neponset EPA project, contact Public Affairs Specialist ZaNetta Purnell at 617-918-1306 or at purnell.zanetta@epa.gov.

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Aisling Kerr (center), BPDA project manager at the Oct 24 BPDA public meeting on 10 Stonley Rd.

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meeting with the BPDA on Feb. 12 to press their case that 10 Stonley is out of compliance with Plan JP/Rox. She said that JP neighborhood council president Kevin Rainsford was invited and credited District 6 Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley with arranging the meeting.

Rainsford had a different take on the meeting origins.

He told The Bulletin that Uhrhane had called in to the NPR "Ask the Mayor" radio program on Jan. 17, 2020 and spoke on air with the mayor complaining about 10 Stonley.

According to Rainsford the mayor helped facilitate the meeting.

"I was brought in because the neighborhood council has invited the BPDA to come back to the community," he said, "We want them to review Plan JP/Rox since it's been three years [since approval]."

The meeting was closed to the press but the BPDA did tell The Bulletin who was present.

In addition to Uhrhane there was Royce Abel from SNA, Jonathan Greeley, BPDA Director of Development Review; Victoriya Abolina, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Planning; Aisling Kerr, BPDA project manager of and coordinated the public process for 10 Stonley; Matt Martin and Ocean Lau from Urban Design; Lindsay Santana from the mayor's office and Councilor O'Malley with his staffer Justin McClarey.

Uhrhane declined to update the Bulletin about what was discussed and concluded at the meeting.

"I don't think it's a good idea to share the conversation at this point," she emailed on Feb. 13. "We're still trying to negotiate this building."

O'Malley and Santana did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

The BPDA responded by explaining that the meeting "discussed the project's density, shadow impacts, streets and connectivity and public realm and how they connect to Plan JP/Rox."

The BPDA wrote in its Feb. 13 statement that 10 Stonley "is consistent with the goals outlined in Plan JP/Rox including affordability, urban design and public realm components."

"The project created an unprecedented amount of privately financed, income-restricted housing with over 22 percent of the units offered to lower-income residents at a range of income levels. In collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, the project will create a new public mural. The project is consistent with the community goals in Plan JP/Rox approved by the Board in 2017."

Ten Stonley Rd is scheduled at the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 10.

SNA prefers smaller buildings but they often cannot be financed.

Stephen Sousa and Brian Lester proposed an eight-unit condominium with a ground floor coffee shop at 3502 Washington St.

It was enthusiastically supported by SNA on Oct. 21 but not by the banks and it was canceled; the old parking lot is no longer under agreement with the Burke family.

Two other back burner housing plans were also revived at the Feb. 10 meeting.

Pat Moloney and Colm O'Shea first proposed 84 Stonley Rd. as a nine-unit condominium on Oct. 16, 2017.

Fred Vetterlein, who owns property on Plainfield Street and lives on Union Avenue, summarized the SNA position.

"We need to push back on this," he said. "The developers didn't come prepared."

Moloney and O'Shea took his advice and returned on June 11, 2018 with a consultant, a new architect and new designs for a nine-unit, four story condominium building with ground floor parking.

SNA didn't like this either; Vetterlien again spoke for the majority.

"The architecture is bor-

ing," he said. "Every time we push back on a design we get something worse."

But Vetterlein became impatient.

"[O'Shea] may withdraw his proposal," he said at the Jan. 14, 2019 SNA meeting. "He's dissatisfied with how things are going. He's exhausted."

Apparently rested, O'Shea has returned; he may sense the timing is better too. 76 Stonley Rd. - next to his property - is completed and leasing out; the average rent is \$2665. SNA opposed this unsuccessfully for two years.

Moloney and O'Shea hosted an abutters meeting on Feb. 6, 2020 that SNA co-chair Jon McCurdy attended.

"It was disappointing, he said. "They came with their consultant Jay Walsh. There were no plans, just an elevation. It's the same as before. The businesses in the building have been evicted so it's a displacement issue. This is going back to the

subcommittee."

Uhrhane chairs that.

"Everybody's friendly and smiley [at the meetings]," McCurdy said. "But there's a long time and things change when money's involved."

Seven Kenton Rd. - the Keegan Auto Gage property - is also back after the original developer, Scott Johnson - facing biting neighborhood resistance - withdrew his proposal for a 35-unit condominium building in August 2018.

Kristina Tobey, co-chair of the 7 Kenton Rd. subcommittee, reported that the development team with their attorney George Morency had contacted her.

"They're willing to build

a four story, nine-unit building," she said, "with one-to-one parking (one housing unit to one parking space). They want to be on the March SNA agenda."

She did not know who the developers were.

McCurdy was not enthusiastic about hearing them on so short notice.

In his State of the City address on Jan. 7, Mayor Walsh "pledged to dedicate \$500 million over the next five years to create thousands of homes across Boston affordable to households with low and moderate income."

"Housing," he said, "is the biggest economic challenge our residents face."

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Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—R.O.R.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

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LOWELL L. RICHARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR \$5,000



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tation. The main points he emphasized were that the team responded to the IAG's concerns about affordable housing, and that public art will be widely featured as part of the façade.

"Public art is a tremendous aspect of this project and one that we're very proud to be able to incorporate a significant amount," he said. "We think it's a tremendous opportunity for the local community to participate in the development process."

He also said that 15 percent of the units will be affordable now, compared to the City's standard rate of 13 percent.

"One of the biggest items in back-and-forth discussions that we went through in regard to the housing component was the creation of affordable units," Wamester said. Initially, the project had 22 units at 70 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Now, Wamester is proposing to the IAG that 25 units be affordable, with three different options for affordability. One focuses on small units, while the other tends toward larger ones.

The third would create different levels of AMI, mainly ranging from 50 to 70 percent.

Architect Robert Brown, a Managing Director at Perkins and Will, gave a presentation on the features of the project, which consists of two separate buildings on two parcels, one facing Cambridge St. and the other facing Emery Rd. These will be independent, multifamily residential buildings consisting of townhouses on the lower levels and a range of apartment sizes on the upper levels.

The Cambridge Street building would have seven floors and a gross floor area of approximately 131,000 square feet and 127 dwelling spaces. There would be 2,400 feet of space at the base of the building that could be used for a restaurant, retail or other services, such as a gym. There are 80 parking spaces proposed on two lower levels, which is a ratio of 0.48 spaces per unit.

Included will be a two-story lobby and a two-story retail space, he added.

"There are recesses here allowing for balconies of some sort," Brown said of the design. He noted there are is an opportunity for a mural.

The Emery Rd. building also has seven floors, a gross floor area of 33,000 square feet,



The development team discussed their vision for the site, which includes 25 affordable units at 70 percent of the Area Median Income.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

and 39 units with no on-site parking.

Vitrines are located on one façade, which can be used to display public art. There will also be a small roof deck on the Cambridge St. building.

Studios average 400 square feet, while a two-bedroom unit runs about 1,000 square feet. A townhouse has 1,036 square feet, according to Brown.

To work with the landscaping and work recently begun on the 44 Rugg Rd. project, Brown said they decided to use the same tree arrangement. Also, they will use a concrete sidewalk, a permeable pavement system, and then a bike lane, which was requested by the IAG. Blue Bikes can fit on the permeable surface.

Elizabeth Peart, the transportation consultant on the project from Howard Stein Hudson, talked about the number of bus routes available and the Allston Brighton Mobility Study, from which draft recommendations are starting to be formed.

"The idea of putting in a bus-only lane is something that we would welcome," she said.

She added that the parking space ratio is something that is keeping in line with both what the City recommends and what the IAG wanted.

"Fewer parking spaces really does translate into fewer vehicle trips," she said. "Folks are much more reliant on transit, particularly when the City is committed to improving transit, with that bus lane, for example."

Regarding sustainability, all of the water fixtures will be low

flow. They are also "striving to be silver certifiable."

Wamester added that the building was approved unanimously by the Boston Civic Design Commission after having been worked on by the BPDA's design staff and the development team.

"This project transforms what is really an underutilized and, frankly, a functionally obsolete building," he said.

He also complimented the IAG on giving "a lot of good feedback," calling it "a learning process."

Some mitigation incentives include Blue Bike stations, a public transit incentive package, greenspace, moving the drop off zones from Cambridge St., and working with the City to make Emery Rd. a public way rather than a private way.

Residents seemed generally supportive, but had a number of questions. Several people asked if a contractor had been selected, and if union workers would be hired. They were told that a decision had not yet been made.

Bob Pessek asked why there were no opportunities for home ownership or larger units for families. Wamester said the plans always had called for smaller rental units.

"We have one of the lowest, lousiest homeownership statistics in Allston-Brighton across the city," he said. "Families with kids aren't here, and you're not going to attract them."

Wamester responded that the team incorporated a three-bedroom unit, which they never did before.

Pessek said while it was "not a bad design," he didn't like the name "Vinyl."

"It sounds like plastic," he said.

Rep. Kevin Honan asked how they planned to "garner 50 percent of the median" for affordable housing.

"We tried to be creative to create a wider bandwidth," Wamester said, noting some may pay higher than 100 percent of the AMI. The proposed rates have not gone before the IAG yet.

Anthony D'Isidoro asked if the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) had done a transportation study yet, and asked Sinatra to check.

"It would be nice to know what the drift of BTD is before we have to vote on it," he said.

Wamester noted that, if the project is approved, construction would begin at the end of the year or the beginning of 2021. It would take about 14 to 15 months to complete.

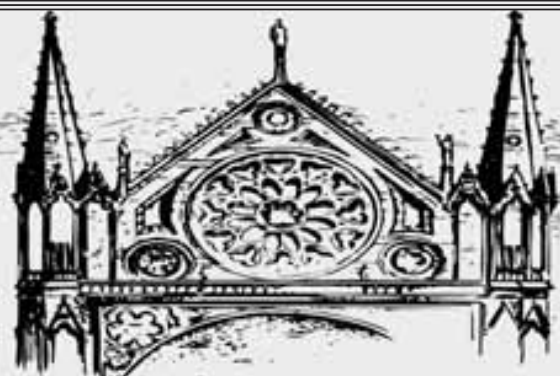
Rosie Hanlon, who serves on the IAG, asked if the construction will be in "lock step" with other projects so as not to cause traffic and other neighborhood disruption. She noted that the 44 Ruug Rd. project "is not going as smoothly as it should be."

"They're taking over the whole street, and I think it's something you need to address," she added.

Brian Chiasson, the Managing Partner at Anchor Line, said that all of the construction projects will be planned around each other so as not to cause concern.

After the meeting Councilor Liz Breadon said she was happy about the concession on the affordable housing units.

"I'm encouraged that they've increased the affordable units to 15 percent," she said. "But I am discouraged that there isn't any opportunity for homeownership in a district where we have below 10 percent."



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at 7 pm at the West on Centre, 1732 Centre St, West Roxbury. (author will not be present) Sponsored by the Catholic communities of West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park. Adults of all faiths invited to share thoughts on this collection of stories from Dr. O'Connell's 30 years of caring for the homeless in Boston. Book available from amazon.com and is also in the Boston Public Library system. Registration is required to reserve a seat at West on Centre. Contact Mary Campion at 617-323-4410 x13 marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org No registration fee but we ask that you bring a \$5 gift card to Dunkin Donuts on the day of the event to support Dr. O'Connell's ministry.

FRIDAY NIGHT JUSTICE FILM SERIES

Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America examines the role of the U.S. economic and military intervention in triggering an unprecedented wave of Latino migration that continues to transform the U.S. socio-economic and cultural landscape. Be advised that there are some disturbing scenes in this film.

Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30) Free admission, popcorn, and beverages. Appropriate for high school age and older

For other films in this series, go to www.tparkerchurch.org.

ICE SKATING

New WINTER Learn-to-Skate classes for children, ages 4 to 18 start soon at the ice rink in West Roxbury.

Classes at the Jim Roche Arena, 1255 VFW Pkwy, start Sunday, March 1st for 5 weeks, at 4:00 p.m. Classes are also available at 10 area rinks. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes taught. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating Over 50 years!

PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2020 season. Games begin in April. There will be 2 seasons, spring and fall, played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the 'parkwaysoccerwestroxbury' site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at the Roche Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's Barber Shop in West Roxbury and Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale.

Parkway Youth Soccer is in its 42th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2015 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school

students born between 2002 and 2004 are eligible to play in the Senior Division. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-962-4271.

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA - MARCH 8

Parkway Concert Orchestra continues its 75th anniversary season with 'Sounds of the Symphony Orchestra' on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Name Parish Upper Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Music Director Thomas Kociela will conduct a lively program including the first movement of Schubert's Symphony in C major, selections from Elgar's Enigma Variations, music from 'Hamilton' and 'The Sound of Music' and the finale from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. The program will feature Moises Carrasco in Giovanni Bottesini's Double Bass Concerto No. 2 in B minor.

To enhance your concert experience, the performance features a pre-concert talk (from 2:35 to 2:50) with Resident Conductor Brian Bell.

This concert is presented by Holy Name Enrichment Program and is sponsored by Vogt Realty Group in memory of Gene and Ann Vogt. During intermission, the audience will have a chance to meet and learn about the orchestra instruments at an instrument petting zoo. Concert admission is free. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 617-792-4277, visit the orchestra's web site at <http://www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org/content/2019Season/19-20> or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra.

MARDI GRAS PARTY

The Stratford Street United Church & Grace Community Boston hosts a Mardi Gras Party with full brass band

Pastor Rev. Abigail A. Henrich, along with lead musician David Leach, will lead a Mardi Gras service, complete with a full brass band. They will combine the traditions of Fat Tuesday with Ash Wednesday, exploring the intersection of music and the sacred. New traditions will be offered, including sacred donuts. If you wonder just what a sacred donut is, come and find out! Everyone, regardless of religious identity, is welcome to enjoy the great music.

West Roxbury, MA, March 5th @ 7:00 pm

The service is free and open to the public. Children are welcome. There will be a child friendly activity.

THE VILLAGERS

The Villagers of Roslindale meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 12-3 at St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 4740 Washington Street, West Roxbury.

Social hour is 12-12:45 with refreshments followed by a meeting, raffles and bingo. Occasional day trips and dinners are planned. Our dues are \$10.00 per member paid annually. All inquiries, please call Diane Grallo at 617-323-8654 or Jean Parrelli at 617-325-4695.

PARKWAY LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION AND OPENING DAY PARADE

Calling your future All Stars! Registration is currently underway for the 2020 Parkway Little League spring season, which will kick off with the 68th annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, April 11th. Players aged 4-12 who live or attend school within the Parkway area are eligible to participate. Early registration is encouraged to avoid late fees and to guarantee your spot. For more information and to register online please visit <https://www.parkwaylittleleague.org> today. Additional questions can be emailed to playball@parkwaylittleleague.org. Register now for another exciting and fun season down at the complex!

PARKWAY BABE RUTH REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS

Parkway Babe Ruth is looking forward to their 51st Season with Babe Ruth in the Parkway area. Players age 13-16 are eligible to continue their baseball after completing Little League. Final tryouts for the upcoming 2020 Season will be held on March 28th and 29th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at West Roxbury High. Anyone interested in playing must register at <https://www.leaguelineup.com/inputs/3136206&url=https://www.parkwaybaberuth.com> or via our website <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=pbrl>

TERRY KITCHEN JOINS RIOT IMPROV FOR SONGS TO SCENES

Saturday February 29 at The Rozzie Square Theater

Award-winning singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen will join Riot Improv for 'Songs to Scenes' on Saturday February 29 at the Rozzie Square Theater, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale. Kitchen will be performing songs from his new CD Next Time We Meet, which will then be turned into scenes by Riot Improv. The show begins at 8 PM and admission is \$15 (\$10 students). Tickets are available at www.theriottheater.com or at the door. Riot Improv is a hilarious improv comedy group produced by the Riot Theater Company, one of the co-owners of the Rozzie Square Theater in Roslindale. The veteran comedians of Riot Improv perform weekly shows at the Rozzie

Square Theater and present Songs to Scenes the last Saturday of each month. This month, Riot Improv is teaming up with award-winning singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen to create improv comedy inspired by the emotions, images, lyrics, and rhythms of Terry's musical performance. Called "one of New England's best songwriters" by The Boston Globe, Terry Kitchen creates songs that are portraits of ordinary people and emotions, captured with extraordinary compassion, honesty and humor. He's been performing on folk stages across the country since the 1990s, releasing 12 CDs, including his latest, Next Time We Meet, which is already being heard across the US and Canada on folk radio. His songs have won the Mid-Atlantic and USA Song Contests and been runner-up in the John Lennon Song Contest, and have appeared in numerous films. In the 1980s he was the leader of the groundbreaking Boston band Loose Ties, whose experiences he recounts in his novel Next Big Thing, called "a great debut novel" by The San Francisco Book Review. More on Terry at www.terrykitchen.com For more information on RIOT IMPROV call 617-942-0294 or visit www.theriottheater.com.

"THE UNIQUENESS OF THE IRISH GARDEN" WITH KARIN STANLEY.

The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury - Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7 PM at The Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St, West Roxbury, MA. We request a non-member donation of \$7.00.

Join us for an exploration of the Irish garden through the centuries. Warm currents of the Gulf Stream create a broad palette of zones nurturing an extraordinary range of plants and historic gardens for which Ireland is famous. Ms. Stanley illustrates beautifully how Ireland claims its place on the world gardening stage. Join us and share an evening enjoying this stunning visual and informative tour.

About Our Speaker: Ms. Stanley, an Irish-born artist, sculptor, poet and writer has lived in the United States for over thirty years now. Originally a knitwear designer interested in textures, fibers, patterns and symbolism. A passionate observer of the changing landscape in Ireland and Scotland, her interest in Celtic archaeology, Megalithic art, the influence of the Arts and Crafts Period naturally expanded to include garden design and its history. She is a graduate of the Landscape design program at Radcliffe College. Learn more about Karin Stanley and her interests at KarinStanley.com.

Doors open for meeting, sign-in & light refreshments at 6:30 PM We welcome all and hope to greet you there.

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FREE PRESENTATION AT THE DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM

Deutsches Altenheim will be hosting two free presentations in March. The community is invited to join us.

• Tuesday, March 10 @ 12:00 noon: **ELDER SCAM AWARENESS** – Seniors all too often fall victim to exploitation. This workshop is designed to help you recognize scams and schemes directed at seniors today. Join us to learn how we can work together to create a blanket of protection for ourselves and those we love. This is a can't miss presentation with (free!) lunch. RSVP Required: 617-325-1230 or info@germancentre.org.

• Thursday, March 26 @ 5:30 pm: **MEDICAL MARIJUANA-HEALTH RISKS & BENEFITS** – Medical marijuana is in the news daily with many claims about what it can do for people with all types of illnesses and symptoms. Dr. John Halpornof Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital will share his perspective on the use of marijuana as a medication and review methods of use, benefits, harms, and future developments. A light dinner will be served.

Deutsches Altenheim is located at 2222 Centre Street, West Roxbury.

ROSLINDALE GREEN & CLEAN

Roslindale Green & Clean, the organization that maintains several of the green spaces around Roslindale Square, is sponsoring an Armchair Gardening session on Thursday, March 12, at 7 PM at Roslindale House at 120 Poplar Street.

The event, which we call "a breath of summer near the end of winter", is a presentation and discussion of images from the beautiful Azore Islands. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Estate of: June E. Giddings
Also Known As:
Date of Death: November 29, 2019

DOCKET No. SU20P0025EA
Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: Karen A. Giddings of Buzzards Bay, MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate

Karen A. Giddings of Buzzards Bay, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Estate of: Diane M. McLaughlin
Also Known As:
Date of Death: October 10, 2019

DOCKET No. SU20P0026EA
Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: **Joanne Lowre of West Roxbury, MA**
A Will has been admitted to informal probate

Joanne Lowre of West Roxbury, MA

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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SUFFOLK DIVISION DOCKET NO. SU67378 1/2

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Estate of: **Frances August Eckley**
Late of: Boston, MA 02210

Date of Death: 01/02/1882

To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will or a certain instrument dated 01/01/1900 of the above named decedent of Boston in the County of Suffolk for the benefit of
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03/26/2020

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

Date: February 20, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Classifieds

Apartment for Rent

Roslindale - 1 bedroom, no utilities, no pets, first and last months rent. \$1500. 617-325-9682

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20D0132DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Sumeiry Garcia vs. Hiram Gonzalez
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
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: **Sumeiry Garcia, 2000 Columbus Ave., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02119** your answer, if any, on or before **04/02/2020**. 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.

February 6, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 02/27/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20C0084CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Charles M. Johnson

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Charles M Johnson of Hyde Park, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Michael C. Bowden

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 03/26/2020. 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: February 13, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 02/27/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20W0290
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Sugeily Lake Plaintiff(s)
V
Fernando De La Rosa Defendant (s)

To the above named Defendant: Fernando De La Rosa

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Sugeily Lake seeking a Complaint for Custody-Support –Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Sugeily Lake- or attorney for the plaintiff(s) – whose address is 50 Annafran St., Roslindale, MA 02131, phone 857-350-2159, your answer on or before 9th day of April, 2020.

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, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston .

Witness, **Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 20th day of February , 2020**

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20D0221DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Geordith Joseph vs. Carole Polinice Joseph
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Geordith Joseph, 220 Georgetown Dr., Hyde Park, MA 02136**, your answer, if any, on or before **04/02/2020**. 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.

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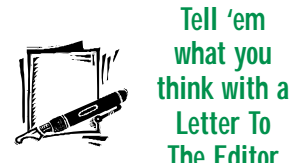
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—N.B.H.

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The powerhouse offices who dominate their markets (Insight commanding #1 market share in West Roxbury & Roslindale while Tierney Realty Group is leading sales in Hyde Park) share strong core values & clear vision for the future. Pat Tierney added "We are thrilled to join the Insight Team and their culture of collaboration and community support which has always been important to us. We see this as an opportunity to grow and expand the services we provide to our team and our clients."

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