

Residents reserved on roof deck for 248 Dot Ave.



Residents said they were concerned with noise that could come from the proposed rooftop restaurant on the project at 248 Dot Ave.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a hearing on Tuesday for a new proposed hotel at 248 Dorchester Ave. in South Boston.

While the site was originally slated for residential development more than two years ago, Evergreen Property Group elected to change the design to a hotel with a large retail component, both on the ground and with a rooftop restaurant.

"We felt a hotel was a unique opportunity that could be a privately-managed public amenity," said Utile's architect for the project, Michael LeBlanc. "It will also be a truly supportive use to other types of projects in the neighborhood, whether they're commercial or residential. We've got a half mile, mile radius around us, so we feel strongly that we're in a

little bit of a hotel desert here for no good reason... We think it's a really appropriate use and we're well connected into the overall public transit network for the city, which we think is a benefit for our project and the neighborhood in general."

Residents, however, were most concerned with the impact the hotel, which would have 159 rooms, could have on the nearby neighborhood, encased by West Broadway to the northeast and D Street to southeast.

"The noise travels straight across for blocks and blocks and blocks," said one resident from City Point. "I know that you guys won't mean to impact the neighborhood like that, but that's the problem with these things, once you build, there's nothing you can really do about it later."

Mitch Fischman of MLF Consulting, said that the com-

Roof Deck

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City Council to look at small cell towers for public input

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and voted to call for a hearing regarding the siting and installation of small-scale cell towers in the city's neighborhoods.

The hearing sponsor, At-Large City Councilor Mike Flaherty, said that he's been hearing many complaints from all of the city's neighborhoods, be-

cause he said there is not a good deal of communication between the public utilities, cell phone companies and the city in terms of placement for the small cell towers.

"They're termed small style cell towers, but there's nothing small about them," he said. "My phone has been lighting up from across the city as contractors con-

Cell Towers

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First Pumpkin Palooza was a "smashing" success



Hundreds came out on Saturday for the Lawn on D's Pumpkin Palooza to take in the sights and sounds of Halloween.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW ALLEN

Matthew Allen
Staff Reporter

For 11 hours last Saturday, from noon to 11 p.m., parents and children alike went down to 420 D St. in South Boston to partake in a more wholesome and family friendly Halloween extravaganza orchestrated by The Lawn on D, powered by Citizens Bank, known as the Pumpkin Palooza.

What could one expect to

find at the Pumpkin Palooza?

Pumpkins, pumpkin carving stations, pumpkins, pumpkin flavored beverages, more pumpkins and also an entire field stocked with quite literally nothing but hundreds of layered pumpkins.

What else was there?

Throughout the day, everything from train rides to face painting to even a circus workshop with Esh Circus Arts, which bills itself as Boston's premier circus arts instruction

program.

A variety of live entertainers roamed the lawn, such as LED Dancers, Parris the Juggler, Evan the Magician and numerous fire dancers, all of whom contributed to an atmosphere that will create lasting memories for years to come.

For the after-hour adventurers, two live music performances were held by As the

Palooza

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New bus routes algorithm working out, says Boston Public Schools

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Despite a shaky start on the first day of school, the Boston Public Schools (BPS) District said this week that the new transportation plan is working out well.

BPS Press Secretary Daniel O'Brien said the new plan, based on an algorithm developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Quantum Team, cut down extraneous bus routes and empty buses. O'Brien said they are currently well on their way to the projected \$3 million to \$5

Bus Routes

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BPS officials said despite a bad first day, the new bus routes for the schools are working out as expected.

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Boston's Health Commission discusses public preparedness



Bob Vance spoke to the audience about the progress of the Switch Co-op. He also spoke briefly about people joining the steering committee for Hyde Park's 150th Anniversary.

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Trenese Franklin
Staff Reporter

Being informed and go-bag ready was atop of the agenda at the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting held on Oct. 25.

Nancy Smith, representing Boston's Public Health Commission, shared information on public preparedness and helpful methods that can reduce your risk and trauma in case of a natural disaster or emergency.

"We are here to talk about just preparing" Smith said. "I'd like to tell you people that you are in the right community, at the right time, with the right Mayor, that has everyone looking at all facets of every neighborhood. There's not one neighborhood that's left out."

She continued to explain that because there is a big overlaying of climate change, the city has been focusing a lot of manpower and energy on trying to get templates out on evacuations.

The city's main focus is to make certain that all of Boston's residents are aware and informed on where to access official information before and during emergencies. Smith provided methods to help come up with an evacuation plan and

information on what to pack in your emergency supply kits, which will help you be prepared and always have important supplies with you.

The emergency supply kits template highlighted five different kits you can make, which can be used for different places and situations. It breaks down the particular use for each kit and what you should put in it to help you prepare for a potential emergency or natural disaster.

One of the kits listed was a Grab-and-Go kit. Essentially, the go-kit is a bag that you grab if you have to leave home in a hurry. It has the things you cannot do without and that you can carry and use without help from someone else. A Home kit was also one of the bags listed that you can prepare in case of an emergency. This kit includes water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools, emergency supplies, and disability-specific items. It has all the things you would most likely need if you had to be on your own for days, either at home or in an evacuation shelter. The last three kits listed were a carry-on-you kit, bedside kit and a car kit, each used for a specific situation.

Smith provided bags, Infor-

mation handouts, and the emergency supply kit templates to those in attendance. One of the handouts listed all the sources for official information during emergencies. Smith implored audience members to sign up for ALERTBoston to receive emergency alerts from the city of Boston. The website is <http://www.cityofboston.gov/alertboston>. Also, you can visit CityofBoston.gov for important information about emergencies.

The Boston Health Commission is also preparing residents by providing an online course which will teach people best practices, tips, and resources so you can begin preparing as soon as possible. Please visit <https://delvalle.bphc.org/readysafehealthy> to take the course.

In other news, resident Joe Smith recapped on the plans for the property located on 65 Williams Ave. The developers want to put in two two-family condos, one in front of the other which has variances such as parking being in the front of the building and a shortage of sideage for the front building. He also reminded the group

Preparedness

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All of Boston remembering service on Veterans Day

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston will be in full celebration of its U.S. Armed Service members for the weekend of Nov. 11, with a slew of events all over the city.

The City of Boston will be hosting its annual Veterans Day Parade, followed immediately by the Veterans for Peace Parade. Both kick off at the corner of Boylston and Tremont streets starting at 1 p.m. There will be an assortment of local military units, ROTC groups, honorary militias, marching bands, veteran's organizations and the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts, out of Hyde Park.

The Suffolk County Council/District 7 of the American Legion coordinates the parade with the city. For more information: (617) 303-5693.

In West Roxbury, the Gardens at Gethsemane are hosting several local Boy Scouts of America Troops for a Flag Retirement Ceremony from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., also on Nov. 11. Thousands of American flags will be burned in accordance with the regulations governing proper disposal of the Old Glory. For more information, please contact Eunice Davis, Family Services Director of The Gardens at Gethsemane at

617-325-0186 or email info@thegardenscemetery.org.

Also in West Roxbury, the Deutes Altenheim German Centre will be hosting its annual Veterans Day remembrance ceremony and unveil the latest installation of its Wall of Honor on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Guest speakers will pay tribute to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

In Jamaica Plain, the Midway Cafe will be hosting a Hardcore and Punk Veterans Day Benefit from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. South Boston resident Keith Brooks started the tradition of doing a benefit every year to help out his fellow vets. Midway aims to keep it going and donate in his name to operation Delta Dog, an organization that trains service dogs for vets.

The matinee will feature music groups The Welch Boys, The Damaged, Held Hostage, Out.Live.Death and Working Poor USA. Tickets are \$10-all ages.

In South Boston proper, the Disabled American Veterans 5K will be starting off at 9 a.m. at Castle Island. The 5K is designed to honor veterans and thank them for their service through a walk, run, roll and motorcycle ride to help raise

awareness of the issues facing veterans every day. For more information, go to dav5k.org/events/boston/.

In the North End, the Old North Church will be hosting a Remembrance Day Morning Prayer from 11 a.m. to noon.

The city's Operation: Thank a Veteran will be hitting Roxbury at the Bruce Boiling Center on the Friday before, Nov. 10, at 9:30 a.m. The program goes out into the city, to every neighborhood, every year, to greet veterans, thank them for their service at their homes and provide them with educational materials regarding what services the city offers for veterans. To sign up for the program, go to <https://goo.gl/AL96HG>.

In Hyde Park, the Fogg-Roberts Veterans day luncheon that will be held at the post Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. This is being sponsored by the sons and is for all the veterans, the sons and the auxiliary. The lunch will consist of a Texas BBQ serving BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken breast and all the fixings.

The Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 in South Boston will hold its 66th annual Veterans' Day Memorial Service. Events occur as follows: 9:15 a.m. - Assembly at Post, 9:40 a.m. - Parade/March to St. Brigid's Chapel, 10 a.m. - Memorial Mass and Brunch to follow at Cushing

Hall, Lower Church.

There will be a Veterans Day Cruise to George's Island on Nov. 11 leaving from Long Wharf. The cruise will honor veterans and active military with a special cruise highlighting the military history of the Boston

Harbor Islands National and State Park and a visit to Fort Warren on George's Island. FREE for Veterans and their guests (up to three additional people using promo code: VETSFAM2017) and \$10 for all other patrons.

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Editorial

SAYING NO

Let's talk about drugs.

Headlines scream on a daily basis about the growing opioid crisis. Also, locally, complaints are multiplying about where to place now-legal marijuana dispensaries.

Both problems, and the conversations around them, signal a severe lack of foresight.

Start with opioids, a crisis that festered right under the noses of everyone.

For well-meaning but naïve middle-class warriors, these are the facts as they know them: the catalyst for the problem is the over-prescription of pain medications by doctors; pharmaceutical companies fueled the over-use; and taking away a ready supply of the opioid-based pills turns folks to heroin.

All of these statements are correct to some degree, but understate the problem in other ways.

The true cause is a combination of tragedy and stupidity.

Yes, there are those post-surgery addicts everyone focuses on. And there are those kids who pilfer pills from mom and dad and get addicted. Maybe, just maybe, all this scrutiny on prescriptions and doses will help alleviate the problem from that perspective. Maybe Washington's revival of "Just Say No" will help.

That, however, is the naïve view of the world among the comfortable denizen of suburbia. The truth: this problem goes back years, long before the current focus.

Kids in Southie have been killing themselves with heroin for well more than a decade.

Heroin, in neighborhoods where many cannot afford the health insurance and co-pays needed to get properly addicted via the current explanation of the crisis, is a popular street drug because it is easy to get and cheaper than beer. Many of the addicted don't start with pain pills that are hard-to-get and priced beyond their means by street dealers. They search out the deadly high that comes with smoking or injecting heroin and its variants.

Overdoses will continue to be common as dealers tamper with these deadly chemicals.

And yes, addiction is a disease, but we cannot forget that a reason teens and young adults are turning to opium-based drugs is stupidity: experimenting at parties and that sort of thing. It is a problem, perhaps one with psychological or sociological manifestations that must be dealt with somehow.

The real cause is a byproduct of ignorance and a kick-the-can-down-the-road mentality.

We have a tendency to think inner-city problems, and those in housing projects are isolated. They never are.

As for the furor about where to place medicinal marijuana dispensaries, we have a lot of sympathy for neighbors and abutters who oppose them.

Setting aside the pros and cons of marijuana legalization, these storefronts are a legitimate concern. The state, and city officials, should have predicted this and at least tried looking at zoning solutions and pre-determined parcels for where these businesses could be located.

There is no way to completely stem the controversy. Someone will always have an issue no matter where a dispensary goes. We have to wonder, however, if the angst could have been minimized.

Building a Future for all of us

I'm lucky to call Boston home.

My parents immigrated here with little more than their hope for a better life. They raised me in Dorchester, where I learned the value of hard work, second chances, and standing up for what you believe in, no matter what. And this city made my dream come true.

As mayor, I have fought every day to make Boston a city where everyone can make their dreams come true. Over the last four years, we've made a lot of progress together—improving our schools, building more affordable homes, creating good jobs, making communities safer. Boston is stronger now than it was four years ago, but we're not done. That's why I am running for reelection, so we can keep working on being a city that works for all of us.

It starts in our schools: we increased the Boston Public Schools budget every year, for a total of \$154 million in new

resources. We created 725 new, high-quality pre-kindergarten seats, to get more 4-year-olds the strong start they need. We added more learning time to the school day for 23,000 students. We built Boston's first new high school in 22 years, the cutting-edge Dearborn 6-12 STEM Academy. We made community college tuition-free for BPS graduates from low-income families so that more Bostonians than ever can go to college.

The results are clear: our schools are the best they've ever been. We now have 46 schools ranked among the highest-performing in the state. Our high school graduation rate is at an all-time high. And we're not done yet. We have a plan to bring high-quality pre-kindergarten to every child in Boston. And we've only just begun our 10-year, \$1 billion BuildBPS program to modernize school buildings for 21st-century learning.



Mayor's Column

Martin Walsh

We have also tackled the housing crisis head-on. In 2014, I unveiled a plan to add 53,000 units of housing by 2030, including thousands of new homes for low-income families, middle-class families, and seniors. With 22,000 units already either built or in construction, we are ahead of

Walsh

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Allergic to . . .

It was at my grandparents' house at 10 1/2 Greenley Place that I learned about oregano from my paternal grandmother.

Side note, at that time the United States Post Office allowed fractional addresses, and since this was a pork-chop lot in Jamaica Plain, the fractional address made sense instead of a whole number, which leads to the question, why can't modern scanners/computers handle non-integer addresses?

Anyways, having received fresh, home-grown tomatoes from my godfather, who had moved to "distant" Struzziari (now Lilac) Terrace in Roslindale, she said that I would enjoy sliced tomatoes even more so if oregano were sprinkled on them. And right she was.

Life has been good to me ever since. One of the many reasons is that I have not developed any allergy to this spice. My heart goes out to those who are allergic because the Food and Drug Administration has not imposed much on food distributors for content information about spices. Companies do not have to identify spices; they can merely indicate on



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

their packages "mixed spices," which usually occur at the end of the list of ingredients based on weight.

It should be noted, the FDA frowns on non-tangible items being listed with ingredients, such as love, care, gentleness, etc.

Thus, the FDA is not your best friend if you have certain allergies other than the eight principal ones. The FDA's Food and Cosmetic Information Center/Technical Assistance Network is mandated by The Food

Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act to concern itself with only eight major food allergens: milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, soy, wheat, fish, and crustacean shellfish.

Capping the list at eight sort of makes sense, because the list could go on forever. But if one were allergic to, say apples, as one of my unfortunate colleagues at Dorchester's former Frank V. Thompson Middle School was, at least apples would be identified in a product's contents. But here's the rub: as a herb/spice, oregano does not have to be listed; it could be listed merely under "mixed spices."

It is noteworthy that the FDA does not force companies to list the spices, except for salt if it is used in food preparation. Perhaps such a listing of a spice array would reveal company secrets why a particular food tastes so good.

At the risk of sounding like a shill for Legal Seafood, I will mention that Legal goes to no small effort to help those with herb/spice allergies. When its chefs are notified that a customer has such an allergy, they go to great lengths so that no cross-contamination will occur. While Legal does not reveal its recipe for spicing foods, it wants to ensure that customers with allergens are safe in their restaurant.

Would the FDA took a page from Legal's (cook) book? Now, pass me a ripened tomato, a paring knife, and the oregano.

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NEMPAC's Halloween Party attracts hundreds in 12th year



Hundreds of residents and a strange assortment of super heroes, super villains, antiheroes, talking animals and many others came out to the NEMPAC Halloween Party on Tuesday. PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Age Old WISDOM

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

TAKING DIABETES TO HEART

One of the reasons diabetes poses such a threat to health is that it is a major contributor to cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death in this country. While it has been known for quite some time that people with diabetes are more prone to heart attacks, no one was exactly sure how high the risk was. According to the latest research, diabetes appears to double the risk of dying from a heart attack, stroke, or other heart condition. These findings accentuate the need for diabetics to control the disease that is characterized by overly high blood sugar levels. One out of four Americans aged 65 years and older has type-2 diabetes. Diagnosis and treatment are essential.

A senior's life can be greatly impacted by a diabetes diagnosis. Insulin management and the administration of control medications can prove to be a full-time job. But given the increased risk of heart attacks, strokes, non-healing infections, neuropathy, hypertension and kidney failure, these measures are necessary and life-saving. Staying vital and living well are achievable goals at DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM. Please call to schedule a consultation and tour of our senior community at 2222 Centre Street, West Roxbury by contacting us today. *Ask about our Schrafft Pavilion for Alzheimer/ Dementia Care and Edelweiss Village.*

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Jeff Sullivan

Staff Reporter

Hundreds of parents, witches, superheroes, ghosts and zombies came out to the Paul Revere Mall on Tuesday to celebrate Halloween and take in what the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) had to offer.

The night featured several arts and crafts stations, a musical instrument petting zoo, food, drinks and more. NEMPAC Executive Director Sherri Snow said the night was a great success, and she was glad to see so many participating in all forms of per-

forming arts during the night.

“We’ve got arts, crafts, live music, dancing, and we have our instrument petting zoo over here which is always the most popular table, so we definitely try to expose what we do here,” she said.

Snow said the night is for residents to come out and have fun, and she’s glad that the night has become a tradition for residents and their children.

“Part of our mission is to always be accessible and affordable to all and most of our programs are focused on music and performing arts, but this is a great way to bring out everyone in the community, just a fun, lively event, building new relationships, meeting new families, we have teens volunteering, we have seniors volunteering so it’s really great,” she said.

Resident Luigi DeMarco said he’s been coming for more than 10 years to the event, and it’s definitely been a good time for him and his family.

“It’s such a great neighborhood, everybody comes together on nights like this, the restaurants, which is great because we don’t have the luxury of knocking door-to-door here so we go restaurant-to-restaurant and different businesses, and it’s just such a great night for the kids,” he said. “I was born and raised here, so we’ve done something like this ever since my daughter was a baby, for more than 10 years now.”

Resident Jemia Cunningham was volunteering for the night at the ghost-making station, where kids would use arts and crafts to make their own miniature

ghosts.

“I just really love the neighborhood and I wanted to see all the little kids, it’s purely selfish,” she said. “My husband just came out with our dog – who was dressed like a hot dog – and he kind of stole some of the thunder from the table because everyone wanted to pet her, but it’s been a great night overall.”

Resident Dana Carey said she’s also been coming for nearly a decade and she said being a part of the community got her out to the event, but it has become a family tradition for her as well.

“For my kids, it’s always been this is the end of our night, we’ve gotten ready, trick-or-treated, then come back here to have some pizza, eat some candy and run around with the kids,” she said.

Catherine and Eric Sonis said they’re relatively new to the neighborhood, but the party has also become something the family looks forward to every year.

“My kids count down to this every single year,” Catherine Sonis said.

Snow said she first came to the neighborhood as a teacher and fell in love with the area. She now works with NEMPAC, which has been going strong since 2001 to create music and arts programming for youngsters, and have now expanded to four music studios, a storage basement and an office where they now serve more than 900 students a week. The group serves the Eliot BPS Innovation School, Charlestown Working Theater, and the St. John Catholic School.

For more information, go to nempacboston.org

Quest 5K brings out community for service

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Quest Adventures Program held its 5K fundraiser on Sunday at the Jamaica Pond.

The program itself is a service trip model, which uses grants and fundraising to help send Boston Public School students from all around the district out into the wide world to help in areas beset by disaster or poverty. The fundraiser helps to get students a boost in their own funding activities, since they have to raise the travel and boarding costs themselves.

The event was started by former BPS teacher Claudia Bell, who said the day was a good success.

“I think it’s been a good time,” she said. “We had the run and it’s been really good.”

Bell said the weather could have been kinder to them on Sunday morning, but regardless, the atmosphere felt electric with people raising money to send BPS students abroad.

“We expected some more people, so I don’t know whether the weather has held people back,” she said. “I’m sorry about that, but the people we have are here and are very enthusiastic and they’re doing a great job.”

The program will be sending students to Puerto Rico, New Orleans and Houston in the coming months to help relief and rebuilding efforts in those areas. It starts by giving the students a \$5,000 seed grant and helps them to make their own fundraisers throughout the year to get them what they need. The 5K helps in those efforts, but the thing that Bell said was most heartening for her to see were so many alumni coming back to support the program after going on service trips themselves.

“We’ve got a nice combination of students who have benefited from the program and other donors, so that’s really good,” she said.

Quest member Phillip Andrews said he’s excited to be heading to New Orleans as part of the upcoming service trip.

“So we’re part of the Quest Adventures Grant and we’ll be going to New Orleans in January, so we’re coming out to support Claudia and our other students so it’s been great,” Andrews said.

Andrews added though this will be his first service trip, the location is very familiar to him.

“This will be my first service trip,” he said. “I’m from New Orleans, so it’s going to



Scores of residents and volunteers came out on Sunday for the Quest Adventures 5K, which raises money for students to go on service trips around the world.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

be great.”

Resident Susan Samuelson said she simply supports the program because of the educational and outreach aspects of it are so essential to students.

“I think Quest is such a great program, it does so much for the kids in Boston,” she said. “I think that, especially in the era we now live, the children getting a good education is so important.”

Samuelson said she teaches at Boston University, and feels the program does a lot to help expand students’ view of the world and how they can be a good part of it.

“We admit a lot of kids from the Boston Public Schools as part of our community responsibility, it’s just such a great, great program, and Claudia is a miracle worker,” she said. “It’s her vision and we’re just glad to help.”

Boris Samarov said he’s been to the fundraiser a few times in the past, and he’s always happy to see kids learning how to create direct action in the real world.

“It’s one of these great things that has come up out of the Boston Public Schools, as Claudia was a Boston Public Schools teacher her whole career, she did it when she was a teacher and then she retired she’s kept it up,” he said.

Samarov said every student he meets who has participated in the program grows exponentially from start to finish.

“The students that I have met over the years who have participated in Quest have definitely been very articulate and I felt from them that they have a lot of personal power and agency,” he said. “Everything they’ve told me about that experience has helped them grow, like being able to do fundraising and organize themselves.”

Samarov added that the program seems to be a gift that

keeps on giving, and not just to the students who participate.

“That feeling of going and helping somebody else has, from what they have said to me has really permeated their lives,” he said. “And they keep coming back too, there’s so many alumni here, it’s just so amazing.”

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ONE CITY ONE STORY

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 11:15 a.m. at the Brighton Library as we discuss the short story Relativity by Daphne Kalotay, the featured selection of the annual One City One Story annual event offered through the Boston Book Festival. Free Copies of the story are available at the library. All are welcome (617) 782-6032

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Join the Harvard Ed Portal on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a virtual dinner with Roberto Kolter, Professor of Microbiology at Harvard Medical School. During this dinner, Professor Kolter will guide the audience through the invisible roles that microbes play in the food and drink we consume. Learn how microbes produce the raw materials, prepare the food, and enhance our ability to be nourished as we delight in eating. Wine, cheese, and chocolate tastings will be included as part of the event. Invisible Chefs will take place at the Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston. To reg-

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The program is free and now has openings. The priority application deadline is Dec. 1.

The high schools served by Upward Bound are Brighton High School, The English High School, Community Academy of Science and Health, Margarita Muniz Academy and Snowden International High School at Copley. 9th and 10th grade Boston Public School students living in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and Roxbury can also apply. Program services include an academically intensive six-week summer residential program (where students stay at Boston University!) and an afterschool program of tutoring and academic courses during the school year. Upward Bound services are located on the Boston University campus, which provides students with access to the University's resources. For an application and more information on the program contact us at 617 353-5195 or reggie@bu.edu.

HYDE PARK

HYDE PARK YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION EXTENDED REGISTRATION

The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association will hold player evaluations and extended registration on the first two Saturdays in November, the 4th and 11th at the Hyde Park Municipal Building. Players may register on both these dates between the hours of 9:00 – 3:00. The schedule for player evaluations on both these dates is as follows:

9 a.m. – 9-year-olds; 10 a.m. – 10-year-olds; 11 a.m. – 11-year-olds; noon – 12-year-olds, 1 p.m. – 13-year-olds; 2 p.m. – 14-year-olds.

For more information, check out the league website at: HydeParkYBA.com.

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On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m., come play, build, and learn together at a block party – library style. Playing with blocks provides opportunities to learn about math and science, pre-reading skills, social skills, and motor skills. Various building blocks will be available including wood blocks, magnetic blocks, KAPLA blocks, soft blocks, and baby blocks. No registration is required. Located at Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library on 35 Harvard Ave. Hyde Park.

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SAINT ANNE'S LEGENDARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

On Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saint Anne's Parish, 20 Como Rd., Readville, will host its annual bazaar. This popular community event was revived two years ago. Saint Anne's, Saint Pius the 10th, and Most Precious Bloody parishes form the Blue Hills Catholic Collaborative. This year's highlights include awesome raffle prizes, cash, gift baskets galore, an over loaded White Elephant table, holiday novelties, books, toys, games, beautiful handmade items and of course FOOD. The bake table's homemade treats are always to die for. Lunch items will be available, along with popcorn and the world famous fried dough. At five o'clock a pasta dinner will be served followed by the raffle drawings. There will be fun activities for the youngsters and visits from a jolly guy in a red suit. Mark your calendars and prepare to have fun, meet old friends and make new ones at the Saint Anne's Bazaar. We'll see you there!

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WRFORP HARVEST BRUNCH

The West Roxbury Friend's of Rosie's Place invite you to its 25th Annual Harvest Brunch and Raffle on Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. This worthwhile fundraiser supports homeless and poor women, Rosie's Place Food Pantry, Roslindale Food Pantry and sends homeless and poor children to summer camp. It will be held at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. Gift certificates from some of your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled-off. Join the fun and connect with your friends and neighbors over brunch while helping out a beneficial cause. Admission is \$20.00. You may pay at the door, by check to WRFORP c/o O'Brien, 643 West Roxbury Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or by credit card on our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. If you need additional information, please call 617-469-4199 and be sure to check out our Facebook page and like us at <https://www.facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies/>.

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Cell Towers *continued from page 1*

Flaherty said he wanted to get more public discourse and input on the siting of these towers before they go in, as he said sometimes the plan and placement just doesn't make sense, at least to residents.



Residents have been concerned with the recent uptick in installations for small scale cell phone and utility box in the city.

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"I don't think they're being judicious on where to place them; in fact they're putting them outside of people's bedrooms with noise emanating, yet there might be a vacant lot or an area in the street where there's no home, where they should put it, but they continue to just plop these things down," he said. "Hopefully we can have an expedited hearing, because it's happening citywide."

Flaherty added that hopefully, they might be able to find a different model for the towers that could match with a neighborhood's aesthetic.

"There's a lack of awareness as to where they're going and what, if anything, the neighbors can do for the displeasing aesthetic features, find out what

other types of models do they have – is this the base model, the standard model that we're going to have eat throughout all of our neighborhoods or can we do something that is a little bit more consistent to the streetlights and street poles," he said. "There might even be a discussion we can have in respect to our fire pole boxes."

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley said he believes this to be a trend with these types of installations, and he does not want to see the public removed

from the process.

"This is a very important issue and it's a quality of life issue," he said. "It's not only about aesthetics, noise emanation or obstruction, but it really seems to be another example of these public utilities... acting on the phrase, it's easier to ask forgiveness than permission. I think it's an important issue that we can get out in front of and where we can really exert some leadership. We're the closest to the folks on the streets, we see this each and every day."

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Forum outlines next steps on how money will be spent on CPA Act

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

“Thank you for shopping with us” was the theme of the first community-wide forum about the Community Preservation Act (CPA) held at the Franklin Park golf clubhouse on October 19.

Passed by Boston voters last November, the CPA authorizes a 1 percent property tax surcharge to be allocated for three categories, housing, parks and open space and historic preservation.

The surcharge first appeared on the first tax bills in July 2017; \$4.5 million was raised in that first quarter.

Cortina Vann, co chair of the Yes for a Better Boston, the group formed last year to organize support for the measure, introduced the forum. Vann is a long time staff member of the Mass Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) in Dorchester, a strong advocate for CPA.

“More than 180,000 Boston residents voted yes on this question,” Vann said. “The Committee for a Better Boston decided to remain organized to make sure CPA works for everyone. We want a fair process every step of the way.”

Liz Vizza, the Executive Director of the Friends of the Common and Public Garden represented the umbrella group Boston Parks Advocates.

“This is where you come in,” Vizza said to full house. “This is your money. We want your good ideas and enthusiasm. \$20 million every year is pretty exciting. But funding won’t begin until next year. We need you to show what projects are important to put in the queue to fund.”

Acting more like The Lottery or Wheel of Fortune, everyone at the meeting was given a 4 by 6 card: “How would you spend \$20 million? We want your ideas. Parks. Housing. Preservation.”

Audience members were asked to fill out their five wishes (some filled out two cards) and drop them in a cardboard box on the way out. Analyzing and processing the applications will be the charge of the nine-member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) that will recommend spending to the mayor and city council.

There are five ex-officio members of the FPC; Felicia Jacques of the Landmark Commission; William Epperson, Parks Dept; Kate Bennett, Boston Housing Authority; Chris Cook, Conservation Commission and Carol Downs, BPDA.

Filling the four at-large seats was the other purpose of the CPA forum.

Lincoln Larmond of Mattapan United explained the importance of the committee.

“Four seats need to be filled,” he said. “It’s important to apply. We’re creating a new paradigm. It’s a shift in the way this is open to almost anyone for these funds. How does the money get spent in your neighborhood. Fill out the form. Submit a project.”

Almost immediately the question of diversity was raised.

“How many people of color are on the committee now?” asked one person.

Christine Poff of Jamaica Plain was appointed by Mayor Walsh on July 28, 2017 to be the Director of the Community Preservation Committee.

“There’s only one person of color on the committee;” she admitted. “One of the priorities for an at-large seat is a person who represents an underserved community of color.”

Another person suggested that the four at large seats include more diverse members. Poff’s position is based in Administration and Finance currently headed by David Sweeney.

“My office is at Court St on



The Franklin Park golf club house was filled with people interested in the Community Preservation Act funding process.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

the DND (Department of Neighborhood Development) floor,” she said before the meeting. “There’s more room there than at city hall.”

“I stay in contact with Joyce Linnehan of the mayors office, Park Commissioner Chris Cook and Sheila Dillon chief of housing. The CPA administration budget can be as much as 5 percent of the funds collected but for now my salary and expenses come out of A+F until the committee is selected and a budget approved by the city council.”

CPA is full of committees. A five-member Working Committee approved recently by the City Council Special Committee chaired by At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty and District 4 Councilor Andrea Campbell will interview and make recommendations for the four at-large seats on the Community Preservation Committee. The deadline for applications is Nov 9 and after interviews four nominees will be passed on to the city council for approval on December 13.

Rich Giordano of Fenway CDC asked about the impact the money will have.

“\$20 million divided by three doesn’t go far,” he said. “How can this best be coordinated with other funds especially with city and state housing fund rounds?” Poff said that housing development will clearly have to be funded to coordinate with housing deadlines.

“DND, Parks and Landmarks will review each proposal and ask: does this make sense? Does this fit in with the city’s parks capital budget, for example?”

“Right now there is no money for historic preservation,” Poff said.

Ricky Thompson is on the board The Franklin Park Coalition which was not involved in the Yes for a Better Boston and its efforts to pass CPA.

“How many grants per year?” he asked.

Poff said there is a breakdown of 10 percent each for parks, historic preservation and housing.

“That’s about \$2 million each, although housing will get the bigger part because those projects have the biggest budget,” she said. “We want to fund as many projects as possible. Touch every neighborhood. We’re currently working on a five-year plan. One criteria is to fund projects that have no other

source of funding.

Private property is eligible as well as DCR parks and playgrounds.

“Private developers are eligible for housing starts,” Poff said. “But they are required to provide 13 percent of all units at affordable rents. CPA could help developers reach that goal or exceed it. A lot will depend on committee preference.”

Most of those who attended were either interested in the CPC or had funding program in mind; a few had their own agenda.

One asked if City Life could be represented on the Committee.

“Some buildings are losing their subsidies,” said another. “They will lose their deep affordability in 2019. Can CPA help keep those apartments affordable?”

A Mattapan woman asked what was the definition of affordable.

“This is a huge city concern,” said Poff. “A huge priority. We absolutely want to use CPA to keep units affordable. But it’s a funny tension. Some developers and contractors could see this as a revenue source but this is not just another pot of gold.”

“The first projects should be funded in July 2018,” she said. “WE want to use the money for projects that are close to being ready. People want to see what’s happening with their money. How it’s been spent.”

An audience member asked about the process of selection.

“The committee is appointed by the mayor. The city has its representatives on the committee. What if they don’t support a project that has a lot of community support?”

“We’re not there yet,” Poff admitted. “All applications will be reviewed through the annual Community Preservation Plan. All we can say is that there will be no funds for maintenance.”

“The Community Preservation Office is your technical assistant,” Poff said in conclusion. “If its housing we can put you in touch with MAHA; if its parks with the Park Advocates. The Boston Preservation Alliance can help with historic preservation.”

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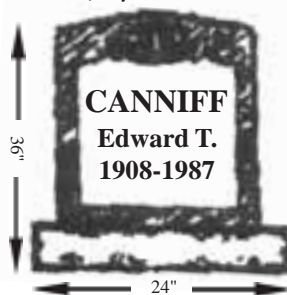
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Formerly vacant parcels will create 49 new homes in Egleston Sq.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined Urban Edge, elected officials and community leaders to celebrate the start of construction at the Walker Park Apartments, a \$17.5 million affordable rental housing development that will create 49 new homes in Egleston Square. The City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development invested more than \$2.6 million in Walker Park, which will involve the redevelopment of three sites on vacant and underutilized parcels adjacent to the Egleston Square Library and in the Egleston Square Main Street District.



The city celebrated the groundbreaking of a \$17.5 million affordable rental housing development that will create 49 new homes in Egleston Square.

"Building high quality, affordable housing for working families preserves the rich character of Boston's neighborhoods," said Mayor Walsh. "I want to thank Urban Edge and our partners for their work to make these new homes possible. These are the one, two, and three-bedroom apartments working families here in Egleston Square have been calling for, and I'm proud we are continuing Boston's drive to make sure all families can live and work in the City of Boston."

Walker Park Apartments are located in the Egleston Square neighborhood of Roxbury. Residents will have access to nearby parks, shopping, public transportation and the Egleston Square Library. The development is named for longtime community activist Delphine Walker, whose home once stood on one of the three sites. All of the 49 new apartments will be rented to households

who earn at or below 60 percent of the area median income (AMI), including eight apartments reserved for families earning 30 percent of AMI or below.

"We wish to thank Mayor Walsh, the City of Boston, Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development Chrystal Kornegay, and all of those who have made Walker Park possible," said Frank Shea, Urban Edge's CEO. "As Boston continues to grow, we know it is important to find ways to create quality affordable housing for families and individuals in need."

When complete, Walker Park Apartments will include 13 one-bedroom, 28 two-bedroom and eight three-bedroom family apartments, an elevator for accessibility,

on-site laundry facilities, on-site parking, and a pocket park along Columbus Ave.

"My family is so grateful to Urban Edge and to everyone for creating Walker Park," said Pam Walker, daughter of Delphine Walker and a resident of Egleston Square. "My mother spent many years working on behalf of the Egleston Square community, and this project is an extension of her work. We couldn't be happier to see her honored this way and to see the site of our family home provide opportunities for other families."

Walker Park Apartments is a City of Boston Lean Pilot Project, which has a goal of reducing the cost of delivering quality affordable housing by applying a new

approach to design, and was supported by Massachusetts Housing Partnership and Enterprise Community Partners. As part of this pilot, Urban Edge, the architect, the construction manager, and the City were involved from the beginning of the design process, ensuring that all choices were the result of multifaceted decision-making that considers cost among other project and community goals. This process resulted in significant construction cost savings. Additionally, almost 50 percent of the subcontractors committed to working on the project are minority-owned businesses and more than 22 percent of the committed subcontractors are women-owned.

In accordance with the City of

Boston's Green Affordable Housing Program, Walker Park Apartments will utilize a high efficiency heating system as well as Energy Star rated appliances. The development will employ environmentally friendly design features throughout and will meet the U.S. Green Building Council LEED Homes Silver certifiable standard. The development will also meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star standards. The development team is made up of Urban Edge, Prellwitz Chilinski Associates as the architect; and NEI General Contracting, Inc. as the general contractor.

Walker Park Apartments has been made possible in part by more than \$2.67 million in funding from the City of Boston, as well as \$3.46 million in State and Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Financing team members also include Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Brookline Bank, the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation, Mass Development, MassHousing, Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation, Massachusetts Housing Partnership, US Bank Corporation, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Today's groundbreaking builds on the goals of Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030, the Walsh administration's plan to stabilize the housing market.

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pace to meet those goals, and it's having the right effect: rents in existing housing stock are stabilizing. All told, we've committed over \$100 million and hundreds of city-owned lots to affordable housing, more than ever before. At the same time, we have provided permanent housing for 1,200 formerly homeless people, and we have ended chronic veterans' homelessness in our city. That's something I'm very proud of.

I know that housing demand is still pushing costs out of reach for too many families, so we're doing more. We're enacting new protections for tenants and we are helping people stay in their homes with a new Office of Housing Stability. And we led the fight for the Community Preservation Act, which will bring millions of dollars more each year to affordable housing, open space, and historic preservation. Together, we are going to make sure Boston can be home for all of us.

I've always believed that a good paying job is the foundation of the American Dream. That's why I've fought to build a strong economy that works for everyone. We've added 60,000 jobs and with companies like G.E., Lego Education, and Reebok, we have become a headquarters city again. We directed \$11 million to job training for thousands of low-income Boston residents, we got hundreds more into apprenticeships that lead to good careers, and we invested \$5.2 million in youth jobs. We are expanding support for neigh-

borhood entrepreneurs with the first citywide Small Business Plan. We've also put job training at the core of our second-chance programs for court-involved young adults, like Operation Exit. There's much more to come. My whole life, I've stood with working people, and I always will.

In these uncertain times, being mayor of this great city means protecting Bostonians from reckless decisions in Washington. I am the son of two proud Boston immigrants, and I know that immigrant families make this city great. I will always stand up for Boston's people and Boston's values, no matter what.

These are just a few of the big challenges we've taken on. Whether it is our work fighting climate change, our investments in arts and culture, our efforts to become a more bike friendly city, or our commitments to our seniors, Boston has shown that in the absence of federal leadership, Mayors can lead - and that is just what we are doing.

I'm very proud of all we have accomplished in our city in the last four years. Our schools are better, we're building affordable housing, we're creating jobs and job training, and we're making our city safer. But there is more work to do. So I invite you to join me as we recommit ourselves, together, to this work in every school, neighborhood, and workplace. Over the next four years, we're going to keep fighting to make sure Boston is truly a city for all of us.

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Ask The Doctor

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

To the Doctor: Why do I see so many import vehicles on the road versus the American brands? I cannot remember the last time I read a review of a GM car or truck in the newspaper. What is going on?

From the Doctor: Last week I drove into Boston to buy my wife a certified, pre-owned one-year-old import. On our way, we counted the brands of vehicles we saw on Route 93. I did see a lot of Jeeps - especially the Wrangler. As for Ford vehicles, the Explorer had a heavy presence. But, the majority of vehicles were Toyotas, Hondas, Nissans, KIAs and Hyundais. For pickup trucks, Ford had the most, followed by GM and Dodge.

So, what happened to the Big 3 is simple: The white-collar, big paid executives made too much money and did not care about the buyers. I had personal experiences of poor quality vehicles and NO support from the Zone offices. This goes back to my first new car, which was a Corvette, that had engine failure and GM would not stand behind the internal engine crankshaft damage. What about the junk diesel engines or the failed power steering rack units, head gaskets and rotted brake lines on all the pickup trucks that were in the snowbelt? Ford had their problems with intake manifolds, cylinder heads and cylinder head bolts, broken spark plugs and spark plug threads on gas engines, and failing heater boxes. Next, were the diesel engines that failed and, in most cases, the cab of the truck had to come off for major service. Dodge had their own problems that were not as severe as GM and Ford, but Dodge did have a lot of heater box internal problems as well.

The Big 3 need to wake up if they want to continue to sell vehicles. Look at what Hyundai and KIA did. Fifteen years ago their cars were really bad, and today they are one of the best, with the best warranty in the industry. I would love to see the Big 3 make a comeback, however it would take a complete makeover, starting from the top. They need to listen to all their former buyers they turned their backs on and made them buy the import brands they have purchased year after year. Just ask people you work with or any friends what they drive and why. This is not rocket science, it is just helping the customer. I am sure the Big 3 still have a list of all the former buyers that had problems that were not solved. They should just send those people a nice big rebate check of \$8,000 to \$10,000 toward a new vehicle.

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

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The proposed hotel would have mostly ground floor retail and 159 rooms.

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pany hired his firm to do noise studies and traffic studies for the actual building and its primary use, which is included in the Project Notification Form (PNF) currently on the BPDA website.

"In the report, we actually completed noise studies, wind studies, traffic studies, and speaking about the adjoining rest area we look at the existing noise conditions and we look at what we're adding and we have to stay in the City of Boston noise guidelines, both for during the day and night time," he said.

Evergreen representative Jason Cincotta said the roof restaurant will have outdoor patio space, but he said they have considered the noise issue for it and they would be willing to put in solid railings to help reduce sound from the patio.

"They do quite a bit to reverberate sound back towards the space as opposed to have it travel," he said, adding though the hotel itself will be operational as a hotel for 24 hours a night, the restaurant would not be. He said the lat-

est they could get a permit for the restaurant would be 2 a.m., and even then they would have to have public meetings to gain the permit. "Even at 2 a.m., that's a liability nightmare up on the roof."

Development attorney Joe Hanley, who works for McDermot, Quilty and Miller, said they would have the majority any night activity on the patio facing Dot Ave., and not towards the neighborhoods.

The same resident said she was also concerned with possible crime that can come with hotels, like drugs and prostitution.

"Every hotel attracts drugs and prostitution, some more than others," she said. "We've had some serious problems on the other end of Dot Ave."

Hanley and Cincotta paused on the question at first, but Cincotta said they have also thought of this.

"We have a lot of research into that, and the prostitution and drug use that can become a problem, but from an operations perspective, that's nothing we'd stand for," he said.

Hanley pointed out that Cincotta and his family own several properties and businesses in South Boston, and he would not want that coming to his doorstep any more than any resident.

"We can hear music from the South End when they have festivals and stuff, too," the resident said.

The project itself calls for 159 rooms to take up 86,000 gross square feet, have eight floors and have parking for 64 valet-parked vehicles. LeBlanc said the first floor will be reserved for the hotel's front desk, valet parking and retail, but they wanted the rooftop restaurant because it would maximize the proposal's retail footprint.

"When we first started looking at this we wanted to put as much retail space on the ground floor as possible," he said. "The Dorchester Avenue (BPDA zoning study) study talks about trying to have as much of that as possible. We wanted to try to pack in as much retail on the ground floor as we could but it wasn't quite as much as we wanted. What we did is we tried to create a bar and lounge and event space and a large group terrace on the roof of the hotel."

The hotel will also not come close to the property line, and LeBlanc said they will reconstruct the sidewalks so it would be wider and contain a protected bike lane.

"The seventh floor restaurant and lounge will have great views to Downtown, Back Bay and beyond," he said.

The comment period for the proposal ends Nov. 10. Go to bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/246-248-dorchester-avenue to comment and see more details on the project.

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Residents were treated to trains, pumpkins, live music and more at the event.

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Sparrows at 7 p.m. and then another by Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys one hour later.

While the children were frolicking throughout the background, enjoying anything from a leisurely swing ride on the centerfold swing set to competing in a match of table tennis at any one of the dozen ping pong tables, parents had the ability to relax in comfort with food and drinks.

With all of this sounding so extravagant, it seems impossible that a basic autumn threaded attraction like a field of pumpkins could stand out as one of the premier play components.

In fact, Boston resident Cali Merton spent a lengthy amount of time with her three kids in this pumpkin patch and she says they were having a ball.

“At least for the toddlers, they could have just bought hundreds of pumpkins, layered them like this, and my two would be having just as much fun,” Merton said. “The power of imagination I guess. I can tell my older one wants to do those swing things now though.”

In the case of Merton’s slightly older child, a trip on the train is what caught his fancy upon first glance.

“I could tell he wanted to do that train thing right when we got here,” Merton said.

The train ride being referred to above consisted of about a half dozen or so multi-colored

mini carts and fit two passengers per cart.

The train was routed to travel all the way around the Lawn D Park, allowing the passengers on board to see an up close view of everything there was to behold.

Merton’s toddlers were not the only ones to share in the joy of this sea of orange, as tons and tons of children could be seen running up and down and left to right, navigating throughout the seamlessly never-ending rows of pumpkin columns, including Boston resident Jim Farrell and his 1-year-old daughter, Anna.

Farrell said what he truly enjoyed about the day was seeing the diversity of children of all ethnicities, ages and abilities uniting in play.

“It’s really great,” Farrell said. “It’s good to have something like this in walking distance from the city. Just seeing different kids from different families all playing together just having a good time is really cool.”

Beyond the beauty of a play space terrain shared by all walks of children, Merton said she saw another beauty, which was the feeling of awe she believes her children experienced when first entering the park earlier that day.

“I mean, you could see fire dancers, jugglers, huge light up swings and a train ride right when you walked in,” Merton said.

million cost savings in transportation.

“It’s definitely working great, we have reduced a lot of bus routes due to bus routes not being used,” he said. “We reduced 50 routes as a result of the algorithm MIT helped us with and we have also been removing bus stops that were not being used.”

While the algorithm, developed by Professor Dimitris Bertsimas, co-director of the Operations Research Center, and PhD students Arthur Delarue and Sébastien Martin, did help a great deal, O’Brien said that’s not all they’ve been doing to reduce empty buses. The team analyzed traffic patterns through Google Maps instead of the manual method BPS used before to plot out routes.

“We’ve been doing a good job of checking in with parents to see if their students are riding the bus or not and if they were not, we removed them from the rosters, which has resulted in even more reduction in bus stops and streamlining the routes as well,” he said.

O’Brien admitted it will probably never be perfect, at least in the eyes of every BPS parent.

“There are complaints no matter what you do, but parents are also appreciative,” he said. “Also, if their bus is late they’re letting us know about it. We’re here to listen to those concerns; we’re working to offset those concerns as much as possible.”

O’Brien said keeping that line of communication with parents is vital and will help

to keep empty or nearly empty buses at a minimum.

“What we’ve been doing more of this year is reaching out to parents to see if their kids were actually riding the bus because that was a concern we heard regularly from parents and city councilors. People would see buses around the city empty or almost empty. We wanted to try to fix that,” he said. This year we’ve removed 700 non-riders – that’s students who signed up but didn’t ride – we removed 700 of them from our rolls, we’ve removed 300 bus stops that were not being used and that has helped on our performance.”

Back in early September on the first day of school, just 44 percent of the buses got to their destinations on time, down from 51 percent last year. This was blamed on the fact that only about one third of the buses left the yards on time, even after Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and BPS Superintendent Thomas Chang went to a Dorchester bus yard to rally the drivers.

O’Brien said over the course of the current school year, however, the averages have gotten much better.

“We’re doing a good job this year, our on-time performance is about where it was last year, about 90 percent of our buses are on time and we continue to improve,” he said.

O’Brien said the problem is constantly changing, as many

students move to different schools and many come from out of the district once their family has moved from another municipality or vice versa.

“We have a large population so that’s pretty normal for us to have to deal with enrollment changes over the year,” he said. “We’re constantly adjusting our bus routes to be nimble and move on the fly to use our buses in the most efficient manner.”

O’Brien said there are also ancillary benefits besides the \$3 to \$5 million in savings. He said the reduction in routes will take out 20,000 pounds of carbon emission every school day.

“On top of that, the buses will have a million miles less travel time on the road each year,” he said. “So we’re proud of that, and since the beginning of the school year, our on-time performance has been 80 percent or higher every single day except three, and that’s generally due to the weather. So three days out of 37 is pretty good.”

O’Brien added that Boston’s ever-increasing population has increased the general volume of traffic in the city, but he said the reductions in buses and routes have helped to alleviate that and reduce delays.

“There’s been a slight increase in traffic this year,” he said. “According to data from the city and MBTA the traffic has increased two to four percent since last year, and we’re still keeping on pace. We’re managing to work through that.”

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The Pumpkin Field was the main attraction for many kids and parents at the Palooza.

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West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 11/02/2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK DIVISION DOCKET No. SU17P2289GD
NOTICE AND ORDER
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of **Emma Leviahi Perez** of Hyde Park, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **10/20/2017** by Enriqueta Perez of Hyde Park, MA will be held **01/04/2018 08:30 a.m. Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA, 02114- 3rd Floor Probation**
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor
- Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, and attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application from in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate, October 24, 2017
Hyde Park Bulletin, 11/02/17

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU17P1733GD
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

In the matter of: Lichelle Stubbs-Robles **RESPONDENT**
Of: Hyde Park, MA **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Developmental Services of Hyde Park, MA
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Lichelle Stubbs-Robles** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that
Carmen Dejesus of Hyde Park, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **11/09/2017**. 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, **Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**
Date: October 03, 2017
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin, 11/02/2017

that the zoning code that they developed three years ago specifically states, no houses behind each other. He then opened the floor up for comments concerning the property.

There were some residents in the audience who were strongly opposed to the 65 Williams Ave. property being built because of the house being right behind another house.

"If we allow this owner to proceed with building a house behind a house, we might open the flood gates for other homeowners to want to do the same," one resident said.

While there were some residents who agreed, other residents welcomed the property being built because the current house located on the property now, is a blithe to the neighborhood.

"We have a suburbanite



BPHC official Nancy Smith said getting prepared early, before any emergency takes place is paramount.

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who has been abusing this property and ignoring the wishes of the neighborhood. The bottom line is, do we want to continue to look at that? Do we want to see two houses, one behind another that will be new and presentable, or do we want to continue to look at that shack that we have been look-

ing at for 12 years?" Joe Smith asked.

He continued to say that he isn't sure if they have a clear consensus on this.

Another resident added that he lives right across the street from the house and it's a mess, and he would like to see it gone.

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SANTA SCAMPER 5K ROAD RACE

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On Dec. 10, 2017, the 5K will start at 11 a.m. The Kids Run is at 10:15 a.m.

The Parkway Running Club (PRC) of West Roxbury, MA has hosted an annual Santa Scamper 5k road race since 1994. This race raises money for the Boston Globe Santa Fund, a charity to support children of need in Massachusetts.

DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM HOLDS ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 4 as Deutsches Altenheim's annual Harvest Bazaar makes its return in time for the holiday season. The Bazaar, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2222 Centre St. in West Roxbury, is a fantastic way to kick off your holiday shopping. Explore the dazzling jewelry, handmade knit goods, creative raffles and delicious bake shop and try your luck at the White Elephant table. Traditional German and American fare will satisfy your lunchtime cravings. Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the Deutsches Altenheim Resident Activity Fund, offering Deutsches Altenheim residents a diverse selection of recreational programs.

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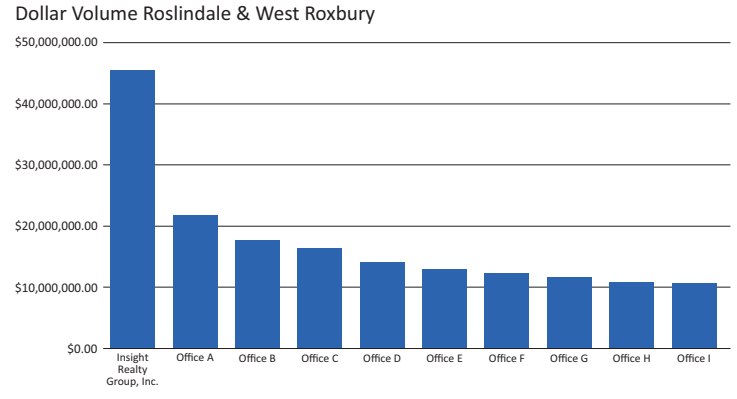
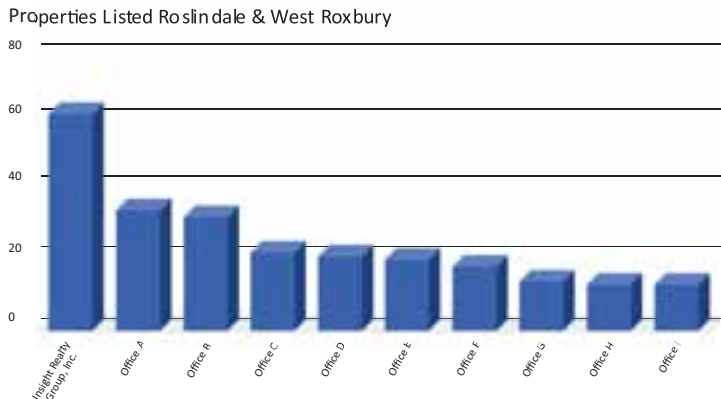
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11 Wachusett Street 3, Jamaica Plain	SOLD	\$329,000	\$365,000	345 Belgrade Avenue 4, Roslindale	SOLD	\$549,000	\$560,000
112 Washington Street, Hyde Park	SOLD	\$649,000	\$605,000	35 Harrison Street F, Roslindale	SOLD	\$349,000	\$360,000
12 Preston Road, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$749,000	\$800,000	40 Lyall Street, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$799,000	\$830,000
129 Gardner Street, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$799,000	\$799,000	40 Oriole Street, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$775,000	\$742,500
13 Marion Street 6A, Roslindale	SOLD	\$279,000	\$305,000	41 Newburg Street 1, Roslindale	SOLD	\$479,000	\$500,000
136 Walworth Street, Roslindale	SOLD	\$499,900	\$491,000	41 Newburg Street 2, Roslindale	SOLD	\$579,000	\$580,000
14 Gretter Road, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$599,000	\$620,000	42 Winton Street 1, Roslindale	SOLD	\$619,000	\$610,000
1446 Centre Street, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$679,900	\$685,000	43 Bellaire, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$589,900	\$585,000
145 Aldrich Street, Roslindale	SOLD	\$459,000	\$450,000	44 Winton Street 1, Roslindale	SOLD	\$579,900	\$580,000
15 Acton Street, Hyde Park	SOLD	\$365,000	\$387,000	4491 Washington Street, Roslindale	SOLD	\$469,000	\$560,000
15 Rexhame Street, Roslindale	SOLD	\$599,000	\$620,000	46 Birchwood Street, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$714,900	\$705,000
1558 Centre Street 2, West Roxbury	SOLD	\$409,000	\$485,000	508 Poplar Street 1, Roslindale	SOLD	\$449,000	\$449,000
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