

Tips for West Roxbury helping restaurant workers



West Roxbury resident Bob Kilduff has organized a fundraiser for local waitstaff.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Local West Roxbury resident, former veteran and current City of Boston Firefighter Bob “BK” Kilduff started a community fundraiser last month to help restaurant workers in the neighborhood to weather the effects of the local economy shut down.

While Kilduff said he understands the need to keep people safe, he felt he needed to help, as many restaurant workers have been laid off a this time. According to an article published on Masslive.com on April 27, 93 per-

cent of Massachusetts restaurant workers have been laid off as sales have dropped by 81 percent since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Kilduff said locally, the response from residents has been great.

“We’re trying to raise awareness and people really liked the idea too,” he said. “Actually, a couple of other towns have picked up on it and done it too. A couple of guys in New Hampshire just took off with it. It’s taken on a life of its own, which is great to

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Meet Duckens Petit-Maitre: Candidate for State Rep.

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park homeowner Duckens Petit-Maitre knows how to start anew and face challenges. A native of Haiti, he moved to Roslindale at a young age and attended the Boston Public Schools, graduating from West Roxbury High School in 2004.

“I still remember living on Augustus Ave. when I was young,” said Petit-Maitre, 35. “It was a beautiful neighborhood, very quiet. But sometimes you’ve got to move on.”

Petit-Maitre is approaching the race to earn the seat of state representative, open for the first time in decades due to the retirement of veteran Rep. Angelo Scaccia, with the same enthusiasm and a sense of urgency. He said he feels the concerns of the district, particularly for people of color, have been neglected by the old guard.

“Life is changing, and we have to change with life,” Petit-Maitre said, trying to hold back



Duckens Petit-Maitre

a cough. He was awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, but was determined to keep his appointment for the interview. “I am a fighter. I will not let COVID-19 keep me down.

“As a father of two boys, I have to set a good example for my kids,” he continued. “You can’t just act like you have nothing to lose. I want to bring the

Duckens Petit-Maitre

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Wahlburgers partnership feeding first responders, front line workers



Local restaurant Wahlburgers donated time and food to both first responders and the staff at the Boston Home assisted living facility. The BFD and BPD said they wanted to thank the restaurant for its generosity and service to those trying to ease the burden of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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Allston Brighton Food Pantry supper returns



While the in-person supper will not be coming back anytime soon, a grab and go version has been set up.

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Staff Reporter

While it probably won’t be in its historical form for awhile, the Allston Brighton Food Pantry announced last week that its supper program has returned, in take-out, and it’s not stopping any time soon.

Brighton Allston United Church of Christ Pastor Mark Seifried said though it was tough to shut it down, even for one week, he’s hopeful that the decades-long tradition will continue during the time

of lock downs and COVID-19.

“We’ve done it the last two weeks We’re serving take-out style with all the contents in a bag, and we give a bag of groceries with fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, baked goods if we have them and bread if it’s available,” he said. “It’s so the folks actually have food they can enjoy for a few days after the community supper.”

Seifried said the supper is open starting every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 404 Washington St. in Brighton, and is

open to anyone.

“There’s no criteria, people just show up and we give them food, we don’t ask questions,” he said. “We just say, ‘it’s great to see you,’ and pass out food.”

Seifried said it was a tough call three weeks ago when the church decided to temporarily stop the tradition, which has been a mainstay for residents in Brighton and Allston for about 42 years now. Seifried said to his knowledge, there

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COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force underway

Focus on racial and ethnic disparity

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On April 9, Mayor Martin Walsh announced the creation of the COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force (HITF) in response to the high number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Boston's communities of color and in its immigrant population.

Serving as an advisory group to City Hall as it grapples with the pandemic, the Task Force has been reviewing Boston's racial and ethnic COVID-19 data (provided primarily by the state's Department of Public Health and the city's Public Health Commission) and offering recommendations to try to effectively resolve any health inequities that it finds.

The Task Force is comprised of 24 members – community leaders and specialists including public health physicians, researchers, neighborhood health center CEOs, ministers, and those in the non-profit and private sector.

All were chosen for their close connection to the Black, Latino, Asian, and immigrant populations in the

city that are being disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus.

The HITF works in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Health and Human Services (HHS) as well as the Mayor's Office of Economic Development (OED), and both offices – which are led by Marty Martinez and John Barros, respectively – use their resources and connections to put the Task Force's recommendations into action.

As Martinez described it in a phone interview last Thursday, the Task Force is “helping to drive ideas, they're driving initiatives, they're driving a direction and helping us to make sure that we don't lose sight of the inequities that are in front of us,” while adding that his role, interacting with the Task Force, is “part facilitation, part coordination, and part listening to these advisors about what we need to be doing here in the city.”

Since its establishment, the Task Force has been meeting regularly (via Zoom) and – despite its large size and the forced isolation and fast moving nature of the pandemic – its work with the City has shown some imme-

diante results, particularly in the area of testing.

Martinez went into detail regarding this. “Since that first meeting – almost two weeks ago – we've been able to partner with eight different community health centers to bring on community based testing, and the City supports it with funding and technical assistance and other support, and testing supplies to help them to be able to do that.”

The HHS Chief also noted two other COVID-19 recommendations being put into practice: the Task Force's push for the City's better understanding of its racial and ethnic health data, and neighborhood specific community mobilization.

Task Force member Paul Watanabe – Director of the Institute for Asian American Studies at UMass Boston – illustrated both of these aspects by first comparing data showing Boston's Asian American community's low incidence rate of COVID-19 with its disproportionately high COVID-19 emergency room fatality rate, and then noting the community meetings that were immediately planned and held to address the issue.

Watanabe described the nature of these meetings in relation to the HITF's goals: “The Task Force idea is not for them to be a bunch of experts and tell the community what they need to know, and so forth, but to also understand that people – particularly those who live and work on the ground within the city – are the people that can help inform the City, and all of us, on making better decisions. And I think that openness is really critical.”

He continued by adding, “Let's not just simply present data. Let's try to figure out how to address what that data's telling us in the near term, the medium term, and the long term.”

Watanabe made sure to note that the COVID crisis did not create the racial and ethnic health inequities visible now, and also connected its effect on minority communities to economic disparities, stating, “The health inequities are the manifestation of something much broader that's occurring within our city – within our society, frankly – and we're seeing it played out, not only in Boston but across the country, in many dimensions.”

Dr. Thea James echoed Watanabe's statement while speaking – in a separate conversation – for herself and the rest of the Task Force. “The one thing none of us has been surprised about is how it turned out demographically, because it always does.”

As an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, and having deployed domestically and internationally with the City's Disaster Medical Assistance Team, James commented on her experience as it applies to the Task Force's mission:

“I always feel like if something's going on with the community, inside the community, or if people come to a hospital and they're from the community, they know what's going on out there. So what I want to know is what it is that people need most to stop the pipeline of them coming into the hospital, and to stop the pipeline of them testing positive.”

Speaking of the immediate COVID-19 public health crisis, as well as of the underlying racial and ethnic conditions that have brought into

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PPE a Trashy Problem



Residents are concerned about personal protective equipment being dropped outside trash cans and the health risks that could cause.

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Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

Within the past month, wearing medical masks and gloves in public has become the new norm. This has caused an increase in littered personal protective equipment (PPE) in public areas such as parks, parking lots, banks, and busy streets.

Improperly discarded PPE is a nationwide problem, and the city of Boston is no exception. Many Boston residents/community members have voiced their concerns on social media about the amount of littered PPE in the city. Using platforms like Facebook or Twitter, community members share photos of hotspots for PPE litter in Boston.

In Roslindale, many community members have noticed discarded PPE in front of the Post Office on Cummins Highway. Other concentrated areas of littered masks and gloves in Roslindale include Washington Street, American Legion Highway, and Roslindale Square. One community member has noted a fair amount of PPE litter by the Bank of America drive-up ATM in Roslindale Square. Many Roslindale residents have seen a lot of littered PPE in the Stop & Shop parking lot on American Legion Highway, and the Popeyes parking lot.

“[There are a lot of littered masks and gloves] In front of my house. We share a fence with the gas station next door. Their patrons have been throwing their gloves over the fence. It’s crazy how many I see on Washington Street between Archdale and South Street,” noted one Roslindale resident. Another resident stated that she has seen a lot of improperly discarded PPE in front of her house on Neponset Avenue.

“[The littered PPE] Outside the CVS on Washington street is shameful,” stated Roslindale community member Wilma Monaghan.

“Most of the ones [littered PPE] I’ve seen are in supermar-

ket parking lots. Many at the Shaw’s in Hyde Park. I think I counted ten between my parking spot and the front door. [Also at the] Stop & Shop in Roslindale, and I’ve seen many in the parking lots near the Popeyes on the American Legion Highway,” noted Roslindale community member Jackie Neely. One community member suggested that supermarkets place more trash bins by their cart returns to help mitigate the problem.

“Definitely lots [of littered PPE] at the Star Market parking lot and around the edges of the parking lot. Bummer, but there really aren’t many trash cans and I think that would be helpful!” said community member Rory McCusker.

Another community member remarked that Washington St. and Brook Reservation are also “a mess.”

In West Roxbury, hotspots for the littered gloves and masks include the VFW Parkway, Centre Street, and parking lots in front of CVS, Roche Bros, and Star Market. “Supermarket parking lots are loaded with gloves everywhere - I don’t understand why it can’t make it to a trash can,” remarked West Roxbury resident Bonnie Houston.

“Parking lots are a common place [for littered PPE]. I live on Lagrange Street and picked up two discarded masks in front of my house,” stated one West Roxbury resident.

“The Public Works Department works hard each day to provide core city services in the City of Boston. At the direction of public health officials, we are urging residents to assist in our efforts by utilizing trash receptacles to dispose of their rubber gloves, facemasks, and any additional trash. To prevent litter, these items should be placed in a trash bag with other items and securely tied,” stated Chris Coakley, the Public Information Officer for the Boston Public Works Department (PWD).

PPE Litter

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My Kind
of Town/
Joe Galeota

. . . college and high school seniors who have missed proms, prize nights, and graduations

. . . college and high school

athletes who have missed the culmination of winter sports and the entire season of spring sports

. . . high school sophomores and juniors who have missed dancing at their sophomore semis and junior proms as well as visiting college campuses

. . . college and high school actors and musicians whose plays/musicals are undermined after months of practice

. . . middle school students and kindergartners who have missed their "graduations"

. . . participants in dance recitals, science fairs, and debating tourneys

. . . children missing the unbridled exuberance of that last day of school

. . . partygoers denied anniversary, birthday, and Kentucky Derby celebrations

. . . stressed patients awaiting dental procedures and elective surgeries for knee and hip replacements, tonsillectomies, etc.

. . . future motorists anticipating their driving exams

. . . potential lifeguards missing their Red Cross training

. . . teenagers awaiting other summer job openings

. . . parents awaiting the OK's for their children's summer camps to open

. . . engaged couples having their weddings being put on hold

. . . Confirmation, First Communion, Bar and Bat Mitzvah recipients, all having their days-in-the-sun cancelled

. . . youngsters awaiting spring soccer, Little Leagues, and CYO softball/baseball tryouts and games

. . . flower lovers struggling to park near the Arboretum on Lilac Sunday

. . . environmentalists repugnant at the thought of not using their own bags again and again at grocery stores and pharmacies

Undoubtedly there has been much that has been overlooked. There are other examples of pain in these horrible times.

Please forgive me.

QUARANTINED AS A CHILD

To the Editor:

In a time when sheltering in place has become the norm, my memory of being quarantined in the summer of 1936 might be of interest to Bulletin readers. I was seven years old when scarlet fever entered my Dorchester neighborhood. Two of my four brothers and I came down with the disease. A quarantine sign was put on the front door of our flat on Mount Vernon Street indicating, I guess, that in order to avoid infection people must not come into our flat, and those of us who were infected must stay inside. At some point the City medical authorities decided that in order to avoid the spread of the disease we three brothers, and others in the neighborhood, should be isolated from healthy people until we were free of the disease. Jim, Gene and I were taken to the South Department of the Boston City Hospital, a facility for isolating those with contagious diseases.

The usual hospital measles confinement was a month, and my brothers went home in a month, but I was confined for a total of five months. After the first two months I was sent home, presumably cured, but a week later the medical authorities decided I still carried the infection, and I was re-hospitalized for another three months. I was declared free of infection and allowed to return home shortly before Christmas.

My memories of my South Department confinement are scattered and incomplete. I don't recall being confined to bed, or being ill, sad, or abandoned, although I must have been confined to bed at times.

I remember sleeping in a room with four other boys my age. I recall being free to walk along the ward corridor and to play in a recreation room at the end of the corridor. I remember helping the nurses on duty distribute meal trays. During my entire stay I did not see my mother, and I saw my father only once. It was on a day when I was out on the ward porch. My father waved to me as he walked by along Massachusetts Avenue on his way to work.

Late in my hospital stay a decision was made to remove my tonsils and adenoids. I guess the medical people decided my tonsils carried the scarlet fever infection and ridding me of the infection required ridding me of my tonsils. On the morning of the operation I recall something being put over my mouth and

nostrils to sedate me. I remember nothing more until the operation was over. It all seemed uneventful. It wasn't long after that I was discharged and sent home. I remember being disappointed that I would miss the upcoming ward Christmas party. I joined my third grade class at Saint Rita School in December after missing the first three months of the school year. I evidently caught up with my class and finished third grade the following June.

Francis Michael
McLaughlin
West Roxbury

ISOLATION ISN'T ALL BAD

To the Editor:

Since we changed our clocks from Eastern Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time, we somehow entered the Twilight Zone and have been placed in seemingly animated suspension since around March 12. Our lives have been turned upside down between fear of the virus to the shutting down of our national economy.

Living now in a life without many distractions, we keep trying to find things to do to keep us from going bonkers. Every day the first thing I do is go out and do my new daily power walk. Sometimes if I get bored later in the day, it is out again for another power walk. Good consequence of this new exercise regiment is that since March 12, I have lost a tad over 10 pounds. Not bad, huh?

Living in an environment of social distancing and social isolation goes so much against the grain of being a social animal as we humans all are. Got my facial cover on and between my red bandanna, backwards baseball cap and cool dark blue aviator sunglasses, I could pass for a Charlestown bank robber.

I get out every day, sometimes to just drive around, other times to use athletic tracks and often walk a beach, calming down with the sight and smell of ocean water. I will never get used to this though and long for a world without masks.

I love walking from Roslindale across the West Roxbury Pkwy into West Roxbury. I always try and color coordinate with my walking outfits. I actually saw two beautiful orioles flying over Oriole Street. How cool is that?

One good thing about my routine now is I walk by Centre Street and Anna's Donuts. I gave up donuts, but they do make the best coffee. I do not

like the idea that our life has been placed on hold for the foreseeable future, and I do not like the idea that we have over 26 million Americans out of work and that number is still growing. Soon we will reach 30 million and then we enter a new Great Depression.

Most of us will survive this pandemic but can we say the same for our nation's health and wellbeing going forward? As President Trump and others have said, "The cure can't be worse than virus itself."

It will be nice to keep up my daily walking even when it is no longer required of me to keep from going bat-crazy. I'm starting to like it too much.

Sal Giarratani
Boston

ANOTHER SOURCE FOR PPE'S

To the Editor:

I'd like to offer a suggestion for helping to locate medical supplies for medical offices, hospitals, etc.

I'd been thinking of ways to assist w/the lack of needed medical supplies, especially since my brother, a Dr. w/his own Urgent Care practice was in the same situation as every other medical facility.

For 36 years, I was a faculty member of a theatre department at a small college, south of Boston. I believe that many places have reached out to the science departments of colleges, asking for donations of their medical supplies.

Theatre and Fine Art departments use much of this same medical equipment (You need respirators, N95 masks, surgical masks, disposable gloves, etc when building sets, painting or dying fabric, working in metal, etc.)

I contacted my theatre department chair to ask if they would consider donating these items, and then I reached out to the college president. Despite our being a small department that didn't keep excess stock due to space and budget limitations, I managed to collect 4 unopened packages of latex gloves, 2 full boxes of non-latex disposable gloves, 45 N95 Masks, 4 paper masks, 9 pleated surgical masks, 9 surgical caps, 8 paper gowns, and 1 respirator.

Consider contacting your private secondary school, college or university to ask if they would donate or sell these medical supplies to the medical facility of your choice or closest to their location (to avoid mailing issues).

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Demolition and renovation at the state labs on South Street

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The building everyone loves to hate in Forest Hills will be going through significant changes beginning this year.

The Hinton State Laboratory Building at 305 South St. has loomed over Forest Hills and the Arnold Arboretum since 1974.

The 11-acre campus includes the twin Tower Building connected by a bridge and the sprawling, two story Biologics Building with its eight-story boiler stack.

The \$129-million project includes the demolition of the Biologics Building and the complete interior renovation of the Tower Building, according to the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), which is in charge of the five-year project.

A Request for Construction Management for the demolition was issued by DCAMM in January 2017.

The hillside campus was originally the Bussey Agricultural Institute of Harvard University established in 1870. The Mass Dept. of Public Health (MDHP) began operations at a portion of property in 1894 when it began to produce diphtheria antitoxins. MDHP built the brick stables

at the far end nearest the Arboretum entrance in 1904.

In a statement to The Bulletin, DPH explained the project.

“The former UMass Biologics Building is being torn down because it is past its useful life,” it said in a statement.

“Demolition is imminent and will be completed this year. Once demolition is complete, the site will serve as a staging area for the renovation of the Tower Building. [The site] will primarily be occupied by modular units that will house staff displaced by the renovation. [After that] the site will be restored with landscaping.”

Renovations and upgrades of the Tower Building are being prepared and designed by Payette Architects. DPH said no visuals are available.

“The entire interior of the Tower Building will be renovated to bring it up to 21st century standards,” the statement said. “This will maximize the use of spaces and create a modern, flexible State public health laboratory.”

“The upper floors will be devoted to laboratory space, including three Biosafety Level 3 laboratories (the same as today) arranged close to the laboratory functions such as infectious diseases and envi-

ronmental health testing to be prepared for extraordinary events such as H1N1, Zika and coronavirus.”

“The State Lab is not directly involved in current COVID 19 vaccine efforts,” the DPH statement said. “The Hinton Lab is not a research laboratory but conducts priority testing to detect organisms of public health importance and to detect chemical threats.”

According the DPH, the remaining floors will house epidemiologic labs, information technology, office functions and administration of the DPH Bureau of Infectious Disease and laboratory.

The entranceway will be redesigned to improve security and make the building more accessible to the public for functions and meetings.

The Hinton State Lab has a large auditorium and smaller meeting room, which are often been made available for community meetings.

According the DPH, no exterior changes are planned and renovation work is expected to be completed by mid 2025.

The Hinton State Lab is one of four large institutions in Jamaica Plain including the VA Hospital and MSPCA on South Huntington Avenue and the Faulkner Hospital on Centre

Street. The Lab has always been the most mysterious.

There have been no public meetings about this work, the largest since the facility was built 46 years ago.

State Rep. Liz Malia did not respond to requests for comment.

The Bulletin only learned of the project through an April 5 notice in the development website BldUp that an electrical disconnection permit had been pulled to prepare for the demolition of the Biologics Building.

The Department of Public Health acquired the Bussey Institute campus by eminent domain in 1963 and planned a new laboratory in 1969. Designed by Desmond and Lord, the Tower Building and Biologics Lab were opened on October 11, 1974.

After the State Biologics Institute was incorporated into the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 1997, UMass leased the property to DMH and began scouting a new location for the Biologics Lab, which was no longer adequate.

In 2002 UMass acquired 15 acres of land on Walk Hill Street at the former Boston State Hospital and planned a two-phase, \$100 million biologics laboratory, designed by Stull + Lee; the first phase

opened in 2005 and the second Stull + Lee building opened in 2010.

All staff, equipment and apparatuses were transferred to the Walk Hill Street buildings and the old Biologics Building in Jamaica Plain became redundant.

When the Jamaica Plain campus was transferred back to DPH in 2014, the State began to consider what to do with the empty building and the decision was demolition.

Dr. Sandra Smole is director of the Hinton State Lab and she gave this statement to The Bulletin.

“We are looking forward to the impending renovation of the facility and its impact on our ability to provide services for testing and surveillance of infectious diseases, services that numerous staff have been diligently providing during this pandemic period.”

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HP again without COVID-19 testing site Still leads city in coronavirus incidence rate

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Brigham Health mobile COVID-19 screening, testing, and education unit held its last day of operation at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital Community Physicians at Hyde Park (1337 Hyde Park Ave.) on Saturday, April 25. It had


been testing at the site since April 16 and had drawn a larger than expected number of patients during its stay.

No replacement testing site has yet been announced for Hyde Park, although Health and Human Services Chief Marty Martinez stated last Thursday that the City is trying to find a new health partner to provide testing for the community.


While encouraged by the recent high percentage increase in testing for Hyde Park, Martinez acknowledged that it is not enough, given the high number of positive cases in the neighborhood. "It's a good start and we appreciate their [Brigham Health's] work, and now we're going to lift

Testing

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Ask The Doctor

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

Q) Dear Doctor: I own a 2012 Camry. When the sun is bright, the radio and navigation screen is impossible to read until I get in shadier spot. It seems the screen is flat and should be indented into cabinet or there should be protruding sides to screen to block light. What can I do? The auto body shop said they see this problem but there's nothing they can recommend. I haven't seen my radio stations or navigator on a sunny day since I bought this can new. Can you help me? —Jean

A) You are not alone my wife had the same complaint on all her Camrys. First make sure the setting is either on automatic or day time, next try adjusting the light and contrast settings. There is a company called Nushield that may help. A small piece of cardboard or plastic cut to fit over the screen held on with velpro or even slid into the CD slot if you have one. Having windshield tint installed about 6 inches from top down if legal can help and if equipped with a sun roof, make sure the shade is closed.

Q) Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK230 Kompressor with about 80,000 miles on it. I only drive it 2,000 or 3,000 miles each year during the summer months. It has about 80,000 miles. It's kept in a garage for six or seven months. From time to time during the last several years the turn signal lamps and hazard lamps stop flashing. The lamps light up but don't flash. A couple years ago my mechanic used a nail file to scrape some corrosion off of some device — perhaps a relay switch. A couple times it happened after I parked in the hot sun. Flashers were working when I parked, but ceased to flash when I restarted the car. The dealer proposed replacement of a group of devices that are stored closely together. He said it would be a \$15,000 or more fix. Absurd! Do you have a suggestion? —Rich

A) The technician will first check the Identifix web site, then also look on Alldata to look at history on other 1998 SLK 230s. There is an ECU next to the battery that does control the system. Removing the ECU and opening it up to clean all the connections may be the answer.

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

PPE Litter continued from page 3

Discarded masks and gloves cause both environmental and health hazards. Littered masks and gloves can potentially spread COVID-19 germs to others when stepped on or blowing around in the wind.

It is important to remember that PPE is for regular trash - NOT for recycling. Even though it is plastic or rubber, it is contaminated. It is regular trash and is not recyclable. Gloves and masks - even sanitizing wipes - are plastic. When discarded into the environment, the PPE goes into sewer systems and into our water systems. It then breaks down into microplastics, which can be even more harmful as they can latch on to and attract toxic chemicals like pesticides.

"Every time I see all this discarded medical waste, I'm furious. I don't understand the mentality of a person who chooses to throw anything on the ground! They're actually throwing out potentially contaminated items in a public area forcing someone else to clean it up! It's almost beyond comprehension considering the reason we're doing all this to begin with," Neely said. "I feel angry at the sheer volume of litter and for that matter, plastic! I have a sinking feeling knowing the terrible environmental effects from disposing of all this plastic."

For up to date information regarding COVID-19, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring> or <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

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ALLUE



Most Reverend Emilio Simeon, SDB Auxiliary Bishop of Boston Allué, Most Reverend Emilio Simeon, SDB, former Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, of Regina Cleri, Boston, April 26. He was born in Huesca, Spain. Ordained a priest in 1966 and named Titular Bishop of Croë in 1996 by Pope John Paul, II. Served as Regional Bishop of West Region (1996-2000), Merrimack Region (2000-2010). Beloved son of the late Domingo and Juliana (Carcasona). Survived by his brother, Adolfo Allué, and 1 niece and 3 nephews, all of Spain. Interment will be at the Salesian Cemetery, Goshen, NY. A concelebrated Funeral Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston at a later date. For the service guestbook, go to gormleyfuneral.com

CAREY

Mary "Gretta" (Mahon) Formerly of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully at Southwood at Norwell Nursing Center on April 24, 2020. Gretta emigrated from County Meath, Ireland and became a proud U.S. citizen. A retired employee from the New England Telephone Company. She was predeceased by her beloved husband John F. Carey and cherished grandson Kyle Mitchell. Loving mother of John J. Carey and his wife Donna of Braintree, Anne M. Mitchell and her husband John of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Cherished grandmother of Ryan, Lanse, and Colin Mitchell, Johnny and Anthony Carey. Great-grandmother of Landen Mitchell. Sister of the late Sr. M. D. LaSalette "Kitty," Joseph, Rory, Andrew, and John Mahon of Ireland. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Private interment at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in memory of Gretta, to a charity of your choice. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

Deaths

COLLERAN

James J. "Jimbo" originally from Columbia Point, Dorchester, more recently of West Roxbury passed away on April 19, 2020. Beloved son of the late Arthur and Margaret (Reardon) Colleran. Devoted brother of Robert, Myles, John, Lawrence, Donna, Joyce, and the late Peter, Paul, Timothy, and Theresa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Due to the pandemic funeral services will be held at a future date. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

COMER

Donald James Of Hyde Park and Canton, passed from complications of Covid-19 on April 20 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of the late Mary (Rafuse) Comer. Devoted father of Katherine Holliday and her husband Alexander of Brookline and Daniel Comer and his wife Molly of Easton. Loving "Papa" of Kaitlyn, Danny, Jr., and Sabrina. Also survived by many relatives and friends. At the moment, all Services will be private at the family's request. For online guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home. Hyde Park 617-361-3216

CUNNINGHAM

Randall Noel Of West Roxbury/Roslindale, passed away April 17, 2020. Beloved son of the late Thomas and Georgette (Ledoux). Loving brother of Thomas, Robert, Gary, Stephen, David, Lisa Mutrie, Lori Gallagher, and the late Brian Cunningham and Robin Reis. Randall proudly served in the U.S. Army for six years. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Services will be scheduled for a later date at MA National Cemetery, Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Wounded Warriors Project. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

FINAMORE

Anthony F. Of Hyde Park. Passed peacefully on April 21 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of the late Mary P. (Hannon). De-

voted father of Robert Finamore of Hyde Park, Patricia Sylvester of Hyde Park and Richard Finamore and his wife Debra of East Walpole. Cherished brother of Ellen Brennen and her husband James of West Roxbury and the late Eugene Finamore. Loving "Papa" of Shannon Sylvester and Madison Finamore. Father-in-law of Richard Sylvester of Middleboro. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. At the moment, all Services will be private at the family's request. Anthony was a head usher at St. Joseph's Church in Hyde Park for many years and a longtime employee of Owen Motors in Dedham. For online guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home Hyde Park 617-361-3216

GATSOULIS

Athanasios, 94, (affectionately as Papoo and Thanasi) formerly of Hyde Park, on March 29. Beloved husband of Aristoula (affectionately Areti and Yaya) for 60 yrs. Father of Irene and Peter Gatsoulis and his wife Kjerste Soderberg of Roxbury. Papoo of Athan and Ava Athena. Raised in Macedonia, foreign allied resistance and partisan veteran of both WWII and the Greek civil war. Remembered as an activist and proponent of fairness of labor worker rights in Thessaloniki. Remembered for his enduring work as a stone mason in Montreal and locally. Loved by family, friends and neighbors, and friend to many others locally. Funeral arrangements by Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home and interred at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park on April 1st.

GRANT

Leslie "Les" II Age 78, of N. Attleboro, died April 18, 2020. He was the husband of Dorothy (Kohansky) Grant for 45 years. Born February 24, 1942 in Boston, he was a son of the late Leslie L. and Lydia (Coderre) Grant. Les grew up in East Boston and Weymouth. He lived most of his life in the Roslindale area before moving to North Attleboro in 2002. He worked as a baker at various donut shops in the Boston area throughout his career before retiring at age 63. In retirement, he did maintenance work at Pace Plaza in North Attleboro. Les enjoyed swimming, going to the beach, and family. In addition to his wife, he was father of: Linda Kenney of Norwood, Leslie L. Grant, III of Brighton, Michael Grant of Brighton and William Grant of Mansfield; and father to: Kevin Svagdis of Danville, CA, John Svagdis of Bridgewater, Michael Svagdis of Chevy Chase, MD and Christopher Svagdis of Norwood. He's also survived by 16 grandchildren. Services will be held at a later date. Sperry & McHoul www.sperry-mchoul.com

HADDAD

May A. (Kazaka) Of West Roxbury and Centerville, April 25, 2020. Dear and devoted wife of the late Sheffield. Loving mother of Richard Haddad and his wife

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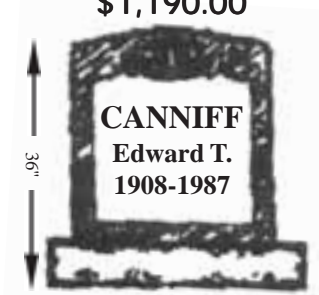
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Kathleen of Naples, FL and Joanne Jacobs of Naples, FL and her late husband Irwin. Cherished grandmother, "Sitto" of Kimberly Oustinoff of Medford and Keith Haddad of Everett. Dear sister of Victor Kazaka of Houston, TX and the late Yvonne Ferris and Helen Malouf. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. May's Funeral Services will be private with a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Contributions in May's memory may be made to Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral, 7 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Guestbook available at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

INGALA

Rita M. (Feloni) Of Roslindale, April 15, 2020. Wife of the late Joseph J. Ingala, Sr.; mother of Joseph J. Ingala Jr. and his wife Donna of Easton and Richard Ingala of Rockland; sister of the late Joseph Feloni, Richard Feloni, Antoinette Maiocco and Mary Belletti; grandmother of Kimberly Ingala and Mia Ingala; great-grandmother of Michael, Mya, Mikayla and Macy. Donations in Rita's memory may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Due to Federal and State Emergency concerning Covid-19, Funeral Services are private with interment at a later date at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Boston. Arrangements are by Kane Funeral Home & Cremation Services, EASTON. For condolences, visit www.kanefuneralhome.com

KARAFOTIAS

Harry G. Of West Roxbury, April 19, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Athena (Pappas). Devoted brother of Evelyn Papadopoulos of Glyfada, Greece, and Mary Guerriero of Westwood, and the late Bessie Thomas, Charles and Peter. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Harry was the proprietor of Harry's Beauty Salon, West Roxbury. He served proudly in the United States Coast Guard during WW II. He was stationed on LST 786 in the Pacific. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Harry's family would like to thank the dedicated nurses at the German Home who adored him. Their kindness and compassion are truly appreciated. Because of Covid-19, Services will be private. Burial will be at the Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in Harry's memory may be made to Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 162 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445. A Memorial Service will be held at a future date. lawlerfuneralhome.com

KLEMPA

Christine Of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale passed away suddenly April 23rd, 2020 at the age of 86. She was married to her beloved husband, John Klempa for 66 years, and was the cherished mother to Ken Klempa and his

wife Marianne of Medfield, John Klempa and his wife Donna of Medfield, Paul Klempa and his wife Kathy of Braintree, Joseph Klempa and his wife Susie of Exeter, New Hampshire, and Christine Baker and Husband Paul of Medfield. She was a loving grandmother to 14, and great-grandmother to 9. Christine was the beloved sister to Louise Sears of Mansfield, Edward Bohmbach of Florida, the late Robert Bohmbach of Quincy, and the late William Bohmbach of New Hampshire; and many nieces and nephews. Services are private. For full obituary, please visit: www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com

KOUFOS

Vasiliki "Bessey" (Kazis) Age 89, of Roslindale, MA, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas J. Koufos. Devoted mother of Diane Anamateros and her husband Charles of Westwood, MA and Jane Karagianis and her husband S. Peter of Gilford, NH. Loving grandmother of Christopher, Jonathan and Maria Anamateros of Westwood, MA and Nicole, Evan and Christian Karagianis of Gilford, NH. Sister of Artemis Douvris and Helen Serevetas and the late Jerry Kazis. Sister-in-law of Penny Kazis of Brockton, MA and the late George Douvris and the late Steve Serevetas. Also survived by many nieces, nephews & relatives. Funeral Services and Burial will be private. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date for relatives and friends to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to her beloved church St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale, MA 02131 or the Hellenic Cardiac Fund for Children at Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115. For online guestbook, please visit www.faggas.com Faggas Funeral Home 800-222-2586

McCARTHY

Dorothy (Claus) It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dorothy Agnes Claus McCarthy "Dottie" on April 21, 2020, in her 93rd year. Dorothy was a beloved resident at the Elizabeth Seton Residence in Wellesley Hills, MA for the past 3 years. Dorothy's death was due to the COVID-19 virus. She was predeceased by her loving husband Eugene in 1964 and her son James in 2006. Dorothy was the devoted mother of five children, whom she raised in Roslindale after Eugene's sudden passing. She is mourned by her children Kathleen and George Mastaby of Westwood, Eugene and Annette McCarthy of Norfolk, Stephen and Kathleen McCarthy of West Roxbury, Maureen and Patrick McCabe of Walpole and Catherine and the late James McCarthy of Roslindale. Dorothy was the adored grandmother of nine grandchildren; Alana, Daniel (Katy), Elizabeth (Pascal), Stephen (Christina), Matthew, Patrick, Jenna, Meghan, and

Deirdre. Her wonderful great-granddaughters, Brielle and Zoe, lovingly referred to her as "Nana Doggy." Dorothy was raised in Roslindale and was the daughter of Charles and Rose Claus and sister of Helen Claus. Dorothy's Funeral will be private, at Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Elizabeth Seton Residence, 125 Oakland St., Wellesley, MA 02481. Her family and many friends will hold her in their hearts forever. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

METALLIDES

Maria (Vatousiades) Of Roslindale, passed away on April 17, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Theoharis Metallides. Devoted mother of Georgia Kekis and Themis Metallides. Loving grandmother of John, Daffney, and Theo. A private graveside service will be held at Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

ROSATO

Connie Age 98, of Hyde Park and Wayland, passed away April 21st at Mary Ann Morse Natick of Covid-19. Wife of Louis Perin and Anthony Rosato, who both predeceased her, mother of Lois Stevens and her husband Gary, grandmother to Kristin Wojciak her husband Waylon, Keith Stevens and his wife Samantha, great-grandmother to Wylie Wojciak and many loving nieces. Her sister Colina Pauletti and brother Charlie Mariano both predeceased her. Connie ran a hair salon and later became active in many senior groups: Mil-Par, Jolly Aces and Curry College Seniors. She loved to travel, line dance, attend musicals and shop for sale items with her daughter. Connie's family wants to express their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at Mary Ann Morse for the loving care she received over the last year. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the charity of your choice. No Services are currently scheduled, due to Covid-19.

SULLIVAN

Barbara P. (Sullivan) Age 92, of West Roxbury, April 18, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Paul C. Sullivan, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage. Daughter of Verna (Bagley) Sullivan, and her husband, Francis Sullivan. Dearly beloved mother of Paula and her husband, John Kessinger, Winter Springs, FL, Steve and his wife, Lucy (Lindner) of Buffalo, NY, Ted and his wife, Mary, (Wright) of Billerica, Frank and his wife Lisa (Nasson), of West Roxbury, Dan and his wife Tina (Brooks) of Shrewsbury, daughter-in-law, Linda (Walsh) Sullivan, Cheshire, CT, son-in-law Jack Moran of Braintree. Barbara was predeceased by her husband Paul Sullivan, her brother, Linwood Sullivan, her sister Jane (Sullivan)

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
 Date: April 22, 2020
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Hess, her son Timothy, of Cheshire, CT, her daughter Mary (Moran), her grandchildren, Michael Moran, Stephanie and Andrew Sullivan, and Meghan Sullivan. Known to all as a selfless, compassionate, generous, humorous and humble lady of grace, who was "Born to Shop," Barbara swaddled countless infants in her arms, and pampered their mothers, during her 38-year nursing career at the former St. Margaret's Hospital, Dorchester. Legendary were Barbara's spaghetti sauce with meatballs and sausage, boiled dinners (grey and red), potato salad, French fries and fried chicken, brownies, cakes and pies. Barbara was unwavering in her love for, and devotion to, her husband, their seven children, 23 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild. Each, in addition to being faithfully cheered on at all of their countless sporting events, had their personal infant sweater, hat and booties crocheted for them by their beloved "GG." Hundreds of other nieces and nephews and their children and the children of those Barbara knew but a short while were also gifted the cherished "sweater sets" which Barbara continued to lovingly make into her mid-80s. Boston was cold and snowy the morn-

ing Barbara Pauline Sullivan passed from this life to eternal joy and peace with her immediate and extended family and friends in heaven. However, in the minds of all those who love and miss her, there will always be the memory of Barbara's unconditional love, warm smile and bright eyes. A private Graveside Service was held. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the Meghan M. Sullivan Scholarship Fund, c/o Billerica Scholarship Foundation, Billerica Treasurer's Office, 365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA 01821. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

SULLIVAN

Dorothy Rona Passed away peacefully at the Cape Cod Hospital on April 24, 2020. She was the daughter of the Honorable Lewis R. Sullivan and Dorothy H. Sullivan. She was born in 1940 in Boston. She attended the Patrick F. Lyndon School in West Roxbury, Girls Latin School, BA Boston University and MA University of Massachusetts Boston. She was a retired State employee and had worked at the Division of Employment Security as an Economist. She enjoyed painting watercolors and had exhibited her

paintings at the Creative Arts Center in Chatham and in Marblehead, MA. She enjoyed traveling with relatives to Ireland, Europe, Poland, California, Florida and Chatham, MA. For many years, Dorothy was a Doric Docent Tour Guide at The Massachusetts State House. Donations can be made in her name to The Girls' Latin School - Boston Latin Academy Alumni Association, 205 Townsend St., Dorchester, Boston, MA 02121. Visiting Hours private at the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, MA and Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery, Hopkinton, MA. A gathering of her life, showing of her painting and Memorial Mass will be held during the summer in Chatham, MA. lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

WALLING

Joseph A. Of West Roxbury, April 20, 2020. Beloved son of the late William H.J. Walling and Agnes (Lennon). Brother of the late Mary Elizabeth Walling. Longtime employee of City of Boston BRA and WWII Veteran US Army. Funeral services private. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

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help raise awareness for those folks where their income as a bartender or server is basically gone. To help them out in even little ways to let them know we're thinking about them in this time has been great."

Kilduff's GoFundMe page can be found at gofundme.com/f/tips-for-west-roxbury. He said he started a month ago by reaching out to local restaurants and bars in West Roxbury.

"I didn't want to pick and choose between the restaurants, because that didn't seem fair and so I reached out to some of them to see what the owners might think," he said. "They suggested I get in touch with the West Roxbury Business Professional Association (WRBPA)."

The WRBPA, formerly run by Mary Mulvey Jacobson, is run now by her family and Jim

Hennigan of Hennigan Insurance. The organization is designed to help local small businesses network, share ideas and thrive, and also to support the Mary Mulvey Jacobson Families in Need Program. Families in Need is essentially what it sounds like; the organization helps families who need help with expenses throughout the season, but is most known for its Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner delivery drives, which Jacobson started more than 30 years ago.

The WRBPA has a network of organizations that help find families in the most need, and Kilduff said it was a good place to start to find restaurant workers who would really need the funds they raise.

"I talked to Jim Hennigan and I told him what the idea was, and what he indicated to me is they

have a relief fund for charitable organizations for employees, not local employers, the employees," he said. "They distribute the funds to those most in need using the process they usually utilize, which we thought was more fair."

Kilduff said he's happy to give back as much as he can to the neighborhood.

"Anything I can do for the neighborhood, you know?" he said. "You could say I'm a big fan. I moved here right out of the military and I actually could have lived anywhere in the city, but I chose West Roxbury because I loved the community and the neighborhood, and I made a lot of friends over here. If I can give back something to the neighborhood, that's really a great thing."

Task Force *continued from page 2*

existence the HITF, James added, "Unless we act on it to disrupt that cycle, nothing is going to change, and I think everybody on the Task Force is highly, highly committed to getting this done."

Both James and Watanabe also spoke of the advantage of having such a large, diverse, and connected group of people to serve with, with James noting the shared purpose of individual Task Force

members leading to more effective community outreach and Watanabe commenting on the links between each Task Force member to activists and organizers throughout the city and, consequently, to the residents of those communities.

All of which aid in the Task Force's ongoing challenge, as Watanabe described it, of working with problems on a daily basis and dealing with them in real time.

As the pandemic continues, the COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force will continue and adjust its work to the fast developing situation, while the City's immediate plan - according to Martinez - is to make testing sites available in every neighborhood while expanding the number of private partners working with it against the coronavirus.

Supper returns *continued from page 1*

has never been a pause in the program until now.

“Well I wasn’t around back then, I’ve only been here a couple of years, but during the 70s recession, the neighbors and the community were either unemployed or underemployed, and not making enough to keep up with all the financial demands of the time, and so the church started offering the weekly community supper,” he said. “It was a way to gather people, to share a meal and catch up, but also to talk about who they were, what they were doing and what strategies were working and what weren’t to help them get through the recession.”

The pantry also does food baskets for residents in need every second and fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., much in the same way as the supper. Seifried said everything is sanitized as much as possible and social distancing protocols have been established. However, the pantry services are for residents of the neighborhood and proof of income eligibility is required. Go to abfoodpantry.com/index.php/food-pantry/ for more information on that front.

Seifried said currently, donations are keeping up with demand but there’s no way to know what future demand could look like.

“Donations are always welcome,”

he said. Checks should be made payable can be sent to: Allston Brighton Food Pantry, Brighton Allston Cong. Church, 410 Washington Street, Brighton, MA 02135.

He added they currently don’t need volunteers because of social distancing practices.

“But we’re evaluating it on an ongoing basis,” he said. “One of the issues we’re having though is fewer folks are able to volunteer, and so we don’t really know how we would be able to expand while keeping up with the level of service that we give. We’re evaluating this week to week and, certainly if the demand blossoms, we will react accordingly.”

He said numbers for the supper are down as well as the food pantry.

“But that’s to be expected,” he said. “Some folks are probably staying in for the lock down, or practicing social distancing themselves and not getting out as much. I know that some of the homeless folks we regularly serve are in shelters that don’t allow them to leave the premises because they’re trying to keep everybody safe and keep them from spreading infection, or becoming infected themselves.”

For more information, go to <https://brightonucc.org/>

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Residents flocked to the testing site at 1337 Hyde Park Ave. all last week, but Brigham and Women’s announced they would have to put the testing on hold.

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up another site, and we’re in the process of trying to figure it out right now. It’s important.”

The City’s goal is to set up at least one COVID-19 testing site for each neighborhood in Boston during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comprehensive testing is a key facet of epidemiology and public health due to the fact that – with the information it provides – the distribution pattern and impact of a dis-

ease within a population and location can be better understood, treated, and controlled.

With the departure of the Brigham Health mobile unit, there is again no COVID-19 test site in Hyde Park. According to the Boston Public Health Commission COVID-19 report for the week ending April 23, the neighborhood’s COVID-19 incidence rate leads the city.

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right principles to my family.”

Petit-Maitre, an MBTA bus driver for nearly 10 years and a Carmen’s union member, said he has seen the impact of the coronavirus firsthand on the most vulnerable residents of the district. A state senate candidate in the 2018 race, he said some of the issues that were of most concern to him then – truly affordable housing, small business development and a reliable transportation system – have not been addressed adequately. COVID-19 has only turned problems into plights.

“I want to ensure that all voices are heard and included, particularly people of color and people who have been left out of the conversation,” he said. “Nobody has looked out for them. We need to get it from someone who understands them, if we didn’t get it from the previous administration.”

“One of the reasons I decided to jump into the race was that the leaders were not speaking for everyone,” Petit-Maitre continued. “It was the same faces running for office and running the community events. I was a big fan of Angelo. But I

noticed that things have not changed.”

Petit-Maitre is a member of the new Ward 18 Democratic Committee, which ran as the Fresh Slate ticket. A fellow member is his rival for the seat, Gretchen Van Ness, a local attorney who ran for the Rep. seat in the last election.

“It is very nice to have change,” he said. “And a change is coming after 40-something years. There are immediate needs that have to be addressed.”

He described himself as “bold, progressive and independent.”

Although he does not have experience in government like challengers Van Ness and former Boston City Councilor Rob Consalvo, Petit-Maitre said he has a wealth of education that makes him uniquely qualified for the position. He holds a B.A. in Legal Studies from Newbury College with a minor in Business Administration. He also has a degree in Criminal Justice from Bunker Hill Community College and a certificate in Information Technology from Cambridge College and has

studied Political Science. Also, he has served as a City of Boston constable for 12 years as well as a notary public.

Petit-Maitre also has served on several political campaigns, including the mayoral runs of Mayor Tom Menino and Consalvo’s unsuccessful bid. Most recently, Petit-Maitre volunteered on the successful HP 150 event two years ago and also gives his time at Blake Estates.

Affordable housing is the top priority for Petit-Maitre.

“And the key word there is affordable,” he stressed. “The main expense in a family’s budget is rent. That determines how much you can spend on everything else. Many people can’t afford to live here anymore, and they are moving out. Because of that, small businesses are closing their doors. There has got to be an immediate solution.”

Having purchased a house in Hyde Park seven years ago, Petit-Maitre said he understands how hard the process is to consider buying a home or renting, and how bad the market is, even before COVID-19.

“If you are a grocery store worker or you work in a restaur-

ant for \$10 an hour, a one-bedroom apartment costs \$1,750 or \$1,800,” he explained. “How can you even afford that? And then there’s food. And expenses. With COVID-19, sooner or later, the economy is going to shut down.”

Petit-Maitre said he wants to work on legislation and in the community to stimulate small business growth.

“They are the backbone of every city’s economy,” he said. “Eat local, shop local, consume local. There are so many great local businesses in Hyde Park and Roslindale, and we have to keep them from shutting their doors.”

Transportation is another key topic for Petit-Maitre. Being a bus driver, he sees people struggle on the T, particularly the 32 bus going through Roslindale and Hyde Park.

“People rely on the T to get from Point A to Point B, but it keeps falling down,” he said. “What’s the point if they keep fixing up the old equipment?”

He said people should be waiting a maximum of 15 minutes for the 32 bus, and not see several buses come at once, leapfrogging past each other while one bus is overcrowded.

“They are packed like sardines,” he said. “Don’t just fix it because of COVID-19.”

Another problem Petit-

Maitre has witnessed first-hand is machines in Readville cleaning the tracks late at night and leaving behind smoke.

“People have to consume that,” he said. “It is not good for the people of Readville or the environment. I want to look into that with Keolis and the state.”

One thing Petit-Maitre said he would have done if he was currently in the State House is to have done more aggressive testing early on, as well as more contact tracing.

“We need more testing, because a lot of people are asymptomatic,” he said. “Any person can be a carrier.”

Other issues he pledges to work for are quality public education, gun control, health care equity and reproductive rights.

“If you vote for me, from Day One, you will see a difference, compared to other candidates” Petit-Maitre said. “I promise to be accessible and put people’s concerns into actions.”

“I’m tired of politicians who play with our votes,” he added. “If you ask 100 people who their state rep is, I bet you 70 don’t know, or even what his face looks like. I promise to return a call within 24 hours. If you can’t do that, then you should not be a leader.”

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