

## WalkUP Roslindale discusses Arboretum Gateway Path



The Gateway Path is at 25 Percent Design now, and the architects wanted to show the community what they've been working on.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

Community members and residents packed into the BCYF Menino Archdale Community Center in Roslindale to discuss the Arboretum Gateway 25% Path Design. The meeting was very well attended and was streamed live on Facebook through Walk UP Roslindale's Facebook page. Food and refreshments were provided to the attendees.

Walk UP Roslindale promotes modes of transportation in Roslindale that do not involve cars, such as paths, bus lanes, crosswalks, etc.

The Feb. 28 meeting focused on the entire length of the new planned path, including the section closest to the Archdale neighborhood in Roslindale. The path runs near the Needham Line commuter rail tracks adjacent to Peter's Hill from the entrance of the Arboretum through to the tunnel entrance at the end of Arboretum Road, and then all the way to the existing Blackwell Path.

The purpose of this project is to "merge the two previous path designs into one continuous path; advance design and

**Gateway Path**

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## SWBCDC looking for new property, working on Neponset Path

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) is ramping up its efforts to improve Hyde Park after successfully opening the Residences at Fairmount late last year.

SWBCDC President Mimi Turchinetz said the group does not want to just sit on its heels after the successful construction of the first fully-affordable building built in Hyde Park in over 10 years.

"We're in the process of trying to do some strategic thinking and so we're looking for new deals," she said. "We've rented all the Resi-

dences at Fairmount, and we're not sure everybody has moved in yet. So many people wanted to live there, and it's pretty amazing and reflective of the need for housing in the neighborhood."

Turchinetz said they are focusing on locations around River Street to increase their property holdings to be able to offer new affordable housing, however the current real estate market is making it tough.

"Many people have been really interested to sustain some of those buildings there, and it's always about site control," she said. "It's

**SWBCDC**

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## JP Glass Site near Green Street planned for development



Wyatt Komarin, Veronica Cadenas and Jenny Shen of Primary listen to Kathy Kottaridis at the Feb 21 community meeting for 3326 Washington St. in Jamaica Plain. The location is the site of a former school, and developers are asking residents what they would want to see at the current auto glass repair shop.

PHOTOS BY RICHARD HEATH

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

Primary of Cambridge wants to do things differently with its proposed development of the JP Glass site at 3326 Washington St.: it first wants to learn what the priorities are for the abutting community and then see if those work financially to design and build.

Word trickled out on Jan. 31 when a demolition delay was filed with the Boston

Landmark Commission applying to raze the old wood frame schoolhouse used as an auto glass shop since 1969.

On Feb. 21 Primary hosted a community meeting to introduce themselves and their goals.

Wyatt Komarin is co-founder of Primary, a group of four young architect/planners with solid experience on three approved buildings on Terrace Street on Mission Hill.

All hold masters degrees

from Harvard Graduate School of Design. They describe themselves as architects and urbanists; two of the founders have experience with European architectural firms. They also have an office mascot dog, Aalto, named after the Finnish architect.

"We haven't started designing anything yet," Komarin told the audience of

**JP Glass**

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## Council looks for cost savings in \$126M BPS transportation budget

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council held a hearing last week to discuss with members of the Boston Public Schools District (BPS) ways the department could potentially save some funds.

The budget this year is \$126.1 million. It's been on a steady increase every year, as At-Large City Councilor and chair of the Committee on Education Annissa Essaibi-George acknowledged, but

she said she held the hearing so they could get a handle on the costs now and look at ways to reduce them in the future.

Chief of Operations at BPS John Hanlon said the costs of the BPS transportation budget are the result of policy choices by the BPS.

"While we pride ourselves on the level of school choice that we offer students in Boston, and while we pride ourselves on the level of service that we offer students with special needs, it is with-

out question those two factors come at a very high cost," he said. "We are burdened with state law requirements that mandate that we have to provide service for non BPS students, including more than 5,000 charter and parochial school students alone to 100 different sites, some of them outside the Boston area."

Of that \$120 million, \$28 million is dedicated to non BPS stu-

**Cost Savings**

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# FOOTPRINTS

**Michael Cunningham**  
*Special to the Boston Bulletin*



Michael Cunningham

I visited the village of My Lai, Vietnam today, March 16, 2018, on the 50th commemoration of the massacre. At that site 50 years ago to the day, an American infantry company from the Americal Division, led by officers Lt. Calley and Captain Medina, entered the village and massacred everyone and everything living there. 504 deaths were confirmed. Pigs, chickens, water buffaloes were wasted.

Why? You ask.

Supposedly the Americans were frustrated by all the casualties they were taking without ever seeing the enemy. My Lai was to make up for their losses. 504 innocent, helpless, defense-

less, women (some pregnant), children and old men brutally massacred because the Americans were frustrated!

As I walked the grounds that were once a peaceful agricultural village along the coast of mid-South Vietnam, many sights haunted me. Whoever recreated this devastated village as a memorial did an excellent job. Most of the hooches {slang term for Vietnamese homes} were depicted as they looked after the Americans left, burned to the ground. However, the recreators built a hooch exactly as it looked 50 years ago, the day of the massacre. As I walked into the hooch, my mind flashed back 50 years, when I was a young 18 year old infantryman in Viet Nam.

Although I wasn't involved in the massacre, most Vietnamese hooches were built in the same fashion. Straw matted roofs held up by wooden poles, dirt floors, walls made of either dirt or bamboo, with a few pieces of wooden furniture and clay pots strewn about. On the outside, farming utensils hung from the side of the coop holding the cattle or water buffalo – if the family was lucky enough to own one.

But of all the sounds and sights and smells I encoun-

tered, one vision haunted me the most, indelibly etched in my brain – the footprints.

The recreator of My Lai village showed all the footprints in the muddy footpaths of the

these bare feet I could see the distinctive boot marks of the soldiers. The path along the canal was most revealing; the canal where 170 villagers were systematically gunned down. I

My eyes were riveted on these footprints – of the villagers and the soldiers. What could have been, if their lives weren't snuffed out at such a young age? What was going through



Impressions of hundreds of feet in the mud, mostly small bare feet, interspersed with the haunting boot marks of American soldiers.

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village; footprints of little children, mothers and old men as they were dragged off to their deaths by the American troops. Amongst the impressions of

could see the impressions of hundreds of feet in the mud, mostly small bare feet, but then there were those haunting boot marks of the American soldiers.

their minds as they were dragged to the ditch and thrown in, to be slaughtered by such

**Footprints**

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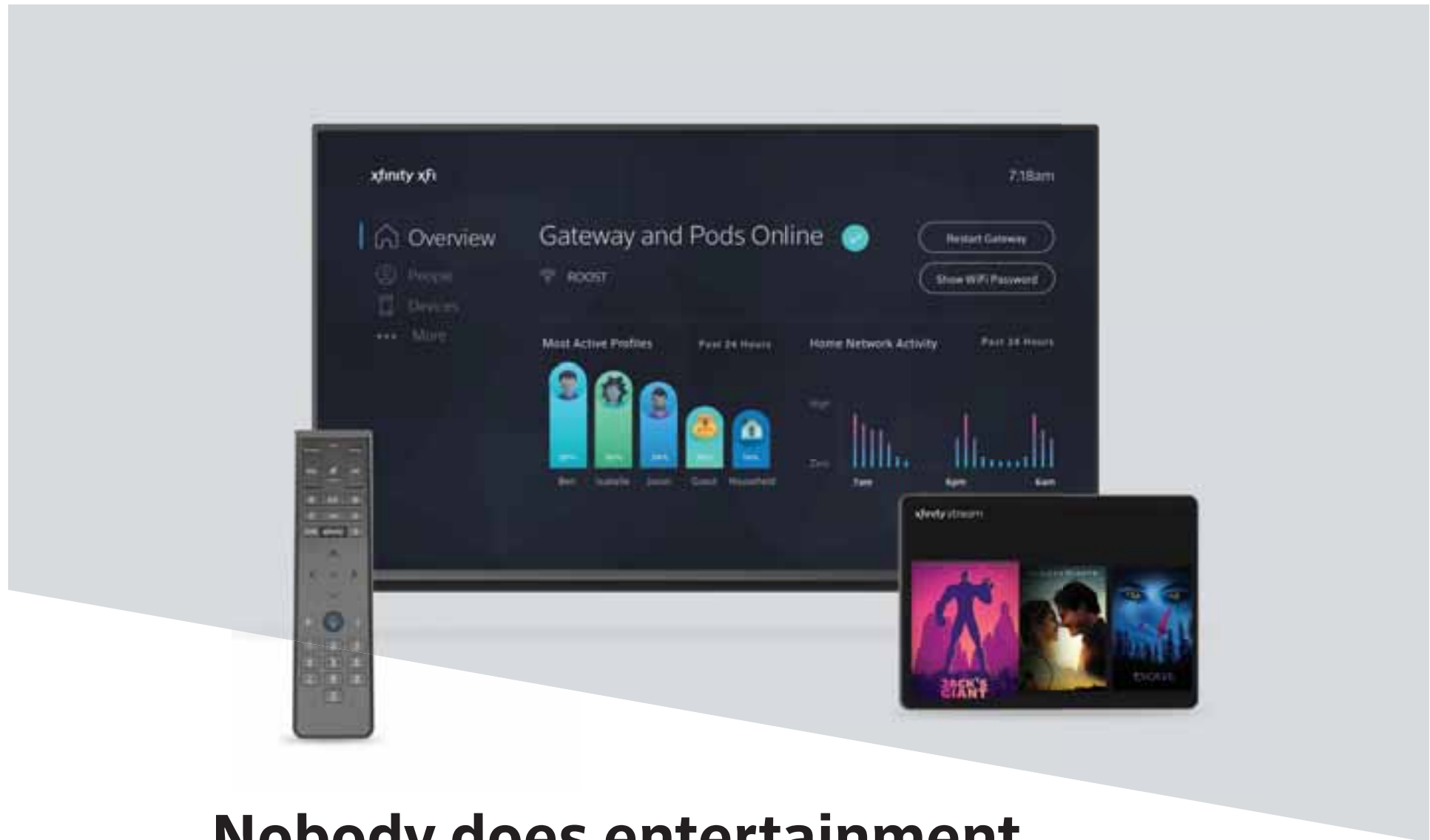
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# Editorial

## A NEW CHAPTER

There are those who argue that the era of the public library is over. With the Internet making book and periodical buying and borrowing easy and ubiquitous, why have dedicated buildings on the taxpayer dime? Who needs a trip to a reference room to seek out an encyclopedia when all the world's collected knowledge fits in the palm of your hand?

Plans to renovate the Roslindale Library should squash those naysayers.

We've recently seen the fruits of a beautiful, revitalizing renovation of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. The Roslindale plan is just as important for that neighborhood.

As reported in the Bulletin, the design phase will be completed in mid-spring. It will be put out to bid in mid-summer, with construction slated to begin in October and take approximately 14 months.

Let's look at the features and improvements.

- \* The new library will have a basement, providing working and meeting space for the Friends of the Roslindale Library, the Roslindale Historical Society as well as a room for the staff. This clears away additional first floor space that may house an early literacy center.

- \* The renovated building will have an elevator and other features needed to make it more accessible.

- \* There will be a new teen center.

- \* There will be the addition of a terrace in the rear of the building with an outdoor seating area and landscaping. Additional greenspace will be provided for patrons to sit and read on the Poplar Street side of the building.

- \* A defining detail of the \$10.2 million renovation is a new domed roof.

Some may argue that this is an awful lot of money for a handful of improvements. Our rebuttal is that the library was built in 1961, and lacking improvements, is at risk of just being another building that is walked by but never entered. If kids and teens start using the renovated building more, it becomes an adjunct of sorts to their schooling, and is worth every penny.

Most important of all is another intangible. The library will serve as a point of neighborhood identity and pride. Too often Roslindale, flanked by West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, is an overlooked neighborhood. This library is an important recognition of, and investment in, the neighborhood.

Are libraries a dying breed? Sadly, the writing may be on the wall. We can be thankful, however, that the City of Boston is willing to buck the trend and invest in these tremendous community resources.

Don't think of these projects as investing in libraries. This is investing in neighborhoods. It is investing in families and giving them and their neighbors a place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city that surrounds them.

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## Marilyn Wentworth's legacy

Several hundred city residents jammed the Elks Hall on a frigid night in late February. They had come to the standing-room-only meeting orchestrated by City Councilor Matt O'Malley to ensure that what happened to Marilyn Wentworth would never happen to anyone else.

Marilyn was fatally killed crossing Centre Street in West Roxbury in the late afternoon of an early February weekday. Her husband was waiting in a parked car while the lifelong resident of the area utilized a crosswalk to approach a restaurant on the other side of the street for a cup of coffee. With the sun setting in the west, a motorist, blinded by solar glare, was unable to see this pedestrian.

The solemn meeting begun with her tearful husband Alton and similarly distraught son Matthew commenting about Marilyn and thanking the crowd for attending; the meeting closed with her disconsolate daughter Jennifer similarly thanking the outpouring of attendees and with St. John Chrysostom pastor, Father John Carroll, offering his heartfelt condolences.

The bulk of the hour-and-a-half meeting consisted of impassioned residents making suggestions for eliminating, as one speaker so aptly phrased it, the "Wild West" syndrome that characterizes motor vehicle activity in West Roxbury not only on Centre Street but now on other major streets now referenced on the GPS navigation system Waze by harried motorists.

After the introduction of the Wentworth family, a police official from E-5 itemized the number of citations given since the New Year began. An official from the Boston Transportation Department listed some of the improvements that would take place. A Northeastern professor of traffic engineering mentioned that infrastructure improvements could be more readily accomplished by raising the gas tax.

The official held in highest esteem by the very large assemblage from Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury was not even in the hall: Cathy Gordon, among others, referenced a legendary Boston cop, Officer Kilduff. He was respectfully and fondly characterized as a police officer who did way more than his share to lasso in all the wild motorists in the area.

Some of the suggestions for improving Centre Street were to make it one lane in each direction (which one speaker said would turn the road into a Route 28 in Falmouth, presumably on a rainy summer day); electrified signage that would flash a driver's illegal speed and automatically result in a ticket; more police presence/enforcement; an island in the middle of Centre Street; more pedestrian activated signals; and crosswalks painted more clearly. Interestingly enough, no one mentioned speed bumps, such as those on JP's Eliot Street, or the slightly elevated crosswalks that neighboring Brookline has implemented on Pond Avenue and Walnut Street to slow down traffic.



My Kind  
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Speaker after speaker told of close calls in trying to cross other streets, sometimes with small children in tow. They revealed how 40 mph signs, incredible to believe, are still present on Washington Street near the Beethoven School.

Hopefully, the state legislators in attendance, Senator Rush and Congressman Coppinger, will do more than ever before to quickly facilitate passage of laws banning distracted driving, whether pertaining to telephone usage or, as Florida is now envisioning, the presence of pets in the front seat.

Many attendees left with large purple signs, provided by Councilor O'Malley, saying "PLEASE SLOW DOWN BOSTON/Be a Good Neighbor." When the warm weather returns, they'll be planted in so many yards throughout the area you'd think it was election season again. Anything, yes anything, to prevent another Marilyn Wentworth tragedy.

## Letters to the Editor

### TRAFFIC SAFETY NOT A SIMPLE SOLUTION

To the Editor:

It was encouraging to see on a snowy evening how many turned out to last week's meeting about traffic safety in West Roxbury. I will say what was I am sure on many people's minds. It should not have taken the death of a pedestrian at the Hastings Street crosswalk for the meeting to take place.

I commend the family of the person killed at that crosswalk for being the first to speak at the meeting. I believe their remarks helped set the proper tone for the

meeting. The last thing the meeting needed was for people to start pointing fingers at the Area E-5 police the Boston Traffic Department or the Department of Public Works.

There is the saying, "We have met the enemy and it is us". In this case the speeding you see on streets, drivers going through red lights, not using their directional, ignoring crosswalks and double parking they are us for the most part. We are part of the problem so we need to be part of the solution.

A number of years ago I attended many of the meetings in

regards to the Centre Street reconstruction. It cost several millions of dollars and I said in my remarks last week that we failed. We may have given a better road for drivers but failed pedestrians and bicyclists.

At the meeting was an MIT professor who spoke about lane reductions. It is not a new idea, it was mentioned during the reconstruction of Centre Street. I was given the consideration of a New York minute. The people pushing the idea were a small minority. A tweak here and there won't solve the issues on Centre Street. People seem far more willing this time to give the idea more consideration.

There are, what I call, the three Es that all must play a part regarding Centre Street; Education, Enforcement and Engineering. We can redo Centre Street, have police enforcement but if

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# Mayor Walsh appoints City's first Chief Information Security Officer

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the appointment of Gregory McCarthy as the City's first Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to lead the Cybersecurity Team within the Department of Innovation and Technology. This appointment elevates the role previously held by McCarthy and marks a commitment to strengthening efforts to protect the City of Boston's technology platforms and data from cyber threats.



Gregory McCarthy

Since joining the City of Boston's Cybersecurity Team in 2010, McCarthy has managed the implementation of numerous information security solutions and helped develop the City's first Cybersecurity Awareness Program for employees. In this role, McCarthy will continue to lead efforts to strengthen the cybersecurity capabilities across the City and further the team's mission through modernizing technology, partnerships, and regular training.

"Cybersecurity is something we clearly have to take seriously, and there are always new challenges ahead; a humbling reminder that our work in this field is never done," said McCarthy. Prior to joining the City, McCarthy spent five years as a Principal Research Technician at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. McCarthy resides in Jamaica Plain with his husband and serves as a Board Member for the Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library.

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# Boston shovels out hydrants



Dozens of photos swarmed social media on Monday after Sunday's snowstorm that dropped more than a foot onto the streets, sidewalks and fire hydrants in Boston. The Boston Fire Department wants to remind all residents to help them out and clear fire hydrants after a snowstorm in case they need to be used to save a house, or a life.

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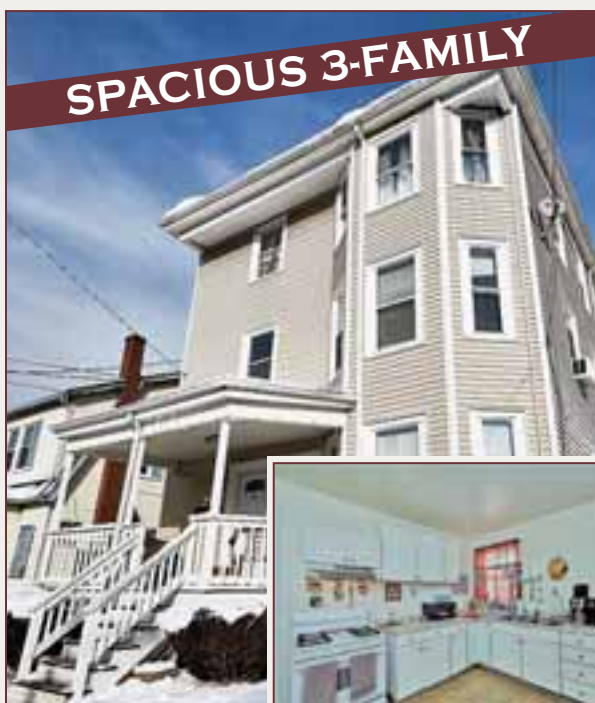
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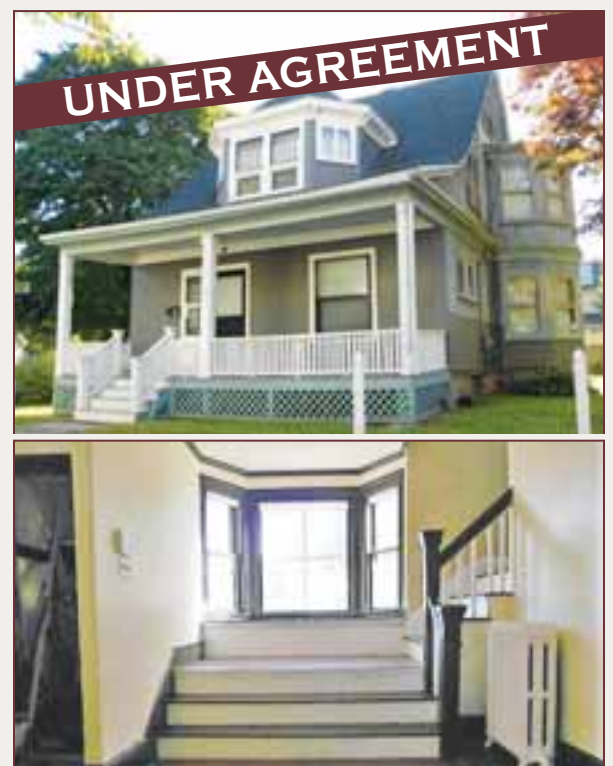
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# Why School Counselors Matter

One of my graduate school professors once likened the role of a Licensed School Counselor to trying to catch students as they go over a waterfall. Adolescence (and pre-adolescence) is a turbulent time and for young people this time can often feel like the rapids are raging all around them. The challenge our professor gave us was to try to catch students before they went over the falls. Imagine the number of students in Boston right now slipping through because they don't have a School Counselor to help catch them and provide support.

Homelessness. Trauma. Finding and applying to high schools and colleges. Family challenges. Peer mediation. Conflict resolution. Family meetings. Home visits. Challenges with a teacher. Each student I work with as a Boston Public School Counselor has their own unique needs — and often they have many of them all at once. Supporting them is my job, and I love every minute of it. Advocating with and on behalf of young people is the job I was born to do.

At UP Academy Boston, I support 165 8th graders, each with unique and pressing needs, so my time with each of them is precious. If this sounds like a lot, my colleague who has 938 students to support would probably jump for joy at the chance to support this number of students. I cannot speak to her full experience except to say that she spends much of her time responding to crises. While responding to crisis situations is an important part of a School Counselor's job, it leaves little time for proactive planning, outreach to service providers, collaboration with teachers, and visits to students not in crises, to name only a few.

In BPS, we currently have

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107 counselors serving a district that includes 27,300 students in grades 6-12. While there is a contractually mandated rate of 1:300 for high school and 1:400 for middle school, that number is averaged and does not always apply to every school. Since they are not covered by the language in the current contract, many K-5 and K-8 - more than 50% of the Boston Public School population - are currently without a Licensed School Counselor.

Our 107 current counselors are not equitably staffed in our highest need schools. There are some public schools in Boston that have as many as eight school counselors to support their student body. Let me be clear: I think this is a great phenomenon, and those students and their families are blessed to have those great educators supporting them every day. At the same time, there are many other schools in Boston that have no school counselors at all. Are these children in less need of support? Not at all. Are they less deserving than those who happen to be a better-resourced school? Of course not. Social-emotional support, as one of the district's stated priorities, should be given the same equitable staffing we would give core content.

We must take steps to provide support in ALL our Boston Public Schools. This starts with our next contract, currently being negotiated between the School Department and the Boston Teachers Union. Right now there are more than 40 schools that serve students between K-8, which are not subject to any of the contract provisions for

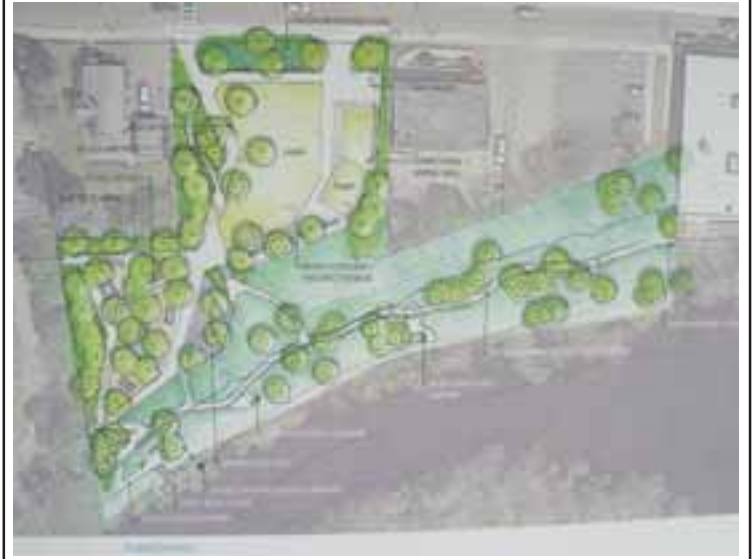
counselor:student ratios. With over 30,000 students in schools with these grade configurations, this leaves more than 50% of BPS students without a mandated School Counselor to support them. Are there committed service providers from the community in these schools? There surely are. There are also principals who have found a way to make School Counselors a budgeting priority, but without any mandate or accountability, we are leaving student support services to the whims of the next school administrator. The time is now to address this issue.

As the BuildBPS plan rolls out in the coming years, it seems likely that Interim Superintendent Perille and her team are set on transitioning to set grade configurations of K-6 and 7-12 while retaining some K-8 and 9-12. As the teacher's contract is currently written, neither of these configurations is subject to the counselor ratio requirements as written in the contract language. We must speak out, on behalf of our licensed School Counselors, but more importantly on behalf of our students. This new contract and the BuildBPS plan rollout that will follow will likely shape our schools for decades to come.

This problem is within our locus of control and the next teacher's contract represents a golden opportunity to address the inequitable distribution of support services for students in Boston. Thousands of young people in our city are approaching the waterfall every day — let's make sure we catch them.

*Dan Goldsbury is a BTU member and a School Counselor at UP Academy Boston. He's the proud parent of a 10-year-old and 8-year old.*

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The Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation is working to develop Doyle Playground into a full fledged park.

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all the co-modification of land, land that used to be affordable now has people trying to get a million dollars for it. There's a lot of different ideas and we're having informal conversations now around the Fairmount Line, but we don't have anything hard and fast just yet."

Turchinetz said the group is also looking for a new permanent executive director. Former Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation Director Jeanne DuBois has temporarily taken the helm.

"She's got a long history at the Dorchester Bay," Turchinetz said. "She's got a significant capacity to help us get deals... We're trying now to stabilize the organization and are looking at a lot of different properties while we do that. We're having conversations with different owners and are looking at what opportunities we can."

Assistant Executive Director Patricia Alvarez said they are also looking at the areas around the Neponset River. She said there have been some significant gains in bringing a park resource to the people of River Street and nearby environs, but those gains are actually stepping stones to bring a riverfront path connecting Fairmount Station in Hyde Park to Edgewater Drive in Mattapan. She said the SWBCDC met with several community groups last week, including People of Hyde Park Wanting Equal Representation (POHWER), Livable Streets, the Boston Parks Department, Speak for the Trees and the Fairmount Greenway Task Force.

Specifically the group met to talk about the site formerly known as the Doyle Playground, which the group has been working on to create a new park.

"We met to talk about the Doyle Park and the West Street Urban Wild down the road," she said. "That Urban Wild is a two-acre site of conservation land managed by the City Parks Department and where several years ago, you might remember, we hired goats there to eat the poison ivy. Parks removed a lot of heavy construction debris and the neighborhood volunteers planted 80 trees there."

Alvarez said the plan is to have the path go from the Fairmount Station to the West Street Urban Wild, to Doyle, to the Shops at Riverwood to end at Edgewater in Mattapan.

"That will take some time, but in the short term we're working on Doyle and a path that connects Riverwood and the West Street Urban Wild," she said. "The obstacle now is access to the river bank where there are issues of ownership and whether there's a right-of-way across from West Street where it's unclear who owns it. It's like a private way with public access, and we're working to figure that out."

Alvarez said they are also looking to use the path for education on two levels, firstly that of informing residents about their natural habitat and secondly, just to let them know its there.

"Most people who live on River Street don't even know the river is there and there's certainly very little access to it," she said. "We hope this will enhance the community life for people and create a healthy, beautiful greenspace that people can enjoy. Everybody's really excited about trying to make this happen."

Alvarez added that, ideally, someday they hope to be able to clean the sediment contamination of PCBs from the riverbed of the Neponset as much as possible, but that's very far off at this point.

For more information and to hear about upcoming meetings, go to [swbcdc.org](http://swbcdc.org)

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# Around the Neighborhoods

## CITY

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT THE BERKSHIRE PARTNERS BLUE HILL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston (LLEGO Boston) presents a COMMUNITY BREAKFAST to benefit the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9am to 11am. The Blue Hill Club located at 15 Talbot Avenue in Dorchester services 300 children daily.

These children are from low income families that benefit from the Blue Hill Club's commitment to transforming lives.

In partnership with the Boston Police District B-3 station, the proceeds from the breakfast benefits the many programs that the Blue Hill Club provides. Special guest speakers for the community breakfast include Boston Police Commissioner Willie Gross and Dan Lebowicz. Commissioner Gross is the first person of color to lead the Boston Police Department. In his tenure thus far, Boston has seen a steady decrease in crime. Mr. Dan Lebowicz is the Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Sports in Society at Northeastern University. Under his leadership, the Center has led discussion on Domestic Violence on a national level. He has appeared on ESPN and other major networks discussing many topics that affect our everyday lives.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$20.00 per person or \$200.00 per table. To purchase tickets, a table or to donate, please contact Ms. Shari Maestre at the Blue Hill Club (smaestre@bgcb.org) or Officer Pele James 617-343-4717.)

### BCYF FAMILY GYM IS BACK!

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) free Family Gym Program is back for the

spring season and Boston families are invited to join in! Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families.

Family Gym runs on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. More than 300 college students have volunteered for Family Gym contributing more than 8,000 volunteer hours!

Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. Families can jump rope, play on an obstacle course, do the limbo, or play parachute games or sports. No pre-registration required however caregivers must participate and remain in the gym with their children at all times. Thanks to a partnership with Northeastern University, student volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Family Gym is sponsored by The Foundation for BCYF, Boston Children's Hospital, and Northeastern University.

This session of Family Gym will run through April 13. In the fall the program will expand to additional BCYF community centers. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.

### ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

#### ANNUAL DINNER

Save the Date for the 2019 Allston and Brighton Boards of Trade Annual Dinner. Wednesday, April 24, 2019 with special guest Dan Shaughnessy

### PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am.

The featured selection for March 27th will be *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate by Bryan Stevenson Copies of the book are available at the branch. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

#### BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS

Mystified by the net? Don't know how to surf? Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for Alan. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032

#### ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Two ESL conversation groups meet at the Brighton Library:: One on Monday evening at 6:15 pm; The other on Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032.

#### EXHIBITION RECEPTION: PARTITION PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave, Allston

Join the Harvard Ed Portal for a reception to celebrate the latest Crossings Gallery exhibition, *Partition Perspectives*. The 1947 Partition of British India displaced millions of people along religious lines and led to the creation of two new countries: Pakistan and India. In this exhibition, Mahbub Jokhio and Krupa Makhija,

Spring 2019 Visiting Artist Fellows at Harvard's Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, reflect on the impact of the partition. Their work explores the deeply personal issues of culture, language, and identity in the region. The exhibition is open from March 5 until March 28 <https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/exhibition-reception-partition-perspectives>

#### WISE AND YOUNG

Thursday, March 7, 2019, 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave, Allston

Join the Harvard Ed Portal for the premiere of new music by violinist Jeffrey Young and percussionist Peter Wise. Inspired by jazz, electronic, and classical music, these collaborative creations were developed over two months through a process of improvisation, recording, and revision. Following the concert, the musicians will discuss their music and development process with the audience.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Boston Cultural Council.

<https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/concert-peter-wise-jeffrey-young>

#### HYDE PARK

#### FREE TAX SITE @ HYDE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to Blue Hills Bank, Jean Antoine, Hyde Park Librarian, and Mimi Turchinetz, Director of the program and Hyde Park resident, we are able to provide free tax services at Hyde Park Public Library. Located at 35 Harvard Ave, Hyde Park 02136. It is a walk-in site, no appointment needed. Days: Feb 23rd, Mar 9th, Mar 23rd and Apr 6th From 9 am - 1 pm. More info, please call 617-908-5246 or [www.bostontaxhelp.org](http://www.bostontaxhelp.org).

#### WINTER PROGRAMS AT THE BCYF HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Senior Coffee Hour: Join us each Friday morning from 10:00am- 11:30am. Drop by the community center for an opportunity to socialize with others, enjoy refreshments and participate in activities. On Friday, January 25th we will have a guest presentation from Boston Water and Sewer Commission.

Freelance Players: Calling all actors ages 8 -13 years old, the Freelance Players, a non-profit musical theatre company, is offering a spring session at the community center. They Hyde Park Troupe will meet on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00pm from

February 5th – May 10th. For more information contact Freelance Players at 617-274-6065 or [info@freelanceplayers.org](mailto:info@freelanceplayers.org).

After school Tutoring: Tutoring for students in grades 2 – 6. Our program is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm. A new Session will be starting January 22nd. Contact us for more information 617-635-5178.

#### PURIM BALL TO BE HELD AT TEMPLE BETH DAVID OF THE SOUTH SHORE

Temple Beth David of the South Shore will host a Purim costume ball on Saturday, March 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The dragon-themed event will include a full Chinese food buffet, dancing to the tunes of professional DJ Jimmy Jay and some terrific raffle prizes. Guests are encouraged to come in costume to this adult-only event.

Tickets are \$25 per person, and reservations can be made by [emailingevent1@templebethdavid.com](mailto:emailingevent1@templebethdavid.com). Please reserve by March 1. Temple Beth David is located at 1060 Randolph Street in Canton, MA.

For more information, please call the Temple office at 781-828-2275 or [emailinfo@templebethdavid.com](mailto:emailinfo@templebethdavid.com) or [event1@templebethdavid.com](mailto:event1@templebethdavid.com).

#### WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

#### PSA ROSLINDALE ARTS ALLIANCE FUNDRAISER

The Roslindale Arts Alliance (RAA) and CSz Boston announce an exciting upcoming event in Roslindale. On Saturday April 6, ComedySportz will perform at the Rozzie Theatre. The event is being planned to raise funds for the RAA and It's All About Arts "Youth Art Scholarship" program. In addition to the performance there will be a silent art auction and raffles. A portion of the ticket sales will go to the fundraiser. Event takes place from 5-6:30pm and is located at the Rozzie Theatre, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale. ComedySportz is appropriate for all ages. For more info visit [roslindalearts.org](http://roslindalearts.org). For info about It's All About Arts visit [facebook.com/TalkArts/](https://facebook.com/TalkArts/)

To purchase tickets and learn more about ComedySportz visit <https://www.cszboston.com/calendar-of-events/?edid=126570>

To donate to the fund or for silent art auction or raffle, call Janice at 617-710-3811. Thank You.

#### FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

The Highrock SW Boston Church is offering a series of free Free English Conversation Classes on Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Roslindale Community Center, 6 Cummins Hwy, Roslindale. Classes are for non-native speakers to practice

#### Calendar

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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:** I read your response regarding the "Chevy Shake" issue with a 2015 Chevy Silverado. I would like to suggest that the Chevy Shake is simply caused by the factory standard for front-end alignment on all GM trucks. GM alignment standards are a fairly wide range for camber and toe-in, and if you take your vehicle to a generic front-end specialist, they will almost always find the vehicle to be "in alignment" according to factory specifications. But, GM ships all of their vehicles with at least a half-inch of front-end toe-in, and usually more than a full degree of positive camber. This causes the tires to be pushing against each other the entire time that the vehicle is rolling. It may cause the vehicle to track straight, but it also causes front-end vibration and premature tire wear. What do you think about fixing the "Chevy Shake" by taking the truck to a front-end expert who knows what he's doing and have him align the tires much closer to the "Zero-Zero" alignment specifications – meaning zero inches of toe-in and zero degrees of camber? If the front end of the vehicle is in good condition, it won't really increase road wander and it will end the shake that is caused by the tires continuously "slipping" on the pavement.

**From the Doctor:** Alignments usually will not have an effect of vibration. I see a lot of cars and trucks every week. If the alignment is way out of factory specs, unusual tire wear will occur. All vehicles have tolerances in alignment specs. As long as the alignment is in the specs, the vehicles will handle fine without experiencing abnormal tire wear. The common shake complaint can be caused by a number of drive-line problems including tires and wheels, as well as transmission and torque converter. A qualified technician will need to follow a trouble flow chart to determine the cause of the shake.

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](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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## Gateway Path *continued from page 1*



The whole project for the path from Roslindale Commuter Rail Station to Forest Hills will be segmented into three sections for construction.

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alignment of the path; and examine connectivity and way finding for both cyclists and pedestrians”.

The primary path is in made up of three sections - the MBTA parcel, the Peter's Hill section, and the Blackwell Path extension. The MBTA section allows people to navigate through the woods on a formed path with a boardwalk towards the end that leads to arboretum. Peter's Hill section will consist of mostly stabilized soil and a natural path. The Blackwell path will include a raised boardwalk along South St.

The Horsley Witten Group, an engineering and environmental consulting firm, discussed the design and vision of the path with community members. Jennifer Relstab of the Horsley Witten Group presented a slideshow featuring possible designs of the Arboretum Rd. portion of the path. The presentation also included maps, renderings, the possibility of adding educational signage along the path, and photos of what the Arboretum Road currently looks like.

Relstab presented two different visions of Arboretum Road - the first vision was a “green scheme”, which in-

cluded more nature and greenery, and resembled the Arboretum entrance.

The second idea was an “urban option.” This idea includes a small concrete plaza, urban art, and sitting spaces. “It does not have to be one or the other,” Relstab remarked. “The vision could be a mix of both.”

Relstab also discussed adding wayfinding and educational signage along the path. “Wayfinding signage is recommended at the gateway to orient path users and to identify the entrance into Arnold Arboretum. Ingrade textured surface materials or reflective materials, on or along the path or on the boardwalk, can be used as indicators to key path changes, like approaching the boardwalk,” she stated.

“These are not final plans,” explained Relstab. “They are only ideas and visions; we are looking for feedback from the public. We really want to hear what you have to say. We want to get your feedback to see if we are headed in the right direction.”

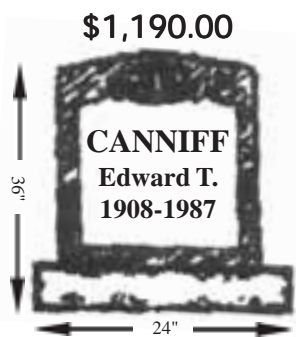
After the presentation, meeting attendees were given green and red stickers, which they could stick on photos of designs they liked and disliked

(the green sticker meant they liked the idea, and the red sticker meant they were not fond of the idea). Markers were also provided for community members to write comments on whiteboards. Members from WalkUP Roslindale and the Horsley Witten Group mingled with community members and discussed ideas.

One resident who lives adjacent to the Arboretum, stated that he would like to see concrete posts or similar barriers. This is due to the fact that he has seen motorcycles cut through the Arboretum. “I would like to see that kind of activity discouraged,” the resident stated.

The last community meeting discussing the path took place in July, 2018. It focused on the MBTA land adjacent to the Roslindale Commuter Rail Station. In September, the City of Boston secured design funds for the Arboretum Road green link. In November, WalkUP Roslindale identified additional design funding.

For more information and updates on the Arboretum Gateway Path, visit [www.walkuproslindale.org](http://www.walkuproslindale.org) or follow WalkUP on Twitter @walkuprozzie.



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—P.H.

### St. Jude's Novena

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

Grateful, D.L.

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—P.L.D.



# Calendar *continued from page 8*

their English skills and learn about different activities, such as going to the doctor and applying for a job. Classes will run through June. For more information email [info@highrockswboston.org](mailto:info@highrockswboston.org).

St. Patrick's Celebration with The Fenian Sons to support the Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation

Saturday, March 30, 2019, 7:00 pm – 12:00 am at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury

Mark Bavis was on Flight 175 on September 11, 2001. The family and friends of Mark Bavis established a foundation in Mark's name to preserve his memory and to perpetuate the principles by which he lived every day. The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation was created to help deserving young men and women excel in their quest to improve themselves, their school or their community. Proceeds from this evening will be specifically designated for a scholarship for a student from the Parkway area. Live Music by The Fenian Sons and Nolan Donato. Irish Step Dance Performance by The Harney Pender Keady School Of Irish Dance. Door Prize, Raffles, and Silent Auction. Tickets \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. Mark (617) 438-2964 Dave (781) 771-3880

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## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE WEST ROXBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEST ROXBURY BRANCH LIBRARY

Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ 2:00 - Mel Simons will be regaling us. He will do the audio clip trivia quiz: playing voices of famous Bostonians past and present. We will have to guess the owner of the voice! It's a lot

of fun! Come one, Come all! Bring a friend or two. Free and open to the public Please like us on Facebook: facebook/West Roxbury Historical Society QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? RSVP Sandi Serkess [serkessandra@rcn.com](mailto:serkessandra@rcn.com)

## GARDENING LECTURE — "TRANSFORMING YOUR PERSONAL SPACE: FROM BACKYARD TO GARDEN"

Hosted by The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury. Please join us at the Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St., West Roxbury, on Wednesday evening, March 13th, for this informative talk by award-winning local landscape designer Sally Muspratt. "A private garden space," says Muspratt, "is one where you feel you can be your true self, whether others can see you or not." Attendees will learn ways to separate and join public and private spaces, as well as techniques for creating privacy in residential gardens. Doors open for sign-in and light refreshments at 6:30 PM on the 13th; the lecture runs approximately 7:00 – 8:30 PM. No reservations required – a \$7.00 donation is requested at the door.

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New classes start at the Jim Roche Arena, 1255 VFW Pkwy. on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for 7 weeks. Get 7 classes for the price of 6. Use code WR5. Offer expires at 5 PM on March 3rd.

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## THE WOMEN OF BROOK FARM COME TO ROSLINDALE

Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. @ Rozzie Square Theatre, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale (just off the square)

In partnership with the Boston Women's Heritage Trail, New Brook Farm will an updated edition of our engaging exploration of the extraordinary women who founded, joined, and visited Brook Farm. Come hear the words of Margaret Fuller, Elizabeth Peabody, Sophia Ripley, Amelia Russell (the Mistress of Revels) and others, drawn from their journals, letters, books, and interviews.

Through a generous grant from Mass Humanities, the performance will be followed by a community discussion on "Shaping the Social Contract: Insights from the Women of Brook Farm." Historian and writer Marilyn Richardson will guide the discussion, which will examine the interconnections of gender equality, abolitionism, and women's suffrage in the 19th century and current issues of racism and sexism. Marilyn has taught and lectured nationally and internationally on African-

American cultural and intellectual history. A former Fellow of Harvard's Bunting (now Radcliffe) Institute and the DuBois Institute, her publications include Black Women and Religion (G.K. Hall) and Maria W. Stewart: America's First Black Woman Political Writer (Indiana University Press).

The event is free. All are welcome. Please note that seating in the Rozzie Square Theater is limited, so come early to be sure you get a seat. More information: [info@newbrookfarm.org](mailto:info@newbrookfarm.org) or 617-694-6407.

## PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2019 season. Games begin in April. There will be 2 seasons, spring and fall, played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the 'parkwaysoccerwestroxbury' site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at the Roche Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's Barber Shop in West Roxbury and Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale.

Parkway Youth Soccer is in its 41th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2004 and Dec. 31, 2014 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2001 and 2003 are eligible to play in the Senior Division. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-962-4271.

## IRISH NIGHT

St. John Chrysostom Parish will host an Irish Night on Saturday, March 16 at 5:30 pm in the parish center. Dinner is

corned beef and cabbage with entertainment from local Irish dancers. All from the community are invited. Tickets are \$15 a person and \$25 a family. You can purchase tickets in the parish office. Please call 617-323-4410. 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury

## FRIENDS OF THE WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY ANNOUNCES BOOK SELECTION FOR 2019 WEST ROXBURY READS

The Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library has selected These Truths, a History of the United States by Harvard historian Jill Lepore for its community-wide read event, "West Roxbury Reads." Dr. Lepore will discuss These Truths on April 11 at the West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury. The event starts at 6:30 pm with a reception and book sale followed by Lepore's talk and book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

The book examines American history through the lens of the "self-evident truths" as written in the Preamble of our Declaration of Independence. It has garnered praise from critics and readers alike. NPR's Michael Schaub wrote "Jill Lepore is an extraordinarily gifted writer, and These Truths is nothing short of a masterpiece of American history." The book was published in September 2018 and is available at the West Roxbury Library.

In announcing the selection of the book, Gwynne Morgan, co-chair of West Roxbury Reads stated, "We chose 'These Truths: A History of the United States' as the centerpiece of our 2019 West Roxbury Reads series because Dr. Lepore, besides being an eloquent writer, highlights themes which still challenge the U.S today: racism, immigration, technology, press and religious freedom, and the crucial need to understand civics and history."

In addition to the author talk, "West Roxbury Reads" will

present a series of events throughout the month of April related to the themes discussed in the book. A full schedule of these events will be announced in early February.

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about 25.

“We’re working in Jamaica Plain for the first time. We want to understand what the priorities are; these will inform our design.”

“Our mission statement is good buildings make good neighbors and design amenities bring in more neighbors.”

“There’s development fatigue here,” he said. “Everything looks the same. We think JP is unique. We want to start a community process and work on a design that’s financially feasible.”

Primary partner Steve Meyer came from William Rawn Associates, architects.

“It’s much more useful for us to design something that the neighbors like,” he said. Veronica Cardenas was recently added to the staff. She said it was important to understand the neighborhood; she did a lot of the door-to-door leafleting for the meeting.

“We’re not regular developers,” she said.

Unlike any other developer working in Jamaica Plain today, history is important to Primary. Jenny Shen is a founding partner.

“We know it was a public school in 1851,” she said at the meeting. “In 1896 it was a two family home. In 1958 an auto window shop and garage. Do we demolish the building or renovate? We asked for an extension on the purchase contract so we could ask the city to study the history of the building.”

Shen spoke with The Bulletin after the meeting.

“We found the property online – it was listed for sale on LoopNet and Zillow,” she said. “The current property owner, Sandra Tardanico, owns JP Glass business. I don’t believe she plans to stay in business at this location.”

“We’re currently under contract with a contingency period to allow for tonight’s meeting as well as the research the historic value of the house.

“The open question is not the history of the site but rather what remains of it today that

can be preserved. We’ll engage experts to look into this.”

Komarin at the meeting described Primary’s experience. It has designed artist, live-work condominiums on two DND-owned lots at 40-42 and 132 Terrace Street, he said. They are both four-story buildings that Primary worked for two years with DND to develop as thirteen, homeownership, live-work spaces for certified artists.

This was a new undertaking the city was working on, Komarin said. The buildings will have ground floor exhibit spaces and will be offered through the Boston Hoe Center.

Approved by the ZBA on November 13, the land was donated by DND and the mayor recommended on Feb 18 that it receive \$927,000 in CPA funds.

Primary described the design paths for 3326 Washington St. as large and small footprint.

The large footprint option would be a multifamily building with ground floor retail that would prioritize affordable housing. There is a 25% funding gap-this will be privately funded- given the costs of construction.

Option two is smaller footprint that would preserve the house if this is important to the neighbors. 3346 Washington is a 12,420 square foot lot adjacent to two, brick, 18 family walk-ups owned since 1987 as income restricted housing by Urban Edge. These were built in 1899 on the same sized lot.

Neither Primary nor those at the meeting advocating for affordable housing on the JP Glass site acknowledged this fact; Urban Edge was not at the meeting.

Marty Jones, Interim CEO of Urban Edge, spoke with The Bulletin the next day.

“Primary contacted us and agreed to stay in touch with us,” she said. “Our concerns would be about the siting and design details of any new building abutting ours.”

Alan Benenfeld of Union Avenue was leaning towards historic preservation.

“There’s not many spaces for community meetings,” he said. “It could be an historic use of the building which used to be a school.”

Tim Reardon of Beethoven Street is a member of ESNA. “It’s baffling,” he said. “Historic preservation is hostile to the neighborhood. This should be a placemaking design for people.”

Kathy Kottaridis of Forest Hills was cautious.

“Don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater,” she said. “This requires creativity. Preserve what we can but make sure we have space for contemporary Bostonians.”

Speaking with The Bulletin after the meeting, Kottaridis explained further.

“The significance of many small properties is not so well known or long forgotten,” she said. “The developers should demonstrate that they have evaluated the alternatives to clearance in case there’s a potential for saving a link to the history of Jamaica Plain. But contrasting affordability with historic preservation seemed to be aimed at justifying demolition.”

Meyer said that this was the first community meeting.

“The design will be based on neighborhood preferences,” he said.

One Glen Road resident was enthusiastic.

“This is a great opportunity to speak about artists,” he said. “They’re being kicked out two blocks away [on Brookside Ave]. This is a pivotal moment.”

Shen told The Bulletin the next day what the next steps would be.

“If we do acquire the property,” she said, “we will proceed with initial concept design and return to the community in a few months.”

“We don’t have a budget yet,” she added. “We will be working with a contractor to get initial pricing for a few design options, based on the input we got last night. Typically it takes several weeks after we send them the design.”

## Cost Savings

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dent transportation services. BPS Director of Transportation Delavern Stanislaus went through a presentation detailing the practices of the BPS Transportation Department, and said that 80 percent of the department’s costs are on staff salary and benefits. She said 26,000 students are transported to 228 sites each day, which includes 5,000 students on door-to-door delivery in the special needs education section of their budget. She also said that special needs students who require monitors has grown 153 percent since fiscal year 2016.

Hanlon also pointed out that costs are increasing because the number of school sites is increasing year-to-year while the number of students is falling. In FY 2015, the BPS transported 25,276 students in the BPS district, as opposed to 18,092 in FY 2018. The number of sites has gone up from 221 in 2015 to 228 now.

Essaibi-George pointed out that the costs might have been anticipated, and that the projected costs for this year’s 2018-2019 school year budget were off by quite a bit.

“For FY2018, the total actual cost was \$123.1 million, but what we had approved as part of that budget process was actually \$116 million,” she said. “Obviously, it’s important to look at what we actually spend, but the root of this hearing is to understand what we had budgeted as opposed to what we ended up spending. The growth or the percentage of difference would be much larger if we used the true number of what we budgeted.”

She said they had a budget of \$119 million this year, but it’s looking more like the above \$126 million.

“So we’re looking at a \$7 million cost overrun in transportation spending,” she said. “That’s a significant number... And I get that there are lots of costs that we can’t control, there are things that policy determines that you all are just responding to, but part of what this hearing is meant to do is bring to light the budgeting process.”

Essaibi-George asked how the transportation department could look at reducing costs for transporting non BPS students.

“To be totally frank, we can look at the state law,” Hanlon said. “These are not our students, we could look at the state law and contemplate addressing that. If we don’t address it through a change in the state law requirement of transportation charter or parochial students then maybe we look at the state from a level of how short funded we are in our charter school reimbursement.”

Hanlon added that they should also look at the Promise Act introduced in January by State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz to change the funding formula for charter schools. It hasn’t been changed since 1993, the implementation of the charter system, and has left the BPS picking up the tab for hundreds of millions of dollars. Basically, the formula states that when a student moves from a public school to a charter, the per pupil expenditure for that student (about \$20,000 per year, give or take) is supposed to be fully reimbursed to the public school for one year, 50 percent reimbursed the next and 25 percent the following two years.

This formula was set up so that schools would have time to reorganize their funding, as it would be impossible for a school to reduce its heating or electric costs by the amount of funds lost by one or two students. But the state has not been fully reimbursing districts since 2013, and that has cost the city about \$100 million in that time.

“If we were able to receive some of that, then I think some of this would be much more palatable,” Hanlon said. “But the fact that we are so woefully underfunded in our charter school commitments, and then are left to pick up the tab for this, it causes quite a burden on the transportation budget.”

Assistant Director of Transportation at BPS Ed Pesce said there are six unions associated with transporting students to Boston’s schools and, according to contracts the city agreed to, those unions have a “baked in” 2 percent increase in salary every year, leading to cost increases regardless of charter schools, students leaving or other areas of cost increase.

“Because we bear the burden of health insurance, that no other departmental budget bears, that’s going to go up every year because of the health insurance market,” he said. “Premiums are just going up.”

Pesce did say however the number of students participating in the district’s Opt Out program, which encourages students who stop taking the bus to inform the district as soon as possible so as to reduce costs, has been on the rise. He said the number of BPS student that opted out in October was 1,483 for BPS students and 180 for charter students. The hope is that bus routes will not be heading to stops for students not getting on the bus and save costs in the future.

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Grateful thanks. —B.T.F.



# Mayor Walsh announces summer youth employment registration

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the opening of SuccessLink, the City of Boston's online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. Boston teens between the ages of 15-18 can apply on the Department of Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE) website on youth.boston.gov. The SuccessLink application will be available through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 12th, 2019.

"The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program is a critical part of our effort to provide young people with chances to build lifelong skills, confidence and personal success through youth workforce opportunities," said Mayor Walsh. "I encourage all Boston teens to register for the program, and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to get a head start in learning the workplace skills that will last a lifetime."

In 2018, the City of Boston served over 10,600 young people through summer jobs, civic engagement, career development training, impact projects. Every year, the City of Boston partners with hundreds of community-based nonprofit organizations across the city to provide meaningful employment opportunities. Participants can work in various posi-

tions that include after-school program assistant, administrative assistants, mural painters, peer leaders, and more.

"The Mayor's Youth Summer Jobs Program plays an integral role in positively shaping the future trajectory of Boston's youth," said Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services. "Through the program, youth are introduced to an array of professional development opportunities, mentoring, and work opportunities that can increase our youth's social capital, all while giving them the hard and soft skills they need to thrive in their future career."

The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment serves as a youth engagement resource center and works to advance the lives of Boston's youth through employment opportunities, career development training, and youth engagement.

The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program advances youth workforce development and increases the impact of community-based organizations by employing almost 4,000 of Boston's youth at local nonprofits.

"Creating more opportunities for Boston's youth through workforce and civic engagement is central to our mission, and our

department has a unique opportunity to connect youth with organizations that see the value of their work, while moving Boston forward as an innovative and engaging city," said Department of Youth Engagement & Employment, Director, Rashad Cope.

"During high school, youth jobs are important because they expose youth to future career interest while allowing you the opportunity to build relationships with employers. I'm currently employed as a Youth Director on the Mayor's Youth Council", said Mohamed Abannor, Senior at Horace Mann School for the Deaf. "As a deaf student, at first, I was not confident with public speaking and I only felt connected with deaf and hard of hearing people. Since being employed as a Youth Director on the Mayor's Youth Council, I have gained skills in public speaking, networking, problem-solving, innovative thinking, empathy, and listening to different perspective and ideas. It's made me feel more comfortable and accepted in the hearing community."

Registering for SuccessLink is available online. Teens ages 15-18 interested in registering must meet the following requirements:

Must be a full-time resi-

dent of the City of Boston Must have been born between July 8, 2004, and August 16, 2000 Must be legally permitted to work in the United States

Registering for a summer position with SuccessLink does not guarantee a job. Applicants are welcome to register online at Youth Summer Jobs or visit Department of Youth Engagement & Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for registration assistance.

The City also invites youth to register for the 2019

City of Boston Youth Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 30th, 2019, from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center 1350 Tremont St, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120. This year's theme, "Success Awaits, Come Find It," aspires to connect Boston's youth with onsite summer workforce development opportunities through engaging with employers, job placement, career development workshops, access to youth-serving organizations and more!

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**In the Matter of:** Derrek Mike Toussaint  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: March 4, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19C0088CA**

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Date: February 25, 2019  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU11P2239GD**

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

**In the Interests of: Stephen J. Martinez** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Boston, MA** Incapacitated Person/Protected Person  
**Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
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To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
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**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/28/2019**. 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.

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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of said Court**  
Date: February 28, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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## Footprints

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savagery? We'll never know.

But, I also thought of the soldiers. What was going through their minds as they were committing these tragic acts? Were they just "following orders" or were they willing participants? Probably a bit of both.

But once again, Why? How could one human commit such savagery upon another?

One possible answer, Training. We were taught in basic training and advanced infantry training that we were being shipped off to fight a people that were sub-human; gooks, dinks and slope heads were terms often used by our cadre. The value of their lives was not comparable to ours. By devaluing the lives of our enemy, it would be easier to kill them.

Even General William Westmoreland, Commanding General of all American troops in Vietnam, conveys this demeaning attitude. He is quoted as saying, "The Oriental doesn't put the same high price on life as does a Westerner. Life is plentiful. Life is cheap in the Orient."

When I first heard General Westmoreland make this remark, something flashed through my mind. It was the well-publicized picture of a Vietnamese father holding the lifeless body of his child in his arms, standing beside an armored personnel carrier (APC) and looking up at the GIs atop the APC, pleading, crying for help.

Somehow this image didn't jive with General Westmoreland's rather cavalier remarks.

But is there more? What happened to our "moral compass"? Did we leave it at home?

Leadership? Obviously there wasn't any.

The tragedy of 504 lives wasted cannot be rectified. They are gone and nothing we do can bring them back. The long enduring tragedy is the impact these events had on the soldiers' lives and on society. How do you live with yourself after committing such egregious acts?

When I walked through the front gate of My Lai village on this most solemn of days, I was shocked to see so many people; mostly Vietnamese with a few westerners. Though it was a sad, reflective day, I saw many smiles and witnessed many warm greetings amongst the attendees.

I was no more than 100 feet past the main gate when it first happened. An elderly Vietnamese gentleman about my age approached me, grabbed my hands in his, and while looking deep into my eyes, he mumbled a few words. Even though I didn't know what he was saying, I did know. He was thanking me for attending this sad event and he was telling me he forgave me for this senseless act of violence. As this gentleman walked away, another man grabbed my hand and squeezed tightly, again muttering a few soft words.

I stayed at My Lai for only a few hours, but I was greeted by so many kind, gentle Vietnamese. All passionately holding my hand and saying gentle, soft words.

Ironically, I was greeted by the younger generation of Vietnamese in a totally different fashion. So many young Vietnamese approached me with a big smile on their face saying "Hello." They wanted to speak English with me and have their picture taken with me. Initially, I was a little embarrassed. I didn't want attention focused on me. We were here for a somber occasion. Respect was of highest priority. But then I realized, time goes on and the young weren't even around when My Lai happened. So I attempted to blend my presence with respect, reverence and a bit of good public relations by speaking with the kids and discreetly posing for their photographs.

After several hours, I left. My Lai was behind me. But the image of the footprints kept nagging me. The poor bare feet. What pain they must have suffered. What cruelty. And the boot marks of the soldiers. Fifty years have passed but memories like these live forever. Just a few short hours of their lives will linger forever in the minds of these soldiers who left their boot marks on the village of My Lai.

*Michael Cunningham is a Viet Nam Veteran, Norwood resident and a lover of history.*

*Mr. Cunningham wrote a book about his experiences in Viet Nam called Walking Point: An Infantryman's Untold Story. He can be reached at michaelcunn@hotmail.com*

## Letters

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drivers ignore the rules of the road then we fail.

Of course, Centre Street is not the only traffic issue we have here. Other streets mentioned at last week's meeting were Spring Street, Washington Street, Weld Street, West Boundary Road and Montview Streets in terms of speeding and/or congestion.

I thank Councilor Matt O'Malley for helping to put the meeting together. It was a good first step, but just that, a first step. I hope we continue to have the turnout and engagement that we had at future meetings

*Stephen Smith  
West Roxbury*

## EXCITED ABOUT ROXBURY PREP

*To the Editor:*

I live in West Roxbury on Belgrade Ave., and I am so excited to have Roxbury Prep High School be a part of our neighborhood and community. While I acknowledge my neighbors' concerns of logistics and traffic, the benefits of having a high-quality school in our neighborhood exceeds any minimal impact.

I've attended both BPDA hearings and was encouraged to see so many neighbors come out in support of the school. However, the coverage in The Bulletin in the Feb. 21 issue would make one think that the 400+ person crowd on Feb. 13 was just made up of opponents. That could not be further from the truth. Just as many, if not more, people spoke up in favor of the high school project. There were so many positive, welcoming sentiments made by my neighbors; there is certainly robust community support for this project. I appreciated the development team's ability to present solutions to concerns. Throughout the night, they clarified many misunderstandings and misinformation and emphasized their eagerness to continue to work with the community.

There was a strong contingent of Roxbury Prep staff in attendance. I cannot begin to imagine working a full day only to continue their work into the night and fight for a home for their students. The students at Roxbury Prep are so lucky to have such dedicated school leadership and committed teachers, many of whom were grading papers in between quick pauses. As a university administrator, I see how a high-quality secondary education shapes students to become civic-minded, compassionate, and influential members of their communities. There is no doubt that Roxbury Prep is doing this for their students, who are the future leaders in our community.

I know that being an educator can sometimes feel like a thankless job but I was so happy to see that I join many other neighbors who are appreciative of the work that they do and look forward to welcoming Roxbury Prep into the neighborhood.

*Jimmy Doan  
West Roxbury*



# Requests for proposals to support open spaces and community gardens

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) from the City of Boston Grassroots program, which supports the development of community gardens. Winning proposals must demonstrate how it will improve neighborhood open spaces, create new open space opportunities, or support urban agriculture designed to increase the availability of fresh food in Boston's neighborhoods.

Grassroots, a program of the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), promotes access to urban green space through the conveyance of city-owned land to non-profit organizations, and the provision of grant funding for garden design and construction. The Grassroots program has awarded more than \$20 million in competitive grants to more than 130 community gardens and food forests throughout

Boston, and has also funded a number of urban agriculture projects and open space initiatives.

The new Grassroots Program Funding RFP was created to assist neighborhood-based groups which demonstrate the capacity to develop and maintain community gardens and open space within their neighborhood. To apply for this funding, groups must demonstrate the capacity to make permanent improvements that

provide a long-term public benefit to the neighborhood. In particular, improvements likely to be funded will be those that increase production capacity of already existing garden spaces, or add new features to existing gardens and open spaces. Community residents must be fully involved in the development of design proposals, and have a leadership role in the organization and management of garden activities.

Proposals for this funding round must be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Development no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019. The City of Boston's Grassroots Program has created more than 13,000 square feet of community garden space and preserved an additional 27,000 square feet greenspace in Boston. More information about the Grassroots program may be found on Grassroots program's webpage.

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