

## Parents unhappy with new start times



While high schoolers are looking at later start times, the new schedule is putting some of that burden on elementary school students.

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Public School District announced last Wednesday on Dec. 6 that they would be creating a new schedule with the aim of creating later start times for high school students.

The issue, however, is that many elementary schools now start and release very early. About nine elementary schools now have their release times set at 1:15 p.m. Residents were not happy with this dramatic change. Boston resident Jane Miller started a petition that, at the time of publication, has 6,841 signatures to get the district to put a halt to the new start times, which are set to begin in the 2018-19 school year. The petition can be found at <https://goo.gl/U252uZ>. Parents have stated they will go to the next

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school committee meeting to protest the new bell times.

BPS Superintendent Thomas Chang issued a statement on Tuesday addressing these concerns. Among other things, he said they would be working with local community groups to facilitate afterschool programming for children at the affected locations with such early release times.

“We are working with the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, the YMCA of Greater Boston, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and a number of community-based organizations to provide expanded before- and after-school care that will be custom-tailored to each individual school’s needs” he said in a statement. “This additional programming will be designed to support parents and

**Start Times**

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## Council to again push for needle drop off in pharmacies

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George said last week she is continuing to push for a citywide ordinance that would require pharmacies to be drop off points for hypodermic needles.

The ordinance faced some serious push back earlier in the year from both local pharmacies and big box stores, but Essaibi-George said she’s continuing the public hearing process to try to get a passable ordinance on the floor for a vote.

“The reality is we need more

help, and the idea behind this ordinance is to give pharmacies a chance to be a part of the solution and a part of this work, not just a part of the problem, in the distribution of needles without really assisting in helping us get them out of our neighborhoods and out of our household trash,” she said.

Pharmacy representatives have stated that the extra requirement of having drop off points in their stores will cost them money, require more staff and increase the danger of being stuck by needles in the store.

**Needles**

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## Historic change to the Boston City Council



The women of the Boston City Council met with about 100 residents on Monday to talk about their plans for the future of the government body.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

On Monday, the six women of the Boston City Council came together at the Suffolk University Theater for a conversation about the historic change in the council’s makeup.

For the first time since the council was formed in 1909, six women of color are serv-

ing in the council. Before 2013, only 10 women had served in the council at all, and in 2009, At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley was the first woman of color to be elected to the body.

The six came together and discussed their views on the council, Boston politics and what it’s like to work for the city for an audience of about 100 residents. They briefly touched on the historic moment, but they

were all in agreement on one thing: it’s time to get to work.

“I think Megan Costello, the Director of the Commission on Women’s Advancement first coined the hashtag, which I use all the time, #WWGSD, Women Who Get Stuff Done,” said At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George, with a slight

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## Casey Arborway \$12 million over budget



MassDOT engineer Chris Evasius (second from left) responds to resident Bernie Doherty (far right).

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

Dec. 31, 2017.

That’s when the Casey Arborway will be in “full beneficial use,” according to Chris Evasius, MassDOT Assistant Construction Engineer at the third Casey Arborway project update on Dec. 6.

“The final alignment of the roadway, most of the sidewalks and all traffic signals will be operational,” he said. “It will an extremely tight schedule; a very busy three weeks, but we will complete this as close to perfect as we can get by the end of the calendar year.”

More like a requiem, there is little enthusiasm for the

Casey Arborway in Forest Hills. This MassDOT update was, however, unusually specific.

Jim Kersten of MassDOT said that the anticipated completion date is set for Dec. 25, 2018. This includes:

**Casey Arborway**

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# BPS kicks out double out of town students

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

As part of a hearing from the City Council Committee on Education last week, representatives from the Boston Public Schools (BPS) District discussed the issue of enforcing the city's residency requirement for the district.

The issue was raised in the council last year by At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George and District 7 Councilor Tito Jackson. BPS District Ombudsperson Carolyn McNeil said that in the 2016-17 school year, they increased their discharges to out-of-district students from 22 in 2015-16 to 43 discharges last year.

"Last year, there were 108 residency cases brought to our attention, so 43 cases resulted in discharges due to non-residency, 37 cases were resolved with students being residents of Boston, four cases were resolved with students being special placements to investigators," she said. "They were tuition cases, they were out of district and were paying for out of district placements. Two were homeless and allowed to stay, and 22 were unresolved."

McNeil said the unre-

solved cases came about because of the restrictions they have on following up tips from school sources.

"We get a lot of tips and a lot of information or suspicion of families who aren't residents, but we need a physical address, so it's not enough to say that a student said they were living in Brockton or they're tired because they have a long car ride; we need a physical address, and often times that becomes challenging," she said. "We do not follow cars. Oftentimes, the investigator will if they have a suspicion that a family is coming from out of the district. There are occasions where he will look and wait for a car, get a license plate registration and run the plate, but it becomes tricky. We need sometimes more information than we get... It becomes a matter of observation, so we observe and investigate the residents on file, but if we don't see a family coming out of or going to a residence, but if we don't have an alternative address, we're sort of at a loss."

Essaibi-George asked about out-of-district placements, for which a student is placed in a school outside of Boston because the district cannot meet their needs. She asked whether or not a fam-

ily that moves out of the district during the school year is accounted for. McNeil said the district is on the hook for any costs related to that student if the information is not received, recorded and followed up on by the district before May of the previous school year.

"So it could be possible that we're paying for students to get out-of-district placement because we're not meeting their needs in the city, and it could be for special needs, it could be for vocational education, and while we're paying for them to attend this other school, they could move out of the city and we don't have that updated information that we're continuing to pay for them?" she said.

McNeil said that is possible, but she was not aware of it occurring recently.

Assistant Superintendent of Engagement Monica Roberts said the district is also looking to stop students coming in from out of the district during registration, but she

said they have to be careful when drafting that policy. The policy has not been updated since 2013, and she said they are thinking about changes for the upcoming year or so, but emphasized again that they have to be careful, as some populations may be affected more than others.

**"Discharges increased from 22 students in 2015-2016 to 43 students in 2016-2017"**

**BPS Ombudsperson Carolyn McNeil**

"It's important to note these requirements do not apply to individuals and families who are registered as homeless," she said. "Welcome Services and the Ombudsperson are currently developing guidance for school staff, including teachers outlining potential signs that a student may not live in the city and steps that can be taken when this is suspected. Given the distance many of our students travel to school and other family and neighborhood factors, BPS is addressing this cautiously. We do not want schools to over-identify families who are historically-marginalized populations, who may be experiencing life challenges that result in behaviors that raise inaccurate suspicions of non-residency."

Roberts said examples of these kinds of factors include persistent tardiness, late drop off or pickup for walkers and students reporting moving to another city or town - all of which could be indicators of homelessness as well.

"It is worth noting that families who want to cheat the system can also find ways to produce the required documentation to circumvent the rules, this includes renting or owning a Boston-based residence while living elsewhere

or having friends or family who allow use of their address," she said. "It is difficult to detect and confirm such cases, which is why we have an investigation officer."

Jackson brought up the issue of displacement in the city, and asked if the district is taking that into account. Roberts said they are working with the schools to educate their faculty and staff on housing resources potentially-displaced families can use to stay in the city.

"We want to make sure that in our shifts, we don't negatively impact that particular set of families, so as we're moving forward looking at that, we are ensuring that we are not inequitably harming any set of families," she said. "One of the things is that families have the greatest connection with their school, not at the district level, so we want to make sure often our school nurses are the first ones who are hearing from folks as well as teachers, so we try to make sure that they have information, we have what we call an asset map that we launched in the last year or two which is on our district website and Partner BPS where folks can look at resources by neighborhood. So if I'm a school teacher or leader, and I'm not sure what neighborhood that family is in, I can use that as a resource. We also have an office of homeless education network, which although they are primarily there to support our homeless families, they do have a variety of information to any of our families who are experiencing any challenges so they are often able to direct families to and provide school supplies and resources to help direct them to programming within a community to direct them to folks working on housing."



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# Editorial

## OPENING SALVOS

For many years, we have blamed various school leaders and mayors for the malaise of mediocrity Boston's schools are mired in.

Now, we have a new "bad guy" in the form of parents themselves.

When was the last time these "concerned" parents took to the streets to argue for more rigorous educational standards? Hard to recall, isn't it? Yet, propose earlier start times and the pitchforks come out like snow shovels

Yes, there are logistical challenges inherent in a plan by School Superintendent Tommy Chang and MIT to move back many elementary schools start times to as early as 7:15 a.m. next year, while giving high school kinds later start times.

As such, Chang has pledged to work with the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, the YMCA of Greater Boston, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and a number of other community-based organizations "to provide expanded before- and after-school care that will be custom-tailored to each individual school's needs" and "support parents and families impacted by the new start times."

"The district is committed to reinvesting a portion of the savings created by the new start and end times into expanding before- or after-school programming where needed," he wrote.

We may not be fully sold on all of the perceived benefits of the new schedules. Here is the reality, however. The City owes your children an education, not convenience. So, the new schedule complicates your work schedule? Well, what about those of us who do not have kids and yet inherited the responsibility of covering for your school-related comings and goings.

Reading through the many "tweets" on the plan, one uncovers self-serving attitudes. One commenter demanded specific answers from Mayor Marty Walsh ahead of the Patriots-Dolphins kick-off.

Yes, the plan seems ripe with logistical challenges. Most can be dealt with over time. Let's see the debate focus on why MIT offered BPS this particular recommendation and whether or not perceived merits ring true. The conversation must, however, be focused squarely on what is best for the kids, not what works best for parental schedules.

There are many reasonable debates that deserve an airing here. Let's move past the easy personal sniping that this conversation has engendered.

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## Don't be upset over "upsot"

The Christmas carol favored by very young children in America is "Jingle Bells," notwithstanding that only a minute percent of them have ever travelled in a single-horse, uncovered sleigh.

Also, the carol contains a word that, taken out of context, few Americans would know its meaning.

Composed by James Perpont some 160 years ago, it was originally entitled "The One Horse Open Sleigh." It was supposed to have been first sung here in Boston. A few years later it was entitled "Jingle Bells." Later on, to accommodate children in church choirs, racy lyrics were removed.

It also has the status of being the first carol whose melody was played in outer space, this done by astronaut Wally Shirra. Just before Gemini 6 was scheduled to reenter the earth's atmosphere in December 1965, Shirra and his sidekick Thomas Stafford reported they had seen some sort of UFO with the latter's pilot wearing a red suit. It was then that ground control relaxed when hearing the strains of "Jingle Bells" being rendered on Shirra's harmonica.

From a grammatical view-



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point the song is interesting. Commonly thought to be adjectival, thus modifying "sleigh," the word "jingle" is an imperative, both in the title and the verses. The sleigh driver is warned that the steed should have bells strapped to the harness to avoid collisions at blind intersections because in a snowstorm, moving sleighs made no noise as it passed over the snow. Nothing worse than being T-boned at an intersection, as I know from a recent vehicular version.

"Jingle Bells" is one of those

carols that do not refer to Christmas or Santa Claus. Played after Christmas, it has minimal appeal. The same can be said for Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow," and "Frosty the Snowman."

Back to "Jingle Bells." The word "upsot" is the past participle of "upset." Rarely used in English today, the word is used in the song only because its last syllable rhymes with "lot."

*A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side,  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot  
He got into a drifted bank  
And then we got upsot.*

In this sense the word means "overturned;" figuratively, it would mean "troubled."

But how many of us, if we were in a sleigh, be it a one-, two-, or three-horse sleigh, which flipped over even in soft snow, would jovially continue singing the rest of the carol? I doubt it. Upset about being upsot, we would want to see an orthopedic doctor right away.

## Letters to the Editor

### CLEAR UP THE FUZZY MATH

To the Editor:

As reported, the calculation for affordable housing units for the proposed development on the Willet Street Extension needs some clarification.

Twenty-nine units are proposed, and the City requires that 13 percent be affordable. The developer's representative from O'Neill and Associates stated that they plan two affordable units and a contribution to the city's off-site affordable housing construction fund.

Twenty-nine units times 13 percent actually equals 3.77 units of affordable housing, not two units and change. I believe that BPDA guidelines require a percentage this high on a development this large to be rounded up to four units.

That is a substantial difference that the developer should explain publicly and promptly. Affordable housing is widely acknowledged as one of the most important issues facing Boston and its residents.

Tony LaCasse  
Roslindale

From the reporting, it sounds like the CAD Builders has done an adequate to good job planning and presenting this proposal. However, delivering on the full, legally-required affordable housing component and protecting the adjacent conservation land are crucial for this project to move ahead and be a neighbor in good standing in West Roxbury.

What Parkway residents have been very frustrated with over the past few years is the appearance of overly dense, poorly-designed, insider deals that flout zoning, affordable housing and conservation requirements despite overwhelming neighborhood opposition.

CAD Builders and O'Neill and Associates appear to have made a good start. Let's hope that they continue this effort with a prompt, clear and public explanation on this very important affordable housing calculation.

### LATINO COMMUNITY STANDS WITH TENANTS

To the Editor:

Thank you for your important coverage of the businesses and families facing displacement by City Realty in the JP/Rox area (in your article "City Life Supporting Evicted Businesses in Jamaica Plain," Nov. 30, 2017). It's really important that the truth of Boston's displacement crisis be told directly by the people it directly impacts, and your article helped give their voices a platform.

If City Realty Group successfully evicts El Embajador Dominican Restaurant and De Chain Auto Service at the end of the year, they would cause more than a dozen families a loss of income during the holiday season. We oppose these evictions, and we support these long-standing local businesses in staying where they are. Moreover, why would City Realty Group need to empty these storefronts, causing mass layoffs, right now? City Realty Group appears to have no plans to do anything with the property for at least many months. We don't need vacant storefronts and jobless families; we need a stable community with roots.

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# South Boston residents readying for climate change floods

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Climate Ready South Boston initiative held its first open house on Monday to introduce residents to several options that the city can take to help protect the neighborhood from severe flooding that is expected to occur in the coming decades.

The real wake up call for many residents was the updated FEMA flood maps released in 2015, and Commissioner of the Environment Department for the City of Boston Carl Spector said that as part of the overall plan for Climate Ready Boston, the city has started to get into the nitty gritty of neighborhood protections for flooding, precipitation, tidal forces and other weather-related infrastructure.

“There are sections of the Climate Ready Boston Report that started to do that, but now this is a more detailed version,” he said. “Last month we issued a report for parts of East Boston and Charlestown and how sections of those neighborhoods can start to prepare for sea level rise and the more frequent risk of flooding... Tonight, we’re starting to present in more detail to the community how the water is going to be coming in and will give some preliminary ideas on how to address that and get some

ideas from the community on priorities on what is more important, less important, what they’d like to see as a co-benefit, etc.”

The open house saw a path of maps, each with a representative from Climate Ready to show residents where the problem areas were, like the Seaport and Fort Point, and other areas of the Boston coastline. Peter Lewis, VP of Property Management for the Schochet Company, said they were already aware of the danger of flooding, and want to help get the neighborhood ready.

“We have property in the zones that they’re talking about in South Boston, and because we’re way down Columbia Road, we knew before the FEMA maps came out,” he said. “I think these are helpful, because change is coming whether we agree with it or not, whether our government agrees with it or not, the rest of us still need to be thinking of how we can do something.”

Many residents pointed out where they’ve seen issues for flooding in the neighborhood, and they all participated in surveys that asked what kind of protections they would like to see the city taken and some they would not. For example, many residents wanted to see a beach or natural sand barrier to protect the area around Castle Is-



More than 100 residents filtered through the stations at the first-ever Climate Ready South Boston open house. PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

land, and many residents said they did not want to see a marina to protect the area around the Seaport.

Both Spector and City of Boston representative Mia Mansfield said they would come back to the neighborhood early next year to talk in more detail regarding what the city could do in accordance with the feedback they get from South Boston residents.

“We tried to promote as far and wide as we could,” she said. “We’re going to have another event a little down the

road in February or March, so this is still early on for the project, but by then we’ll be getting into the details a bit more.”

South Boston NDC Executive Director Donna Brown said as an affordable development organization, they are taking the risk of flooding very seriously. She said residents are getting displaced now, when the waters are low, from the intense market forces bearing down on South Boston. She said flooding could reduce the amount of buildable land in the neighbor-

hood in the future, further displacing residents and reducing affordable housing.

“I live on East Broadway, and I’m interested in climate change, and South Boston does a lot of housing development and economic development, and residents live in vulnerable areas based on flood maps and for a 100-year weather event, the effect of displacement is going to impact the traditional South Boston neighborhood,” she said.

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On Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., there will be an Advent Penance Service for all Catholics in the West Roxbury and Roslindale area at St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury. All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. This evening will include readings, songs and the sacrament itself.

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# Santa comes to St. Agrippina's



The North End's St. Agrippina Society held its annual Christmas Program on Sunday to the delight of hundreds of kids from the neighborhood.

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

On Sunday, the St. Agrippina's Society held its annual Christmas program for hundreds of North End children and their families.

The program was started as a way for the society to give back to the community and share a little holiday spirit. Each family signs up beforehand, and the society goes out and buys age-appropriate gifts for the children. Santa Claus, cheerleaders from the Boston Celtics and Bruins mascot Blades the Bear all came out to celebrate the season with North Enders.

Resident Nicole Mustacchio-Hadaya said she volunteered for the program because it does so much to help so many.

"I'm a member of St. Agrippina's and we do this every year for all the kids in the neighborhood, it's really nice to give back," she said. "It's

nice to do something, we always have our feast in the summertime but this is a nice little winter thing we can still do to get the community involved."

She added the neighborhood really comes out for the event.

"We have a nice turnout every year, a lot of the same kids, same faces, and I don't think there are many other Toys for Tots programs in the neighborhood so people look forward to this every year and it's nice to be a part of it," she said.

Mustacchio-Hadaya said her family has been involved in the Society for generations, and she followed in her family's footsteps.

Resident Christina McSheffery said the program is a great help for her two daughters.

"We came last year, and it was so nice, Santa gave her an art kit and her Clarice (Rudolph's girlfriend in the

1964 TV movie), and it was just the most perfect moment," she said. "It just perpetuates the feeling of Santa. She loves her dolls and she loves art so it was like Santa really hit the nail on the head. We're definitely coming back next year, we love it."

Resident Carmen Vera-Viac said she heard about the program this year, and she definitely would bring her children again.

"This is my first time, and I just know it's an all-day event. They say it's nice for the kids, they get to meet Santa and get a present so you know so I thought I'd bring the kids," she said.

Residents Lindsay and Chris Mahoney said they heard about the program from an unlikely source, but are glad they could participate.

"We're all going to see Santa and we heard about it from an advertisement on a liquor store wall," said Chris. "We'd definitely come out again."

COURTESY PHOTO

## Mayor attends Macy's annual coat drive for kids



On Monday, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh joined forces with Macy's for the fourth annual Macy's Coat Drive, for which hundreds of children in Boston received free winter coats.

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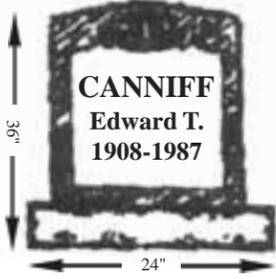
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families impacted by the new start times. The district is committed to reinvesting a portion of the savings created by the new start and end times into expanding before- or after-school programming where needed.”

Chang also released a schedule of community meetings regarding the start times, which can be found at [bostonpublicschools.org/starttimes/meetings](http://bostonpublicschools.org/starttimes/meetings).

That solution may not work for every family. Chang’s statement did not say whether the costs of the after-school programming would be reduced for parents. West Roxbury resident Katherine Finucci said she recently stepped down from a high-paying job in the city to work closer to home with her family. She said she now works part-time hours at a significant reduction to her old salary, and her employment agreement set in stone the hours she would be working. She originally negotiated to have those hours conform with the start and release time of the current year. For her children’s school, the Patrick Lyndon Elementary School, the hours currently are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Lyndon is now facing that 1:15 release time, and she said after school programming could cost her her job.

“It’s a push,” she said. “My employer wants me to maintain my current schedule despite the school hour change, so because of that I would have to send them to after-school care in order to work to my 3:30 p.m. hours... The cost of two kids in after-school care in effect equals my salary, so it makes no sense to enroll them in after-school. I might as well stay home and not work at all.”

Finucci said while she would find a way to make this work,

she’s not all that pleased with the prospect of leaving the workforce. Finucci also pointed out that her son, who is 3 years old, would not be eligible for the after-school program as it is set up now, because it’s only available to children ages 5 and up (currently at the date of publication, this may also change).

Finucci also pointed out that the earlier release time means earlier pick up times. She said her daughter takes the yellow school bus for a 9:15 a.m. bell, meaning students in their seats in at 8:45 a.m. The new time means the bell starts at 7:15, which means her bus is arriving at 7 a.m.

“That means her bus will potentially come in at 6:30 a.m. next year, and the thought of her standing out at the bus stop at this time of year when it’s pitch black at 6:30 a.m., I mean with my son I’m going to have a four-year-old at the bus stop a quarter mile from our house in pitch black waiting for the bus,” she said.

Resident Ronak Shah said he’s facing similar problems, as both he and his wife work and are looking at a family decision for one of them to leave the workforce. Shah said he actually works in a similar field at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as those who worked on the school scheduling algorithm. He said the algorithm was based around buses and transportation costs, which he said is fine, but the tolerance of change – the maximum allowable change in start times – was handled poorly by the administration.

Shah said schools could face a schedule difference of two hours, as was the case for many of those nine schools facing 1:15 release times. He said the tolerance function should have been closer to an hour, and he said he understood there would be cost implications.

“Their outreach should have been an understanding of what everyone is willing to live with and treat us like adults and say this is the cost,” he said.

Shah said the apparent failure of this algorithm (or rather those who administrated the algorithm’s parameters) could create a lack of trust in the technology.

“It’s a generational loss to me, and I’m concerned that people will be skeptical of a technology that fails so robustly because the public policy implementations were so poor,” he said. “From what I read I found it a reasonable methodology to what they did, but I think they should have

released an open source review of the method. They need to put a moratorium on the changes and spend a year letting people get used to it at the very least.”

Resident Geoff Morse said his family is also facing serious decisions because of the new bell times. He said they were able to get their children in a school close to home with good start times and managed to carve a schedule around those hours.

“We could drop our son off at 7:15 a.m. and pick him up from after care at 5:30 p.m., leaving him with BPS for over ten hours and costing us more for aftercare, or we could enter into the BPS lottery again and hope to get a different school with more suitable start times with no guarantee we’ll get any of our choices and none of these schools will be walking distance,” he said. “Or we could sell our house and move out of the city. Uproot our son from the community he’s become a part of and start over somewhere else.”

Resident Pamela Foster said she’s glad more teenagers would be able to sleep later for the new school start times, but said some research of her own from the National Sleep Foundation found issues.

“In the brief half hour of research, I learned that school age children – those between the ages of 6 and 13 – should be getting between nine and 11 hours of sleep each night; also, ‘insufficient sleep can impede learning, memory and educational achievement, as well as other health behaviors, including physical activity and dietary intake.’ For teenagers – those between the ages of 14 and 17 – the sleep range varies only slightly to eight to 10 hours of sleep each night, which interestingly enough, overlaps that of school age children by two hours” she said. “I feel it’s important to point out, too, that we both strongly support later start times for high school students, as the research clearly shows that teens function much better when they get more sleep. However, we feel that studies like this should be considered for students of all ages, not just high schoolers, when proposing start/end time shifts.”

For sports, BPS representative Daniel O’Brien said the later times for high school students will have a “minimum impact on athletics next year.”

For the full list of school bell times as they were originally presented, go to [bostonpublicschools.org/Page/7017](http://bostonpublicschools.org/Page/7017)



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# City Council to hold hearing on sexual harassment policy

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted unanimously last week to start hearings regarding the current policy for sexual harassment for city employees.

“I believe this is really a consistent demonstration of our commitment as a body to affirming civil rights,” said hearing cosponsor and At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley. “We have done this for many issues. We’ve done this for tenants rights, we’ve done this for immigrants rights, we’ve done this for workers rights, we’ve done this for voting rights, we’ve done this for LGBT and women’s rights, and now for sexual harassment. For this issue it may seem to some that our leadership in this space is about a nationally trending conversation and some very brave confessionals about sexual harassment, but this is what we all try to do whenever someone feels intimidated, diminished, devalued or endures indignity, in our society or in the workplace.”

Cosponsor and District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim said the current political climate puts the issue at the forefront of many people’s minds.

“This came about through conversations with myself and Councilor Pressley, and really it’s the last few weeks and months as more of these stories have poured out including, unfortunately, here in the Commonwealth and legislative bodies,” he said. “It gave me a lot of pause to really reflect on my own privileged and naivete when it comes to these things,

it’s not an issue I’ve personally had to deal with in my career or in my school days.”

Zakim added that there are currently no issues of harassment in the council that he is aware of.

“I’m personally not aware of any current issues, but then again, how would I know about that?” he said. “How would any of us know if it’s not happening directly in front of us if people don’t feel that they can come forward and report issues without fear of retaliation or further harassment?”

Pressley said they moved quickly on this to make sure council staff, city employees, city volunteers and city contractors are protected.

“This is a watershed moment for raising awareness around sexual harassment and one we should seize,” she said. “More than half of U.S. women have experienced unwanted or inappropriate sexual advances from men, according to a recent ABC News and Washington Post poll,” she said. “In the workplace, the same poll found that over 30 percent of women reported unwanted sexual advances from male coworkers and 25 percent from men who have influence over their work situation.”

District 7 City Councilor Tito Jackson said that everyone on the council needs to get involved in this issue.

“I think too often what happens is these issues get relegated and put in the corner of quote unquote ‘Women’s Issues,’” he said. “It is about time that men stand up, it’s about time that men acknowledge our place with our peers and with a

culture that we allow to permeate government, permeate relationships, permeate power in the City of Boston as well as our society.”

Jackson added that the council shouldn’t tip-toe around the issue.

“I think it’s really important that this conversation doesn’t happen in the codified, really polite way that we speak in this body,” he said. “And I appreciate that, I think we need to keep it real when it comes to this, I think it’s critical that we hear the voices of people who work here and that people have real protections and are able to have their voices heard in this body and on these issues.”

The council also voted unanimously to accept and expand a grant of \$440,000 from the Massachusetts Transportation Metropolitan Highway System Tunnels to administer to the fire department to reimburse the department for maintenance and upkeep of phone capability for firefighting equipment for metropolitan highway tunnels throughout the City of Boston.

The council also put the issue of the Community Preservation Committee on hold for their meeting the following Wednesday, held after the Bulletin’s deadline. Committee on Government Operations and At-Large City Council Michael Flaherty said the delay was because members on the appointed side of the CPC had not been finalized yet.

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Resident Sheila Greene said she’s happy the city is tackling this important issue, but she wants the city to also address her chief concern.

“It’s real, and I think what they’re doing is very, very good, and it needs to be done,” she said. “My concern is that we also need to include the elephant in the room, which is traffic. It doesn’t make sense to do all of this if we have the impact of traffic that we have now which is only getting worse.”

Business owner Tony Durso said he’s been working to get more residents involved in the process.

“I’ve actually been through the Climate Leaders Program, so I’m very familiar with kind of what’s going on,” he said. “The Climate Leaders Program is kind of part of the Greenovate Program and the Climate Ready Boston program in which concerned individuals go through a training with the city and make a presentation to a group of community members like this. For myself, I own a business here in South Boston called the Juice Box, so I use my business as an outlet to communicate information on these issues.”

Durso said the whole group is working towards raising more awareness in the neighborhood.

“We’ve channeled some of the information to my customers through my business, but some of the leaders work for nonprofits, they work for community leaders, they’re concerned residents so they do trainings and presentations and the neighborhood has been receptive,” he said.







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

### REASON FOR CHEER

While we may look forward to the holidays, many of us find gatherings of friends and family to be quite stressful. Seniors, in particular, might find that the holiday season brings an unwelcome reminder of those who are no longer present to share in the joy of playing the proud parent and grandparent. Others may wistfully recall past traditions that no longer take place. Whatever the mindset of the family elders, friends and relatives should pay particular attention to their emotional needs. Engaging in conversation that evokes the memory of days past may not only prove to be therapeutic for the older storyteller, but it may also help provide younger family members with a unique glimpse of their family heritage.

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# Casey Arborway *continued from page 1*

1. New Forest Hills Station plaza to be done in summer of 2018. 2. New Southwest Corridor Park plaza to be done in summer of 2018. 3. The opening of the new northern head house within that new plaza. 4. Completion of all landscaping. 5. Construction of the bus way canopy and connecting covered walkway.

After a year of ambivalence, MassDOT has now added the bus canopy and walkway cover to the project work schedule at an additional cost over \$10 million.

MassDOT, for the first time, also admitted that the total estimated cost of the Casey Arborway is \$86 million. That's a \$12 million overrun, including \$1.2 million for six jet fans for ventilation and \$10.1 million for the bus way canopies.

The canopies are in two sections: a 120-foot long, 12-foot high arcade over the pedestrian walk to the arched 320-foot long bus way canopy. Designed by AECOM architects, the bus canopy is at its highest point 14 feet high.

The canopies will weigh 250 tons. Construction work will be done by crane, according to Evasius, well away from the current bus berths.

"The steel fabrication is by Timbro of Maine," Evasius said. "And the rolled steel comes from Pennsylvania. It will be an extra work order for Barletta not a separate bid."

Although the Casey Arborway completion is in plain sight daily as granite curbs are set in place showing the permanent roadway alignment, few at the meeting were happy.

\$14 million was put into the

budget for contingencies and police services but this was not obvious to several who testified.

"There are no police officers at intersections," said one resident. "It's a maddening gridlock of traffic. I can't cross the street."

Ann Mckinnon, who lives on Sedgwick Street, called it "the saga of the bus way canopy."

"We have six puny bus shelters," she said. "When the project started the canopy was in the project; then last year it was not part of the project. Now it's in the project and funded by the MBTA. This canopy is a big deal. Where is the money coming from? It's not in the MBTA capital plan."

Evasius was honest. "We're not experts on funding sources," he said. "But it's not in the MBTA capital plan. It is MassDOT funds to the MBTA. We gave Barletta a chance to price out the 100 percent design which saved us three months if we had to bid out a separate contract."

"The customer has not been part of the design," said Karen Payne, a Roslindale resident who takes the bus home after riding the Orange Line. "You tore down the old bus canopy two years ago. It's a long walk to my bus. There were no new bus shelters given to passengers. People have to walk and wait in rain and snow. When will you put in more shelters? When will you do that? I have one more year to walk to my bus in the rain?"

A Barletta engineer said that the 39 bus will be moved closer to the terminal making it a shorter walk to the other buses.

Evasius said that the new



Elevation drawing of planned pedestrian arcade from Forest Hills Station to the bus way canopy.

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canopy will be completed in the fall of 2018.

"The two biggest issues," he said, "are the northern head house – which will be available in the fall and the bus canopy completed in December."

Neither the design nor location of the new head house has ever been described at any MassDOT meetings, and no graphics of the building have been made available.

The head house, also designed by AECOM, will be a glass cube and serve as an exit from the Orange Line platform. The original exit had to be removed because it was located on the new parkway alignment. The new head house, with a longer corridor under the new parkway, will be built on the Southwest Corridor Park where the walkway and bike path now turn. These will be redesigned around a new plaza designed by Crosby Schlesinger Smallwood (CSS) which designed all the landscaping of the Casey Arborway including the new Forest Hills station plaza.

There were also few graphics of the now-100 percent designed bus canopies.

Evasius added that 450 trees and shrubs have been planted in 2017 as planned by CSS; more will be planted to complete the landscaping next year.

The Washington Street commercial strip at the liquor store is a priority for comple-

tion this calendar year, said Evasius.

"The curb line is being set," he said. "It will be a big general use area. The road will be shifted quite a bit. A huge movement is happening. We'll keep going after December."

## Needles *continued from page 1*



Essaibi-George said in the past few months she's been meeting with representatives from all over the city to put more feedback into this ordinance. She said, however, that the city has a huge issue with discarded needles in key areas where children and families congregate.

"I filed this ordinance because I want to keep needles out of our parks and playgrounds," she said. "I also filed this ordinance because I want to keep needles out of our household trash stream. The City of Boston is doing the best it can to keep these needles off of our streets and we have an incredible and wonderful mobile sharps team, that last year collected more than 20,000 improperly discarded needles in our streets, our playgrounds, our curb sides and our alleyways. This year, we know that that number has grown incrementally. It's a number that we've had a really difficult time truly understanding."

Essaibi-George added that she feels when she files the new draft of the ordinance, it will take into account all relevant stakeholders.

"Over the past several months, I've been looking to get as much feedback as possible on this ordinance, I have met with representatives from local and independent pharmacies, big box retailers, our community health centers, the Massachusetts Board of Pharmacy, community organizations and so many others," she said. "I am confident that when I re-file a new draft of this ordinance in the next session, it will reflect all that input."

She also said that the city itself has been dealing with needles in the trash stream, which has affected public employees at every level. She said, for instance, now public works employees are dragging trash bags on the ground instead of carrying them on their backs to reduce the risk of puncture from needles in the bags.

"We also know that our teachers, our librarians, our public works employees, our parks employees and first responders are all working on this issue daily, as well as our small business owners and our residents across the city," she said.

Essaibi-George said she will re-file the ordinance in a new draft sometime in the next year.



## 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:** My Corvette is equipped with run-flat tires. The car has always had a hard ride and the tires are noisy. My question is, would non-run-flat tires improve the ride? I know the disadvantage of not having a spare tire in case of a flat. The tire shop in my area does not advise me to change over to non-run-flat tires. What are your thoughts?

**From the Doctor:** I personally have swapped out many vehicles (including Corvettes) with non-run-flat tires. I can tell you that the ride will be much softer, smoother and quieter. I recommend the change and when you select the tire you should buy a non-aggressive tread pattern tire. You do not need a performance rated tire unless you take the car to a track on a regular basis. You will think you are in a brand new Corvette within the first 1/2 mile of driving.

**To the Doctor:** What is the life expectancy of tire pressure monitors? I own a 2008 Ford Mustang and the TPM light is always on. The dealer and a tire shop said the batteries in the tires are bad and the cost of factory replacements will be just under \$500 installed. A friend said I can buy new TPMs on the internet for half the price of the dealer monitors. Do I have any other options?

**From the Doctor:** The life expectancy of tire pressure monitors (TPMs) are 5-8 years, depending on the driving conditions and temperatures. TPMs go to sleep when the car is parked and wake up when the car starts to move at 20-30 MPH and higher. The monitor sends a signal to the module in the car, which gives you the reading on the dash. The aftermarket monitors are less money but they sometimes need their own brand scan tool to program them to the vehicle. I have also found that some aftermarket TPMs have poor quality batteries that fail after two years. (The size of the TPM battery is the same as your watch or remote key fob.) The factory TPM prices have been lowered over the last year because of lost sales to the aftermarket brands. I like using the factory TPM units because they do work well.

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.

# Council *continued from page 1*

pause at the word “stuff,” which garnered a laugh from the audience. “I think we’ve demonstrated – first the two women in the council and then the four, and now the power of six – that women can get a lot of things done... We tend to skip the BS and get to work, and that’s important. Not that men aren’t that good at this, but I think we’re especially talented because we don’t have time to waste.”

Newly-elected District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards said the council is now finally starting to look like the demographics of the city.

“It’s so sad that we’re surprised by that, but then for the City Council to actually look like the city, I think that’s what’s great about 2017,” she said.

Edwards said the main benefit, in her eyes at least, is the fact that she will neither be the only woman nor the only woman of color in her new job. She said she has worked through that kind of environment before, and she felt that the situation gave her a feeling out being an outsider.

“The difference I would feel immediately is that there are councilors who I can turn to immediately,” she said. “Not that I wouldn’t turn to my brothers on the City Council as well, but oftentimes you can be the only one – whether you’re a woman or a person of color – in the room and here it feels so wonderful to know that that’s something I’m not going to feel walking into most of the rooms... Here I’m just a voice, a brain, thoughts can come out of my mouth.”

Newly-elected District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey agreed with Edwards, but added that women have always held positions of leadership throughout the city’s life, but they may not have gotten the recognition they deserved. But the recognition does something else, it shows

young girls and women that they can overcome whatever adversity faces them and become a leader, something she said she felt was not represented before.

“We just don’t always see it,” she said. “To see two sitting councilors here who have infants, that makes it possible for other women to say ‘Yes, I can do this.’”

Janey added that they are now coalescing women as a voter bloc, both in the city and across the country, to make women a political force.

“The movement before was just to vote, and now we see the movement is to run,” she said. “That’s so important, we’ve seen a lot of movement.”

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell will now be moving into the position of president at the City Council, and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu was asked during the night how she felt about the position. She said the idea of leadership when she was growing up was foreign to her, as it wasn’t represented in the culture.

“I know when I was growing up I really never thought of myself as someone who could be a leader one day, because in my head it was the image of a tall man, standing in front of a room with a loud voice yelling at everyone and that wasn’t me at any point,” she said. “We are now hopefully making it possible for other people to imagine themselves to be in these seats... On the City council, people talk about government as this big complex bureaucracy, that it can be hard to change things and get things done, but it’s really just about persistence... There’s been no issue where either policy-wise or program-wise or personally between councilors we haven’t been able to make some



District 4 City Councilor  
Andrea Campbell



District 1 City Councilor  
Lydia Edwards



At-Large City Councilor  
Michelle Wu



At-Large City Councilor  
Annissa Essaibi-George



District 7 City Councilor  
Kim Janey



At-Large City Councilor  
Ayanna Pressley

progress.”

Campbell said she wants to follow much of Wu’s current agenda, but that she wants to add components of equity in the mix. She said the first thing she wants to tackle in the council is the lack of technology.

“We do a lot of constituent work with Google Sheets, I can’t believe we don’t have a platform to do our work in an efficient way, so that’s my number one goal right now,” she said. “As a district councilor, we’re serving 70,000 constituents, and the fact that we have to use file cabinets and Google Sheets is ridiculous.”

The panel was asked whether they felt the historic election of six women to the council was in fact a backlash from the election of U.S. President Donald Trump. Pressley said there will always be a national lens on local politics, but she still

didn’t like the fact that some of the media treats each of their elections like they’re all “unicorns,” as it undermines the work they put in and the voice of the electorate.

“I find those assertions offensive,” she said. “When I ran for the Boston City Council for the first time in 2009, I was the only woman running out of 15 candidates, and I think about five or six were people of color. People were saying then we were the beneficiaries of the post-Obama, post-racial wave... It’s really about women who worked hard to earn the confidence and the votes of the electorate, and I think every single woman here put that on display.”

Pressley said the shift in the voters is what got them to where they were today, but added they still have a lot of

work to do to shift the needle further.

“Why are we here? It’s not a big secret or surprise, we’re here because we worked hard and we’re damn good, and we’re no fluke and we’re here to stay,” she said to applause and cheers. “I have to give it up to the electorate, this is a shift being ushered in by them and we are all manifestations of that mandate... What was happening in my first run was there was a lot of analyses, ‘can an African-American woman represent the city?’ There was a lot of coded language, like ‘will traditional voters turn out for Ayanna Pressley? We are not to be marginalized or stereotyped or pigeonholed, hopefully my election proved that the sky didn’t fall in... We’ve all broken these double glass ceilings.’”

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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** **DOCKET No.SU12P1366EA**

**Estate of:** Philip E. Shakir **Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300**

**Date of Death:** 05/16/2012

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**Robert Roth of West Roxbury, MA**  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: November 16, 2017  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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owners and families are beautifully and courageously speaking up for their place in the community; they should be lauded for that, not punished.

We'd also like to clarify what we understand to have happened with negotiations between the 26-year-old restaurant and City Realty Group. City Realty group verbally committed to three things: 1) not to evict City Realty, calling it a "landmark" business, 2) to relocate El Embajador to a new location, and 3) to make sure that the new location was occupancy-ready. Once those commitments began to break down and were not put in writing, the business owners became understandably concerned for their future, and eventually engaged with our

supportive community.

JP/Rox is a beautiful place - not because of lustrous new luxury housing developments, but because of the love between neighbors, the magic that drew 200+ people to support El Embajador restaurant and other City Realty Group tenants days before Thanksgiving. We will continue to stand with City Realty Group's tenants because they have a home here.

*Alex Ponte-Capellan  
JP/Rox Community  
Organizer*

**ORDINANCE ADDS NOTHING OF VALUE**

*To the Editor:*

Leave it to Boston's City Council, the same one that passes resolutions honoring the Chinese Communist Revo-

lution, to unanimously pass an ordinance on plastic bags that will do absolutely nothing to address the non-issue of climate change, but will raise the grocery bill of every Bostonian, many of who have limited incomes or are on fixed incomes (City Council says yes to plastic bag ordinance Dec. 7, Bulletin). This ordinance is yet another example of the implementation of Agenda 21-rebranded Agenda 2030. And the Council's unanimous vote is evidence that the Green Mafia has enormous influence in our city.

*Hal Shurtleff  
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*Grateful thanks. —P.L.D.*

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** **DOCKET No.SU17P2528EA**

**Estate of:** Janice A. Reardon **Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300**

**Date of Death:** 10/04/2017

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael W. Reardon of Needham Heights, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Michael W. Reardon of Needham Heights, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: November 28, 2017  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** **DOCKET No.SU17P1105EA**

**Estate of:** Marguerite Frances Marshall **Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA. 02114  
617-788-8300**

**Date of Death:** January 20, 2017

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Judith A Douglas of Kokomo, IN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 08, 2017  
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*Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/14/2017*

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