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Developers changes mind, 3200 Washington to remain rental



3200 Washington St. is one quarter framed. Five and six stories when completed. Developers withdrew plan to convert to condominiums.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

In a rare turnaround by a developer, Berkeley Investments changed its mind on 3200 Washington St.

It had been rumored since early February that Berkeley was planning on converting all 73 rental units at 3200 Washington St. into market-rate condominiums; this became certain when the BPDA scheduled a Notice of Project Change community meeting for April 30.

The advertisement appeared on April 18, but by that time, Berkeley had withdrawn its plans.

Luis Cotto, director of Egleston Square Main Streets (ESMS), confirmed this after the Bulletin learned about a possible change on April 17.

"I set up the meeting with Lance [Campbell] at BPDA," Cotto said. "ESMS did reach out to Berkeley due to rumors that they were going to attempt to change the residen-

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Residents concerned about lack of notification for projects

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Last week, the Boston City Council met with residents, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to discuss concerns related to current as-of-right projects.

District 4 City Councilor and City Council President Andrea Campbell brought up the issue after a recent incident in Codman Square, in which the community felt it was misled by the installation of a Popeye's restaurant. Basically, the community rallied against the place-



Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell

ment of a restaurant there and successfully persuaded Popeye's that their discontent

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North End LL kicks off season



Hundreds of parents, students, players and coaches came out for the opening day ceremonies in the North End of Boston. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh threw out the ceremonial first pitch, one of five he threw during the day. The ceremony also honored Robert "Teddy" Tomasone for more than 50 years of helping out at the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) and several other youth causes in the neighborhood. Tomasone also manages the annual Christmas Fund Luncheon for seniors and local residents in need and 40+ years of the North End Christmas Parade.

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Residents push back against recent Roxbury Prep advocacy



Residents at two separate neighborhood meetings voiced their opposition to the proposed high school for Roxbury Prep at 361 Belgrade Ave.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

This week and last, two neighborhood organizations pledged their continuing disapproval for the proposed Roxbury Preparatory High School building at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

Residents said they thought that after much haranguing last year the proposal for the school had gone away, but after a recent rally for the school, meetings with local

officials and flyers sent around the neighborhood, the proposal has come back.

Members of both the Greater Belgrade Avenue Neighborhood Association (GBANA) and the Bellevue Hill Neighborhood Association (BHNA) voiced their opposition to the project, GBANA at their meeting last Wednesday and BHNA at their meeting on Monday.

"From the start we voiced opposition," said GBANA member Sara Harold. "We put

in 20 to 30 hours a week of personal time and personal funds put into this, and it kind of came to a halt when we were told they were backing off... We were told the project was going nowhere, and our elected officials were not taking a stand because it was their understanding that the project was dead. Now they have had rallies, doing what we were doing. We want to be smart and respond accord-

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Spring cleaning for the Neponset River Watershed

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, April 28, the Neponset River Watershed Association (NRWA) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held Park Serve Day, a statewide volunteer service day to prepare parks and open spaces for the summer recreation season.

The NRWA, in participation with this event, organized a Neponset River Cleanup at sites from Canton to Quincy, with Hyde Park making the list, as well.

Much as with last summer's Neponset River Cleanup, the staging area for Saturday's rendition was the parking lot of the Francis D. Martini Memorial Shell Park.

Very much unlike the last cleanup, however, this one was considerably smaller-scale and land based. Nonetheless, impromptu local organizer Lara Saavedra drew a crowd of around 30 volunteers, along with some DCR staff and tools, to help out.

"I just asked if I could do a Hyde Park group, thinking that I'm new in this neighborhood - I moved in September - and I wanted to invite some of my friends to see where Hyde Park is," Saavedra said.



A Neponset River Cleanup volunteer takes a release form before beginning his Saturday morning work.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

She got the litter picking itch when she was out walking her dogs in the neighborhood and started finding lots of discarded food trash by the side of the road, "especially Dunkin' Donuts cups and McDonald's trash thrown out of cars along Truman Parkway and through Fairmount."

Saavedra's stated goal for the day is to make the parks and Neponset Greenway Trail "a bit more visually ap-

pealing" and to influence the community to get involved with picking up trash.

"Sometimes, just seeing one person doing something motivates you to think, 'I could do that, too'... It's a little, tiny effort to bring a bag and pick up trash," she said.

A car rolls past the end of Truman Highway on Neponset Valley Parkway, a couple of young guys out for a spin on the bright spring day

commenting on the scattered group in the edge of the woods leading to the River and the edge of the massive Fowl Meadow.

Everyone loads up their trash bags and picks debris. One volunteer Frisbee tosses a hubcap, while a couple of others muse over what might very well be the crushed bell end of a semi's claxon.

The vices also make appearances.

"I'm having a 'nip' contest with my buddy across the street," a woman rummaging around the brush at Paul's Bridge says, triumphantly holding up her seventh (empty) miniature bottle of booze; she also found one empty bottle of perfume, which she didn't count.

Across the road, on the Fowl Meadow side, another excitedly shows off the pot pipe she found in the underbrush of the woods.

Others see trash patterns: cigarettes, junk food wrappers, and dental picks at the Martini; lottery tickets at the Stop & Shop; junk food wrappers and dozens of golf balls at Paul's Bridge.

Still others continue through the woods past the 15-yard recommendation given by the NRWA to see the NR in the WA flowing peaceful and unchanneled, still hidden away.

On the sidewalk, the trash bags are filled and dropped and conversed over, deciding what to do next, where to go, what the time is, whether it looks like rain...

The DCR truck turns at the end of Truman looking for bags to load up and bring back as isolated volunteers wearing telltale NRWA t-

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Editorial

LISTEN TO THE RESIDENTS

If you ever need proof that we live in two cities, divided into classes of household wealth, we may have a good example.

In the posh Seaport District, the emergence of any new restaurant is hyped for weeks, if not months. Will Amazon move a secondary headquarters to Boston? The tension has been building for months as city leaders trip over themselves buying gift baskets and securing tax breaks.

In contrast to these examples, and others of long-gestating decisions and announcements, we had the sudden closure of Mount Ida College, gobbled up by UMass-Amherst officials seemingly indifferent to students and staff. We also had the surprise announcement of big changes afoot at the Shattuck Hospital.

At a community meeting last month, convened by Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders and Rep. Liz Malia's office, officials told an audience of mostly Jamaica Plain residents about plans for the 13-acre public health campus. Although the hospital's conversion won't be finalized until 2021, the news emerged rather suddenly.

Plans call for moving 260 inpatient beds and selected outpatient services such as radiology, orthopedics and primary to the Newton Pavilion at Boston Medical Center. While consultants hash out plans for the majority of the campus, two acres of a now demolished Nurses Building would be leased out for what could be a 100-unit Low Threshold Housing development for chronically homeless, as reported by The Bulletin.

Employees didn't learn about any of this until late February. Many residents heard the plan for the first time at the recent meeting.

We don't blame public officials for what may ultimately be good intentions. Plans and proposals have apparently gestated for a couple of years. We do, however, need to question why so many things in this city have an advance team and plenty of publicity and public input that this project has been so under-the-radar, despite the many changes it brings to the neighborhood.

The good news is there should be plenty of time for public input. "By statute, reuse of the land would have to be for public health purposes," Sudders said at the recent meeting. "It will be an open process. We will create an advisory council that will also work with the city. We are open to replacing the important outpatient services from Long Island."

Fair enough, but where was public input before the biggest part of the plan was decided. Adding housing for 200 homeless people may be a noble cause, but it is one the public should have learned about in greater detail some time ago. In fact, this all seems like a strategy to re-house those displaced by the City's ongoing battle to re-open its Long Island facility, rendered unreachable by a condemned bridge.

At the meeting there was the ubiquitous-for-Jamaica-Plain invocation of Frederick Law Olmsted. "Wouldn't it be wonderful for Olmsted's 200th birthday in 2022 that some of this land was returned to Franklin Park." The idea was not dismissed out of hand.

Our opinion may be more in line with the observations of a Forest Hills resident: "You're moving too fast," he said. "There are people who have homes here. There are new roadways. New housing. A helluva drug problem. Are we sharing the load here?"

That question remains to be answered. Time will tell if neighborhood input makes a difference, or if plans proceed full steam ahead in any way the state deems worthy.

Housing for the homeless is a worthy goal, we just need to ponder why JP residents had it "announced" and not shaped by their input after the fact. Would that fly on Beacon Hill, or in West Roxbury? Doubtful.

"How Great Thou Art" ----NOT

There was no doubt that Richard was dying.

Since early February, he had been either in a hospital or a recuperative center. His loving wife of almost 50 years had, after much thought, signed him into the care of hospice.

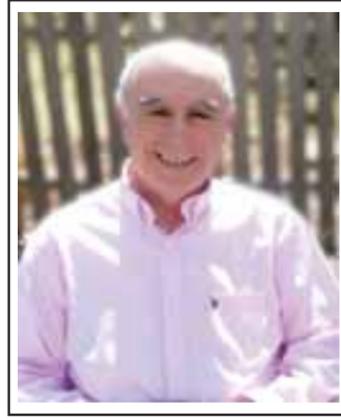
Hospice sometimes has its own buildings, as up in the North Shore. Sometimes Hospice is done at home. Sometimes it is done at a "regular" hospital.

The Sacrament of the Sick, formerly the Last Rites and before that, Extreme Unction, had already been given by the parish priest; the hospital chaplain visited him daily.

Richard would spend his final days at a major Boston hospital.

With the permission of his doctor and constantly-at-his-bedside wife Cathy, a long established dear friend of his was going to be allowed to bring to his bedside one of his favorite drinks, a Manhattan. Now, Richard was not a drinker and all that it implies; as an Italian through and through, he did enjoy a glass of red vino or an occasional Manhattan when playing a board game with his friends.

Permission having been



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given, Bob stirred up a batch of Manhattans in his kitchen, entrusting its transportation to the hospital in a quart-sized Tupperware container. There were no cherries this time, because they might impact Richard's swallowing.

Clandestinely carrying the libation under his coat into the hospital, Bob poured drinks for the three of us, with the nurse's friendly okaying-wave. Cathy's tender handling of a straw enabled Richard to sip, while others of us toasted some of the good times we had over the past half century.

We were told that

Richard's California daughter Debbie, who had visited several times since this awful sojourn had begun, would play some of his favorite songs when they now "talked" on the phone, "Lara's Theme" and "Blue Hawaii."

The only music this day was the institutional kind being piped into to his room, purportedly to be of the soothing type. Hmm. Some of it seemed far from it. Perhaps cacophony is in the ear of the beholder.

A request was made to alter the music genre: perhaps some religious music that would be more appropriate.

I envisioned the music selection encompassing and befitting the half dozen major religions, and that the next question asked would be, "What is Richard's religion?" (although this would have been noted on his hospital information sheet).

"No, that's not possible," was the nurse's disappointing response to the request for playing religious music.

It just seems that a major hospital should have a selection of music befitting one's last hours before that final Rubicon is traversed. But anyways, Richard, the trumpets and the harps sound better on the other side. Much better.

Letters to the Editor

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT ILL ADVISED

To the Editor:

As I recently read the Boston Bulletin's editorial (A Bridge to Nowhere), I too have been thinking about the homeless shelter and services that once existed. The City of Boston was forced to relocate the shelter services and other programs that were housed out in the inner harbor when the city had to raze the bridge due to its structure age. I had hoped the tearing down of the bridge would lead to all the needed services to be available on shore. However, now I hear Boston Mayor Marty Walsh wishes to spend \$92 million on a new bridge and return the shelter and drug treatment center back out on the island.

I spent 41 years working for the state Mental

Health Department, the last 28 years as a police officer who, more than a few times, brought state clients out there for services. I always viewed this island as somewhat of a Leper Colony, where this segment of the population could live out of sight from the rest of us.

I was born and raised in Boston and have lived here again over the past nine years, in between Quincy for 25 years. While both cities may be quarreling with each other, what really needs to happen is talking. Walsh announced his \$92 million new bridge without even talking with Quincy Mayor Tom Koch, which was totally ill-advised. Boston may own Long Island, but it does not own the access to the island since that is within the boundaries of Quincy.

You should never announce plans that you can-

not totally control. Boston and Quincy need to open discussions back and forth between two City Halls that should be considered equals.

The Bulletin states in the editorial that the three-year reprieve from bridge traffic was always temporary. Says who, Boston City Hall officials? Talk to officials at Quincy City Hall and you might be surprised at your newspaper's assertion that the closing of the bridge would be temporary.

Couldn't the \$92 million going for a new bridge be better utilized to create services that reach those in need of help today? Why should we ship off folks that seemingly are viewed as undesirables to a Riker's Island, hiding them away?

I will not take sides between Quincy and Boston; I lived both cities and have ties with both. The bottom line is no one is served by a war of words because action always speaks louder than words.

It is time that both city mayors sit down as equals and talk out the issues involved. Hey, if North Korea can meet up with South Ko-

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Residents form Brighton Allston Community Coalition

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Housing development has been a boon and a curse to residents of the City of Boston, and a few Allstoners and Brightonites have decided to try and do something about it.

Last week, several community members of Allston Brighton announced the formation of the Brighton Allston Community Coalition (BACC) to try to combat what they see as harmful development to current residents.

Co-Founder Kevin Carragee said the two main focuses they are currently aiming at (it's a new group and he said they would have much more to say after more internal discussion) are affordable housing and owner occupancy within the two neighborhoods. He said the wave of development facing the neighborhoods are hurting current residents and causing a lot of displacement.

"There's no lack of community meetings in Allston Brighton, you could camp out here if you wanted and go to one every night," he said.

Carragee said they wanted to focus on affordability in the neighborhood, mainly because many residents are being pushed out by increasing housing costs.

"We're pushing for 20 percent affordable in the large resi-

dential developments," he said. "We believe, given the interest by developers in this neighborhood...

The housing prices far exceed the median income in our neighborhood and we're seeing displacement. People who want to stay in the neighborhood and contributed to the neighborhood are being forced out. The neighborhood is losing its soul."

The BACC's mission statement said that currently, the median income for Brighton is \$56,729 and Allston is \$42,722. Currently, the city's inclusionary development policy (IDP) requires that any development over 20,000 square feet or containing more than nine housing units be designated affordable, create the same amount of units offsite or contribute a funds equal to those units to the city's IDP fund. Carragee said because of the disparity with the regional area median income that decides what the city considers affordable (the region's AMI is hovering around \$100,000 for a family, and the average affordable unit comes in at 70 percent AMI, \$70,000), not even that is actually affordable to many current residents. He said adding the 20 percent would help alleviate the demand for affordable housing.

"We've been suffering through this for decades and now it's just becoming too much," he said.



Residents in Allston and Brighton are gearing up to join together for sensible development in the neighborhood and to oppose projects they think are too big, like the Stop and Shop project pictured above.

COURTESY PHOTO

Carragee said that the disparity between rental properties and owner occupied units in the neighborhoods are also causing this spike in housing prices. He said currently, the owner-occupancy rate for Allston is 10 percent, one of the lowest in the whole city, and Brighton's rate has dropped from 26.8 percent in 2010 to 22.5 percent in 2015. Carragee said one of the main problems is that Boston University and Boston College, with campuses on site in Allston and Brighton, don't house the whole of their undergraduate population within campus dorm rooms.

"The use of residential housing stock to house students, I

mean that's a tragically bad decision and the city needs to do more to influence and force colleges to house their students on their campuses and not landbank parts of their property where dorms could be built and have their students flood our neighborhoods," he said. "That's one piece of a complex housing puzzle but it's an important piece."

The city does not have a good track record with holding colleges and universities responsible. Every fall, the city releases numbers for example of payment in lieu of tax payments to the city that colleges and universities agreed to pay, which was 25 percent of the total amount they

would have to pay in property taxes if they were required to. Historically, no institution has ever come close to that 25 percent.

"I think it's fair to say that the Walsh administration has been too timid in its policies regarding the universities and the failure of the universities to house their undergrad students is one influence on our current housing crisis; it's not the only influence, there's a whole host of influences, but it's one influence and those units already exist," he said. "We're creating new housing units to try to reduce the housing

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Ninth annual Run for Recess returning to Franklin Park

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On May 19, thousands will flock to Franklin Park for the ninth annual Run for Recess, established by the nonprofit, Playworks.

Playworks sends hundreds of staffers throughout New England to facilitate recess in public and private schools. The nonprofit serves thousands of children in Boston, and Jonathan Gay, Executive Director of Playworks New England, said they serve 20,000 children in New England.

Nine years ago, he said he thought hosting a 5K would be a great way of highlighting the kids' commitment to recess and outdoor play.

"This 5K was our way of launching a community building event to gather people who are passionate about play and recess to come together for a day of fun and running, and it went well," he said. "We wanted to involve the community as much as possible. We have our kids practicing running at our schools, teach them what it means to be in a run club, and we tell them that if you play tag you're actually running and could run a race if you really wanted to. We also involve the parents. They're usually like 'my kids are going to run this race, I might as well, too.'"

Gay said the event has gotten much bigger than they thought it would. He said the



For many in the race, it is their first 5K ever, and Playworks wants to encourage more activity for children.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PLAYWORKS

event attracts more than 1,000 people a year and more than 500 runners.

"It was an ambitious goal, and now that we have opened it up to the public, all of a sudden you have this pretty large community event that's one-of-a-kind in my eyes," he said. "You have a lot of kids in low-income communities running in their first-ever 5K too, and you have the general public coming to run in the 5K at the world-famous cross-country course at Franklin Park. It's a pretty cool thing to be a part of."

The program has runners from all over the city, including from the Sumner School in Roslindale. Gay said they coach a running program at that school and usually get a big group.

"We will potentially have up to 20 runners and, hopefully, their families can come out and support them or participate in the race," he said, adding they also get a big contingent from neighboring Jamaica Plain. "Year after year after year there has been an amazing turnout and showing in the Manning School in JP. They have at least 50 runners and a lot of them are kids taking on the goal to run their first 5K and then the whole family comes to run with them. A few kids from the Manning School have actually won the race over the past few years."

The event is supported by Playworks' recess efforts, raising \$15,000. The race will have

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Council looks to bring Red Shirts back

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Red Shirts may be making a comeback in Boston this year, as once again Boston City Councilors are looking to bring back the Boston Youth Cleanup Program.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley both spoke in the City Council last week and called for a hearing to discuss bringing back the program, which started under Mayor Ray Flynn and continued until about eight years ago.

The program is essentially a youth summer job program for kids working under city government agencies — most consistently in the past the Department of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department — to clean up the city.

"I think our Main Streets Districts people would love to

see this activated, perhaps offer some revenue stream to try to pilot this, but it's a great program that teaches young Bostonians the great rewards of hard work with tangible results you can see," O'Malley said.

McCarthy said bringing back this program has also brought back some memories of his first job working for the city.

"The Red Shirts go way, way back," he said.

McCarthy brought up what has now become known as the Boston Miracle, which was the result of Operation Ceasefire, that helped to end violence impacting young people in the city back in 1996. He said while Operation Ceasefire was program directly focused on ending that violence, the Red Shirt program was instrumental in

Red Shirts

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South Boston NDC hosting Spring Stroll

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (SBND) is hosting a Spring Stroll next Thursday to promote the business district on East and West Broadway.

SBND Executive Director Donna Brown said supporting the business district in South Boston helps to support not only the NDC, but also other nonprofits as the local businesses are a direct line to the local charities in the area. She said the business community has always been helpful in their efforts to support affordable housing in the neighborhood.

“The local business owners are the ones who support local charities and support other local events and make the neighborhood more vibrant,” she said. “They just make the neighborhood a nicer place.”

The night will feature specials and discounts from all of the participating businesses, as well as live music and free transportation back and forth between the two Broadways.

“It’s a business promotion event and we sponsor it with the South Boston Chamber of Commerce and the 37 businesses will offer a variety of discounts that evening starting

at 5 p.m.,” she said. “We will also be hosting a Dixeland band, the Late Risers Quartet will be strolling east and the duo Stephanie and Luke will be strolling West Broadway at that time.”

While South Boston restaurants and retailers may seem like they don’t need the help – the streets are constantly clogged with cars and pedestrians going back and forth through West and East Broadway – Brown said it’s important to highlight what the neighborhood has to offer, because many of the residents, restaurants and businesses are new to the district and might not know everything Southie has to offer.

“I think for the local businesses, especially for retail, it can be very challenging,” she said. “Right now, even with the increase in population here, we want people to go out and we have a lot of new converts in the neighborhood, both businesses and residents and we want the stores to have the opportunity to introduce themselves with new residents.”

Brown said this year’s stroll is much bigger than last year’s, citing how important local businesses see the promotion.

“We’ve increased the number of participants from 25 to 37 businesses and there’s an

increase in businesses in the neighborhood,” she said. “We have some of the newer restaurants participating too, like the Lincoln and the Capo restaurants, which are all owned by the same group. We have a new place called Micro Plants Studio on West Broadway, which is a new plant store that sells fresh flowers. He opened up in February, so this is the first time he’ll be participating... We’ve got everything, Al’s Liquor’s on West Broadway and some of the salons on East Broadway are all participating.”

Brown said she’s particularly looking forward to the live music acts.

“The Late Risers are really good, they have performed in Downtown Crossing and we used them last year for the South Boston Street Festival,” she said. “They’ll go from business to business on east Broadway and hopefully the weather will be lovely. We’ve been really happy to have them and the duo Stephanie and Luke will perform on West Broadway. They do a mix of original music and cover songs, mostly folk and hip hop and popular favorites.”

Brown said free transportation between West and East Broadway will be provided by Pedicab, sponsored by Dedham



The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation is hosting a Spring Stroll to get more residents out and about in the business district.

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Savings Bank.

“That way, the customers don’t have to pay, they’re still encouraged to tip the peddler though,” she said. “Our business district here is very linear so it’s almost 1.5 miles from West Broadway to East Broadway, so this way people can shop and dine on both sides of the neighborhood... I don’t know how they do it because it’s really hilly here, but they take people all over the place and one of the drivers was telling me that they sometimes take people from Red Sox games from Fenway and will pedal them to Southie to take them home.”

Brown said these events help raise awareness for the SBND and their work in building and maintaining affordable housing in the neighborhood, which is sorely needed. She said they are now working to finish up 206 West Broadway, which is a former city-owned property for 16 units of affordable workforce housing. She said that project is looking to open in January 2019 and they will be hosting a lottery for those units in the fall. She said 46 units of elderly housing is slated to start construction on O’Connor Way by Andrew Square and will start the lottery process sometime in 2020.

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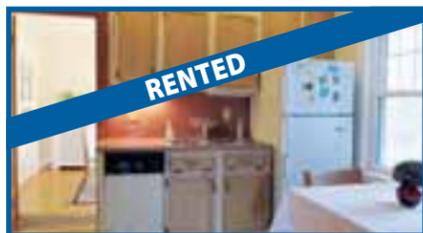
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CITYWIDE

BCYF ANNOUNCES ENROLLMENT FOR SNAPSHOT TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Boston youth ages 16-18 are invited to apply now for Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Snap Shot Teen Photography Program. This unique summer job program is made possible via a partnership between BCYF and the John Hancock MLK Summer Scholars Program. The BCYF Snap Shot program teaches youth about photography while they explore Boston's neighborhoods, museums and historic sites. The young people also photograph many BCYF community centers, programs and events.

A professional photographer teaches the program. Participants learn about different techniques, equipment and concepts. They are also introduced to a variety of professional photographers through books, websites and exhibitions in art galleries and museums around Boston. The program also includes field trips to different neighborhoods in Boston. At the end of the summer, their work is showcased at an exhibition.

The program will run from Monday, July 2 through Friday, Aug. 17. Participants will work 20 hours each week. Interested young people can apply by visiting BCYF's website at Boston.Gov/BCYF. Deadline for applying is Friday, June 1. For more information, contact Donna.Reeves@Boston.Gov.

PICS IN THE PARKS RETURNS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite Boston residents to participate in the free Pics in the Parks photography workshops taking place on five Sundays in April and May from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Individuals of all ages and skill levels are welcome to bring their cameras and participate in these

informal sessions led by a photography instructor. Participants will learn techniques for taking impressive photographs of Boston's scenic parks as well as be given a theme to focus on each Sunday. Select photos will be chosen for an exhibit at Boston City Hall.

Dates and locations are as follows:

May 6, Winthrop Square, 55 Winthrop St., Charlestown

For more information please visit the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment or www.boston.gov/parks. Participants must bring their own equipment and can register via email by contacting mavrick.afonso@boston.gov.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

UFO'S:

A Slide lecture with John Horrigan/Saturday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Brighton Library, 40 Academy.

57 READERS AND WRITERS PRESENTS THAT WAS ODD! ORIGINAL STORIES AND SONG

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., Faneuil Branch Library 419 Faneuil Street Oak Square, Brighton.

57 Readers and Writers: Named for the 57 bus route, this group writes on a selected topic and presents to the community. (Don't worry, there are not 57 readers performing.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT—NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

David Bernat on the violin and Jiarong Li, piano will perform on Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m. at the Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617)782-6032. Works will include: Bach-Partita No. 3 in E major Schubert-

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HYDE PARK

CHESS AND CHECKERS WITH CHARLIE

Children are welcome to come and learn to play chess or checkers with Charlie Cleary on Saturday afternoons. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Branch Library. Free to all. No registration required. Chess and Checkers with Charlie takes place on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 1-4 p.m. Located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

BOSTON RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL 9TH ANNUAL PLAYWORKS RUN

On Saturday, May 19, students and staff members from Boston Renaissance Charter School will participate in the 9th Annual Playworks Run for Recess 5K presented by Playworks New England in partnership with the New Balance Foundation. Funds raised through the family friendly 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run, which will take place along Franklin Park's world-famous cross country course adjacent to the zoo in Roxbury, will support play and physical activity in 140 elementary schools across New England.

Registration and start times are as follows:

Pre-Registration and Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., One Mile Fun Run begins at 10 a.m., 5K Run for Recess begins at 10:30 a.m., Recess noon to 1 p.m.

All ages welcome. Registration fees range from \$10 to \$50,

dependent upon route and group packages. All fees increase by \$5 for onsite at Franklin Park. To register for the 9th Annual Playworks Run for Recess 5K on May 19, to support a school team, or to volunteer, visit: <https://www.playworks.org/new-england/event/playworks-9th-annual-run-recess/>. For further questions, contact Karleen Herbst, Playworks New England Development Manager, at kherbst@playworks.org or call (617)-708-1734.

RESERVATION ROAD PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the third in a series of meetings to discuss upcoming improvements to Reservation Road Park. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the renovation of this park including skate park, artificial turf field, natural areas and parking lot. The Meeting takes place on Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. BCYF Hyde Park Community Center 1179 River Street, Hyde Park. For further information or to request meeting translation services, please call (617) 961-3019

BCYF SUMMER CAMP

The BCYF Hyde Park Community Center is currently accepting applications for summer camp. Camp is for children 7-12 years old and runs for 6 weeks starting on July 9. Stop by the community center to pick up your application today. Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River Street 617-635-5178.

JAMAICA PLAIN

JAMAICA POND PARK PATHWAYS COMMUNITY MEETING

Pathways and Perimeter Improvements Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Curley House 350 Jamaicaaway Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

The Boston Parks and Recreation

Department invites the public to the second community meeting for Improvements to Jamaica Pond Park pathways and perimeter improvements. For further information, please call (617) 961-3019.

ARBOUR HOSPITAL: "STAMPING OUT MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA"

Join Team Arbour for NAMI Walks Massachusetts 2018! The walk takes place on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Artesani Park, Boston, MA. You can sign up for the Walk here: www.namiwalks.org/massachusetts

If you have any questions please contact Duamarius Stukes at Duamarius.Stukes@uhsinc.com

WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CORRIB 5K RACE & KIDS FUNRUN

Registration is now open for the 25th Annual Corrib Classic 5k Race. The event will be held on Sunday, June 3 at noon beginning at Billings Field on La Grange Street, West Roxbury. Runners can download an application or register on-line at www.coolrunning.com by clicking on "Races/Results-June 3." The event website has comprehensive information on the race, post-race cookout and activities, and volunteer opportunities. Applications may be also picked up at Corrib Pub and Restaurant located at 2030 Centre St., West Roxbury. T-Shirts are given to the first 500 Pre-registered applicants.

The Race is Sponsored by the Cooperative Bank and supported by Gormley Funeral Services. Hosted by Bligh Family and Corrib Charitable Trust Board of Directors, the event has raised over \$1.2 million for local parkway charities.

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*Sal Giarratani
East Boston via Quincy*

BULLETIN'S PUBLISHING COMMENTS IS A DISGRACE

To the Editor:

Regarding your coverage of the April 17, 2018 meeting of the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council in your April 26, 2018 edition: 'WRNC votes approval of Cheriton project.' You chose to publish an Edgemere Road resident's terribly callous, juvenile, and ageist characterization of the elderly housing at Cheriton Heights as "... The Death Star..." That resident's use of those hurtful words in a public meeting is shameful. Your editorial decision to perpetuate that insult by publishing it is worse. On behalf of all of the proud elderly residents of Cheriton Heights and Cheriton Grove, I remain,

*Louis M. Kfoury III
President Cheriton Heights Housing, Inc.
West Roxbury*

NOT EVERYONE APPROVES OF SCHOOL LOCATION

To the Editor:

I find that recent Bulletin coverage of the proposed 900 student Roxbury Prep High School on upper Belgrade Ave. is confusing and misleading. The last two issues of the Bulletin have featured prominent coverage of a Roxbury Prep school sponsored rally of students and their families, a paid advertisement by Roxbury Prep, and supportive letters to the editor – all giving the false impression that the Parkway area supports the idea.

Fortunately, the April 25 meeting of the Greater Belgrade Ave. Neighborhood Association (GBANA) provided a true picture of the clear lack of neighborhood support for the idea. Over 50 area residents in attendance at the GBANA meeting were virtually unanimous in their opposition to the proposed school. As a nearby neighbor, I too am opposed to the school as proposed. I believe that the site location of a 900 student high school in any neighborhood should be determined through a strategic, public, and transparent community process that weighs many factors, including safety, access, area impact, economic impact, size, expansion capability, and available support and infrastructure. There is no evidence that the upper Belgrade site was identified in this manner.

Safety issues are of primary concern to community residents. Each and every weekday, over 1000 people would need to come and go from the site, which is wedged between speeding commuter trains and speeding autos on the Parkway and Belgrade Ave. This hardly seems to be a safe place to put 900 teenagers on a daily basis.

Access to transportation is also a major concern. There is no evidence that the bus and commuter rail transportation options can properly handle the volume envisioned. The commuter rail stop currently serves just 50 to 60 passengers per train. How will 500 or 600 passengers trying to board or get off a train be properly and safely served? What impact will this have on the train and bus schedules, and the thousands of Parkway and Needham residents who rely on them. Common sense says that many students and faculty will drive to school or be dropped off. The area is already gridlocked with commuters each day, leaving no capacity for more cars. Parking at the proposed site is very limited, at best. While school advocates keep saying everyone will take the T, the more likely reality is that cars will further clog the roads in the neighborhood, double parking will become a standard occurrence, and many students and their cars will end up being parked in the surrounding neighborhoods and business areas that are already burdened with commuters' cars.

The building size is another major concern. The one acre site plan calls for using all available space on the lot for a building that totals 85,000 square feet for 900 students - an allocation of just 94 square foot per student that is well below the MA school building authority minimum space standards of 200 square feet per student. The one acre site is consumed by the building, leaving no outside gathering or recreational space. Where are the kids going to gather outside of school? No building expansion is possible. When the issues of size and future potential are considered, it appears that that the proposed building will not solve Roxbury Prep's current space problem, but perhaps make it worse.

I think most people in the area applaud the idea of another high school option for Parkway residents. And the Parkway area also realizes this is an opportunity for a new community asset that we can all be proud of. But for so many reasons this is the wrong location. As many people at the recent GBANA meeting said - "Right idea. Wrong Location!"

*Bill Patten
Roslindale*

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participants from 49 elementary schools across the BPS district.

Gay said they also get a big contingent from Hyde Park's Boston Renaissance Charter School and Allston Brighton's Gardner Pilot School and the Winship School.

"The Gardner and the Winship School have had a lot of runners and Coach Leslie is our Recess Coach there at the Winship and she does a great job recruiting students. She had 10 kids and their families run, and I think for all those students it was their first 5K ever," he said. "We do have a lot of young adults who are Playworks supporters come out and run the race, including our young professional board called the Leadership Council. I'd say at least 10 individuals who live in South Boston run the race. It's great that you have these members who don't go to the schools, but with their families are out volunteering, running the race and supporting Playworks. We see a lot of young millennials support Playworks, too."

Gay said they have already raised half of their goal for the race.

"We're expecting that after we do all the sign ups we will raise the additional \$7,500 to support Playworks in schools," he said.

Participants can choose from one of two running routes along the Franklin Park Playstead Field. All runners will get a Playworks goodie bag. The first 400 runners registered will receive a free Playworks t-shirt. An award presentation for the top three finishers will



For many in the race, it is their first 5K ever, and Playworks wants to encourage more activity for children.

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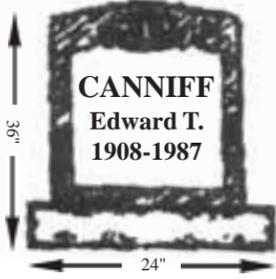
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tial units to condos. We explained that the reasons why we supported the original proposal of rental units instead of condos. Berkeley did email us to let us know that they were withdrawing.”

Berkeley bought the development rights from Paul Iantosca and Dan Mangiacotti for \$6.2 million on Sept. 2, 2016.

Hated by almost everyone in Jamaica Plain and the subject of rallies, sit-ins, campouts and petitions, 3200 Washington St. easily won BPDA and zoning approvals in August and September 2015.

Berkeley president Young Park spoke to the Bulletin on Sept. 19, 2016.

“We will abide by all commitments,” he said. “We want to be part of the community.”

In July 2107, Santander Bank provided \$21.5 million of financing to build the development.

“Berkeley assumed all affordable housing requirements of the rental units,” said project manager Esther Chung-Byun last November. “We will file the Affordable Fair Housing Marketing Plan as we get closer to lease-up.”

But the real estate world was shifting.

Berkeley Investments recently developed the 100-unit Millbank Lofts in Somerville as high-end rental; within a year after leasing it out, it changed its marketing to condominiums forcing tenants to either buy or move.



Berkeley Investments put up this sign on the construction fence last fall.

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“We felt the market was asking for more for-sale product, particularly at the upper end of the market,” Park told the Boston Globe on March 31. “There has been a lot of catching up. Supply increased on the luxury market front.”

Millbrook Lofts was renting out at \$3,000 to \$4,000 a month; Berkeley hoped to sell each for as much as \$850,000.

At least 3200 Washington St. was under construction; the concrete elevator shaft is built and steel framing is only up to the first floor.

Chung-Byun explained the history over the past month.

“We had an initial conversation with BPDA towards the end of March that indicated support for increased homeownership units in Jamaica Plain,” she said, “So we took steps to bring that conversation to the community. In the meantime we learned that rental had previ-

ously been an integral reason that many in the community previously supported the project. This was unknown to us. We had not been part of the previous permitting process and we were in the dark about this particular nuance. It was not at all our request to change something that had been so important to the community.”

Even though a community meeting had been scheduled, Berkeley did not file a Notice of Project Change letter; when Berkeley withdrew its proposal, the BPDA canceled the meeting on its website.

Under BPDA guidelines, if change from residential rental to homeownership had been accepted, and given the volcanic atmosphere of Washington Street this certainly would have been cried as betrayal, the Inclusionary Zoning Policy approved in August 2015 would still be in place.

Nine rental units in the main building would be roughly translated as five condominium units at 80 percent area median income (AMI) and five at 100 percent AMI.

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ingly – otherwise it could become inflammatory.”

Representatives from At-Large City Councilor Mike Flaherty, District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy, At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George, State Sen. Michael Rush, State Rep. Ed Coppinger and State Rep. Angelo Scaccia all said the elected officials are against the project. District 6 City Councilor Matt O’Malley said he is also against the proposal, saying simply it’s too large for the parcel at 361 Belgrade, and he said that a recent meeting between the Roxbury Prep representatives and the local elected officials, that he and the other elected officials stated so.

“It was somewhat of a contentious meeting,” he said. “We’re clear and unified in our opposition... The lot is simply too small for a project that size.”

O’Malley added that current Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) guidelines state that each school should provide about 200 square feet per student, and that the Roxbury Prep school falls well under half of that, but he added that the MSBA only provides guidelines for this, presumably because Massachusetts has many old school buildings that could not conform to these guidelines uniformly.

“We have told the mayor

and we have told the BPDA that we as a group are 100 percent against the project. They know exactly where we stand,” Coppinger said. “There was a huge dividing line between the groups on the table at that meeting. We’ve told everybody we’re against this, from the mayor on down.”

Coppinger added that his office has put together a letter of opposition to send to the mayor, but they have not sent it yet as the project has not been filed with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). He didn’t think the letter would be relevant just yet, but members of the BHNA asked if they could sign on and send the letter as soon as possible.

“We can do that,” Coppinger said.

According to school representatives, more than 1,200 letters of support from 200 individuals have been sent to local officials. Flaherty’s West Roxbury/Roslindale representative, Paul Sullivan, said they are getting four to five letters of support a week, and O’Malley and Coppinger said those opposed to the project have to get in gear as well in voicing their opposition.

West Roxbury Representative for the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Jack Duggan said Mayor Marty Walsh has not come down either way on this

project, as nothing has been filed, and Coppinger and other local officials said more voices needed to be added to the opposition to make sure the school doesn’t happen.

“We get tons of emails and letters,” Sullivan said. “I probably get four to five emails a week in support of Roxbury Prep and these things are being compiled and put into files. The more emails and postcards you can send to elected officials, the better.”

“At this time, we don’t have a stance one way or the other but we are taking in feedback from the neighborhood,” Duggan said. “Let me know how you feel.”

Officials said that all comments of opposition and support will be taken into account, including those from last year. GBANA member Mike Levesque said they should start organizing now and build a strategy for the next few months. He also said they need to get as much opposition as possible from the neighborhood, as he said he found fake flyers of support from GBANA last month.

“They were affiliated with the school, but they had a flyer out with our logo that I think actually said Greater Bellevue Neighborhood Association, and ‘Join the new organization and support the school,’” he said. “I think they also had the wrong email... They promised they’d stop doing that, but as members you should all have the right to know that, and the implication, while not specifically stated, was that we supported the school.”

For more information, go to gbana.org.

Red Shirts

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helping to end violence in the city by giving young people work.

“A lot of people, some maybe too young to remember, but the Boston Miracle was where no kids between 12 and 18 were killed in an entire summer,” he said. “That wasn’t a miracle at all, that was a lot of hard work. Working with Reverends and nonprofit organizations, we had tied everything tightly in a knot, we ran out of money, but at those times... there was never enough Red Shirts in Dorchester, you could have conquered a country with the amount of Red Shirts we had in Dorchester, but there was always room for more. The positive impact that the clean up corps made on the city was really second to none and I think as we drive through our districts and we see the small islands that may have some debris, you know we just don’t have the men and women to pick up every single piece of paper in the city, it just doesn’t work out that way.”

McCarthy said the work also helps prepare them for life and helps instill a feeling of possession among youth in the city.

“Those generations of kids who were Red Shirts, I guarantee you there was a feeling of possession, they own that park, so when somebody broke a bottle there was a feeling of ‘hey hey hey, my park, not yours,’ so it was a very positive impact on a lot of kids,” he said. “It’s also teaching them the soft skills, showing up on time, dressing appropriately, making sure you have your ID, leaving on time, signing in, signing out, the soft skills we take for granted won’t be taken for granted anymore.”

O’Malley said he will fight for the initiative during this year’s budget process.

“I will also continue to use this budget process to push for this and I think it makes sense to look at a pilot program perhaps for this year,” O’Malley said.

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CORRIB KIDS FUN RUN

The Corrib Kids Fun Run will take place on the morning of the annual Corrib Classic 5k Road Race on Sunday, June 3. The kids race is FREE and will begin at 10 a.m. at Billings Field, West Roxbury for boys and girls between the ages of 4-12. Fun run applications are available at the YMCA, The Cooperative Bank Branches, or the Corrib Pub. Runners can Pre-Register by Mailing the application by May 25 to KIDS FUN RUN, 195 Stimson Street, West Roxbury MA 02132. T-Shirts and medals will be given to the first 100 registered runners. Runners can also register on race day at Billings Field between 9 and 9:45 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Cooperative Bank and the Corrib Charitable Trust, Inc.

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Location: Cheriton Heights Apartments, 18 Cheriton Rd., West Roxbury.

Day and Time: Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Class Dates: May 24 thru June 28, 2018

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

BIRDING AT BROOK FARM

Bring your camera and binoculars and join New Brook Farm for bird watching at Brook Farm. Our walk will be led by expert birder

Debra Listernick.

Debra has volunteered to lead public programs and bird watching trips, banded migratory birds, and participated in bird counts, primarily for Massachusetts Audubon Society's (MAS) Joppa Flats sanctuary in Newburyport. Her birding places range from the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island to the La Milpa Field Station in Belize, where she conducted bird banding training sessions for researchers and naturalists, and to Cuba, where she participated in a Cuban Bird Survey. This January, Listernick co-lead a MAS trip along the Rio Grande Valley from El Paso to Albuquerque.

The outing will take place on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Brook Farm Historic Site, 670 Baker St., West Roxbury, 1/3 of a mile west of VFW Parkway.

New Brook Farm is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the Brook Farm Historic Site. Throughout the year NBF offers educational, arts, and environmental programming inspired by this "hidden gem." More information: newbrookfarm.org, info@newbrookfarm.org, or 617-694-6407.

The Brook Farm Historic Site is owned by the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation.

TODDLER TIME

Songs, fingerplays & stories for ages 0 - 2. Toddler times takes place on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. located at the Lecture Hall West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library 1961 Centre St.

PRE-TEENS ONLY! - SPAGHETTI DINNER

Learn to make spaghetti and meat sauce and sit down to a pre-teen dinner. Gluten free option available. Ages 9 -12, sign-up requested but not required. The Spaghetti Dinner takes place on Monday, May 7, 2018, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Learn to make spaghetti and meat sauce and sit down to a pre-teen dinner. Gluten free option available. Ages 9 -12, sign-up requested but not required. Located at the Lecture Hall West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library.

AUTHOR SERIES — FRANK LOVELL'S WORLD WAR II DIARIES

Join us for an Author Series Lecture with Mary Lovell. In Frank Lovell's World War II Diaries, we gain insight into the European war theater years, June 6, 1944 to Sept. 14, 1945: the private diaries of a chief warrant officer, Personnel Section, 60th Field Artillery, 9th Infantry Division, edited by Mary Lovell. The Author series takes place on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 1:30 – 3 p.m. located at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library.

AFTER-SCHOOL STORIES & ACTIVITIES

Stories, crafts, activities and events for ages 6 - 9. The Stories and Activities takes place on Monday, May 7, 2018, 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. located at the Lecture Hall, West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library.

ANIMAL TALKS

Monthly Parlor Meditations and conversations about the animals we love and remember.

Where: The Stratford St. United Church (77 Stratford St., West Roxbury – Corner of Stratford St. and Anawan Ave.)

Topic: Discovering Your Power Animal, Your Familiar
When: May 13, 2018 at 5 p.m. (and every second Sunday of the Month)

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4TH ANNUAL ROSLINDALE PORCH FEST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

The Roslindale Arts Alliance announces that the 2018 Roslindale Porch Fest will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 1:30-5:30 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 16. This family-friendly event showcases local talent all over Roslindale hosted by residents eager to provide their porches, driveways, yards, and gazebos as venues for free musical performances. Roslindale Porch Fest is free to all, thanks to our generous sponsors. Last year's event featured live music at 70 locations across Roslindale, with 110 music acts participating in styles ranging from folk to jazz to rock to reggae to classical, and a crowd estimated in the thousands.

Registration is now open for both hosts and musicians at <http://www.roslindalearts.org/porchfest>. The registration deadline is Aug. 1.

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RECIPE FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY: ROSE'S BOUNTY FOOD PANTRY

8 - 11:30 p.m., June 1 at Irish Social Club. 119 Park St. WR. Doors open at 7:30. Event to celebrate two years of successful operation of Rose's Bounty, West Roxbury's new food pantry, and to thank community and volunteers for their support. All proceeds will be used for food and supplies for the WR food pantry. The event includes live band, food, comedy, silent auction and more. Tickets available at Rockland Bank and Blue Hill Bank in WR. Discount for table reservations. For more information or ticket inquiries call 857-203-0404 or email Rosesbounty@gmail.com.

ARTS ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES THREE ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The Roslindale Arts Alliance announces the availability of three art scholarships (each \$500) to be awarded in May. Any Boston student

in grades 3 through high school are eligible to apply. These scholarships are possible through fund raising efforts during the 20th Anniversary* of It's All about Arts television show.

To be considered, send a short video (mp4 format) of your art and why you love it to glennsmusic.williams@gmail.com. Deadline to enter is May 18. Please indicate your age category: (1) Grades 3,4,5; (2) Grades 6,7,8 or (3) High School.

ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE SPRING DINNER AND DANCE

The Roslindale Day Parade Committee will host their Annual Spring Dinner and Dance on Friday evening, May 4, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at St. Nectarios Hall in Roslindale Village. The event will feature a dinner, special performances, two raffles, award presentations, a silent auction, followed by dancing to the music of DJ Glenn Williams.

The tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by sending an e-mail to info@roslindaleparade.com, or at the door of the event. The proceeds will go towards this year's 43rd Annual Roslindale Day Parade taking place on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018. For more information call 617-327-4886 or visit www.roslindaleparade.com

DEAR FRIENDS OF BOSTON SOUTH FAIR SKIES

We continue to build support and pressure for equitable use of Boston's airspace. However, we still need you and your neighbor's support to push for change. We invite you to the next community meeting open to the public: Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Roslindale Community Center 6 Cummins Highway. Agenda: 1. Updates on the Massport Community Advisory Committee's recommendations from Block I of the MIT research project. 2. Feedback from meetings with city councilors to push for more equitable use of Logan's Runway 27 for takeoffs. RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-wzoygw16mug_DWtdNtVjibKx8w-8gY9sTbGm0bCNf56vRw/viewform

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with the project would incline the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and Zoning Board of Appeals to deny a conditional-use permit to the company. Two years later, the company came back, and applied for an allowed-use permit and that was approved.

“No notification went to the community, I didn’t receive any notification, no one knew about this until a resident in the Codman Square community was walking down the street and saw Popeye’s was under construction,” said Campbell. “As you can imagine, she was shocked, she ran back and told all of her neighbors and everybody.”

Roslindale resident and Mount Hope Mount Canterbury Neighborhood Association member Rick Yoder said he is not happy with the current notification efforts the city utilizes. He said, for example, any project that had to go before the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals and asked a variance within the zoning code would be sent out as part of an email notification if a resident signed up for it. That service has ended.

“On the question of notification, last year until sometime in the middle of the year, you could get emailed notices to you by word of any zoning appeals that were coming up, so

you would know, you weren’t dependent on your Mayor’s representative, you could see every single one,” he said. “There’s no way you can now sign up for an email list, and it’s not on the city web site that you should check the Boston Herald or check it every day or go to a special web site where you can do a search which is clunky and I think intimidating to a lot of people. So basically, you can go to the city’s hearing notices, but those are only published five or seven days before a hearing, which is an absurd amount of time for a neighborhood to be notified, to have time to call their councilors or notify other neighbors, write up statements and do research.

Yoder said this makes it difficult for the neighborhood associations to keep up on what’s being built in their neighborhood.

“Right now, much could get by us unless you have someone who is dedicated to check the damn thing every day,” he said.

Dorchester resident Davida Andelman also said information to the public has also been thinning in terms of notifying residents of upcoming projects, especially from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)

“A few years ago, ONS actually sent out notifications to community groups and commu-

nity leaders about as-of-right projects and I think that lasted maybe for a year or less, and then all of a sudden the list stopped,” she said. “I would like to propose, and I’m sorry Mr. Christopher, but not everyone can get down to 1010 Mass Ave. during working hours and look at plans that are submitted and descriptions of projects and who owns the project, a lot of people are not computer literate and frankly, the ISD website is not easily navigable for people who are not that computer literate, so I would like to suggest that there be signage placed wherever as-of-right projects are happening with the project description, the owner and contractor’s name, address and phone numbers, the duration of project and the permit number and also the city phone number where people can call if they have issues with what is going on.”

The council asked ISD Commissioner William Christopher about what some residents call a strategic withdrawal or deferral when it is their turn to go for a vote before the ZBA when asking for a variance. Residents contend that if the project is opposed by the neighborhood, they try to organize as many people as possible to go to the ZBA hearing held either late morning or early afternoon, and the developer will pull out of the hear-

ing. Residents say this is done to sap opposition from the project, as organizing said opposition for that time period when the ZBA meets is difficult. When that opposition is not so numerous, the developers come back and the project generally gets approved right under the nose of the neighborhood.

Campbell pointed out that currently, any developer that must hold an abutters meeting must flier an effective area of 300 feet around the address of the proposed project. Mostly this is for projects that require a variance or will go through the BPDA’s Article 80 review process (which requires more separate meetings if the project is more than nine housing units or 20,000 gross total square feet). She said that they could consider expanding that radius and possibly mailing the affected residents directly instead of flyering.

“We could possibly also do the notifications in different languages,” she said. “We know some of the great and good developers, they won’t go through the ONS, they would come to us and work with us directly to do their own flyering and do the notifications in different languages to make sure that not only the owners of record would get the notifications, but the tenants in the units also get notification and we see the participation at a community meeting with respect to a proposed project is more well-attended.”

Christopher pointed out that even now with mailing notifications to resident’s presents problems. He also said that the court system currently sets that 300-foot limit for flyering because the judges have made the determination that any person objecting outside that radius would not have any legal standing because the project wouldn’t have any effect on them at all.

“Even with the registered mailing notifications we send out people say ‘we never got them, we never got them,’ and we have the return receipt,” he said. “I think mailing, to me, is not the real answer. Signage, I think that’s a great idea. In Atlanta, that’s what they do.”

“That’s something we could do in the City of Boston,” she said.

Christopher added that the city could also change the 300 feet radius as well. District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey said she would want notification of some form even if a building is being demolished for upcoming construction.

“I would think that I would want to be notified that this was happening if only to know not to park my car there,” she said. “To be aware of the noise and the dust, I mean if my child has asthma, I just would want to be notified.”

Christopher said the change in that requirement would have to go through a City Council ordinance or a change in the zoning code.



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Neponset River Cleanup volunteers stand by their bags near the intersection of Truman Highway and Neponset Valley Parkway.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

shirts and holding telltale trash pickers and/or trash bags make their way back to the Martini.

A couple pauses to look into the wetlands near where the River heads under Truman and toward the remnants of industrialization. They're from Eastie, taking their friend Lara up on her offer to see where Hyde Park is.

In the parking lot of the Martini Memorial Shell Park, two dumpsters are piled high with trash bags. DCR Parks Supervisor Richard Kimball estimates 300-400 bags.

"This is a massive help for us in the Parks. Huge. Plus, we're getting ready for spring, so it's a busy season," he said.

Kimball goes on to explain that volunteer groups are frequent and welcome.

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crisis but I think the administration is not looking carefully enough that existing units are ill-used at the moment and that's unfortunate."

Carragee said the group is looking to advocate for more owner-occupancy units in the neighborhoods, as most of the housing proposals coming in now are rental units.

"That's going to lead to a further decrease in our owner occupied rate, so we are at a dramatic tipping point. I mean, Allston's owner occupancy rate is 10 percent currently, with the housing being proposed in Allston mostly rental, it will decline and Brighton's owner occupied rate has declined over the last few years," he said. "That's a disaster in terms of increased transience."

Carragee pointed to the new Allston Yards proposal, which will be hosting a community meeting at the Jackson Mann Community Center on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. He said BACC will have a presence at that meeting and others for the proposal moving forward.

"A thousand units? Overwhelmingly rental? We're going to oppose that as it's presently defined," he said. "Keep in mind it's being proposed by a multinational corporation with great assets, and one would think that such a corporation would be able to do research on the community where they want to propose housing, and they're proposing housing that doesn't meet our communities' needs, which is housing where people are going to put down roots. I think the Stop and Shop development (as it is known by the neighborhood) is a decisive moment in the future of the neighborhood."

Carragee added they would also be advocating for better public transportation so as to accommodate the incoming density.

"If you're going to build housing, you need public transportation and public transportation in Allston and Brighton is a joke," he said. "The buses are always bogged down in traffic, and to take the B Green Line, you have to bring a Russian novel and by the time you get Downtown at Park, you're definitely finished with it... Other than the new Commuter Rail Station at New Balance, that's been the only solution and West Station is being battled over and how can you build so much housing without public transportation improvements. I would also point out that the MBTA doesn't come to any of our (Allston Brighton's development) meetings."

To join the Brighton Allston Community Coalition, send your contact information (name, address and email) to: bacommunitycoalition@gmail.com.

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SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18C0125CA

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

In the Matter of: Julian N Grullon
Of:

To all person interested in petition described:
A petition has been presented by Julian N Grullon requesting that:
Julian N Grullon be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:
Julian N Jimenez
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Boston**
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON:
05/24/2018
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: April 24, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin, 05/03/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Suffolk Division Docket No. SU16P0554EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

Estate of: John Xavier Doherty
Date of Death: 05/05/1985

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:
Mary E Lyons of Canton, MA
requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 05/23/2018.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: April 11, 2018
Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin, 05/03/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. SU18P0707EA

Estate of: Sara M. Atencio Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 01/10/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Jamie M. Lucas of Belfast, ME
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Jamie M. Lucas of Belfast, ME
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 06/05/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 24, 2018
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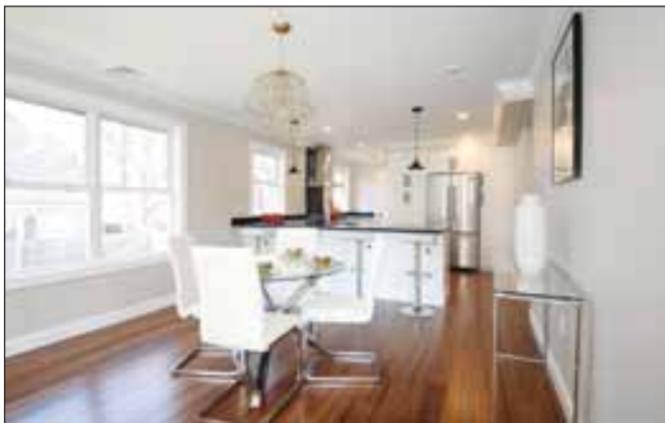
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