

Boston City Council approves electric scooter ordinance



The scooters are on their way for Boston, as the City Council voted to accept a pilot program last week.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted last week, on March 27, to approve an ordinance that would allow the start of a pilot program for electric scooters in the city.

The issue has been a big debate, because many scooters just started showing up on the city streets illegally. While those scooters have been seen less in Boston recently, Brookline just recently kicked off its scooter program and within 15 minutes of the opening event, one per-

son suffered a head injury requiring a trip to the hospital.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley said he is glad to see the process moving forward on electric scooters.

"This is an incredibly exciting first step," he said. "We've seen other cities have tremendously successful rollouts of micro mobility, particularly of electric scooters, and we've seen others that have had some fits and starts from the beginning, so we're going to do it right, we're going to do it the Boston

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Hundreds come to support Mark Bavis Foundation

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

More than 600 community members gathered at the Irish Social Club on Saturday, Mar. 30, to attend a St. Patrick's Day celebration with the band the Fenian Sons to support the Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation. The night included raffles, a silent auction, drinks, a sit down dinner, dancing, and live music. All proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships for local kids in the Parkway and Hyde Park areas.

Mark Bavis grew up in Roslindale, and discovered his love of hockey at the age of four in the Hyde Park Rink. He played hockey for Boston University, then played profession-

ally. In 1989, he was drafted by the NY Rangers in the 9th round and played several seasons of minor pro hockey. Afterwards, he decided to focus on coaching young, aspiring athletes. From 1997 to 1999, he was an assistant coach at Harvard University. From 1999 to 2000, he was an assistant coach with the Chicago Freeze. He was an incredible mentor for many kids involved in youth hockey.

Tragically, Mark Bavis died on United Airlines Flight 175 on September 11, 2001. He left behind a legacy of "unyielding character and devoted friendship, of brotherly love and athletic passion, of strong family values and unshakable faith."

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Housing starts in JP slowed because of neighborhood opposition



Residents and abutters pack the March 20 JP zoning committee meeting opposing new housing.

PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

More and more organized neighbors pack a hall and delay, stop or vastly change new housing in Jamaica Plain. Nothing illustrated that better than the March 20 Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee meeting jammed with rowdy residents.

Zoning committee member Gerry O'Connor summed up the prevailing ideology in allegedly liberal Jamaica Plain.

"Neighbors have a property right," he said, "to have a say on a building being built next to them."

Omer Hecht of Marmion St, who regularly attends most JP neighborhood council

meetings, was unhappy.

"Abutters complaining," he said, "are driving up the cost of housing. Lower units, smaller buildings mean increased rents. This is ridiculous."

The scarcity of land means building housing on every available lot. Matthew Hayes wants to build on land he's owned for 17 years around his auto body shop at 19 Rock Hill Road, a cul-de-sac off Paul Gore Street behind a row of triple deckers.

He told the zoning committee that he and his architect Ed Forte have been trying to build on it for three years.

Forte showed the latest modified design of a three-story building with a fourth floor set back with dormers, a 15-unit

building replacing three ramshackle garages. The ground floor will have 20 parking spaces.

The last abutter meeting was held on January 19. In response to concerns, Hayes said there will be no balconies or porches, all utilities will be built below the roofline and be "whisper quiet" to mollify Cranston Street neighbors who live on the cliff above the new building.

Hayes was sensitive about living costs.

"I'm going to discount the market rate rents," he said. "Ten to 15 percent below market. We've dressed up the building, I'm proud of that. I'm also very sensitive to

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Powerful poetry presentation speaks to MAC audience

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

A pair of powerhouse published poets performed some of their works at the Menino Arts Center (MAC) at 26 Central Ave., headlining a Sunday afternoon event on March 31 that included a Hyde Park poetry group.

Charles Coe and Linda Carney-Goodrich each started out from different backgrounds. However, they combined their life experiences into a moving exploration of society.

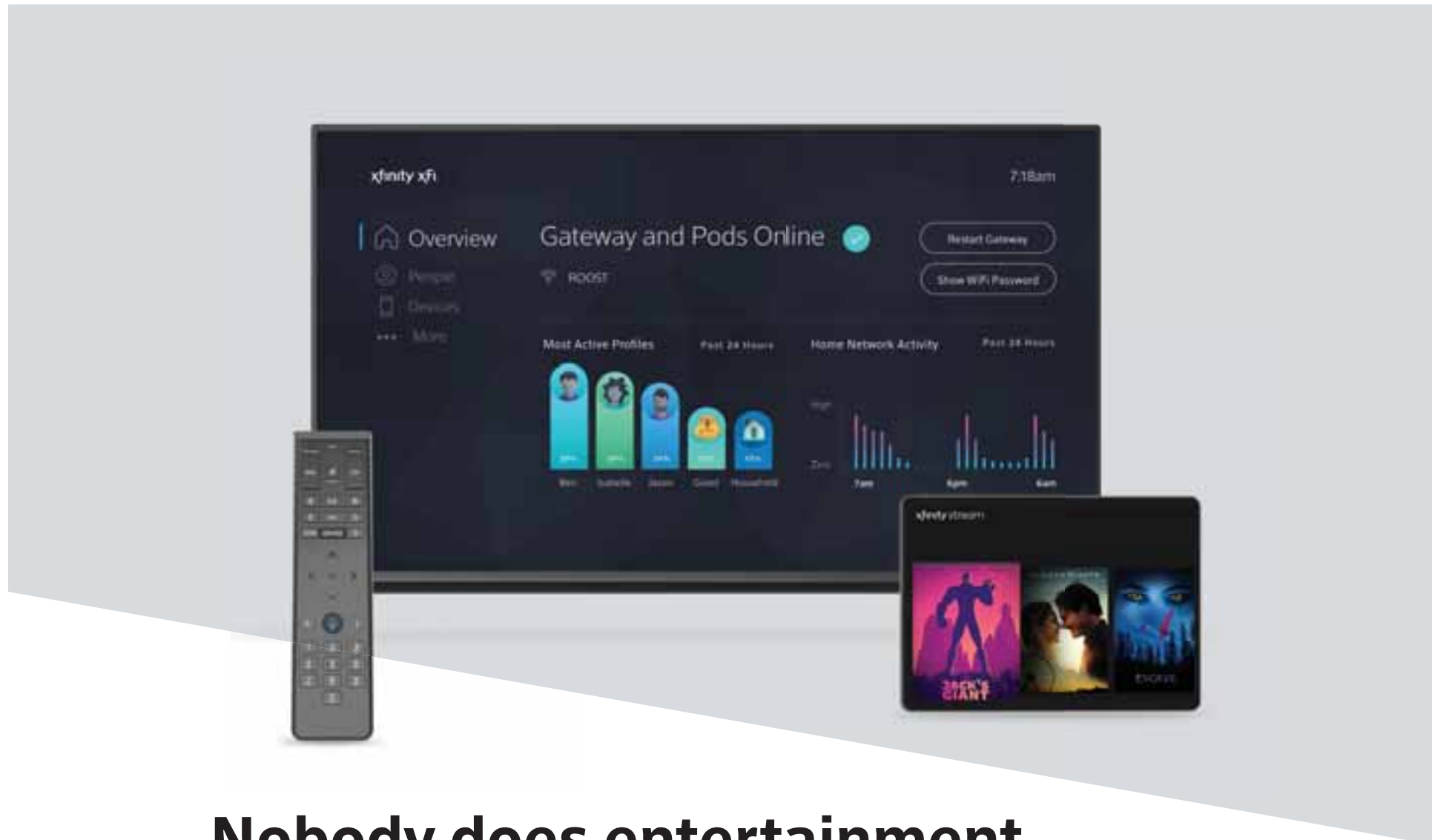
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Charles Coe and Linda Carney-Goodrich (left to right) read poetry for residents and Carney-Goodrich sang before her reading.

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Roxbury Prep sees low turnout at recent meeting

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Last week on Wednesday, March 27, the Boston Planning and Development Agency held a meeting for residents regarding the Roxbury Prep High School proposed for 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The meeting was set up in a science-fair fashion, in that various aspects of the project were broken down into stations with project leaders of each aspect lined up ready for questions from the public.

The only thing missing? People. There were few if any times throughout the three-hour meeting when members of the public outnumbered members of the team and city representatives.

“We felt that additional community process and engagement was necessary and so we chose to host this open house meeting,” said BPDA Project Manager Aisling Kerr. “We wanted to give folks the opportunity to come in and if they just wanted one specific question answered they could go directly to that station and get some one-on-one time with the representatives. That is something you don’t get at regular public meetings. We just thought this was a good, different form for engagement and

we’ve had success with other projects across the city.”

At-Large City Councilor Althea Garrison stopped by the meeting to let residents know she’s against the project.

“I think the school would negatively affect the West Roxbury area in terms of traffic and safety,” she said. “I mean I’ve seen charter schools where the kids are rowdy. Like Downtown, when the charter school there gets out, they’re like running and yelling and screaming and all that. It presents a safety issue.”

Roxbury Prep representative Autumn McLaughlin said despite vocal community opposition to the project, she felt if they could change the mind of even one opposition member it was a worthwhile meeting.

“I think everyday more and more people are seeing the benefits of having a school in their neighborhood, but at this point we’re just here to answer questions,” she said. “This meeting was not necessarily held to garner support, but we hope to answer questions and hopefully turn a few no’s into yes’s and get them on our side.”

Resident Chuck McDevitt said he was still against the proposal after the meeting.

“I came out because I’m against it. I’m against the con-



There were few times during the three-hour meeting that residents actually outnumbered officials and Roxbury Prep representatives.

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gestion of the intersection of West Roxbury Parkway and Belgrade Avenue,” he said. “There’s been too many accidents already on the corner there and near the bridge there. They have to figure the buses. I mean on the bus, it goes to the VA Hospital, so you’re going to have Catholic Memorial kids, West Roxbury High kids, VA workers and patients. That’s my other concern; it’s going to be an overcrowded bus situation where potentially people trying to get to

work could have to wait for another bus. No one seems to address that. I mean it’s overcrowded now.”

Another resident said she’s kind of indifferent to the project, but she has some problems with residents who she feels are not full affected by the project voicing strong opposition or support.

“I think that if you’re an immediate abutter, you should totally be able to oppose or be in favor of the project. My objection comes from the people

weighing in who are much further away,” she said. “Seriously? This doesn’t even really impact you. I mean for me, I leave in the morning for work before school starts and I come home when it’s already over, so it doesn’t affect me. My kids are grown and out in the world, so it’s really not my thing.”

Resident Mike Levesque said he and four other residents he spoke with had heard from

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Editorial

ROLLING THE DICE

There are great ideas. There are tragically dumb ideas. There are also brainstormers that fall directly between those characterizations. The idea of populating our streets with electric scooters is what we had in mind with that description.

The Town of Brookline recently allowed a California-based, scooter-sharing company to set up shop.

The Brookline scooters, in theory, are not allowed to move beyond the town's borders. We wouldn't exactly put money on that being the case, but time will tell. Don't fret though. Scooters are coming to Boston soon enough.

Late last month, the Boston City Council voted to allow privately managed electric scooters onto city streets. The ordinance authorizing the scooters and establishing the licensing protocols came from the desk of Mayor Marty Walsh. Gov. Charlie Baker has also entered the fray. In January, he filed a bill (still under consideration by the State Legislature) to exempt the scooters from state requirements to have turn signals and brake lights.

The idea on paper, if not actual execution, is an intriguing one. Proponents say the scooters are another step toward creating a comprehensive transportation infrastructure, one that can reduce the use of cars and earn the city revenue while reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

There are problems. San Francisco – and more locally Cambridge and Somerville – have been besieged with abandoned scooters in various stages of disrepair.

That is our first concern. Rather than the “use it and leave it anywhere” approach of scooter companies, there must be a better way to conclude your rental. The idea, we suppose, was to keep things simple and encourage greater use with the convenience of not having a formal drop-off procedure. In theory, GPS units on the scooters guide company employees to where scooters were left so they can be efficiently and quickly retrieved. This system, no matter how well-intentioned, has fallen apart in some cities. We don't need to add Boston to that list.

Another concern is the effect of electric scooters on pedestrians. Users will range from expert riders to the clumsy, wobbly, and uncertain. Scooters will be as much a nuisance on sidewalks as streets. Bike lanes offer no safe alternative as scooters will be just as much a hazard to bicyclists.

We had to chuckle when reading a pro-scooter commentary recently in the New York Times. The author urged cities to “create protected scooter lanes and encourage drivers to give them more room.” Pro-tip: No rational city or state leader should even, for a second, consider dedicated scooter lanes. Bike lanes are bad enough. The cost and logistics required to make such a scooter-based plan is absurd.

You know how annoying those Segways are as they roll along guided tours of the North End and Freedom Trail? These new mobility devices have the potential to be much, much worse.

Scooter fans may ultimately prove us wrong. For now, however, we remain convinced that our public officials are being seduced by the unproven promises of a fad.

There are some who think that the most important persons in the education of a child are the parents—the ones who, after turning off the television and clearing off the kitchen table, help the child memorize the number facts ($8 + 9 = \text{what}$), times tables, spelling, the continents, the oceans, the state capitals, list of prepositions, etc.. There are those who claim the second most important person is the actual teacher in front of the child helping her/him differentiate a simile from a metaphor. Next most important would be the vice principal or whoever else preserves law and order in the cafeteria, hallways, and playground, or removes a recalcitrant student from a classroom. Then would come the principal, who selects the staff (and hopefully fires incompetent staff).

One of the persons in this hierarchy furthest removed from the students might seem to be the superintendent. But this borders a tad on the absurd, because the superintendent for Boston Public has to address the appointments of headmasters, deal with unions, solve the proliferation of

students deemed “special needs,” attempt to meld non-English speaking pupils into regular education classes, try to mitigate the disparity of academic achievement between Asian/whites and black/brown pupils, and strive not to increase the school budget by double-digit percents.

Beholden to the School Committee and, to a lesser extent, the mayor, the next Boston Public Schools superintendent should not be able to walk away with a \$455,000 check if she/he incurs a buy-out of the contract, as Tommy Chang just did, when the School Committee bid him adieu before his job expiration. That extra several hundred thousand would have paid for a lot of school trips to the MFA and Museum of Science.

I'd like to request one thing for the next superintendent (probably arrived at after a national search incurring costs of tens of thousands of dollars): demand that principals push Boston's talented students to participate in statewide competitions, and not necessarily athletic.

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Dorchester High School) won the Division II boys state basketball tournament—a credit to Boston Public. Regrettably, it had to eliminate another Boston Public School, New Mission, in its quest's later stages. Boston Latin boys' hockey team was eliminated near the end of the state hockey tourney by Tewksbury. In the All-States and

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Celebrating One Boston Day

Every year on the third Monday in April, tens of thousands of athletes gather in Hopkinton, and begin the 26.2-mile journey to Boylston Street in Boston. All along the Marathon route, spectators cheer on their friends, family members, and complete strangers. It brings our city together like nothing else. That's why the Boston Marathon is much more than a road race. It's a celebration of everything Boston stands for — our grit and heart; our resilience and hope.

In recent years, the Marathon has come to stand for something even bigger. April 15, 2013 left our city reeling — it was one of our city's darkest days. But it also showed us the generosity and compassion of everyday people. We came together as one community, as one Boston, and we showed the

world what it meant to be Boston Strong. We showed that we would never let the darkness win. And we vowed to take back the finish line.

Over the last six years, we have turned the Marathon into a movement. April 15th will always be One Boston Day. It's a Citywide day of service, reflection, and healing. It serves as a way to celebrate the resilience, kindness, and strength demonstrated by the people of Boston and around the world in response to the tragedy. We honor those we lost, and those whose lives changed forever, with acts of kindness, big and small. It's a day when Boston shines brightest. And it's a tradition that we will continue for years to come.

This year, for the first time since 2013, One Boston Day



Mayor's Column

Martin J. Walsh

and the Marathon fall on the same day. It will still be a citywide day of service. I call on everyone to do something

Mayor Walsh

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Letters to the Editor

LIKE FALMOUTH IN THE SUMMER?

To the Editor:

I attended the Feb. 27 meeting at the Elks Club focusing on Centre Street pedestrian safety and reducing Centre Street to one lane in each direction instead of the current two lanes.

I want to be very clear that one fatality on any street is one too many. However, there have been major advances in pedestrian safety/traffic calming measures that can be accomplished without implementing this drastic proposal. I would like to caution the residents of West Roxbury and City Councilor Matt O'Malley of the impacts that

this lane reduction will have to our neighborhood in a much broader sense.

Professor Peter Furth of Northeastern had his students submit a study two years ago. In short, he proposes that Centre Street should have a sidewalk, a protected cycle track against the curb, a parking lane, one travel lane for cars/trucks and a 4' wide concrete center median, therefore, restricting vehicle travel to one lane bordered by parked cars and a raised median. He stated this is what “civilized” countries do. Does the Northeastern professor live in West Roxbury? Is he or his students familiar with traffic patterns as

we are?

He also stated that MA motorists pay for these improvements by raising the gas tax.

The professor says that this will be a beneficial “road diet” and traffic will actually miraculously flow smoother and get this—there will be no impact on the side-streets off of Centre Street since congestion will be resolved. He also proposes in his report for the REMOVAL of several traffic signals along Centre Street. How does this possibly increase pedestrian safety? As I stated at the Feb 27 meeting, his report is “all show ponies and

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Community leaders and Mayor Walsh vow to make Boston count in the 2020 census

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, non-profit leaders and community members recently launched a year-long outreach campaign to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census. At a kick-off event held today at the East Boston branch of the Boston Public Library, the Mayor announced the City will invest an additional \$100,000 in his FY20 budget that will be released next week to support Boston's outreach efforts by providing grants to community-based organizations and more support to City departments. This is in addition to a FY19 investment of dedicated staffing resources to support the City's census efforts announced in the Mayor's 2019 State of the City address.

The census will be issued exactly one year from today, starting the decennial count that determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

"We have been hearing threats from Washington to use the 2020 Census as another weapon to intimidate residents and weaken our democracy," said Mayor Walsh. "This is unacceptable at a time when our representation and federal funding are at stake. We recently appointed a census liaison within my administration and are kicking off this outreach campaign a year in advance to make sure every resident of Boston is counted, because every resident of Boston counts."

The kickoff event highlighted a range of collaborations across the city focused on ensuring that all Boston residents are aware of the upcoming census, know why it's important, and are prepared to participate. Next year's Census faces unprecedented challenges, including significant underfunding of the U.S. Census Bureau, the nearly all-digital nature of the surveys, and the possible inclusion of a citizenship question.

Data from the 2010 Census determine around \$16 billion every year in federal spending for critical programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, affordable housing initiatives, Title I education funding, and infrastructure in Massachusetts. For every one person that's not counted on the Census, the state loses out on roughly \$2,400 of federal funding.

Despite the amount of federal resources at stake, there are multiple hard-to-count populations that reside in Massachusetts that historically have made a complete census count difficult. This is due in part to the state's population of recent immigrants, renters, college students, and other hard-to-count populations. Boston is the ninth hardest-to-count city among the largest 100 cities nationwide, according to a recent report by Boston Indicators and the Boston Foundation.

"The library's mission is to support this work of civic engagement," said David Leonard, president of the Boston Public Library, where

today's kick-off event was hosted. "We will continue being a trusted information provider, a safe space, and help everyone be counted, whether you arrived yesterday, ten years ago, or have been here for many, many generations."

Alexie Torres, chair of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund, said trusted messengers will play a particularly important role in compelling individuals from hard-to-count communities to participate in the 2020 Census.

"The Massachusetts Census Equity Fund just announced the first half a million dollars in grants to over 40 organizations across the state, all to ensure that fear doesn't drive us into darkness," said Alexie Torres. "Darkness can only be cast out when we stand in the light. We must come together and support trusted messengers to highlight what's at stake for the 2020 census."

For more information on the City's outreach efforts to ensure a fair and complete count, please visit boston.gov/2020-census.

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The venue reverberated with the themes of Boston memories, racism, gender discrimination, war, domestic violence and mortality. Yet there were many lighter moments too, including times when both poets broke into song.

Coe, who lives in Cambridge, previously had two books of poetry collections published, entitled *Picnic on the Moon and All Sins Forgiven: Poems for My Parents*. His latest book, *Memento Mori*, was just published this month. All were published by Leapfrog Press.

"This is the first event where I am reading from a physical copy of the book," he said. "I still get a thrill when I hear Amazon deliver a box of books on my porch."

"Memento Mori means 'The memory must die' in Latin," he explained. "But the Romans didn't mean it that way. They meant it more like, 'Carpe diem,' or 'Seize the day.'"

Coe began his career as a successful jazz vocalist, touring with many groups throughout New England.

"I was a singer for many years," Coe said during an interview. "Then I began reading the poetry of Robert Frost and Langston Hughes. I thought, 'Wow! Those are real storytellers. I want to be able to tell stories like that.'"

He said that he likes to write about themes that people can identify with, such as the communities they live in and the characters that inhabit them.

Coe, a 2017 Artist-in-Residence for the City of Boston, also talked about the growing interest in poetry, including in the millennial generation.

"You can see a lot of art in communities like Hyde Park

and Roslindale," he said. "And along with that, you are seeing more poetry nights and poetry slams."

A lot of older people are beginning to re-experience and enjoy poetry later in life – and begin writing it in community groups.

"I feel like a lot of people who say they don't like poetry have been traumatized by a schoolteacher," he said.

Carney-Goodrich drew on her life experiences as well as those of her working-class Dorchester family to channel her emotions into poetry. Like Coe, she began her career not as a writer but as a theater performer.

"My grandfather was a poet," she said. "My mother wanted to be, but life circumstances didn't allow her to do so."

Carney-Goodrich, a teacher who runs the Home Scholars of Boston homeschool program, said she agreed with Coe about children needing to pursue their love of language at an early age.

"I think about poetry as arts and crafts with words," she said, noting that she is holding a class called "Poetry for Non-Poets," beginning Tuesday, April 23 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Carney-Goodrich, a four-time winner of the Mayor's Poetry Contest, first became inspired to write poetry in the Hyde Park Poets group eight years ago. Jim Michmerhuizen, who runs the group and hosted the event, encouraged her. Since then, she has become known for her poems "Dot Girl" and "Vodka, Beer and Cigarettes", which were published in *City Of Notions: An Anthology of Contemporary Boston Poems*.

"The biggest issue you have when you write poetry is that



Dozens of residents came out to the Menino Arts Center on Sunday to hear selected works of two local Hyde Park Poets.

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you have a little box with locks on it," Michmerhuizen said. "The question is, 'What do you want to do?'"

Carney-Goodrich grew up in foster care and experienced domestic violence. She used poetry as a catharsis, reminiscing about growing up in Dorchester, walks on Tenean Beach, corned beef and cabbage dinners and coping with poverty and trauma.

A couplet from one of her poems encapsulated her experiences: "Your body must retain/Truths you can't recall."

Coe also drew on life experiences in writing *Memento Mori*, talking about how he had brain surgery in 2000 to remove a tumor.

"I didn't want to just write a poem called, 'My Brain Surgery,'" he said. "So I called it a comedy in three acts."

"A lot of people can relate to poetry," Carney-Goodrich said. "In this Facebook world, you have these idealized pictures. But sometimes people are in unspeakable pain. That's when you have to write your truth."

They agreed that poetry is an important vehicle for the younger generation especially to express their deepest emotions. However, both steer away from the more modern concept of poetry slams.

"I don't like readings where you feel you have to compete with someone or put

someone down," Carney-Goodrich said.

"It's like music," Coe agreed. "There are different genres. Poetry slams are not for me. I would much rather participate in a poetry reading."

And Coe not only read his poems – he sang the blues.

He performed a moving rendition of "Black and Gold" in a rich baritone that had the audience of 25 stunned.

He also read one of his poems from his new book called "Inventory," which was dedicated to the poets of the Norfolk Correctional Institution, as well as others, including "Bowling with the Pope" and, a crowd favorite, "Saga of the Fish Sticks."

Before her reading, Carney-Goodrich also burst into song, keeping with the Catholic theme by performing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

After the intermission, a group of Hyde Park poets read their works. They included Paul Osbourne, Adele Rothman, Mike Ball, Sasja Lucas and Kathryn Collins.

"I can be inspired by a dream or a phrase I read," said Collins, who delivered a poem called "Bonanza" about the classic TV show. "I had a dream about Hoss riding an elephant across the plains."

"Most of the things we write about are the things we see on a day-to-day basis," said Osbourne, whose wife is an author.

Rothman, an artist, said she became involved in the poetry group accidentally.

"I originally thought it was a group about how to read poetry, not how to write it," she said. "I've always had a great love of poetry, because you can say what is inexpressible."

Rothman, who delivered poems and haiku, added that it can be more challenging to be a writer than a painter.

"But either way, you have to stare at that blank space," she said.

Scooter Ordinance

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way. I'm a big supporter of micro mobility for some key reasons; they help move people around, they remove cars from the road, they help us lower our greenhouse emission and if done right, it can actually generate revenue for the city."

O'Malley pointed out the ordinance would allow the city to gain control of the business so it doesn't create a problem, like they have in places such as San Francisco, where residents find piles of scooters on public ways.

According to the ordinance, no vehicle will be allowed to be rented while on public property and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) Commissioner will have the authority to regulate the number of allowed scooters and business licenses. The issuance of those licenses will have several requirements, including, but not limited to, the restriction that no unattended scooter will block a public way, they must have the ability to lock down individual vehicles remotely when they are deemed to be unsafe and that the maximum speed for a scooter will be 15 miles per hour.

The ordinance also currently requires that any business looking to set up in a particular area must define its areas of operation and then also be required to meet with community and business groups of those areas ahead of launching service.

The ordinance also states that the city shall create a Small Vehicle Sharing Business Advisory Committee, which will have a representative from the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, a representative from the Disabilities Commission, the City Council President or other councilor and a representative from the Environment Department.

According to the ordinance, the committee shall be the go-to for the BTD on issues that may come up in the future regarding scooters, and will report quarterly to the Mayor and the City Council. The BTD Commissioner will also have the authority to impound scooters and impose fees related to the collection and storage of said impounded vehicles.

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The 2019 Pride Parade Grand Marshal Dale Mitchell, Marshal Ava Glasscott and Honorary Marshal Chris Harris (posthumous) will be recognized and the 2019 Pride theme, "Looking Back, Loving Forward" will be formally introduced. In addition, Boston Pride board members will present a preview of 2019 Pride Week celebrations. Learn more about Boston Pride and hear about what’s in store for 2019, including volunteer opportunities. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Boston Pride Office, 12 Channel Street, Suite 503. Boston, MA

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2019 Toyota 4Runner

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The 2019 4Runner was a big surprise to me. The outside style looks much more modern, especially the front grille design. The entry is also much lower than it was in previous model years. The interior design is well-thought out with all the large, round control knobs within reach. No need to go to school to learn how to operate any controls. The seating is very supportive and comfortable; front seats are heated.

Power comes from a 4.0 liter, 6-cylinder, 270 horsepower engine via an automatic transmission. The ride is smooth – not rough or harsh like previous years. The engine is also very quiet under all driving conditions.

There is room for four to sit comfortably, five in a pinch. The 4Runner does not ride like an SUV, and handles more like a car. There is no question that this Toyota 4Runner is a winner.

The base model SRS RWD starts out at \$34,910; AWD is \$36,785; the top-of-the-line Nightshade RWD is \$44,965; and the 4x4 is \$47,000 (destination fee: \$1,045). The bottom line is the 4Runner is a vehicle for all seasons with plenty of room for storage –

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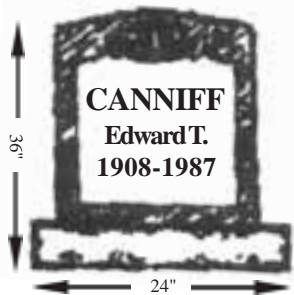
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Hayes said he was sensitive to the parking issues of the neighbors.

“Rock Hill Road is a private way,” he said. “I own it and take care of it. Snow removal. Paving. On weekends when the garage is closed there will be 20 extra parking spaces.”

“The affordable units will be from \$2,200 to \$2,300 a month,” Hayes said. “Closing costs, construction costs, they all add up to the higher rents.”

Dale, of 38 Paul Gore St. was the first to speak.

“I’m an abutter to JP Auto Body,” he said. “And we’ve certainly never had a better neighbor. We are 100 percent in support. It’s important to understand that this is a deteriorating site. The garages are all crumbling. The addition of rental is very positive. Paul Gore is all condo.”

Pat Queely of 69 Paul Gore St. disagreed.

“Did you get the petition against?” she shouted at the committee chair Dave Baron. “We want to make sure the neighborhood council gets this petition. Are there 100 names on it? I want to know did you get the petition?”

Baron said he got the petition but didn’t count the signatures.

“This is smashing into our neighborhood,” Queely said. “This is something that’s going to be destruction, especially in conjunction with the marijuana store which will add a lot of traffic.”

Leroy Stoddard lives on Lamartine Street.

“The city needs thousands of units,” he said.

“But not here!” shouted a voice from the audience.

“The city needs thousands of units,” Stoddard continued. “It hasn’t happened yet. I support this project. It’s a good use of space built by responsible business men. You can’t get better than that. This is an ex-

ample of a new form of housing.”

Katherine Holland lives on Paul Gore Street, and she was against the project’s density.

“We are going to be displaced,” she said. “There are laws to protect us. There’s the problem with rats and snow removal. Six units is plenty for this little space. This is too big. Too dense. The developer is breaking the law. There’s deception going on.”

Sharon, of 31 Paul Gore Street agreed.

“Last year he proposed 12 units,” she said. “Now it’s 15. This is greed as far as I’m concerned.”

Baron, trying to call on people, had to interject as the meeting got noisy.

“I will not have people talking over me,” he said. “This is rude to other people. We have more topics.”

Committee member Max Glickman made a motion to approve.

“I like the architecture,” he said. “It looks real great. It’s a good use of space and has ample parking. It’s adding affordable units.”

This caused one abutter to shout out.

“I want you to act like a neighborhood council,” she said. “This is a pro development council.”

O’Connor was unhappy.

“I find myself astonished at the hostility,” he said. “I don’t like it. The neighbors do not have a duty to be impolite. I’m going to vote against it because of the opposition-but I’m not condoning the behavior.”

Facing a vote to deny, Hayes took Baron’s offer to defer a vote, resume community negotiation and return.

Baron was amazed at the opposition to 16R Robeson Street, the next item; it was being heard a second time. A mother wanted to build a home at the rear of her house for her daughter.

“I’ve never seen so much paper on a single family house,” he said. “The amount of paper is astounding. There’s significant opposition.”

Some of the opposition was directed without any context at the property next door owned by City Realty that it has been trying to develop for several years.

After taking testimony from the attorney, the architects and opposing neighbors, Glickman made a motion to approve. He didn’t see the value of more abutter conversation.

“Since February when you were here you’ve gone from being this close to being a mile apart,” he said.

Baron agreed.

“When objection keeps shifting, it gives me pause,” he said. “The only people we hear from are those who show up at the meeting. What’s the problem here? People just don’t want a building next door to them; that’s fine.”

The motion to approve 16R Robeson was approved. However, failure by the proponent’s attorney to provide the revised plans to the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 26 caused it to defer the matter until May.

Next up was 106 Forest Hills St. The crowd was thinner but on edge. The proposal by Alan Sharaf to build on 106 Forest Hills St., has had two previous hearings before the zoning committee and since May 2018 granted three deferrals by the zoning board of appeals.

Attorney Jeff Drago reported to the zoning committee on March 20 that his client had agreed to preserve and remodel the existing building, add a three-story twin addition and reduce the number of units from nine to eight. The two buildings would be connected by a glass atrium.

The old beech tree next to the house would be preserved. The existing ca.1867 mansard roof house would be picked up off its rubble stone foundation and moved one foot to protect it.

Dan Artiges, the architect from EMBARC, has redesigned the project three times. He explained that the design change requires shifting the building.

“If the building falls apart, we’ll put it back together,” he said.

There was a collective sigh of relief.

“Thank you Jeff,” said a resident from 43 Glen Rd. “You really worked with us. We are really happy. A lot of effort went into this. It is so much better.”

However, Jennifer Uhrhane of Rossmore Rd. came in late but quickly raised her hand.

“Why can’t there be eight parking spaces instead of 10?” she asked. “The house is a few blocks from the T.”

Drago explained that this would be a design change and the Zoning Board of Appeals would not grant another deferral. He said he could ask the ZBA for eight spaces.

Steve Lussier, a long time zoning committee member, was enthusiastic.

“This is a litmus test for how a community can work,” he said. “This project is beautiful.”

The ZBA approved zoning relief with eight parking spaces on March 26.

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Bavis Foundation *continued from page 1*



Hundreds came out to celebrate the life of Mark Bavis on Saturday evening in West Roxbury. Bavis' legacy is now to help educate and fund the education of local students.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation was created to allow deserving young men and women to enjoy opportunities and experiences similar to those which Mark had. The foundation provides selected recipients with annual grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to be used as specifically requested for school tuition, summer programs and other extracurricular activities. "The foundation has given out 118 scholarships to date," stated Patrick Bavis, Mark Bavis' brother. The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation has raised more than \$400,000.

"This is our [the foundation's] first time holding an event at the Irish Social Club," explained Parkway Community Member Mark McKeown. "Since Mark Bavis grew up in Roslindale, we wanted to hold a local event." McKeown stated over 600 tickets had been sold.

Bavis had many ties to the

Parkway and Boston area. He attended Catholic Memorial in the 1980s, before attending Boston University. "He cared about so many people," Patrick Bavis remarked. "At such a young age, he made such a difference in so many people's lives, in and outside the community."

"It is so great that we were able to bring this foundation back to this community," stated Patrick Bavis. "I ran into a guy today that I haven't seen since the 1980s!"

The silent auction included a fair amount of New England sports paraphernalia - including a framed "Beat LA!" poster with photos from the world series and superbowl, a framed Tom Brady collage, a David Pasteriak autograph, a "City of Champions" package, and a framed portrait of Rob Gronkowski.

There was live entertainment from singer Nolan

Donato, the HPK Academy of Irish Dance, and the Boston band The Fenian Sons. The Fenian Sons were formed in Roslindale in 1996. They carry on the tradition of Irish greats, such as the Clancy Brothers and the Wolfe Tones.

"I really want to thank the community for supporting us," stated Patrick Bavis.

The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation has a scholarship available to any high school student in Massachusetts. It is awarded on the basis of need, and is not academically based. The Foundation is looking for students who have made a difference in their community and has shown leadership. To view the application, visit www.markbavisleadershipfoundation.org/?page_id=11.

Every summer, the Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation holds a celebrity golf tournament in Mashpee, MA to raise money. For more information about the Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation, visit <http://www.markbavisleadershipfoundation.org/>

Roxbury Prep

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Roxbury Prep representatives that they may look to expand the school in the future. The concern has been mentioned previously, since the school is chartered for 800 high school students and this school will hold 562. Residents are concerned that the school may wish to do this all over again. McLaughlin said this was not the case.

"They said at our meeting with them on March 19 that using two buildings for the high school would be one of their options if they have too many students for the new building," he said. "Ms. Johnson and Ms. McLaughlin both said that wasn't said. I checked with the four other people that came with me to the meeting and we all heard that comment made. I don't know what the misunderstanding may be."

Levesque said while he's definitely against the project, he wants to give Roxbury Prep a chance to get their message out.

"No matter how contentious it gets, we still owe it to both sides to listen," he said. "As long as the development is willing to talk, I think we're willing to listen. We've been listening for three years and I think some of the conversation has changed based on out feedback."

Resident Pamela Fair said she came to hear about the project and express her support.

"I heard about it from a direct abutter and she mentioned the new school," she said. "I really first thought, too large, but I also thought should look at the proposal. She thought it was a really great school and we came out to meetings after that and I just think it's important that the kids have a great public school option. I live down off Belgrade and my house is six houses from Belgrade Avenue and that's our neighborhood. The site is pretty underutilized right now and we'd love to see a high school."

Resident Toby Romer said he came out also to support the school, despite the fact he was a Boston Public Schools Teacher for 20 years and is generally against charter schools.

"I really appreciate the design of the school and I'm looking forward to that building being added to the neighborhood," he said. "It would be a big improvement over an empty used car dealership. I also appreciate how responsive the school has been about concerns raised by some neighbors, and, in particular, the slightly smaller size makes a lot of sense given the size of the lot. I'm looking to our local politicians and the BPDA to welcome the school to the neighborhood. I think there's a small group of vocal neighbors who have express opposition, but I don't think it reflects the broader views of certainly at least the neighbors in my neighborhood on Beech Street."

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU19P0497EA

Estate of: Linda E. Haffley Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by:

Carl E. Haffley of Salem, VA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Carl E. Haffley of Salem, VA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/06/2019. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 25, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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—D.J.

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Passover Activity Day at Beth Shalom Blue Hills

To prepare for and learn about the upcoming Jewish holiday of Passover (Pesach), Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills and its Rabbi Weistrop Religious School will hold a Passover Family Activity Day at the synagogue in Milton from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 on Sunday, April 7th. All interested families in the area, including non-members, are invited to attend this free program.

The Activity Day invites everyone to get into the Passover spirit by participating in activities for children ages K-7th grade starting at 10:15 AM; joining a school-wide Mock Seder at 11 AM (with parents encouraged to attend as well); and learning how to make Bedouin Matzah with Rabbi Alfred Benjamin, the Matzah Maven. The traditional symbolic signing and sale of Chametz can also be completed by adults, while the entire religious school and visiting children will participate in singing, group activities, and arts and crafts. RSVPs are requested for non-members.

Visitors can also meet Rabbi Benjamin and Education Director Nancy Mollitor as well as other temple members, and learn about the congregation's activities, religious services, holiday celebrations, and the Religious School.

The Spring holiday of Passover commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery and their exodus from Egypt, led by Moses. It lasts eight days and is marked by Seders, meals which include the retelling of the exodus story, along with consumption of special foods and restrictions from others.

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills is an egalitarian congregation which welcomes inter-faith families. It is located at 18 Shoolman Way (off Lodge Street) in Milton. Parking is somewhat limited, and overflow parking is available on nearby Pleasant St. No parking is allowed on Lodge or Maitland Streets. For more information, please call the synagogue office at 617-698-3394, Email office@BethShalomBlueHills.org or visit www.BethShalomBlueHills.org.

Classifieds

Home Help Wanted

Looking for local woman as a companion for an elderly Irish lady living in West Roxbury/Newton area. Please call Ann 857 719 4905.

from July 8th through August 16th. Hours are 8:30-am-4:30pm with extended hours available. Stop by the community center to pick up your application!

The programs are being offered at the BCYF Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136. Call for more information 617-635-5178.

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

HOLY NAME BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Name will hold a blood drive on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The blood drive will be held at the parish hall. A photo is required

Logon tinyurl.com/HolyNameApr2019 to preregister. Walk-ins taken as time allowed.

Eligibility Questions: Email BloodDonor@partners.org Or call (617) 632-3206

As a special thank you, donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Donor Center Portable Charger!

SPRING BENEFIT DINNER FOR ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE

The Roslindale Day Parade Committee will host our Annual Spring Benefit Dinner on Friday evening, May 3rd, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Nectarios Hall in Roslindale Village. This traditional annual event will feature a dinner courtesy of Delfino Restaurant, music with DJ Glenn Williams, performances, raffles, award presentations, and a silent auction, and a half hour show by ComedySportz Boston. Tickets to this event are \$30 each and may be purchased on-line at www.roslindaleparade.com, or through our mailing address at Roslindale Day Parade Committee, Inc., P.O. Box 324, Roslindale, MA 02131-0003.

The proceeds from our Annual Spring Benefit Dinner will go toward the bands, floats, and expenses for our 44th Annual Roslindale Day Parade on Sunday, October 6th, 2019. For more information about the dinner or the parade, call 617-327-4886 or e-mail to info@roslindaleparade.com.

TECHNOLOGY TUTORING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Student volunteers from The Roxbury Latin School give seniors an introduction to computers or smart phones in their state-of-the-art computer lab. This program allows the senior to work one-on-one with a student to learn basic technology skills. If you are working on a laptop or tablet at home, you may bring that with

you. If you would like to learn more about your smart phone, bring that too! Seniors with all levels of experience are welcome to participate in this program, from beginners on up! Technology Tutoring meets for one hour, once a week for 6 weeks and is offered at no charge.

Location: Roxbury Latin School, 101 St. Teresa Ave. in West Roxbury
Day and Time: Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.
Start Date: April 9, 2019

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

8TH ANNUAL TASTE OF WEST ROXBURY

Save the Date! This year's Taste of West Roxbury will be on Thursday, May 16th at the Irish Social Club.

Become a sponsor, Buy tickets, Sign up as a Restaurant or Donate Raffle Items

ROSLINDALE LIBRARY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD - FRIENDS OF ROSLINDALE LIBRARY OFFER FREE BOOK SHARING LIBRARIES

The Roslindale Community Libraries Project developed by The Friends of Roslindale Library is increasing the number of Free Book Sharing Libraries in neighborhood businesses and yards to make sure you can get books during the library's renovation starting later in 2019. With the help of partners, we will have handcrafted libraries to give away to people who would like one on their property and meet the criteria. The community libraries are book-sharing boxes placed for public access to support good reading habits. People drop off books they no longer need and pick up books in which they are interested. The Friends will help keep the boxes stocked from their store of donated used books. Local businesses throughout Roslindale were recruited to host a library shelf as well. A map of all the locations will be produced once all the new community libraries are open. Any donations of books or funding are welcome.

Those interested in having a library on their property can check at the main desk of the branch library at 4246 Washington Street or call 617-323-2343. Applications should be submitted by the end of April

WR FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE APRIL 6TH COMMUNITY DINNER

Save the Date!
Get ready to have some fun and support a worthy cause! The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place (WRFORP) will hold its 17th annual Spring Community Dinner fund-raiser on April 6th.

The Community Dinner benefits Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women, the Roslindale Food Pantry, and provides summer camperships for homeless and needy children. A representative from Rosie's Place will join us and share how your support makes a difference.

Gift certificates, gift baskets, sports items, and more will be raffled during silent and live auctions. You can also try your luck at a 50/50 auction. Wonderful items for reasonably priced bids will be yours to take home. Our friend and neighbor, Beth Germano, will be the Emcee for the evening. As many of you know, Beth is an Emmy award winning reporter with WBZ-TV.

In addition, we are very fortunate to have a wonderful evening of music thanks to MCO Productions in Brighton.

The dinner will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmons Road, West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and includes dinner and beverages. To reserve your place, make checks payable to WRFORP and return to WRFORP, P.O. Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or go to our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. Questions? Contact Doris Corbo (617) 327-5902.

PARKWAY IN MOTION SCHOLARSHIPS - MAY 15 DEADLINE TO APPLY

Providing academic scholarships to students in the Parkway area has been a long-term goal of Parkway In Motion since their inception in 1998. Thanks to the generosity of the community, they have distributed \$70,000 in scholarships since 2014.

On March 30th, Parkway In Motion will award the 5th Annual Michael Kennedy Memorial Scholarship valued at \$5,000 for students in grade 6-8 and Parkway pride scholarships for K-5 grade students, valued at \$1,000 each. If you are interested in sponsoring a Parkway Pride scholarship for 2019-2029 academic year, please email info@parkwayinmotion.org. In 2019, Parkway In Motion is introducing their Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program. This program provides financial resources to students entering grades 3-8 in the Parkway community so that they can participate in the summer enrichment learning experience of their choice. Students may apply for funding for camps in the areas of music, art, mathematics, dance, language, robotics, sports, science, and more. Learn more at www.parkwayinmotion.org/scholarships.

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Boston Fire Department remembers Walsh and Kennedy



On March 26, Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn joined members of E-33 / Ladder 15, to place a wreath in honor of the five year anniversary of Lt. Ed Walsh and FF. Michael Kennedy. Finn said the Roslindale and Hyde Park residents gave the ultimate sacrifice and will not be forgotten. The two were working a fire caused by stray sparks in teh Back Bay five years ago when the attack hose they were using ruptured from exposure to the fire.

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good for your community on Monday or the weekend leading up to it. Go to OneBostonDay.Org and tell us what you will do.

This year, we are also finalizing our work on permanent markers on Boylston Street to honor the lives that were lost near the finish line on April 15, 2013. Artist Pablo Eduardo is working closely with families to honor their loved ones in a meaningful way. These markers will reflect our City's spirit after the tragedy: bent, but not broken.

This remembrance consists of stone markers on two separate sites. Bronze and glass pillars will rise and twist into each other, representing the lives lost. The markers will forever serve as a symbol of hope, representing our city's resolve. We look forward to their completion this coming summer.

Until then, please join us in preparing for the fifth annual One Boston day on April 15, 2019. I encourage you to visit OneBostonDay.Org, to see the acts of kindness planned by individuals and organizations throughout the city and around the world. Last year, we counted more than 43,000 individual acts of kindness. Bostonians shared their projects on social media, and the hashtag #OneBostonDay was trending nationwide. This year, as we get closer, we'll be highlighting the projects people are planning. Whether it's volunteering at a food bank, or helping your neighbor with a household project, there are countless ways to honor this special day. I hope that the stories of others' actions inspire you to get involved this year, and for many years to come.

For 123 years, the Boston Marathon has represented the strength of the human spirit. Now, along with One Boston Day and our permanent marker, we will continue to show the world what it means to be Boston Strong.

Celebrate and contribute to science at the Arboretum in April!

The 13th Annual Cambridge Science Festival is a celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math across Cambridge and greater Boston. From April 12-21, enjoy the Arboretum's lineup of special festival events including Drawing Daffodils, April Birding, Welcome Back Redwing Blackbirds, Botany Blast, Weld

Hill: Research On View tour, and Finding Wild in the City. Explore the Arboretum North Woods on April 28 in our new Science in the Park Series, with Census Challenge! Get your hands onto scientific tools, use your observation skills, and share your findings with others as part of the 2019 Boston Area City Nature Challenge.

Want to be a citizen scientist by observing plants and learning about their life cycles? Join our Tree Spotters volunteers and collect data for climate change studies at the Arboretum. Attend a training session on April 20 or 27. Check out our calendar for a full line-up of April science events at the Arboretum.

Tell 'em what you think with a Letter To The Editor



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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU19C0136CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300**

In the Matter of: Joshua William Lynch
A change of name has been filed by
Joshua William Lynch of Boston, MA
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Kelly Emerlye Lynch

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 04/18/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 27, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR DOCKET No.SU19P0622EA
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Micheline Maurice

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300**

Date of Death: 02/14/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Margarette Aurelien of Hyde Park, 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:

Margarette Aurelien of Hyde Park, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or a 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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/18/2019. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 22, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 04/04/19

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR DOCKET No.SU19P0670EA
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Janice Ann Wright

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300**

Date of Death: 11/22/2018

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Stephanie D. Wright of Boston, 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:

Stephanie D. Wright of Boston, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 26, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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unicorns”.

The side-streets off Centre Street are already inundated with speeding cut-through traffic to avoid Centre Street. The Centre Street lane reduction will have a safety decrease on all of us who live off of that street. Again, the Northeastern report intimates – ‘Nothing to see here, no problem, move along....’ How do we balance the safety of our residential streets with that of the business district?

There should be much greater visible police enforcement along Centre Street. Bring back the BPD “Operation Crosswalk” which targeted drivers not obeying the law. Start an education campaign towards driver awareness and pedestrian safety.

I would suggest that the residents who live on the Centre Street side-streets have a significant say in this matter and that Councilor O’Malley should ensure that all Centre Street side-street residential properties are notified before all meetings pertaining to this matter.

I stated at the meeting that the resulting product will create a similar situation to Main Street/Rte 28 in Falmouth in the summer. Also, I ask you to picture roadways such as Dorchester Ave business districts, single lane Washington Street, Rte. 109 in Westwood, Cleary Square, or any main street in Cambridge. In short, there will be severe congestion.

Where do first responder vehicles go when trapped in a single lane with raised median with backed up traffic. What happens when a truck makes deliveries or somebody just rudely double parks in the single lane or there’s a waiting Uber pick-up? The Northeastern proposal shows no options.

We in West Roxbury know that when there is a large snowstorm that Centre Street becomes essentially one lane as the parked cars are forced out into the right travel lane until snow removal efforts are undertaken, if at all. What happens in a typical West Roxbury winter when that second existing lane is permanently removed?

I found it interesting the first public speaker at the Elks meeting was a bicycle advocate who doesn’t live in our neighborhood. I would speculate that less than 1% of the West Roxbury population takes their bike to work or does their shopping on Centre Street by bike. However, it seems acceptable to him that the remaining 99% of us who drive our cars to shop in our business district should sacrifice for their convenience. Has anybody seen any bikes parked lately at Roche Brothers, CVS, or Blanchards?

In what other Boston neighborhood business districts has this drastic Northeastern study approach been implemented? Or is West Roxbury the unwilling test subject?

This will be an incredibly expensive redesign and construction cost if implemented by the City. As proposed, this would require a massive full reconstruction including relocating of existing

drainage facilities.

The City of Boston is now ranked worst in the USA for traffic congestion. A major contributing factor is for years, we have been forced-fed the over-development of our City and West Roxbury neighborhood, despite continued neighborhood opposition. The Boston Zoning Code is not worth the paper it’s written on as the City continually grants building waivers despite significant zoning violations. This proposed road/traffic strangulation will now make it even worse for those of us who make West Roxbury our home.

We now face yet again a proposal that the average property owner/resident of West Roxbury will find problematic, but will we be heard? Will the politicians again ignore the typical residents of our neighborhood?

Councilor O’Malley and the City should absolutely take the necessary steps to resolve the Centre Street pedestrian safety issue and ensure adequate police traffic enforcement. Just don’t take the proposed extreme measures which will negatively impact our entire neighborhood for years to come.

*Frank X. O’Brien
West Roxbury*

MEETING RAISES TENSION

To the Editor:

I’ve been following the back and forth between the BHNA and representatives of Roxbury Prep for what seems like forever. I live less than a quarter of a mile from the school and have been unfazed one way or another by the proposed school until I read the 3/28 issue of The BULLETIN. It caused me to examine the issue a little more closely. First of all, I’m always leery when public relations representatives become involved to put their spin on things. Amber McLaughlin said that students would be required to sign a contract with the school stating that they will not drive. I must remind Ms. McLaughlin that a contract signed by a minor is not legally binding without parental consent. That also needs to be a part of your contract; parental accountability.

As a recently retired 27-year educator in the BPS, I fully understand that having students sign off on ‘stuff’ in no way means that they will abide by the document, much less even read it. For more than a decade a BPS superintendent’s circular mandates that students sign off on a contract stating that they will not use a cell phone in school. You can imagine how that’s panned out; miserably. Additionally, I’d also want to know what the explicit consequences are for students who disobey the driving rule when they start to park around the corner to hide the presence of their vehicle. My street is a five-minute walk from the proposed site and it’s already congested with vehicles from nursing home employees. I’d also like to know how parking would be handled during events at the school such as Science Fair Night, Open House, and other school community gatherings which usually draw hoards of parents and sib-

lings to schools. I know, I’ve been there. It’s a nightmare. Has the school made any parking arrangements with local businesses to combat this potential issue? And speaking of businesses...

I also express great concern for the small and local businesses at the top of Belgrade Avenue where parking is tight already and double parking abounds. I haven’t attended any of the meetings, but would be interested to know how some of the businesses feel about the proposal because they are a huge part of the neighborhood. A student who parks in one of those coveted spaces for seven or eight hours would certainly portend an increase in double parking and traffic congestion. It might even be necessary for BPD to implement foot patrols in this area at the beginning and end of the school day to diffuse the issue.

In defense of students, I fully appreciate that they need a safe environment and an up-to-date building into order to learn. I also understand that a vast majority of the kids can’t even afford a vehicle. I defend the school administrators as well for choosing West Roxbury, a wonderfully welcoming and safe neighborhood. And that’s what it’s all about, isn’t it? Safety. And in defense of Ms. Yerganian, she is 100% correct. Safety is never a racial issue.

*Jim Carvalho
West Roxbury*

RESIDENTS OPPOSITION TO RECREATIONAL POT GROWING

To the Editor:

There is growing residents’ opposition to the locating of a recreational marijuana dispensary in the 18,000 sq. ft. site of the AAA Appliance storefront (769 Centre Street). Those abutters will be attending the Jamaica Pond Association meeting on this proposal this Monday, April 1st, 7pm at the First Baptist Church at 633 Centre Street.

Their top, initial concerns are:

1. Traffic: The continual traffic jams along Centre St. from Pond Street to the monument. Increased difficulty of fire engines getting out of station quickly.

2. Parking – 7 “parking spots” behind the dispensary and the already overloaded Blanchard’s lot will never handle the increase in parking needed to accommodate dispensary customers. Parking issues throughout the business district and especially near-by residential streets will occur.

*Anastasia Lyman
Boston*

GARRISON APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

To the Editor:

“Boston City Councilor At-Large Althea Garrison recently appointed Mr. Anthony Solimine of West Roxbury as her Director of Constituent Services. Please feel free to call or email Anthony with any questions or concerns at 617-635-0745 or anthony.solimine@boston.gov”

*Althea Garrison
Boston City Councilor
At-Large
617-635-4217*

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the New England track tournament, only the Boston Latin girls 4x800 relay team earned any honors. Indeed, these are dreary days for athletics in the Boston Public Schools, whose presence in decades past could be counted on to draw lots of ink in the sports pages. The usual explanation is that the best athletes are being siphoned off by private and

METCO schools. It is doubtful that the next superintendent will be able to change our schools' successes in statewide athletic endeavors.

Now comes worse news. But this is where the next superintendent could and should effect change.

The Boston Globe recently posted its award winners in art

and writing for middle and high schools. With the names of hundreds, if not actually a thousand, of award winners published, only 14 BPS students' names were listed: Boston Arts Academy (1), Boston Latin School (12), Henderson (1). This is so disappointing: that out of several thousand students in high school taking art, only a handful

received an art awards. Which begs the question: how many art teachers pushed talented students to enter, or is this miasma caused by a lack of an enthusiastic push by parents/guardians?

The number of BPS recipients for writing awards was ever bleaker: only 7 students (all from BLS) were recognized, with towns and cities of smaller populations boasting a larger number of awardees. Did BPS secondary English teachers strive to en-

ter their students' work?

In the future, may superintendents push principals to push art and writing teachers in all schools to push students and then facilitate their entries into statewide art and writing contests.

I'm looking forward to leafing through a Sunday newspaper in the future to read about more accomplishments by BPS students. Now, just when is the state science fair?

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