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## BAIA listens to several development proposals



Boston Landing was the biggest issue discussed, for which some residents feel they have been ignored.

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**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

The Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BAIA) held its last meeting of the year on Dec. 5 at the Brighton Elks Lodge. The meeting covered over ten agenda items and three presentations. Hot topics of the BAIA meeting included the 487 Washington St. proposal, 365 Western Ave. development proposal, 206 Market St. proposal, and the final development proposal for the

Allston Yards project.

The biggest item on the agenda was the Allston Yards project. John Twohig, the Executive Vice President of New England Development, and Project Manager Michael Sinatra presented their final proposal for the development. “This proposal has been to about 24 meetings over the past two years,” stated Twohig.

The project would redevelop an existing 10.6 acre

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## Arboretum water fountain and the future of City Feed top JPA



Stephen Schneider of the Arnold Arboretum speaks to the JPA Board meeting.

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**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

Stephen Schneider is Director of Operations at the Arnold Arboretum and he made his debut at the Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) during its December 3rd monthly meeting.

He was there to relate the saga of the water fountain.

“Celeste Walker contacted us a while ago about the water fountain inside the Centre Street gate,” he told the group of about 16 members.

“She lives at the Adams Arboretum and said the fountain had been out for too long. It’s been three years.”

**JPA**

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## BPD PAL treats Boston participants to luncheon at Harvard



On Sunday Dec. 8, 2019, children from across the city joined Boston Police Department officers for a luncheon at the Harvard Club followed by backstage tour of Symphony Hall courtesy of the Boston Police Athletics League (PAL). After their tour, everyone stayed to enjoy the POPS Holiday concert and even got to meet famed conductor Keith Lockhart after the performance. Thank you to our officers for sharing in this special day and to PAL for their continued support of Boston’s youth.

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## ZBA approves American Legion Hwy cannabis dispensary

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Tuesday, Dec. 3, and approved several projects in the city.

The Board approved the proposed cannabis dispensary at 717 American Legion Hwy. in Roslindale near the Hyde Park and Mattapan lines. The proposal came from company Silver Therapeutics, representatives of which have stated they want to turn the old greenhouse and plant shop into a dispensary, complete with a small greenhouse to teach prospective farmers how to grow themselves. Attorney representing Silver, Michael Ross,

said the idea is to promote entrepreneurship among residents.

“It will only be 1,600 square feet,” Ross said. “It will be a demonstration greenhouse, so we will see cultivation occur at that greenhouse onsite for the purpose of teaching people from this community, from Boston, how to enter the industry, and how to get lucrative careers within the industry as cultivators.”

Residents were initially against a dispensary in the neighborhood. Members from the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) felt that the American Legion Corridor is a dumping ground for types of retail and

uses that no other neighborhood would accept. After looking into the plan further, residents either came to either not oppose the project or saw that if this project wasn’t approved, another more undesirable project wouldn’t be far behind it.

Ross pointed out that the 20,000 square foot parcel allows cannabis as a conditional use, and the site also has in the past been utilized for a greenhouse and grow house. He said local Roslindale residents Sieh and Leah Samura – owners of 612 Studios – will be aiding residents in that endeavor, as well as working on their own small

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# City Council talks Rideshare

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met and discussed Rideshare companies and Transportation Network Companies (TNC) at a hearing on Nov. 19 and at the council's regular meeting on Nov. 20.

The issue was voted to remain in committee, but Hearing Sponsor and District 2 City Councilor Edward Flynn said he feels they have made some real progress.

"In the hearing we spoke of legislation in the State House that would increase the surcharge on TNC's, and I know that the city is still actively looking at pick up and drop off spots, geofencing and other ways to improve traffic in terms of TNC's," he said. "This additional traffic also brings pollution and raising concerns about climate change and sustainability. As we all know, Chinatown has the worst air quality in all of Massachusetts. There are other concerns as well, including consumer protection issues."

Flynn said these TNC's are not paying their fare share and he wants to explore ways the city can offset the increase in problem issues they bring to the city.

"The data has shown that there are 42 million rides that began in Boston in 2018, or over 115,000 rides per day," he said. "As we all know, Boston is in the midst of a congestion and traffic crisis. It's clear from the data that we need to include

TNC in this conversation. Many constituents have also brought up concerns relating to public safety and Vision Zero to reports of vehicles speeding through our neighborhoods, while often unfamiliar with our roads as they may be coming from Rhode Island or New Hampshire."

During Tuesday's hearing, Chief of Streets Chris Osgood went through other ways the city is combating congestion, including transit signal priority for buses, signals that talk to each other to relieve congestion, increases in Blue Bike Stations to get people off the road and more. He said in the City of Boston, the biggest thing officials can do right now without any state legislation is to better manage the curb.

"Over the course of this past year, the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics collaborated on a pick up drop / off pilot in Councilor Zakim's District (District 8) in the Fenway," he said. "We ran that pilot for three or four months. The assessment, which we just released, showed really important things. If you create

a pick up / drop off zone, in this case it was four spaces on two separate blocks that people who were using Uber and Lyft were guided to, you see a huge increase in curb productivity."

Osgood said they saw a 300 percent increase in the productivity of those curb spaces because of the pilot program.

"So instead of having parking meter spaces, we actually got far better utilization occur for general pick up and drop off," he said. "It wasn't specific to Uber or Lyft, it was for taxis and personal vehicles as well."

Osgood said they are looking to expand the pilot program in three different locations in the South Boston Waterfront. He said with the Fenway Pilot, they were looking to see how pick up and drop off worked for night life and retail purposes, but now he said the office wants to look at work commuters and if pick up and drop off locations would help there as well.

The Council voted on Wednesday that the issue is to remain in committee for now until more concrete plans can be made in regards to keeping up with TNC's.

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—S.G.H.

### Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. *This must be said for nine consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail.*

—S.G.H.



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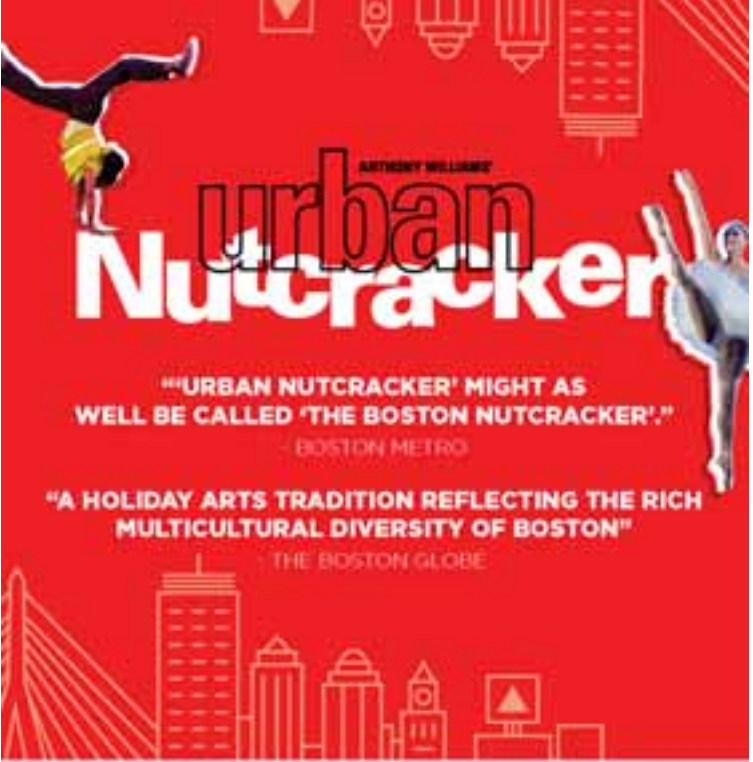
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Also new this year is a lottery that replaces the waiting list. All eligible applicants who have submitted a complete application with all requirements by the deadline of January 3 will receive a lottery number and have an equal opportunity to be referred to suburban schools connected with METCO. Parents can track the progress of their application throughout the application process.

During this transition year, certain groups of applicants from previous years will retain priority status; see [metcoinc.org/status](http://metcoinc.org/status) for details. However, all students need to complete a new online application to be considered.

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## Brighton's AOB: RIP

On the day before Thanksgiving 92-year-old ever-spry and cognitively astute Anne O'Brien drove to a supermarket, came home, and began unloading her groceries. A bit light-headed from the unpacking probably, she sat down and quietly passed away.

Nothing in the above makes her sound like a remarkable woman, but truly she was. This New Jersey native moved to Boston decades ago after marrying at the age of 32—indeed late in those days. She and her late husband Duncan raised three boys, all of whom attended Boston Latin and Harvard University, as a result of her impressing upon them the need for excellence in all things.

Widowed after 24 years of marriage, this fiercely independent woman maintained her status for more than 30 years, living alone, driving, cleaning her own house, and maintaining an active social life and spiritual outreach. Would that all of us maintain such independence into our 90's with profound mental acuity and physical health! Would that all of us respect our Creator's mandates against

self-centeredness and material acquisition as this woman! And would that we all who are repulsed by intubations, surgeries, and other invasive procedures experience such a gentle death!

Her peaceful death was a fitting tribute and gift from her God Who rewarded her for years of faithful service, adoration, and love. But this did not mean she was without strong convictions: she was an ardent foe of abortion, opposed inane eulogies at funerals, and railed ceaselessly against the current president for showing little regard for child and adult lives.

On a biting cold morning after a snowstorm during the preceding night, St. Ignatius Church was crowded with people from Brighton as well as Wellesley and Winchester where two of her sons now reside. Her third son, a diocesan priest in Lawrence who founded Cor Unum to feed so many of that city's hungry residents, presided at the funeral Mass, with a dozen other priests also in attendance, at least three of them Jesuits.

Anne O'Brien was laid



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to rest in a simple Trappist casket in Evergreen Cemetery, a mere Jackie Bradley toss from her home. Family members, friends of the family, and other mourners gathered at a post-internment repast at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue—she might have winced at the thought that the collation was in such a storied edifice—to tell more stories about this already-missed nonagenarian from 02135.

## West Roxbury resident receives Heroes in Health Care Award

VNA Care, a nonprofit visiting nurse association, recently honored three health care leaders while raising a record-breaking \$340,000 at its sold-out Heroes in Health Care Gala held at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

The Gala is VNA Care's signature fundraising event and has raised millions in essential funding for home health care provided by the 133-year-old VNA Care and end-of-life care provided by VNA Hospice & Palliative Care.

"The success of the event would not have been possible without the financial support of our generous sponsors. We are also fortunate that the event brought together a tremendous group of people who are now more committed than ever to our mission and vision," said Laura Wise, manager of Fund Development.

At the Gala, VNA Care presented Heroes in Health Care awards to Tony Coles, MD, CEO and chairperson of Cerevel Therapeutics; Steven Strongwater, MD, president & CEO of Atrius Health; and Patricia Joyce, RN, community nurse with VNA Care and a resident of West Roxbury. Joyce received her award from fellow nurse and colleague Shandolyn Chavis-Garcia, a resident of Roslindale.

Amy and Joshua Boger



West Roxbury resident Patricia Joyce, RN, (left) accepted the Heroes in Health Care Award from Roslindale resident Shandolyn Chavis-Garcia, LPN. Heroes in Health Care has raised millions in vital funding for VNA Care's home health care, palliative care and hospice care services in area communities.

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served as Fund the Mission Chairs. Presenting Sponsors were Corridor and Homecare Homebase, and Trustee Sponsors were Amy and Joshua Boger, Medically Home and Mutual of America. Gala co-chairs were John Murphy and Linda Hope-Springer. Gala Committee co-chairs were Debra Angeloni and Renee Picard Walsh.

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# Canale Family says thanks to community after 45 years



The Canale Family at their last light show in 2018 in Readville. The family said they just don't want to continue at the old location.

FILE PHOTO

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Canale family in Readville stated they will not be hosting their annual Christmas holiday light show at their regular location this year.

As was reported last year, Ken Canale said the Norton Street light display was just getting too much for the family after nearly half a century.

“I mean it was my parents’ home and they’re both deceased now,” he said. “It’s a just something we don’t want to do here anymore.”

Canale said it was a grueling task to get the lights up ev-



Thousands of residents came out every year for the celebration of the holiday season.

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ery year, and included 12-hour days of preparation on the weekends for at least one month before the actual show. There was no hired help and Canale said he just didn’t look at the electric bill at that time of year. Canale hinted that the display will go on, just at another location in Readville.

“I don’t really want to disclose the location, it will be a little smaller and I don’t want all the traffic for the first couple of years.”

And Canale added they do get a lot of traffic.

“We had more than 5,000 people a year show up,” he said. “And those are just the ones who walked through the yard, not including those who stopped in their cars and looked in from the outside.”

Canale said his father, Kenneth Canale Sr., originally started the tradition more than 45 years ago with his wife and children. The show changed and improved over the years to

include flashing lights, train sets and animatronics elements, and the vision was always the same: to bring a little Christmas spirit to the neighborhood. Outgoing City Councilor Tim McCarthy said the show and Canale Sr. meant a lot to him both growing up and for his own kids.

“Growing up in Readville with the Canale Family makes it easy to say wonderful things about them,” he said. “Mr. Canale was my Pony League coach and a great role model. ‘Running out a ground ball’ is something that reflects in all aspects of life, that’s a lesson learned early with Coach Canale. The ending of the Christmas light tradition is a sad one. I remember the joy as a kid, but it became even more special when Maureen and I took our boys over every year. We loved waiting to see what was new and enjoyed the old. God Bless this very special family and their gift to generations of Christmas lovers.”

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# BAIA Proposals *continued from page 1*

project site at 60 Everett St. This includes 868 residences in four buildings (rental and ownership), 350,000 sq. feet of office space, 117,000 sq. feet of retail (including a new Stop & Shop), and a one acre community green space with a 5,000 sq. ft dog park.

“We are committed to prevent the open space from being built on in the future,” explained Sinatra.

Other community benefits include adding a pedestrian crosswalk at the Everett and Guest intersection and dedicating 10,000 sq. ft of one of their buildings for community purposes such as arts and public meetings. The project also seeks to support public transit and alternate modes of travel. There will be a \$2.5 million MBTA operational subsidy targeted to Allston Brighton projects and investments, \$1.2 million dedicated to sustaining shuttle services for the project, new bus stops for Route 64, a dedicated Guest Street bus lane, and subsidized T-Passes for residents. There will also be approximately 148 income-restricted units.

“We are committed to fostering ownership,” Sinatra

stated. “Twenty percent or more of the units will be two or three bedrooms.” There is also a fund that will have money earmarked to work to increase homeownership rates in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood. The proponents have worked with local homeownership groups, including Brighton Marine, to help make this happen.

Due to community feedback over multiple meetings, the building heights have been reduced by 250,000 sq. ft overall, with average building heights below 100’.

Twohig explained there will be around 1200 parking spots. One community member raised concerns about this, saying “I’d like to see more parking here.”

One abutter stated that he is totally in favor of the project, and firmly believes this project will change the neighborhood for the better.

“We are excited for the new Stop and Shop and the transportation improvements. This will add vibrancy to our community.” He also stated that many families in the neighborhood do not have a park or open space to bring their small children, so neighbors are excited about the

potential one acre green space. The neighbor asked the BAIA members to vote in favor of the project to “get the project moving”.

Architect Gary Hendren presented a proposal for the Armstrong Ambulance site at 487 Washington St. The proposal seeks to construct 59 units, with three spaces for Zipcars. “This is our absolute first meeting, this has not gone in front of the BPDA yet - it is our very first design,” explained Hendren. Of the 59 units, there will be 35 one bedroom units, 19 two bedroom units, and 5 three bedroom units. The building will have seven floors in the front of the building and six floors in the back. Each unit will be “larger than average”, explained Hendren, with an average of 731 square feet. “These units are designed for people to stay, not for transients,” stated Hendren, addressing concerns that rental properties don’t attract families or people who are invested in the community.

Many BAIA board members questioned whether a seven-story building was compatible with the neighborhood. “This project should be, at best, three or four stories,”

stated one community member.

“This is way out of proportion with the neighborhood. The height is excessive,” claimed another neighbor. Traffic concerns on Washington Street were also raised during the presentation.

Mark LaCasse, a Real Estate Attorney, gave a “profiling presentation” for a development proposal on 365 Western Ave., the current site of the Shield System Car Wash. The proposal includes 65 rental units with 36 parking spaces. “The proposed floor area ratio for this building is 3.3. It’s a 15,000 sq. ft lot, and the gross floor area of the building would be approximately 49,000 sq. feet. The height of the building is 67 feet and six floors, which is consistent with the neighborhood,” LaCasse explained. The project consists of 25 one bedroom units, 10 two bedroom units, and 30 studios. LaCasse stated that the project team has reached out to abutters, and has gotten “mostly favorable responses”. After the presentation, there were no questions or comments from the audience.

Another presentation was

for a proposal on 206 Market St. The proponents seek to raze the existing structure and erect a residential structure with nine units and 11 parking spaces. The project has eight variances, including use, lot area for each additional DU, excessive floor area ratio, excessive building height, front yard, side yard, and rear yard minimum, and parking. BAIA board members said there should be a shadow study, since the building is proposed to be constructed on the lotline. Many community members and board members were not in favor of the project, claiming it was “excessive”.

At the beginning of the meeting, the police report for the past month was read. Aggravated assaults went down 20 percent from last month and larcenies went down 56 percent since last year. The Boston Police also reminded residents and community members to be vigilant when it comes to package thefts, especially during the holiday season and suggested installing security cameras on your porch to deter thieves.

During the meeting, the BAIA collected new, unwrapped toys for the Allston-Brighton Annual Toy Drive, which is set for this Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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*Gingerbread House Night* at the Rafael Hernández This Friday, December 13th at the Rafael Hernández School (61 School Street, Roxbury MA) we're having a community celebration with pizza, a gingerbread house competition, and a raffle with some great prizes!

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FCT Ornament in a Box! with Lisa Lee, Artist/Facilitator, on Saturday, December 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam St., Roxbury, \$5 per participant or \$10 per family for materials. Provided by Families Creating Together. Come join us to create an amazing honeycomb ornament and a neat gift box to nestle it in! Artists can choose to take a traditional holiday approach or design their ornament and box to celebrate

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birth of Jesus Christ in a stable in Bethlehem. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brighton Branch Library

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A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617)782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am. The featured selection for January 29th at 11:15 am. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

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This is a true mid size pick up truck that is as tough as they get in every way, including going off road. The Gladiator resembles a Jeep even including the rear design and tail lights. There is even a front grille mounted camera with a washer nozzle pointed to clean the lens. The camera has multi uses including vision on steep grades to what is ahead or below. Like most vehicles the Gladiator is available in many models with lots of options. The top of the line Rubicon is equipped with a lot of off road equipment including some very large tires and wheels. The traditional V/6 and either automatic or manual transmission with high and low range transfer case power the Gladiator. Look for a diesel late fall or early spring. The longer wheel base helps the ride yet the turning radius is increased only slightly. The bottom line is the Gladiator a fun mid size truck. If you need to hold a 4x8 sheet of plywood, the 2 position tail gate is the answer to keep the plywood up to fit over the wheel wells, because the plywood does not fit between the wheel wells. A full road test to come soon.

Since Ram got its own identity sales have been rising. This week I got a look at the new Ram trucks including the 3500 Duley special Kentucky Derby addition finished in white and off white interior. Power came for a 1000 foot pound of torque. This is the most out of any Cummings diesel to date. The interior quality of leather trim and every thing else is more car like than truck. From the 1500 to the 3500 Ram trucks provide whatever the buyer wants and or needs. For the buyer who wants a door pick up truck, Ram has it for you. The interior has all the amenities and safety features. I think that a high performance version or 2 will make a debut before years end. Ram has all the goodies to make it happen.

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



# Dispensary *continued from page 1*

business to create Purient Bedroom Cannabis.

“They are experts in the field,” Ross said. “In addition to the greenhouse we will also have the dispensary, which will be available for adult use (recreational) and medical use.”

Ross also said that they had negotiated the hours of operation with the MHC to miss the morning commute and open at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with a closing on Sunday at 6 p.m. He said the proposal has a host community agreement as well as a good neighbor agreement with the MHC, which co president Rick Yoder said during the hearing was a key component of the group’s support.

In Hyde Park, Attorney Peter Lions came before the ZBA to request a deferral for his client’s (1449 LLC.) proposal at 1449 to 1453 Hyde Park Ave. The proposal is to take a two-family currently on the site and change it into an 11-unit multi-family building.

“We’re considering our options for the property and we’re working with the neighborhood associations and the abutters at this time,” Lions said. “We’re looking to come to an agreement with that and we’re looking for a deferral in

May.”

The current variances for the project include insufficient rear yard setback, insufficient lot size, excessive floor to area ratio, number of allowed stories exceeded, insufficient usable open space, insufficient additional lot area/dwelling unit, insufficient usable open space, insufficient lot width and insufficient lot area width frontage. The Board scheduled the new hearing for May 5.

The ZBA also denied without prejudice a proposal for eight home ownership units for 48 Allston St. in Allston. Attorney representing the developer Patrick Foley said the idea for the building is to increase Allston’s owner-occupied home ownership rate, which is the lowest in the City of Boston at 11 percent, and he said 75 percent of the units would be deed-restricted to be owner-occupied.

“We are looking to replace an underutilized four-family with eight new units,” he said.

Foley said the project would have three two-bedroom units and five three-bedrooms, along with 10 underground parking spaces.

“They’re looking to attract young families and professionals to the area with home own-

ership,” Foley said.

The project also has several variances for which the project team is seeking zoning relief. Those include floor area ratio is excessive, front yard setback requirement is insufficient, side yard setback requirement is insufficient, rear yard setback requirement is insufficient and despite having several multi-family buildings around the area, multi-family is a forbidden use in the zone.

Foley said they hosted several neighborhood meetings during the proposal’s process.

“The first proposal was 11 units and after meeting with neighbors we dropped it to nine and then eight units,” he said.

ZBA Chair Christine Araujo pointed out that regardless of what the developer did to reduce the units or variances on the project, in this particular case the ZBA’s baseline is the single-family 2,500 square foot zoning regulations.

“We look at that to see how much you exceed that,” he said.

Resident Samuel Hui spoke in opposition to the project because he feels increasing density in the area would exacerbate the pest and rat problem already there.

“It’s almost all students now



The building will keep some of the old greenhouses still on the property.

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and the neighborhood has gone right down the tubes and with this project it’s going to be a lot worse,” he said. “I’ve been to most of these units in the Allston Brighton area because I’m a licensed exterminator, and I see rat problems, bedbugs and I see all these problems because the owners do not live in these buildings and they are managed by property management people and they don’t take care of these properties at all.”

While District 9 City Councilor Mark Ciommo sent his representative in support of the project (as well as At-Large City Councilor Michael

Flaherty doing the same), Allston Brighton Representative for the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Conor Newman said after several abutters meetings, the Mayor’s Office would be in opposition of the project. The Allston Civic Improvement Association also sent a letter of opposition to the project.

Foley pointed out that the proposal requires owner-occupied home ownership. Araujo said that a denial without prejudice allows the applicant to come back within a year after reducing the number of units on the project to try again.



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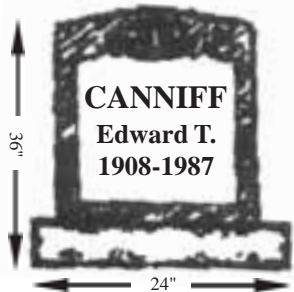
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Schneider explained that the Arboretum has three water fountains [the only water fountains outside one at Jamaica Pond in the entire park system].

“One is at the Hunnewell building, the second is near the lilac collection and the third at Centre Street,” he said.

“We investigated and found out the problem was a leaking hydrant. Then we learned we owned the hydrant, so we replaced it and had Boston Water and Sewer inspect it.

“They said it was totally illegal. The water fountain was tapped into the hydrant without a meter,” Schneider said.

Schneider explained that the Arboretum could run a water line off the greenhouse; the lilac water fountain is connected to a water line from the green house.

He said then the Arboretum decided to look at the much bigger picture of drought and its effects on the oak grove and Oak Path just inside the Centre Street gate.

“We spent about \$700,000 to build a new eight inch water pipe off Centre Street. I know that was a big inconvenience to you this year,” he said.

“There is a large silver box outside the old farmhouse at 1990 Centre St. That’s a back flow preventer and it has a water meter.

“The problem now is to connect the water line with the meter and the drinking fountain... We know it’s an inconvenience.” Schneider said. “We don’t have the food trucks anymore, but when we did at Lilac Sunday, there’d be about 20 food trucks, some selling bottled water for \$3 right next to the water fountain. It didn’t feel right.

“So the irrigation system will run from the back flow cabinet to the drinking fountain. The Arboretum will pay for the water, we won’t tap into it illegally; it’ll be legit.

“We’ve been talking with the Parks Dept. about a new water fountain with connecting equipment,” he said.

Schneider admitted that it takes time to work with the Parks Dept.

“We worked with the Parks Dept. for seven or eight years on the stone wall repair,” he said. “That cost \$600,00, but it’s still not right. The Beech Gate –next to the State Labs- is not done. That’s most important. \$150,000 worth of work is required.”

Schneider said that Paul Sutton, director of Urban Wilds at the Parks Dept. has been helpful.

“He took money out of his budget to help pay for the



The City Feed store at 672 Centre St. to be sold, but no changes are expected..

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

stone wall repair at the Bussey Brook urban wild.”

“Why doesn’t Harvard pay for all this?” asked a JPA member.

“Everybody asks that,” Schneider said. “We get zero dollars from Harvard. We have our own endowment. Ninety percent of our operations comes from that endowment. Ten percent from philanthropy.

“We pay our own bills, we pay for our own services. We also pay subversion payments to Harvard.

“‘Every tub on its own bottom’ is the motto,” Schneider said. “And we’re tub 100.”

There was discussion among the JPA board about a contribution to defray some of the costs of the water fountain hook up; a member suggested \$400.

Michael Frank disagreed and was the only one to vote no.

“It’s a complicated relationship with Harvard,” he said. “There’s other groups that need the money more.”

Schneider said he appreciated the contribution but more appreciative of the reception he received.

“I’m usually used to getting things thrown at me,” he said. “I’d like to stay in touch; perhaps I can come back in the spring.”

The JPA agreed with that offer.

The Parks Dept. responded in a statement to The Bulletin the next day.

“The wall work has been suspended due to winter weather,” the statement read. “The fountain is currently being evaluated by Parks Dept. staff to determine how to best move forward with the repair work.” There will be more details in the spring.

David Warner, owner of City Feed wants to move on; he is preparing to sell the popular specialty foods and coffee emporium at 672 Centre St. and 66 Boylston St.

Warner, who also met on

Nov 20 with the Business and Professional Association, told the JPA board that he would soon complete the sale to one of his longest suppliers, Equal Exchange, that will also include the transfer of his beer and wine license.

Warner opened City Feed in 2001 at 66 Boylston St., a storefront he owns, as a provider of specialty foods and coffees, taking advantage of the upscale neighborhood sprouting up around Stony Brook T station. He will lease this to Equal Exchange.

Warner opened his flagship store at 672 Centre St. in 2008 that he leased from Christos G. Stamatos. He applied for the beer and wine license in 2010.

“Equal Exchange is a lot bigger,” Warner said, “but they’re not planning to change the brand or the logo, just the management. I’ll stay on for six months to help with that.

“This is a first time for them,” Warner said. “They don’t have retail experience but they wanted to move into retail. They’re a worker-owned company of 120 people. We have 40 employees. All can stay if they want to.”

Warner was greeted warmly by the JPA board; it supported the proposed transfer of his the beer and wine license to Equal Exchange.

Warner is making the obligatory rounds through the Jamaica Plain bureaucracy; after the JPA, he moved on to the Jamaica Plain neighborhood council public service committee on Dec 3 before moving next to Centre South Main Streets on Dec. 4.

The seven-member public service committee voted unanimous approval of the license transfer.

“We’re not changing anything,” Warner repeated. “There isn’t a purchase and sale yet,” he added, “probably the end of December. We haven’t submitted an application yet to licensing board.”

# City departments against Inspector General Position

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday to discuss the creation of an Inspector General position for the City of Boston.

The proposal, issued by City Council President Andrea Campbell, comes after the Boston Economic Development Industrial Corporation (an arm of the Boston Planning and Development Corporation) had one employee, John Lynch, plead guilty to accepting \$50,000 to influence a decision at the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals. At the time of the supposed incident Lynch was working as the group's Real Estate Manager and helped 27-29 H Street Developer Steven Turner net \$500,000 for his redevelopment of the South Boston property.

Prosecutors have since asked for emails and documents from former ZBA member Craig Galvin, as he was listed as a real estate agent on multiple projects granted variances by the zoning board. No accusations of wrongdoing have been made, but all of this led Campbell to propose this Inspector General Position (as well as At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu's call to abolish the BPDA and create a city-run planning department).

Flaherty covered the working session the City Council held on Dec. 2 and said that Massachusetts State Inspector General Glenn Cunha testified

both during the working session and the public hearing held back in November that he was opposed to the City of Boston creating its own office of inspector general.

"And he provided specific testimony about recommendations, like to call his 24-hour fraud hotline as well as to call his office to provide training for city departments, the council or the Mayor's Office," he said.

The Boston Finance Commission also discussed its opposition to the measure as well as many of the redundancies both Executive Director Matthew Cahill and volunteer Richard Ianella pointed out would occur if the IG office was put together on the city level.

Campbell, along with District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards put out a joint statement on Monday, Dec. 9, refuting this opposition from the city and the state.

"While we value the role existing state and local authorities play, we must acknowledge those offices didn't detect any potential wrongdoing at City Hall over the past few years and never investigated related incidents," the statement read. "Some have suggested that a municipal Inspector General is redundant given the availability of the state Inspector General. Yet, again, that office never investigated any of the recent incidents that occurred at City Hall and instead Boston taxpayers funded investigations led by costly private attorneys whose reports were

not public or independent.

"A City Inspector General would ensure City Government can work proactively, restore public trust, ensure transparency and accountability, and save taxpayers money in the process."

During last month's hearing, Cahill spoke on how his office enforces contracts and procurement law so as to prevent fraud and misconduct in the city's dealings. Campbell's point was more that the IG has a much broader mandate, as the ordinance is currently written, and looks at more than just finance.

Also during the hearing, Campbell asked if Cunha saw any value for a city-based IG, which she pointed out would have the responsibility of building relationships with city departments to facilitate such whistle blowers coming to the office.

"So that when they go in it's not like 'who are you, where are you coming from,' there's already a rapport and appetite to work together regardless of who's in the political space to ensure we get outcomes of transparency," she said.

Cunha said he feels one of the major points is that his agency has been able to strike back at fraud and problems in government through preventative education, so that officials know what's legal and do not, at least accidentally, break the law.

"We do have the staff and we do have the interest in doing as much as we can locally," he said. "I appreciate



City Council President  
Andrea Campbell

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the fact that this has started a conversation that we can have not only with the City Council but also the mayor as to how we can work with the city, but I think one of the major things that I think is really important for an IG's office is the prevention piece of it. That's being proactive and that's training. You could start an office and hire some crack investigators who have great experience, maybe former prosecutors, maybe former police or FBI agents who could come in and set up a unit, so you may get the investigation piece, but the prevention piece?"

To take a look at the ordinance itself, what responsibilities and jurisdiction of the City IG if the position were to be created, go to [boston.gov/sites/default/files/document-file-10-2019/1337.pdf](http://boston.gov/sites/default/files/document-file-10-2019/1337.pdf)

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# Boston Police arrest package thief

At about 6:26 PM on Sunday December 8, 2019, officers assigned to District E-5 (West Roxbury) made an onsite arrest after responding to a call for a larceny in progress in the area of Cliftondale Street and Rosecliff Street in Roslindale. While on approach, officers were advised that a male suspect, later identified as Johnatan Cordero-Garcia, 23, of Dorchester, had been observed taking packages from the front porch of a residence on Rosecliff Terrace before fleeing the area on foot.

Responding officers soon located the suspect and performed a pat frisk which led to the recovery of a Sig Sauer handgun from the suspect's waistband which was later determined to be a BB gun. Officers also recovered a stolen pair of sneakers which had been removed from packaging which was addressed to the home on Rosecliff Terrace. Officers continued their investigation and were able to recover several toys which had been removed from their packaging and discarded by the suspect on Cliftondale Street. The suspect was placed in custody without incident after being positively identified on scene. The suspect will appear in West Roxbury



District Court on charges of Larceny (Under \$1200) and Receiving Stolen Property.

With the busy holiday shopping season upon us, the Boston Police Department would once again like to take this time to remind our residents to protect themselves from being targeted for package theft. Here's how:

Tips to protect yourself from a home delivery theft:

- Send the package to the residence of a trusted friend or relative who you know will be home. Be sure that the friend is ready and waiting to retrieve the package when the doorbell rings.
- Ask the package delivery company to hold the package if you will not be home (many have local delivery centers). While we can't promise that this service is available, there

are companies that will hold a package for up to 5 days.

- Request that your package is marked "signature required." This requires the delivery person to stand by and wait until you're available to retrieve the package. You could also put a note on your door, requesting the deliverer go to your next door neighbor for the signature.

- Leave special instructions on where to deliver the package. A good place is on the side or back of the house, so that the package is out of sight from the road. Ask the delivery person to take and discard the note with him/her or leave it with the package.

- Use a company that provides a tracking service and check online to see when your package is scheduled to arrive.

- Have the items shipped to the nearest store for "in-store pick up." If you have an understanding boss, have your packages delivered to you at work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Community Service Officers of your district. These simple tips can help make the holidays much less stressful and protect your deliveries. Have a safe and happy holiday!!!

# Residents split on 11 Faneuil St. project

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

City Realty representatives held a community meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10 regarding its proposed 41-unit condo building at 11 Faneuil St. in Brighton to the welcoming of some and the derision of others.

The building would have 41 condo units, 51 parking spaces (with a conveyor belt-style packing system), a gym, five Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) affordable units, a \$100,000 donation to the Boston IDP Fund and several requested zoning code variances.

Attorney Jeff Drago and City Realty Partner Josh Fetterman said the team has been meeting regularly with community groups, including the Brighton Allston Improvement Association, and have reduced the project since the original design. He said the team has lopped off one floor, reduced the unit count from 54 to 41, increased the rear setback by 25 feet and reduced the floor-to-area (FAR) ration from 3.20 to 2.25.

Several residents were quick to point out however that the building will still be pretty large for the neighborhood, and require variances for height at 64 feet

with 35 feet allowed, 51 parking spaces with more than 82 allowed, a FAR of 2.25 with .5 allowed and a multifamily as a conditional use in a neighborhood shopping district.

One resident, who asked not to be named, said she was against the proposal, mainly because high-density residential is not what she feels fits with the neighborhood, and pointed to issues she has with the City Realty project at 214 Market St., the Saybrook Condo Building, as an example.

"In a sea of rentals I was excited initially that the Saybrook was going to be condo," she said. "I like it when people can buy, but the scale is overpowering and I don't think it has anything to do with the pizza shop next door. It's using every drop of space and I don't know of any greenspace in the area. I mean you could practically reach out and touch the other house next to it."

Residents also complained of the proximity to the Scrub'a'Dub car wash adjacent to the 11 Faneuil property. Residents said

11 Faneuil

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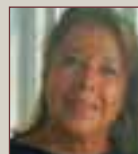
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# Julia Mejia wins by one vote

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

In what has become the closest Boston City Council race in history, the Boston Board of Elections announced on Monday night that after an extensive recount, Julia Mejia has won the fourth At-Large City Council seat by literally just one vote.

“It really goes to reinforce the message that we’ve been promoting all along, that every vote matters,” Mejia said at the announcement of the results.

Mejia’s closest competitor, Alejandra St. Guillen, requested a recount after it was shown that she trailed Mejia by 8 votes after the first count in November, and results got closer and closer as the Election Board announced its findings. Lawyers for both candidates made arguments regarding contested ballots during the recount, and Mejia’s arguments won out.

The Board stated it voted to allow one ballot that had been previously rejected and not to allow another, but did not state which vote went to which candidate. St. Guillen initial reaction after the recount was to contest the count in court, but later said she would accept the results. Neither city ordinances nor state law provides an automatic recount, regardless of the margin.



Julia Mejia and Lord Mayor of West Roxbury Richie Gormley at the Steve Slyne Truman Rally in West Roxbury in October.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Candidates are required instead to petition city residents ward by ward and submit at least 50 signatures from each. Mejia’s final tally came in at 22,492 votes, and St. Guillen had 22,491 after all 66,000 ballots were officially recounted. It’s the first City Council recount since 2001.

Mejia, an immigrant from the Dominican Republic, came to Boston during the era of busing’s introduction. She said she learned English from Sesame Street. Being the only English speaker in her house, she became her family’s advocate and then the advocate of her com-

munity. She said she later spoke on behalf of many non English speakers at the Boston Public Schools, of which she is a graduate. Mejia ran on a platform of equity and advocacy. This was her first shot at the Boston City Council. She will be sworn in on Jan. 1, 2020.

In other Council news, District 8 City Councilor Kim Janey appears to have the votes to become the next Boston City Council President, following District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell as the second African American woman to be elected to the position of Council President.

# 11 Faneuil *continued from page 12*

noise is a problem, as well as cars speeding out making a left turn (that the car wash admittedly says it does not endorse or allow) and patrons throwing their used towels in the drain.

Resident Carl McManus said he felt the largeness of the building did not fit with the neighborhood.

“I know you feel it’s a beautiful building, and that’s up for debate, but in terms of scale it doesn’t seem to fit in with the neighborhood,” he said. “The one you currently finished (Saybrook) the neighbors are single family and then it’s this big multifamily with a pizza shop, and the scale looks so imbalanced. I think you’ll find that’s going to be the same case here, especially with the single family house there.”

Fetterman said he would have liked to have purchased the pizza shop there.

McManus also pointed out he might have some trouble getting approval from the city for an increase in his single family home by four times the allowable FAR.

“What if I want to build my house four times bigger, would I have the support of everyone here?” he asked. “I mean I’ll do it, can anyone do that?”

While Fetterman admitted a homeowner might have some trouble with the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals, he and Drago said they felt with the commercial properties around the area of 11 Faneuil currently and several

other multi-family buildings, this makes it a fit for the neighborhood.

“We spent a great deal of time to work with the neighborhood on that project on 214 Market St.,” Drago said. “It is higher in some spots, but it does pull back on the residential side.”

Several residents said they supported the project because of the homeownership opportunity in the neighborhood, which historically has been very low. Resident PT Vineburg pointed out that there have been eight owner-occupied projects in the Allston Brighton neighborhood proposed since 2008, and the neighborhoods have an average homeowner rate of about 20 percent.

“I think what really separates these guys from a lot of the competition is that they came to these meetings and aren’t trying to shove 100 rental units or a thousand rental units like at Boston Landing,” he said.

Resident Caroline Amelia said she was concerned about the general contractor, as with the Saybrook building they had workers parking their trucks near their homes with the headlights on at 5 a.m.

“If we could go out to the guys working on this project and them not saying ‘eff you’ to us that would be nice,” she said.

Fetterman said he would ask residents to stay in constant communication with City Realty on issues like that moving forward.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU19C0569CA  
**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:** Jill Marie Lizotte  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by  
**Jill Marie Lizotte of West Roxbury, MA**  
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Jill Marie Veilleux**

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 12/26/2019. 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: December 2, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/12/2019*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** DOCKET No. SU19P2368EA  
Suffolk Division

**Estate of:** David Anthony Casey  
**Also Known As:**  
**Date of Death:** April 16, 2019

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner: **Douglas A. Casey of West Roxbury, MA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU19P2562EA  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

**Estate of:** Malcolm A. MacLeod  
**Date of Death:** 02/08/2012

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Alexis MacLeod 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:  
**Alexis MacLeod of Hyde Park, MA**  
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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/13/2020. 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)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 02, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*Hyde Park Bulletin: 12/12/2019*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU19P2520EA  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

**Estate of:** Anthony M Debaptista  
**Date of Death:** 05/25/2019

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **S/A- Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Judith A. Henderson of Roslindale, 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:  
**Judith A. Henderson of Roslindale, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Personal Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: November 20, 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 FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU19P1302EA  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

**Estate of:** Nancy Ann Sullivan  
**Date of Death:** 09/05/2017

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **S/A –Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Diane M. Colson of Readville, MA and Anthony Sullivan of Roslindale, 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:  
**Diane M. Colson of Readville, MA and Anthony Sullivan of Roslindale, MA**  
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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/09/2020. 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: November 27, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/12/2019*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT – PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
SUFFOLK, ss DOCKET NO. 19E0169

**TO: Rosa Bonilla of Roslindale in the County of Suffolk, and to all other persons interested.**

A petition has been presented to said Court by **Oscar Bonilla of Roslindale in the County of Suffolk** representing that he holds as joint tenant a 50% undivided part or share of certain property lying in **Roslindale, in the County of Suffolk and briefly described as follows:**

The land in Roslindale together with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of Boston, Massachusetts, called Roslindale, being Lots Fifty-three and Fifty-four on plan recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 1873, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY by Manning Street, Fifty (50) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by Lots Fifty-one, Fifty-one A, Fifty-two, and Fifty-two A, on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by Lots Eighty-four and Eighty-three on said plan, fifty (50) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by Lot Fifty-five, on said plan, one hundred (100) feet. Containing 5,000 square feet of land.

The title to said land is derived under deed of Oscar Bonilla, and Rosa Bonilla, dated December 13, 2002 and, recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 30167 Page 192 and your petitioner further represents that the names and residences of all the joint tenants and their respective shares and proportions and the nature thereof, are as follows:

NAME	RESIDENCE	SHARE	NATURE
Oscar Bonilla	145 Bourne Street Roslindale, MA 02131	50%	Tenant in Common
Rosa Bonilla	40 Manning Street Roslindale, MA 02131	50%	Tenant in Common

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at private sale of auction for not less than **SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000.00)** and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land, which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 19th day of December 2019 the return date of this citation.

Witness, HONORABLE Brian J. Dunn this 2nd day of December 2019.  
Felix D. Arroyo  
REGISTER OF PROBATE COURT  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/12/2019*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU19P2726EA  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

**Estate of:** Alissa B. Myrick  
**Date of Death:** 11/07/2019

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Christopher A. Myrick of Fort Collins, CO**  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Christopher A. Myrick of Fort Collins, CO**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

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