

Shattuck Hospital to relocate raising neighborhood concerns



Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders explains the planned transfer of Shattuck Hospital.

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Advertised largely by word of mouth, social media and State Rep. Liz Malia's office, the so-called "Shattuck Hospital Info Session" was convened on April 12 by Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders.

Sudders told the restive Jamaica Plain audience of about 50 that changes to the 13-acre public health campus would come in 2021.

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All 260 inpatient beds and selected outpatient services such as radiology, orthopedics and primary care would move to the Newton Pavilion at Boston Medical Center, 88 East Newton St. A consultant planning process would recommend best use of the Main Hospital building and the entire campus that will be substantially underutilized in 2021. Two acres on the site of the recently-demolished Nurses Build-

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Mayor Walsh signs Voter Access ordinance

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While not the statewide automatic voter registration that District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim really wants passed in the State Legislature still stuck in procedure, the Boston City Council and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh both approved a concrete first step in helping to increase voter turnout in the municipal districts.

Boston has a low record for voter turnout in non-national elections. While even in the congressional race of 2014, 83 percent of registered voters – 383,702 residents – cast their vote, only 108,909 voted in the 2017 mayoral race, and 56,000 voted in that race's primary. Zakim said he wants to increase that margin by getting as many people registered as possible and offer-



Boston Mayor
Marty Walsh

ing a schedule break to students who are eligible to vote on Election Day.

"There are so many opportunities for people who have their regular interactions with city government, whether it's with the Boston Transportation Department or the libraries or our schools, and just providing this information

Voter Access

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Jamaica Plain Regan Youth Little League opens season



The Regan Youth Little League kicked off the season last week with hundreds of parents officials and players. State Sen. Jeff Sanchez, District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley and State Rep. Liz Malia all threw out the ceremonial first pitches during the festivities, which included a parade, food and 15 games to start off the season.

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Allston Civic Association talks Boston Calling, restaurants



Many residents were concerned about the noise from Boston Calling last year, but festival representatives said this year should be different.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) met last week and, among other issues, discussed the upcoming concert at the

Harvard Athletic Complex May 25 to May 27.

Festival Community Liaison for Crash Line Productions Kristen Franks said their main issues have been security and transportation. She said they

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have been working closely with the Boston Police Department, the State Police, the Massachusetts Transit Police and the Harvard University

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Greenway BID comes under public access scrutiny

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

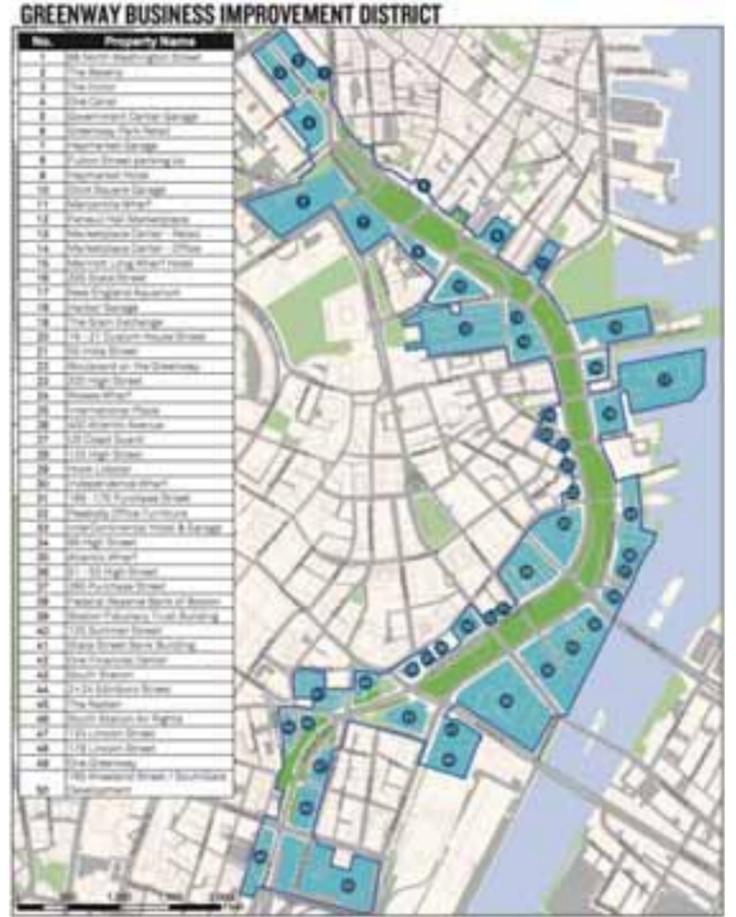
The Boston City Council met last week to discuss the details of the Greenway Business Improvement District (BID) and how abutting businesses along the Greenway will be taxed to support the greenery and attractions there.

The BID is designed to generate \$1.5 million each year to support the maintenance, horticulture costs and future enhancements of the Rose Kennedy Greenway, generated by tax assessments on abutting businesses. All businesses with an assessed value of over \$10 million, of which there are 61 in the area, and non-owner occupied residential buildings would be taxed at a higher rate to support the Greenway BID.

“Tax-exempt entities, including not-for-profits, are also exempt from BID assessments,” said At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu. “The BID assessment is 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation up to \$200 billion, plus 11 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation over \$200 million.”

Wu added that residential rent buildings are assessed at half those amounts.

The funding comes as great relief for the Conservancy. The BID was originally designed to create new funding after the State Government decided it no longer wanted to fund the Greenway with \$2 million each year. The BID was part of that agreement, which also called for reducing the state’s funding



Some residents were concerned about the Business Improvement District for the Greenway becoming inaccessible to some demographics.

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level over six years. This year’s state contribution reached \$1.25 million, and during the last year of the six-year agreement will go down to \$750,000. The City of Boston has also agreed to contribute \$250,000 each year from interest on a \$5 million fund created with the proceeds of the Winthrop Square sale.

Wu said currently, the language of the BID in its currently form also means that any non-profit that becomes a for-profit entity or a business or residential building that is reassessed at or more than \$10 million will then come under the BID. She added that the commercial components of South Station will also be included in the BID.

“If this assessment formula generates more revenue than the BID has committed to funding the Greenway, subsequent years’ assessments will be reduced accordingly,” Wu added.

Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination at Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Katherine Fichter represented her organization at the meeting, which technically owns the Greenway, and said the issue of funding the Greenway has always been tough.

“There are those of us in this room who have been working on this for more than two decades,” she said.

Fichter said though the MassDOT and the State Government will be stepping away from funding those improvements and maintenance on the Greenway, they will not be stepping away from the govern-

ing of resources at the urban parks.

“Even though Mass DOT is sort of entering into this partnership through the BID, we are in no way stepping away from our commitment to the Greenway,” she said. “We own it, it is an incredibly important asset for us, it is also the roof for the I-93 Tunnel, which gives it a special significance to us, and we also see it literally and figuratively as the capstone for the Central Artery Project. It was never just a transportation project, it was also about city building, making the City of Boston more open and in a lot of ways, connecting neighborhoods, the Greenway is really the physical embodiment of that.”

Resident Steve Hollinger said he was against the establishment of the Greenway BID, as he sees it as a step towards privatization. He said the Harborwalk in the North End is starting to see private interests creep up on what is public land, making it difficult for residents to know where the public trail is so that they do not come near the expensive condos and residences there, basically making the Harborwalk an exclusive public area.

“As the Commonwealth abandons its responsibility to maintain the Greenway, we are now ceding control and influence over this priceless asset to interests with known inclinations that are unaligned with greater objectives for best public spaces, specially with respect to focusing on and cel-

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MHMC talks liquor store on Am. Legion Stop & Shop plaza

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Mount Hope Mount Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHMC) met recently and discussed a new liquor store proposal in the area.

Business owner Vikesh Patel who said he wanted to open a new type of liquor store at the Stop & Shop Plaza on American Legion Highway.

“Do you have samples?” one resident said.

Patel said the idea would be to have an active storefront and not the traditional liquor store.

“I opened up World of Wines in Providence about five years ago and we completely renovated it,” he said. “We bought it and changed the whole landscape and made it a wine-centric store, not just a place where people buy drinks and leave we’re trying to get people to learn about the wine and the beer they buy, where breweries where the beer or the wine comes from to give knowledge of what your drinking, and that’s really our goal and this is taking it to a different level.”

Patel said they want to start having events at the site as soon as they open, which would be in a little while. He said he’s currently negotiating a conditional lease with the

landlord and will be applying for a neighborhood-restricted liquor license. He added they will not be selling the traditional trouble alcoholic products, such as one-ounce liquor and 40-ounce malt beverages.

“We want to have a whole lot more events 1,000 square feet will be dedicated to art-work and art events and such,” he said. “We chose this area because we see it as an area where there’s nothing that does what we do at all,” he said. “There was a liquor store here in the past and we’ve been to other neighborhoods and areas to try to get this going in Boston... We’re putting that in writing, we won’t be selling those items.”

Resident Pam Lewis said they have heard this type of pitch before, and the number of liquor stores in the immediate area makes her nervous about adding another one.

“We have within this area this vicinity more liquor stores than any of us could possibly use or want,” she said. “We heard this concept before gentleman came into the meeting and told us how they were going to have the wine tastings and how the events were going to happen and it was going to be different this time and that we heard all the plans and promises and as soon as the

place opened it changed hands and became a nightmare. I’m not saying that’s what you’re bringing to the table, but most of the people in this room have been homeowners here more than 10 years and are invested in this community where they’re living and I just don’t think this is the type of establishment that we want or need in this area. Maybe in another 15 years when the neighborhood changes over a little bit, which I think it’s going to happen but that’s just my opinion.”



Feelings on the liquor store were mixed for the proposed shop on American Legion Highway near the Stop & Shop.

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Resident Sarah Printy said she’s open to the idea, as Roslindale offers a lot for older residents and families but not too much in the way of activi-

ties for people in the middle. “We were at the Roslindale Village Main Streets meeting the other day and one comment I had is it’s hard to get friends here sometimes because Roslindale is an older crowd that has events that are really geared towards kids,” she said. “There are all these things you can do they do for kids, and I’m like that looks like fun but I can’t do that, you know, because it’s for kids. I can walk to this location and I don’t drink but I have friends who do and we could really enjoy some paint nights and do fundraisers for the community and it seems like a place we could really use and something we’re missing

here that I could really appreciate.”

Resident Martha Heath said her generation would use it too.

“I’m an artist and this is a great concept, but you have to promote it as something more than a liquor store,” she said. “There’s a lot of her age group here but there’s my age group too, who would also be interested in this here. It’s not about a liquor store it’s about bringing the community together.”

Patel said he still has a ways to go in the permitting and license process and doesn’t have any designs just yet, but said he will bring them back for meetings with MHMC when he gets further along.

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A BRIDGE TO NOWHERE

You know that your city anchors the region when every other mayor thinks they can con you out of some money.

The soon-to-be-renamed-we-assume Wynn casino shares a border with Everett and Boston. Yet, somehow (we suspect a sad song on a tiny violin) Sommerville stuck its hand for, essentially hush money.

“Pay us or you won’t get the waterfront permits you may need,” it threatened developers. In the end, court challenges did little more than bleed about \$400,000 from that city’s coffers.

Next up at bat is Quincy, with an escalating war of words between our mayor and theirs.

Remember the homeless shelter and drug treatment center that had to close in 2014 because the Long Island bridge became impassable? Well, Mayor Walsh has committed \$92 million out of Boston’s budget to rebuild the ramshackle bridge over the next three years. It is all part of Walsh’s plan to combat the opioid crisis.

Quincy residents – and we somewhat understand their plight – don’t want the added traffic a bridge repair would bring back to its streets. We only partially feel bad because, after all, the bridge isn’t a new thing they never dealt with in the past.

Quincy Mayor Tom Koch has voiced his traffic concerns to Walsh, complaints that have largely fallen on deaf ears. Quincy’s plan: ferries that can shuttle patients and others to and from Long Island.

The Patriot Ledger recently reported that Quincy At-Large City Councilor Anne Mahoney is among those calling for a city ordinance that would require Quincy City Council to approve construction of the new bridge. “It’s really important that we stand strong to Boston,” she was quoted as saying. “We have to be proactive.”

Yes, the fact is that Quincy owns Moon Island, which is needed to base the bridge extending to Long Island. So, they do have some skin in the game and a reason to beef. Then again, a three-year reprieve from bridge traffic was always intended to be temporary. Heck, the structure was there since 1951, hardly a “new” headache to deal with. We do, however, concede that construction traffic is a concern and, perhaps, barges provide a way to mitigate that impact.

The bigger question, however, isn’t how Boston can play nice with its southern neighbor. That is a distraction. What taxpayers should be asking is why bother spending that much money on a bridge. Can’t that money be better apportioned to landlocked facilities and shelters? The concept of Long Island has always struck us as a plan to shuffle off “undesirables” to their own little colony. That may not be the intention, but it is the result.

The city might well consider taking half the bridge money, expand other facilities, or build what they need, and keep the balance for other drug prevention/rehabilitation programs. Bridges alone aren’t going to help anybody.

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Letters to the Editor

LIBRARY COMMITTEE APPRECIATES THE MAYORS SUPPORT

To the Editor,

The Friends of Roslindale Branch Library would like to thank Mayor Walsh for increasing the allocation to the library renovations. We are very excited about what will now be a comprehensive, strategic renovation that will result in a library that is modern, welcoming, and better suited to serve the Roslindale community by creating significantly more interior space and greatly enhanced exterior areas. We appreciate the Mayor’s support in helping us to realize our community’s vision for our branch library.

Sincerely,

Friends of Roslindale Branch Library
Renovation Committee

Nicolene Hengen (Committee Chair), Christine Cignoli (Friends Co-Chair), Amy Gitlin (Friends Co-Chair), Sarah Lee Chokshi, John Covert, Emily Ferrier, Laura Gang, John Hicks, Constance Martin, Lauren Peter (Friends Vice Chair), Stan Phillips, Greg Tobin, Talia Whyte (Friends Treasurer), Carter Wilkie, Michael Williams

ROXBURY PREP IS AN OPPORTUNITY CREATOR

To the Editor,

Since 1999, Roxbury Prep has been offering a first-class education to thousands of students. Roxbury Prep primarily serves low-income students of color in a city and nation still beset with a pervasive and inherently unnecessary achievement gap. Roxbury Prep middle school gradu-

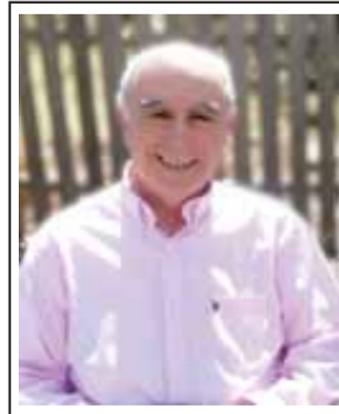
ates are graduating from college at five times the rate of low-income students across the country. When the opportunity to open a Roxbury Prep High School that would serve Roxbury Prep’s middle school graduates as well as new students from other Boston schools, it presented a tremendous opportunity for our city. In its third year of operation, Roxbury Prep High School is housed in two temporary locations, miles apart. Roxbury Prep students and families and all its potential new students and families deserve a permanent home in a single location. I am proud to have been a teacher, a Principal, and the Managing Director of Roxbury Prep from 2001 – 2016. More importantly, I am proud to be a Roslindale resident and the mom to three adopted boys, ages 14, 11, and 4. My kids have attended district, parochial, and charter schools. Just like any mom, I will do anything to get my kids into schools that work for them. Every parent shares that same desire and our city needs to continue to provide high quality options for children in every neighborhood. Roxbury Prep is a conscientious neighbor – the new facility will provide opportunities for the whole community. Roxbury Prep is also an opportunity creator, an achievement equalizer, and a second family to thousands of children and parents. Let’s support their opportunity to learn in a high-quality facility where they can have community and permanence. It’s what we would all want for our kids.

Dana Lehman
Roslindale

“Make A _____ Great Again”

The missing word(s) in the title does not refer to our country or even our state/city. Rather, it refers to the Allandale Woods, where last weekend a volunteer group, organized by the Boston Parks (and Recreation) Department’s enthusiastic Paul Sutton, sought to clean up one parcel of the debris-strewn woodland. Indeed, the volunteers wanted to make it great again.

Like many a group on Earth Day weekend, the group of several dozen who met on the West Roxbury Parkway did raking, lifting, relocating, pruning, cutting, and litter-removing. Interestingly, the upbeat group consisted of a number of lawyers and law school students who were notified of it on an American Bar Association website, which means that lawyers can be as environmentally sensitive as anybody else. And, of course, there were a number of opti-



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mistic locals, beginning their work at the pathway to the interior at the flag site. Curiously, Old Glory was hanging at half-staff, either out of sadness for the ongoing decimation of the Environmental Protection Agency or out of respect to the recently deceased Barbara Bush.

During the past couple of years various developers have sought to make significant intrusions into other sections of the Allandale Woods. Two developers are currently eying large parcels on Allandale Street but need a boatload of variances; the site of an old Mobil gas station on Centre Street is targeted for building but this, too, needs the city to wink-wink at the drawings demanding many variances.

Decades before, a huge up-scale condo development on Allandale Street usurped a large part of the woods, as did a large church at the intersection of Centre Street and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway. Shortly thereafter, a huge facility for seniors was constructed across the street from the Faulkner Hospital. Thus the irreversible intrusions into what was once a vast (by city standards) forested area had started before our current century.

Across Centre Street a rehabilitation hospital had usurped a large portion of neighboring Arboretum property. Recently, a university’s botanical research building gobbled up another large parcel of Arboretum woodland.

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Walsh announces new state grant to boost foreclosure prevention programs

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the Boston Home Center (BHC) has been awarded a \$190,000 grant for its work on foreclosure prevention. The grant, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Division of Banks, is part of \$1.5 million in statewide grants from the Division of Banks that will fund first-time homeownership counseling programs and foreclosure prevention education centers throughout the Commonwealth. The City's grant funding will be applied to its foreclosure prevention and home preservation counseling programs.

"I am proud of the progress we've made on pre-

venting foreclosures, and this grant will help the Boston Home Center continue its important work, making sure homeowners are able to stay in their homes," said Mayor Walsh. "I want to thank the Commonwealth for their partnership and the important progress we have made creating stable housing for families in Boston. Boston will continue to be a city that works to strengthen and support its middle class."

The announcement of the new funding award comes as the City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), which tracks foreclosure data, released its latest Foreclosure Trends Report. The released report notes that from 2016 to 2017, foreclosure petitions — the first step in the foreclosure process — decreased by 22 percent, while completed foreclosures decreased by 15 percent.

The Boston Home Center's foreclosure prevention and intervention services have been extremely effective. Among the top ten most populous Massachusetts cities, Boston ranks ninth in the rate of foreclosure petitions and foreclosure deeds per 1,000 residential parcels, while Boston's foreclosure petition rate and foreclosure deed rates are 30 percent lower than the statewide rate for petitions and less than half the statewide rate of foreclosures, respectively.

Working with community partners, the Boston Home Center identifies and proactively reaches out to homeowners early in the foreclosure process, before homeowners are either petitioned or foreclosed upon. As a result, the Boston Home Center and its partners in the non-profit community were able to successfully prevent 262 homeowners from being foreclosed upon in 2017.

The BHC will use these new funds to:

- Maintain and expand the foreclosure prevention and intervention work of the Boston Home Center and its non-profit counseling partners;
- Expand marketing and outreach for the Boston Home Center's foreclosure program;
- Establish new partnerships with key organizations assisting homeowners; and
- Create programs serving linguistic minority groups in all Boston neighborhoods.

The new grant will also help fund partner non-profit agencies who provide regional foreclosure prevention counseling services, and help those agencies better market

their prevention programs. Non-profit partners provide free confidential foreclosure counseling to Boston homeowners.

Helping homeowners make sound financial decisions has proven to be the most effective way of keeping foreclosures in check and stabilizing Boston's housing market. To that end, Boston Home Center serves as a one-stop resource for Boston residents, providing them with the tools they need to purchase a new home, helping homeowners with needed repairs, and counseling homeowners who are facing credit or financial problems.

Building on his commitment to make housing more accessible to all, and to assist those experiencing housing crisis, last week Mayor Walsh proposed additional housing investments in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget proposal. Through the Office of Housing Stability, which aims to support renters in housing crisis, preserve tenancy and prevent displacement, Mayor Walsh is proposing investments to expand the capacity and effectiveness, including:

- \$150,000 for flexible financial assistance for low and moderate income households facing a housing crisis who are not eligible for existing programs;
- \$125,000 for expanded legal representation and stabilization services for renters facing eviction in Housing Court and District Court;
- \$35,000 increase for the Emergency Housing Assistance Program to assist residents displaced by fire, condemnation, natural disaster and other events;
- Funding for an additional case manager to support renters facing housing crisis; and additional staff at the Elderly Commission to support tenant or home-owning seniors with their housing needs.

To date, the Walsh Administration has committed more than \$100 million in funding to the creation and preservation of affordable housing. Today's announcement builds on the City's preservation and anti-displacement goals, outlined in Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030, Mayor Walsh's housing plan, and the housing goals laid out in Imagine Boston 2030, Boston's first citywide plan in 50 years. As part of both plans, Boston has prioritized increasing the overall housing supply, with a focus on creating and preserving affordable housing.



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Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury presents lecture on Lyme disease

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, April 18, the Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury presented a free lecture, "Problems with Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases" at the Elks Lodge.

The presentation was given by Sandra Bonzagni, a Lyme survivor, Acton Garden Club member, and member of the Middlesex Tick Task Force.

Bonzagni has given talks about Lyme disease in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. She has also taken her lectures to the Boston Flower Show, other local garden clubs, and town halls.

At the beginning of the lecture, West Roxbury Garden Club president Ann Hopps Morgan asked how many people in the audience have had a friend, family member, or pet with Lyme disease. Nearly everyone in the room raised their hand.

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria that are spread by infected deer ticks. Both people and animals can have Lyme disease. In the US, Lyme is most common in the Northeast, but is present in every state (except Hawaii). It is spread by the bite of an infected deer tick. The tick is usually attached to the person for 24 hours before spreading the germ. It can occur any time of the year, but ticks are most active during the warm weather months. Bonzagni told the audience she once found a tick in her hair on

New Year's Eve.

Years ago, Bonzagni noticed a bulls-eye rash on her skin, but was only treated for cellulitis; rashes appear less than 50 percent of the time in a person infected with Lyme disease. She decided to go to her doctor, where she tested positive for Lyme disease.

One of the first symptoms she noticed was "migrating pains."

"I would feel stiff on one side of my neck, then the other, then I would feel pain in my joints," Bonzagni explained. Other Lyme disease symptoms include fatigue, hot flashes, night sweats, chest pain, back pain, depression, vertigo, headaches, eye pain, and dizziness. "I decided to educate myself more about the disease, since my doctor didn't know much about it."

She attended lectures about Lyme, watched many documentaries and read many books to learn more. Bonzagni recommends the award-winning documentary Under our Skin (2008) and the books Gone in a Heartbeat by Dr. Spector, Beating Lyme by Constance Bean, and Cure Unknown by Pamela Weintraub.

The average deer tick lives two years, but can lay up to 2,000 eggs. They are also common on squirrels, chipmunks, and birds. If not on a host, ticks enjoy living in shady and wet areas.

Bonzagni listed multiple ways to reduce ticks in your backyard such as mow your lawn frequently, plant shrubs that do



Residents heard about the dangers of Lyme disease at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library last week.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

not attract deer, keep bird feeders away from your house, and use the least-toxic pesticides for your lawn.

"Do birds eat ticks?" asked one audience member.

"Not enough to help keep the tick population down," Bonzagni explained.

Bonzagni told audience members to always take precautions when hiking by covering up and tucking your pant legs into your socks.

"Wear light colored clothing so it is easier to

spot ticks on yourself," she added. When checking yourself, your child, or pet for ticks, always do so on a hard, flat surface-not a carpet. The ticks can get easily lost in your rug.

In June 2011, there was a health crisis in Massachusetts due to Lyme. But it was not until 2016 that Massachusetts passed a bill to give chronic Lyme patients medical coverage.

"Many doctors are not educated about Lyme disease in medical school, and that needs to change," Bonzagni

said.

"This is one of the first Garden Club events we have advertised over social media," Morgan said. "I received a lot of positive feedback over Facebook. People messaged me telling me about family members who have had Lyme or asked if the lecture was going to be recorded."

For more information on the Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury and their upcoming events, visit <http://gcfm.org/eveninggwestroxbury/home.aspx>.

BPD honors Springfield's first African American Officer



On Monday, Commissioner William Evans and Chief William Gross invited former US Attorney Wayne Budd and his sister, Penny Grayer, to Boston Police Headquarters to present them with a portrait of their father, Joseph Anthony Budd, the first African-American police officer in the history of the Springfield PD. Said Wayne Budd, "My family and I can't thank Commissioner Evans, Chief Gross and the entire Boston Police Department enough for taking the time and going out of their way to honor my father, his legacy and our family."

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MAYOR WALSH HOSTS RETURN OF THE SWANS MAY 2

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook welcome Boston's most popular waterfowl back during the 30th Annual Return of the Swans event on Wednesday, May 2. The celebration in the Public Garden begins with entertainment at 11 a.m. After wintering at the Franklin Park Zoo, Romeo and Juliet will reside during the summer months in the Public Garden. The swans will be returned to the lagoon following a parade that begins at the Beacon and Charles Street corner of the park near the "Make Way for Ducklings" statue. Carts beautifully decorated by Boston's Winston Flowers will help usher the swans to the release site.

Led by a brass band, the parade will continue to the George Washington Statue at the Commonwealth Avenue/Arlington Street entrance, over the pedestrian bridge, and end on the Boylston Street side of the lagoon for the official Return of the Swans ceremony. The accompanying entertainment program, sponsored in part by the Friends of the Public Garden, begins at 11 a.m. The celebration will include a brass band, face painters, a reading of "Make Way for Ducklings" led by the Boston Park Rangers, and children's activities presented by the Four Seasons Hotel Boston. In-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC, Power Crunch, and the Four Seasons Hotel Boston will provide refreshments.

THE 25TH ANNUAL CORRIB CLASSIC 5K ROAD RACE

The 25th Annual Corrib classic 5K Road Race will take place on June 3, at noon. Proceeds will benefit local West Roxbury Charities. Located at the Billings Field, Lagrange Street West Roxbury. Distance is five kilometers (3.1 miles). There will be a Post-Race cook-

out and celebrations. Trophies and gifts to top division finishers. The first 500 Pre-Registered race entrants will receive T-Shirts. Day of registration opens at 10 to 11:50 a.m. Fee \$35.00 on race day. Badge Pick up opens at 10 to 11:50 a.m.

BCYF ANNOUNCES ENROLLMENT FOR SNAP SHOT TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

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

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

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

PICS IN THE PARKS RETURNS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite Boston residents to participate in the

free Pics in the Parks photography workshops taking place on five Sundays in April and May from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Individuals of all ages and skill levels are welcome to bring their cameras and participate in these informal sessions led by a photography instructor. Participants will learn techniques for taking impressive photographs of Boston's scenic parks as well as be given a theme to focus on each Sunday. Select photos will be chosen for an exhibit at Boston City Hall.

Dates and locations are as follows:

April 29, Chandler Pond, 95 Lake Shore Dr., Brighton

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

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

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

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Faneuil Branch Library 419 Faneuil Street Oak Square, Brighton.

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

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT-NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

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

major, Op. 137 Chopin-Pre-ludes, Op. 28 Schumann-Violin Sonata No.2, Op. 121. All are welcome

MARY HOWLAND SMOYER WOMEN IN BOSTON'S PUBLIC ART

The event takes place on Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m. located at the Brighton Allston Congregational Church 404 Washington St., Brighton Center. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion meets at the Brighton Branch Library on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. The featured selection for April 25 will be Saints for All Occasions by J. Courtney Sullivan.

RING-A-DING-DING! MUSIC OF THE RAT PACK

Carol O'Shaughnessy, Boston's queen of cabaret, sings music of the Rat Pack featuring hits by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. April 28, Saturday, 2 p.m. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617)782-6032. All are welcome.

BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS

Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for Alan, Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Rd./ (617) 782-6032.

HYDE PARK

SATURDAY MORNING BLOCK PARTY

Come play, build, and learn together at a block party – library style. Playing with blocks provides opportunities to learn about math and science, pre-reading skills, social skills, and motor skills. Various building blocks will be available including wood blocks, magnetic blocks, KAPLA blocks, soft

blocks, and baby blocks. No registration is required. The Block Party takes place on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library 35 Harvard Avenue Hyde Park, MA 02136

CHESS AND CHECKERS WITH CHARLIE

Children are welcome to come and learn to play chess or checkers with Charlie Cleary on Saturday afternoons. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Branch Library. Free to all. No registration required. The event takes place on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 1 - 4 p.m. located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

BOSTON RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL 9TH ANNUAL PLAYWORKS RUN

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

Registration and start times are as follows:

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

All ages welcome. Registration fees range from \$10 to \$50, dependent upon route and group packages. All fees increase by \$5 for onsite at Franklin Park. To register for the 9th Annual Playworks Run for Recess 5K on May 19, to support a school team, or to volunteer, visit: <https://www.playworks.org/>

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Police Department closely. “We met with those departments today on site and we wanted to come today to let you know where we’re at,” she said. “Public safety continues to be our top priority for the festival, and we’re very proud that it was one of the safest festivals of the year last year.”

Franks said in working with the MBTA, they have agreed to increase Red Line frequency during the event. She said one of the issues last year were ride share services bunching up on the roads. She said though traffic should not have been too bad, as 92 percent of festival goers either took cabs, rideshares or public transportation, she said that the rideshares became an issue when they were waiting to pick someone up, say for example bunched up in front of someone’s house or blocking someone’s driveway.

“We’ve been thinking about a dedicated parking lot for rideshare so that that’s the only place they can get picked up,” she said. “We will also have message boards directing them to that lot.”

Franks also said they’ve been working to reduce the output of sound into the surrounding neighborhood, which she said, besides ticket ques-

tions, was a hot topic for the group’s community hot line last year (which she said would also be up and running by the time of the festival).

“We hired a new sound engineer and he has some really great technology that we really think is going to have less of an impact,” she said. “We did testing in the community during the process.”

Franks said the system will have more speakers than last year so they can have less volume in each, hopefully reducing the amount of sound that leaks into the surrounding communities. She also said that the community hot line will be connected to the sound engineer, which will allow them to dial back the bass frequencies – which travel the farthest – if complaints come in.

The ACA also discussed applications from several restaurants and businesses. First, the ACA voted down a proposal from Amir Shiranian to keep his Amelia’s Taqueria at 180 Brighton Ave. open until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Shiranian contended that his customer base during the early morning hours – which he said were mostly restaurant workers, taxi drivers, police and fire staff – were not the

rowdy late night revelers that can cause problems for residents.

“There is no financial need for us, it’s pretty much to serve the community, we have six seats and we serve no alcohol,” Shiranian said.

The Allston Village Main Streets and Allston Office of Neighborhood Services Liaison Warren O’Reilly were both in support of the measure, but residents narrowly voted not to support it because of the precedent it may set.

“It doesn’t mean it’s going to happen, but it’s the precedent-setting of it, if we allow this I’m sure there’s going to be other organizations who come before us to ask for later hours,” said ACA President Anthony D’Isidoro. “To be fair to Amir, he’s only talking about a couple of nights a week.”

The ACA decided to hold off voting in support or not of a project on 9 Mansfield St. to demolish an aging single-family home there to erect a new building with six units.

Residents were concerned about the proposal, as it would incur several zoning variances. City Realty representative Josh Fetterman said it would require variances for constructing six units in a two-family zoning district, excessive floor-to-area ra-

tio (.6 allowed and he’s asking for 1.04), violation of three stories (2.5 allowed, though Fetterman pointed out they are within the zoned height footage envelope for the area), insufficient side yard and they came in at about half of the required parking.

Fetterman said as it is currently proposed, the building would have six two-bedroom units ranging from 800 to 1,000 square feet a piece. Residents asked if he would consider re-formatting that to have more family-friendly rooms, and Fetterman said he is thinking about it, but had noticed a need in the area for more couple and single-friendly units.

“What I’d like to do is look

and try to find a balance,” he said. “There is a lack of small units in the neighborhood, we see a need there but based on feedback I think we need to find a way to come to a balance.”

D’Isidoro also said they are looking to start up a lifetime achievement award ceremony this year and hope to do it this June and on an annual basis. He also said coming up they are planning to have a candidate’s night with all the other Allston Brighton District 9 civic organizations to be decided at a later date. He said the candidates up for reelection this year will only have to come for one event for the whole district, and he said he expects a large turnout.



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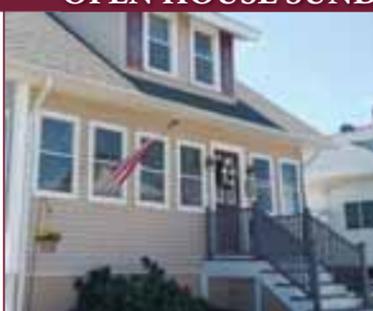
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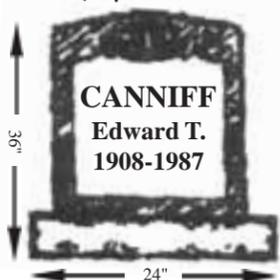
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Build BPS gives updates for this year's budget

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Boston Public Schools (BPS) representatives gave the Boston City Council an update on capital projects associated with the district on Monday, and the outlook is

Associate Superintendent Thomas Welch said that they focused on the Build BPS Initiative, which is a mission statement created through outreach with BPS parents and students in previous years for a \$1 billion investment over the next 10 years.

Benjamin Vainer, from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's cabinet, said the goals of the capital improvements have been divided into four categories, which are new builds and expansions, capital repairs, system-wide initiatives (projects for more than one school across the district) and renovations and reconfiguration projects.

"Specifically, diving a little bit deeper into the new builds and expansions we have some highlights," he said. "These include the Deerborn STEM, which everyone has praised and it's going to be a beautiful new building, we're really excited about that. The Eliot Renovation which has had the multiple phases we're excited about finishing up that project, the Boston Arts Academy which will be breaking ground soon for a new building in the Fenway so that the Arts are right at the top of learning for those students and we're continuing a new project with the Carter School for a feasibility study which we got approved from the (Massachusetts School Building Authority) to figure out how we're going to move that project forward."

With the exception of the Eliot School Renovation, Vainer said all of these projects and hopefully any future projects for Build BPS have matching funds or reimbursement plans through the state. In that vein, the capital repairs are funded in much the same way, utilizing the MSBA's accelerated repair project for window, boiler and roof replacement. In 2017, 11 schools were approved for fund reimbursement on those projects. Six other schools were approved for works starting this summer and seven others have been submitted.

For the system-wide initiatives bucket of the capital improvement plan for BPS, the 21st Century Schools Fund has agreed to donate \$13 million to all schools in the district for



The new funds will go towards specific upgrades to some schools and some system-wide initiatives for technology and furniture. Walsh announced earlier this month that his proposed budget would have to also include \$27 million in extra funds that the state is supposed to provide.

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new technology and furniture, which Vainer said is desperately needed.

"Right now, we're starting in the next several weeks we will be the delivery of the brand new furniture, it's a very, very major process here it's going to take probably four or five months because it's literally thousands of pieces of furniture that's going to be delivered across the city plus the logistics of taking the old stuff out," Vainer said.

Welch also said they are working to expand the Hub and Spoke Kitchen Project, now called My Way Cafe, which aims to have fresh food prepared onsite in BPS schools, investing \$3 million a year in new technology for all schools and \$5 million starting in the next fiscal year for new security features in schools. Vainer also said school playground repairs and installations, starting with the Sumner School in Roslindale – which burned down in an act of vandalism – will be starting this summer.

"This year we're starting with the Sumner School playground, and additional schools could be added, we just met with the Community Preservation Committee to see other opportunities to partner with them as well as external partners to make sure that all of our elementary schools have up-to-date playgrounds," he said.

Vainer said they will also be keeping an annual update report with the Build BPS progress and spending for any resident to find online in the next month at <http://buildbps.org/reports>.

At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George asked after properties that are leased to the city and used by BPS but not under the ownership of the municipal government, and asked that they be updated on how much property the city uses

but does not own and does it make sense to do so and if anything that the city builds in the future could take over that use and save the city some more money. She also said that the city needs to work with Northeastern University, as the city uses space in the university to have integrated education classes and internships with BPS students, because the university does not pay its payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) promise to the amount its leadership set at the formation of the PILOT.

"We should be looking for Northeastern to perhaps cover that expense because they don't fulfill their PILOT commitment," she said.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley asked the panel from the Education Cabinet and BPS about what security updates the schools are currently looking at, as he said every time there is a school shooting somewhere in the country, parents relay their concerns to the council. Welch said they are currently weighing their options for the \$5 million allocated this year.

"The money was actually set aside for us to look at this in a little more detail, it is part of a system-wide initiative, but we haven't... determined exactly which schools would go first but I want to let you know that it is a priority," he said. "The increase in the budget signals that."

O'Malley asked if they would be able to hit all the schools this calendar year, and Welch said he didn't think that was possible right now.

"I just want to be clear, I don't think this is going to be as easy as 'we're going to allocate X million dollars to throw at every school, we want to be thoughtful about this, but this is something I think should be at the top of everyone's list,'" O'Malley said.

Challenger League off to good start



Buddies, coaches, parents, spectators and Wally and Tessie came by the 24th annual Jason Roberts League Opening Day on Tuesday.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Jason Roberts Challenger League kicked off the season on Tuesday to a crowd of more than 100 players, buddies, parents and coaches.

The league takes disabled children and pairs them with buddies to help them play the game of baseball and learn life skills in the process. Co Founder Bill Hubbard said he was happy to see the league flourishing after 24 years.

"It's just starting and it's been hectic weather wise trying to get the field together, but fortunately we got it done and it's beautiful today," he said.

Hubbard said the organization has not seen a drop or increase in participation from players and buddies, which he said was a good thing for the league.

"We do our best, we put ads in the newspapers and on the church bulletins, Holy Name, Sacred Heart, all those, we try hard to get the word out and we've got a couple of new players today which is good," he said. "This program is just so dear to me. I hope we have a great season. You know, I don't even feel 60 right now, maybe somewhere around 40, it's just such a pleasure."

Hubbard said while right now they are flush for equipment, they are always looking for more, and donations for gloves and bats can be dropped off at the Boston Police Department District E-5 Station in West Roxbury.

"We're always looking for sponsors, because we totally maintain this field," he said. "This grass is cut every week because of the great sponsors we have that enables us to get these services."

Organizer Kerry O'Shea said opening day, even though she's been doing it for years, never gets old.

"It's the most rewarding and amazing thing that I continue to do every year," she said. "We are so fortunate that we have the numerous people, parents, friends and buddies that are here participating and the Kiwanis is out here helping us out. We're so fortunate that they

appreciate what we do and they come to help us, and that's what the community should be about.

O'Shea said they are even now gearing up for the 25th opening day celebration for next year. She said as far as she knows, the Jason Roberts was the first challenger league in Boston, and they're looking to observe that milestone.

"We are so excited to be celebrating our 25th next season, as we were the first in the City of Boston," she said.

Buddy and longtime volunteer Coleman Sullivan said

"I've been doing this for five years now, and I've always enjoyed doing stuff like this, I do community service at school and I just started doing this and I really enjoyed it," he said, adding that he does not play baseball in his youth leagues. "I played growing up, but not since like sixth grade."

District 6 City Councilor and former buddy Matt O'Malley said the league has been a mainstay in his life as a Bostonian.

"I think it was about 25 years ago right around this time where we were at the little league complex and we had two teams, we had two sponsors, we had the Computer Bay and the Home Depot, and to see in nearly a quarter century the way the Jason Roberts Challenger League has grown to be one of the best leagues, not only in the city, not only across the Commonwealth, but in the United States as well," he said. "I do this every year, but I'd like to give a shout out to Mike Chan who was my buddy the first time I played and he still plays."

Coach John Sarno said he's been coaching at the Challenger League for 22 years.

"We're the old timers," he said with a laugh. "It's been great, you know my son turns 29 this week, and we started here when he was seven years old you know when we first moved to Hyde Park. It's been a wonderful thing for him. He grew up in Dorchester for the first few years of his life but when we moved here, it was just out of the blue and it worked out great and I got completely involved."

Boston honors Greek Independence Day



The annual Boston Greek Independence Day Parade commemorating Greece's march to freedom which began on March 25, 1821. The 2018 Boston Greek Parade ended at the corner of Exeter and Boylston Streets, with the EU flag in front of the Lenox Hotel in Boston, Mass. The Boston Greek parade route went from Boylston Street to Charles Street and ended at Boston Common where the city held a celebration of Greek music, Greek traditional dances, and Greek food. The Grand Marshals of the parade were His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston; Honorable Mayor of Boston Martin Walsh.

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

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.

Grateful thanks. —A.E.P.

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new-england/event/playworks-9th-annual-run-recess/. For further questions, contact Karleen Herbst, Playworks New England Development Manager, at kherbst@playworks.org or call (617)-708-1734.

12 years old and runs for 6 weeks starting on July 9. Stop by the community center to pick up your application today. Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River St., 617-635-5178.

author recounts tales from his early days in Portland, Maine, his experiences in the Army and his adventures climbing the forty-eight peaks of New Hampshire that are 4,000 feet or more. The free event takes place at Deutsches Altenheim, 2222 Centre St. in West Roxbury on Monday, April 30 at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 617-325-1230.

JAMAICA PLAIN

ARBOUR HOSPITAL: "STAMPING OUT MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA"

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

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

WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

ANIMAL TALKS

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

Where: The Stratford St. United Church (77 Stratford St, West Roxbury, MA 02132 – Corner of Stratford St and Anawan Ave.)

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Contact: Kaleel Sakakeeny, CPGC & Certified Animal Communicator Kaleel@theothermecoaching.com 617-818-1432 a Pet Ministry www.petministryboston.com

AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM

In his autobiography, A Passion for Persistence, John Stephan Gorham takes us on a journey through his life. Join us as the

RESERVATION ROAD PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

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

THE 29TH ANNUAL HYDE PARK ART ASSOCIATION MEMBERS EXHIBIT

Hyde Park Art Association announces the 29th Annual Hyde Park Art Association Members Exhibit at Scollay Square Gallery/Boston City Hall. Twenty-Eight Hyde Park Art Association artist members will be exhibiting more than sixty pieces of art. This exhibit is being curated by Sasja Lucas, also participating. The show closes on May 11. There will be a reception with Mayor Walsh and artists on Thursday April 26, 2018 at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Located at One City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA 02201.

BCYF SUMMER CAMP

The BCYF Hyde Park Community Center is currently accepting applications for summer camp. Camp is for children 7 -

noise, Local Construction developments, Roxbury Prep Charter School, Climb Bellevue Tower and news of a summer block party. Meeting takes place on Monday, April 30, 2018, 7 p.m. located at the St. George Orthodox Church hall in West Roxbury.

Invited guests include elected officials, reps from DCR, Massport, and BPD. All neighbors (and neighborhoods) are invited.

See you soon!

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

8:00 - 11:30 p.m., June 1 at Irish Social Club. 119 Park St. WR. Doors open at 7:30. Event to celebrate two years of successful operation of Rose's Bounty, West Roxbury's new food pantry, and to thank community and volunteers for their support. All proceeds will be used for food and supplies for the WR food pantry. The event includes live band, food, comedy, silent auction and more. Tickets available at Rockland Bank and Blue Hill Bank in WR. Discount for table reservations. For more information or ticket inquiries call 857-203-0404 or email Rosesbounty@gmail.com.

SUFFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Stephen J. Murphy, Register of Deeds Office Hours. May 1, 2018 BCYF Roche Family Community Center West Roxbury 10 a.m.-noon. Register Murphy and members of his staff will be available to answer questions and concerns about any Registry of Deeds matter. Information will be available concerning the Massachusetts Homestead Act. An internet ready computer will be available to print a Registry recorded deed, confirm the status of a mortgage discharge or check on any filing.

No Appointment is Needed

ARTS ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES THREE ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The Roslindale Arts Alliance announces the availability of three art scholarships (each \$500) to be awarded in May. Any Boston student in grades 3 through high school are eligible to apply. These scholarships are possible through fund raising efforts during the 20th Anniversary* of It's All about Arts television show.

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

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE WEST ROXBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A presentation by Anthony Sammarco on the history of the El—Forest Hills Historic maps of West Roxbury by Keith Help with title searches by Attorney Martin Keogh Business Meeting with Treasurer John Di Napoli

Come one, Come all! Bring a friend or two. Free and open to the public

The presentation takes place on Monday, April 30, 2018 @ 6:30 West Roxbury Branch Library

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ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE SPRING DINNER AND DANCE

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

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

DEAR FRIENDS OF BOSTON SOUTH FAIR SKIES

We continue to build support and pressure for equitable use of Boston's airspace. However, we still need you and your neighbor's support to push for change. We invite you to the next community meeting open to the public: Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Roslindale Community Center 6 Cummins Highway. Agenda: 1. Updates on the Massport Community Advisory Committee's recommendations from Block I of the MIT research project. 2. Feedback from meetings with city councilors to push for more equitable use of Logan's Runway 27 for takeoffs. RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-wzoygw16mug_DWTdNyVjibKx8w-8gY9sTbGm0bCNf56vRw/viewform

Please forward this announcement to your neighbors and post in community groups.

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Shattuck Hospital *continued from page 1*

ing would be leased out for a 76 to 100 unit Low Threshold Housing development for chronically homeless.

Change at the Shattuck Hospital is being done in two stages in two separate processes by two state agencies; EOHHS is managing the Main Hospital transfer, while DECAM is supervising the two-acre housing proposal. There will be two separate public hearings.

The Low Threshold Housing was authorized by the Department of Capital Asset Management (DCAM), which owns the property, in July 2017.

All this news was dropped on the 700 employees of the hospital on Feb. 27, 2018.

This was an EOHHS meeting. Sudders explained that the Main Hospital building, which opened in 1954, was in great need of repair and upgrade estimated to cost \$500 million.

When the Boston Medical Center put its building built in 1989 up for sale, the Commonwealth saw an opportunity.

“When this building became available, it literally dropped in the state’s lap,” Sudders said. “Before that we were going down the path to renovate the Main Hospital building.”

The purchase of lease rights for the BMC building, its renovation and the transfer of all 260 beds would now cost \$200 million.

“Two years ago there was interest to use the two acres in a public-private partnership for housing the chronically homeless,” Sudders said. “We put out an RFP (request for proposal) to hire a planner to work with us and you about what is the best reuse of the thirteen acre campus.”

The 13 acres were originally part of Franklin Park, a rocky pasture dotted with cedar trees called Heathfield with footpaths to Rock Milton and Scarborough Pond. The park stonewall can still be seen on Morton Street.

In 1949, then-Mayor James M. Curley offered the land to the state for its public hospital. Enabling legislation sponsored in part by Jamaica Plain Rep. James Craven was passed and approved by the Boston Park Commission in 1951.

“By statute, reuse of the land would have to be for public health purposes,” Sudders said. “It will be an open process. We will create an advisory council that will also work with the city. We are open to replacing the important outpatient services from Long Island.”

The Request for Quotes (RFQ) was released by EOHHS on Feb. 26, 2018 for a Shattuck Campus Planning Consultant. The consultant will be selected on May 4, for a 12-month contract.

“The project will be led by a Steering Committee,” the RFQ



The Shattuck Hospital campus. The area in the foreground is proposed for 76 – 100 units of housing for chronically-homeless.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

states. “Representatives from DCAM, EOHHS, Dept. of Mental Health, The City of Boston and other parties as determined necessary.”

Part of that planning has already been determined.

“Recommendations must be consistent with the planned development of Low Threshold Housing on two- acres of the campus,” the RFQ reads. “Consideration will be given to the City of Boston’s long -range planning efforts of its recovery campus on Long Island.”

Who the “City of Boston” is in the RFQ is not clear. The Shattuck campus is wholly within the boundaries of Franklin Park and its sole access is from the Circuit Drive, the main park road that is under the jurisdiction of the Boston Parks Department.

If the housing is built, it will be the first residential community in a public park in Boston. Sheila Dillon, who is Chief of Housing, wrote a letter in support of the housing dated March 27, 2017. Dillon and housing specialist Tim Davis of the BPDA were at the information meeting.

Gerry Wright of Jamaica Plain reminded Sudders of another definition of “public health.”

“Olmsted created Franklin Park for public health purposes,” he said. “Wouldn’t it be wonderful for Olmsted’s 200th birthday in 2022 that some of this land was returned to Franklin Park.”

“This is up for planning,” Sudders said. “That’s why you have a planning process.”

Bernie Doherty of Forest Hills was not pleased.

“You’re moving too fast,” he said. “There are people who have homes here. There are new roadways. New housing. A helluva drug problem. Are we sharing the load here? If I have to get legal representation to fight this, I will.”

Malia has a long history as an advocate of services for substance abusers and the mentally ill.

“This is an opportunity that hadn’t been anticipated,” she said. “This is the first community meeting. We have to start

somewhere. I have a lot of faith in this.”

But she added a word of caution.

“There’s a lot of state land in Forest Hills,” she said. “We feel burned out. Treat us fairly. Don’t string us along.”

“This is going to be a fake process,” Doherty said.

“It will be a complicated planning and community process,” Sudders replied. “The future of the services provided by Pine Street Inn and Bay Cove are all part of the planning process.”

Pine Street Inn has managed a 125-bed shelter in the old laundry building of the hospital for 35 years. There is also a methadone clinic serving about 200 people. Both will remain on the Main Hospital campus.

Despite the fact that so much is seemingly final, DCAM Commissioner Carol Gladstone said otherwise.

“This is not a done deal,” she told the audience. “It’s a preliminary look at a plan. There is no formal plan. We’ve scheduled a hearing on this for April 26.”

“It’s important to have community engagement,” Sudders said. “We have a couple of years to work this out.”

Voter Access

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and voter registration forms in a proactive manner while we work on passing the statewide automatic voter registration over at the Statehouse that would really address these issues and automatically enroll people, this is the best step cities and towns can take to increase participation,” Zakim said.

Walsh said he hopes the ordinance will help to reduce barriers to voting faced by some residents in the city.

“Boston is leading the way on reducing barriers to voter registration that disproportionately impact some communities over others. From signing up for a residential parking sticker to enrolling a child in Boston Public Schools, we will provide new opportunities to residents to complete this important step in getting their voice heard in Boston, in the Commonwealth, and in this country,” he said.

Chair of the Committee on Government Operations Michael Flaherty outlined the new changes to the ordinance language on Wednesday at the regular Boston City Council meeting.

“For anyone who has the right to vote, this ordinance will make any Boston Public Library Branch voter registration forms available in visible locations, require the Boston Public Schools to provide voter registration forms to parents and legal guardians as well as preregistration forms for eligible students,” he said. “Further, this ordinance will allow Boston Public School students to start a little later on Election Day – they can’t just stroll in at 11 a.m., but we’ll work with you in the morning provided they took time out of their schedule to vote and have proof that they voted – to require the Boston Transportation Department to provide voter registration forms for those who are seeking resident parking permits or updating their resident parking permit application. Councilor Janey had recommended the use of our community centers, which are the lifeline of a lot of our neighborhoods and community groups.”

Zakim added this ordinance would also allow eligible Boston students to pre-register for elections. He also said that testimony from members of the Boston Student Advisory Council also swayed their decision to include a pass on Election Day for students.

“They were really disappointed for them and their friends that they couldn’t have time to vote on Election Day, whether it was for jobs after school, extracurricular activities or, given our citywide high schools, might not be that easy to make sure you get to school on time and then get back in time to cast your ballots, so I’m very excited about this,” he said.

Zakim said the implementation of this ordinance will take place this year and will hopefully be in place by the next election in November.

For more information, go to <https://www.boston.gov/departments/election>



Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

2018 Mini Cooper S E Countryman All4

This is a Mini that is not so mini. It has grown over the years to seat five and even has room for storage. The Mini Cooper was always a bit small for me until this larger Countryman came along, and the bonus of all-wheel drive makes it an all-weather sport sedan. The smaller Minis were also hard to work on, but this model has plenty of room for service.

Our test Mini is a plug-in hybrid battery powered vehicle coupled with a 3-cylinder gas engine with a turbo-charger. The 3-cylinder engine pumps out 134 horsepower, but vibrates at a low engine speed. The 6-speed automatic transmission has multiple modes, including a sport mode that also changes the engine tune.

Both driver and passenger front seats are heated and there are plenty of adjustments available for individual comfort and seat travel, fore and aft. The dash style and layout has much improved and is easier to navigate. The large center, round display has an LED color ring that changes color, and unlike older Minis, there is no learning curve to operating all the controls. Steering hub controls, and lots of control buttons, are all in reach of the driver. 18-inch run-flat tires with a tuned suspension gives a smooth ride under any conditions – the car seems to handle all you can give it. LED headlights and fog lights brighten the darkest roads. Base price starts at \$36,800, (destination fee: \$850). Optional silver metallic paint is \$500; rear park distance control: \$500; heads-up display: \$750; Sirius radio with 1-year subscription: \$300. Combined gas mileage with electric power is 65 MPG, gas only is 27 MPG. No cost maintenance: 3 years/36,000 miles. The bottom line is that I am now a fan of the Mini and can’t wait to drive the convertible!

Boston’s own Junior Damato, “The Auto Doctor” has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18D0326DR**
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Maireni Geronimo vs. Miguel Angel Pujols Valdez
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Maireni Geronimo, 115 Cornell St. Apt 1, Roslindale, MA 02131** your answer, if any, on or before **05/10/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
March 16, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 04/26/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. **SU18D0624DR**
DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS
Portia C Charles-Francis vs. Jimmy Francis
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To the above named Defendant:
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Portia C Charles-Francis 4 Rexhame St. Roslindale, MA 02131** a copy of your answer to the complaint for **Divorce Filed 4/3/18** which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
April 9, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 04/26/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **17D1744**
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Sintia Genao Guerrero, Plaintiff (s) vs.
William N Genao Mercedes, Defendant(s)

To the above named Defendant (s):
The Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Sintia Genao Guerrero seeking a divorce, pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 41 I, and Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties, and that the said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and that his/her present whereabouts are unknown; that personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable, and that said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.
You are required to serve upon: Sintia Genao Guerrero – whose address is 32 Fairlawn Ave #5, Mattapan, MA 02136 – Phone 857-312-8526 your answer, on or before the 7th day of June, 2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.
Witness, Joan P. Armstrong, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 13th day of April, 2018.
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
Hyde Park Bulletin, 04/26/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU18P0603EA**

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

Date of Death: 10/12/2017

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication Of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Carol A. Poles 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:
Carol A. Poles 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: **10:00a.m. on the return day of 05/10/2018**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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: April 05, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin, 04/26/2018

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cantly shrunk from what it used to be and like other wooded parcels throughout the city, is on the verge of being decimated in the name of More Housing: Nature is viewed as the enemy of people, and must be leveled, no matter how many vernal pools and gentle glens have to be filled in and no matter how many trees must be cut down.

Just as Mayor Menino immortalized himself with the creation of huge Millennium Park, on top of what was once the LaGrange Street Landfill, so too must the current administration endear themselves to current and future generations by saying NO to any more requisitions to shoe-horn more building into vacant lots and forested areas. If not, in the future Earth Day volunteers should just sleep in and let the bulldozers do their ignominious jobs, and those signing off on the permits will live with their own personal infamy.

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

Estate of: Philip E. Shakir Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Date of Death: 05/16/2012

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:
Robert Roth of West Roxbury MA
Requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.
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 05/10/2018**.
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 26, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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Greenway

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celebrating the economic and cultural diversity of Waterfront visitor-ship," he said. "My concern most particularly regards the expressed intention of the BID to wield its influence over the programming and decision-making processes currently administered by the Conservancy."

Hollinger said the track record of exclusivity for the Greenway Conservancy and that of Waterfront property owners is stark.

"The Greenway Conservancy's decade-long history has served to pivot Boston on a world stage," he said. "Boston's privately-owned public spaces... Management of privately owned public spaces on Boston's Waterfront have often been characterized by inattention to public space licensing requirements and overriding pursuit of commercial revenues from public spaces and programming designed to appeal to the interests of commercial patrons at the expense of welcoming an audience of wide economic and cultural backgrounds."

Hollinger brought up a 2012 survey run by the Conservation Law Foundation that audited such sites on the Waterfront. He said they audited the whole of the waterfront, and found that more than a dozen sites were non-compliant with public access laws.

"The history of Chapter 91 public space in Boston is rife with attempts to privatize commercialize and otherwise discourage access to public spaces by a broad range of visitors," he said.

Hollinger said that many activities in the Waterfront now are geared towards patrons of businesses there, which are generally very expensive and cater to, in his words, "a single homogenized demographic."

"Seemingly those capable of patronizing commercial establishments," he said. "From outdoor movie screenings, to ambient music and public art the common denominator is one serving the interest of patrons or attracting new patrons."

Hollinger said that the city should keep a close eye on the Greenway BID in terms of public oversight.

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