

The Eliot School planning for expansion



Eliot School director Abigail Norton joins in the discussion at one workshop table at a recent meeting regarding the school's expansion.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts, in its third schoolhouse since 1832 when Jamaica Plain was still a precinct of the town of Roxbury, is outgrowing its yellow brick walls on Eliot Street.

Abigail Norton, director of the Eliot School, addressed a full open house on Jan. 28 and laid out the facts.

“In a nutshell, what brings us to this point is that we’re in the same building since 1832 and we have 1,600 people enrolled,” Norton said. “Some in one class, some in several classes and 10 staff, three part-time. We need

adequate space. The trustees began a process a year ago to find out what that means.”

The Sunday open house, although open to students and others, was aimed specifically at the abutting neighborhood and the Jamaica Pond Association, both of whom will have the strongest opinions about the decisions.

“We have three options,” Norton said. “To fulfill our mission on site including staff that teaches 2,000 students in the Boston public Schools; second, programming would leave the site and three a hybrid of two locations.”

Founded in 1676 by 38 men

Eliot School

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Mass. Cultural Council donates \$470,000 to Boston arts organizations



Several Boston-based organizations, such as the South Boston Arts Association shown above, will see an uptick in funding this year from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) announced last week it has granted \$470,000 to arts organizations in the City of Boston.

The MCC stated it has distributed the grant funds of \$472,955 to 181 arts organi-

zations throughout the city, including the South Boston Arts Association, the Rose Kennedy Greenway, Unbound Visual Arts the Margarita Muniz Academy, the Joseph Dodo Nee Collaborative Center and many more. The grants were chosen through a competitive process on specific grants that were selected based on their potential to enhance the quality of life,

and the economy and design of the City of Boston, in addition to advancing the goals of the Boston Creates Cultural Plan.

“This is an exciting time for the City of Boston because we are investing in organizations and projects that have the potential to enhance

Arts Grant

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Boston South Fair Skies proposes plane slowdown

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston South Fair Skies Group recently announced they have proposed a plan to reduce noise in neighborhoods by slowing down planes as they depart runways.

The plan, suggested as part of the Block 1 phase of a study currently being conducted by MIT Professor R. John Hansman, PhD, and Fair Skies member Alan Wright, said this could be a good way to reduce noise in the neighborhood, if the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) decides to implement it.

“That slower (takeoff) would result in the planes be-

ing a little bit lower, but with much less noise,” Wright said.

Wright said that the slowdown could help the airlines save a bit of fuel, but that no one aviation company is doing it, so that they do not reduce their departure times.

“Because they’re all competing on their departure time statistics, having them going a little slower might add to their stats, but if it’s required of everybody, then everybody’s equal,” he said.

Wright said the slowdown would reduce noise in two ways, based on how the engines and the construction of planes are built.

Fair Skies

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Council to host school meetings on transportation, elections

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and discussed two key issues for the Boston Public Schools District (BPS).

Both issues called for hearings to discuss problems with the BPS, and both hearings were called by At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George. Firstly, she said she wants to host a hearing to explore once again having the School Committee be an elected board.

“In this, I am asking should our School Committee remain as an appointed body, or should it become an elected body, or a combination of both?” she said. “The structure of the School Committee is important to families, to our neighbors, to all residents of the City of Boston and



The issue of the transportation budget and promises of cost savings from the Boston Public School Department will be discussed in upcoming Boston City Council meetings.

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it’s not just the surface level reasons we hear about this.”

The board became an appointed body 20 years when then-Mayor Thomas Menino was able to change the body’s institutional process. The logic

then was that the board came to such stand stills that it could not agree to get almost anything done. But now, many have argued that having the body un-

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NEMPAC bringing music and art to North End

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is opening the year right in 2018 with several community events coming to showcase the talents of the neighborhood.

NEMPAC was set up to help children in the North End to discover their passions and talents, regardless of their parents' income or background. There is an ongoing education program in the neighborhood from NEMPAC, but many times throughout the year they come together to fundraise for the community and enrich the lives of residents.

"We have an education program, obviously, and a couple of different events coming up for instance in February we have the Amore Valentine's Day Dinner and concert on Feb. 11," said NEMPAC Branding and Marketing Manager Rose-Marie Gomez. "At 5 p.m. we're going to host at Lucia's Restaurant on Hanover Street. It's kind of a dinner concert paired with opera and about five of our artists are going to be performing and we're already selling tickets for that."

Gomez said they will be showcasing many of their professionals and teachers singing about a dozen pieces during the event, including Artistic Director Rebecca Miller, Soprano Lindsay Conrad, Baritone Tim Gorka, Tenor Joel Edwards, Soprano, Jennifer Jaroslavsky, and Accompanist Melanie Rucinski.

"It's definitely an intimate venue," she said. "NEMPAC will be performing about 40 minutes for different songs that



The North End Performing Arts Center is gearing up for its annual concert at the Boston Public Market.

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are themed around Valentine's Day."

On March 17, the group is hosting its annual Performathon at the Boston Public Market. The day features performances from students and faculty from morning to night, and will feature creative movement and young dancers at 10 a.m., kids music theater at 11 a.m. and a performance from the NEMPAC Group Ensemble at 12:15 p.m.

"It's for scholarships to support NEMPAC's mission to make music accessible for all," she said. "It's an all-day event... All of our students will perform, as well as our teachers. It's a great community event where all the families come and support the kids and get to see their kids perform, but so do any resident who comes out."

Gomez said they have been able to book the Boston Public Market for the last three years and have had their annual performance for many years before that. She added that there will be many activity tables for younger children.

"There will be instrument petting zoos, raffles and refreshments," she said. "We entertain everybody who comes to listen to the kids play but we know that families have small children who only have certain amount of patience, so we try to make it fun for them too."

To help raise funds for the program, go to nempacboston.org/performathon-pledge-me-campaign/ to pledge support for a student. Gomez said this year there are allocating \$10,000 for scholarships.

Boston hits streets for annual Homeless Census



As part of Boston's efforts to end chronic and veteran homelessness, on Wednesday night Mayor Martin J. Walsh led a group of 300 volunteers, including City of Boston cabinet and department heads, State officials, homeless service providers, and community, civic and faith leaders in the City of Boston's 38th annual Homeless Census. This yearly count of individuals living on the street is part of a larger census of homeless adults and families in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and domestic violence programs. In 2017, Boston was identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as the city with the lowest percentage of unsheltered people living on the street of any city conducting a census. In 2017, only three percent of Boston's homeless population was sleeping on the street. The annual homeless census is required by HUD as a key component of Boston's \$26 million funding grant.

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Brighton Allston Improvement Assn. talks Allston Square development



About 50 Allston Brighton residents came out to hear the plans for Allston Square last week, which includes the construction of several new buildings.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BIAA) met last week and discussed the proposal from City Realty regarding Allston Square.

Attorney Daniel Toscano and Drago represented City Realty during the meeting. Toscano said there are six properties within the scope of the project, which would total 339 units at 334 Cambridge St., 16 Highgate St., 2-8 Harvard Ave., Franklin-Braitree/Allston Hall and 415 Cambridge St.

“We’re proposing 231 as condo units and 108 as rental and 225 parking spaces,” said Toscano. “What we’ve done over the last few months is we’ve made some key changes to the property. Since the last time we spoke, we’ve increased the open space, the number of square feet, we’ve increased the bike racks to include 300 bikes, we’ve added 46 trees, and 9,000 square feet of wall space for murals,” he said. “So we’ve done a lot for the community.”

Toscano said they planned to file this week with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) with a letter of intent for the project. Dartagnan Brown, an architect from Embarc, went over the details of the project with the BIAA. He said the project will take up five blocks of land on two acres and they are looking to preserve the Allston Hall as well. He said they would be adding a good number of new trees to the area as well.

“There’s only one street tree on the site now,” he said.

Brown said the open space plan is designed to have maximum public access, which BIAA member Abigail Furey said was a good option for the neighborhood.

“All the open space provided by developers is a private roof deck or something like that but I have to compliment you on designs that are so far neigh-

borhood-facing and connecting so thank you for that aspect, that’s really important,” she said.

One resident asked why it is not two projects or even six, as the project itself becomes huge with the six buildings. Brown said they felt this would be the easiest way to attack it.

Community Preservation Director Christine Poff also came by the meeting to discuss the Community Preservation Act with the BIAA.

“I am really thrilled that we’re partnering to figure things out in Allston Brighton for the CPA,” she said. “So what we’re doing is there’s a ton of information on this and I’m having community forums in different neighborhoods around the city. I’m trying to figure out what you want in Brighton, what you need in the neighborhood, the types of projects you’d like to see.”

BIAA

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Editorial

A KNOCK OUT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

We have been beating the drum for the city to take its infrastructure woes more seriously.

We are fully aware that such work is expensive, resource draining and will, by necessity, cause temporary pain and aggravation.

No one likes to hit a detour and be routed along a maze of side streets when they are trying to get home after a long day of work.

There is also blind arrogance on the part of the city.

What is one of the most important things the city can do these days? Our answer would be to support the fabric of small business. They, more so than bending over backwards to please the corporate masters at GE and Amazon, are important drivers of the local economy.

And yet we come across the sad story of KO Catering & Pies in South Boston, a business we drive by nearly every day in our travels. The small restaurant is part of a growing chain (another Boston location is in East Boston). We would love to give their pies a taste; the reason we never do is the important point of this editorial.

For roughly the past year-and-a-half, the A Street store has been under siege. While double parking (and often triple parking) is a scourge for other parts of the neighborhood, the culprit here is the City of Boston and a work site that has blocked the restaurant's entrance, taken away parking and, for good measure, ripped up the sidewalk. On some recent days, KO Pies was forced to remain closed because even employees couldn't make it to the front door.

Said a KO Pies manager to WCVB TV, "Normally, you get a heads up when something is going to happen, and we had no warning like that. We just turned up to work this morning and they were there."

On one very bad day in particular, as reported by the television station and restaurant, "the front and rear doors were blocked, deliveries were forfeited, employees sent home and for two hours the business was forced to close."

The culprit, at least partially, is project work by Verizon. After KO took to Twitter with its discontent, a deal was apparently brokered to limit work to weekends.

Construction on new residential housing on the other side of the store is also to blame and no such deal has been reached.

It must be noted, that even when the restaurants complaints and queries were forwarded to City Hall, they claim there was no response or reciprocal outreach. Seriously, it shouldn't take Twitter shaming to reach a resolution with either public officials or the construction they permit.

We can only imagine the unmitigated joy that must infect city officials with the knowledge that yet another tiny parcel of land can be over-developed with unaffordable housing in an otherwise blue collar-neighborhood. This is way out of hand. The city's zeal to over-build everywhere is already a problem. We don't need a cavalier attitude when it comes to the harmful effects of those decisions on local business owners.

Who at the city monitors construction of this sort? Is there anything so complex that it truly necessitates almost two years of constant construction? City Hall needs to be better at coordinating these projects, demanding mitigation, and setting a timeline.

Boston has done many wonderful things for local businesses, not the least of which is the Main Streets initiative. All that good will, however, is rendered useless if a blind eye and deaf ear is the response to business-crushing arrogance.

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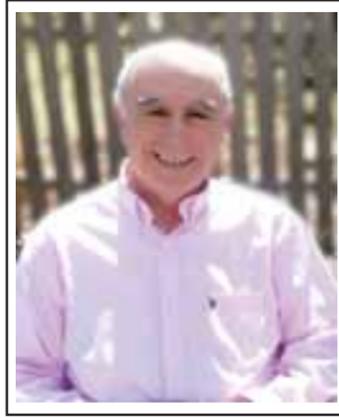
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Several months before V-E Day and V-J Day was the last time that Valentine's Day fell on Ash Wednesday (for most Christian churches). In other words, we're talking that 73 years ago was the last time that Feb. 14 fell on the first day of Lent.

This has happened only once in my long lifetime. This is a much larger expanse of time than when, say Feb. 29 (leap year day), fell on a Wednesday, which was the year that George Orwell made famous, 1984.

Let's look at the truth and the myth of these days: Valentine's Day, or more properly St. Valentine's Day, is a named after one of three Saint Valentine's, all of whom were martyred almost 18 centuries ago for their belief in Jesus. The Valentine to whom most belief is given as the source of our cultural Feb. 14 celebration is Valentine of Rome, who was imprisoned for performing nuptials for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, which was forbidden by the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment Valentine

healed the daughter of a jailer and before his execution, he wrote her a letter signed - can you guess it? - "Your Valentine."

Ash Wednesday is steeped in no such legend. Coming 40 days before Easter, which day is calculated by the moon's movement in Gregorian calendars for most Christian churches (the Christian Orthodox people follow the Julian calendar), Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and fast. Except for the elderly, young children, and the sick, various laws

address fasting from snacks in between meals as well as the sum of any two meals should not equal the third, with the thought that portions are sufficient to sustain strength but not sufficient to satisfy hunger.

Similar to Good Friday in fasting, Ash Wednesday also imposes refraining from meat-based meals for those of certain age groups, because meat was once considered a luxury, today's equivalent of lobster.

Now in 2018 these two days, St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday, converge. What is an admirer to do when asking his love out for a steak dinner or to give her a box of Russell Stover's best, which of course should be sampled right away? Maybe we all should emulate how New Orleans celebrates the lead-in to Ash Wednesday every year: Mardi Gras. But will the Crescent City celebrate Valentine's Day a day earlier? Food for thought.

And for those of you into tricking youngsters with fake spiders inside plastic Easter eggs, April Fools' Day falls on Easter Sunday this year - also a rare occurrence. The last was 1956 and the next will be 2029.

Letters to the Editor

WE HAD A CONVERSATION USING OUR EYES

To the Editor,

I read the news story about a meet-up that recently took place in Hyde Park and it was supposedly the first "Racism in Boston" meeting in the Hyde Park community. I agree that folks coming together and having conversations about living together sharing our commonality is needed and a reminder to all that we are all members of the same human family.

I recently attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast in the City of Quincy on Jan. 15. It was held inside Quincy High School where a very diverse crowd assembled to remember the legacy of Dr. King's in fighting for social justice and racial equality. I saw a quote that made so much sense in its simplicity, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

Breakfast speaker was State Sen. John Keenan, D-Quincy who used King's words to show the simplicity of it all, "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each

other because they have not communicated with each other."

As a baby boomer I witnessed the history of the civil rights struggles and I observed that separation from one another does create fears of those different from us. If folks don't know each other and live in different communities it makes folks afraid and often fear can turn to racial hostility or even indifference.

Growing up in Lower Roxbury, folks regardless of race or ethnicities survived together in both good times and bad. Often we went to the same schools, attended the same churches, shopped in the same markets and played on the same playgrounds and fields. Not all Boston neighborhoods were as diverse as mine. We simply got along with each other despite our differences because of our community commonality.

I can still vividly remember the date April 23, 1965. I was 16 years old and living in the Orchard Park projects along Harrison Avenue. This was the day that Dr. King led a march in Boston that ended at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common before some 20 thousand gathered to hear him speak.

As he passed below me on Harrison Avenue, I looked down from the open kitchen window and called to Dr. King. He looked up to my window, waved and smiled, I did the same thing back to him. It was only a brief moment but it showed how simply it can be to just acknowledge one another. We had a conversation using our eyes.

I believe Boston as a whole is a much better place today than it was when I was 16 years old. We have traveled far but the journey of understanding never ends. I am also better today than I was back then. That is what we must all strive towards.

I feel very lucky to have met him in person. To me he isn't just a piece of history. He was a living and breathing human being trying to make life better for all. He paid the ultimate sacrifice for challenging the status quo and his life was too brief. However, as he often said, it isn't how long you live but how well you live.

Sen. Keenan's comments were so profound and yet so simply. As Dr. King himself once said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

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BPDA approves hotel and 54 housing units in Southie

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning and Development Agency recently approved two new developments for South Boston.

The biggest construction proposal approved was a 159-unit hotel for 248 Dorchester Ave. in South Boston. The proposal also plans for a rooftop bar on the top of the hotel, of which residents at earlier BPDA community meetings were wary. Many said the noise of the rooftop bar would filter down into their neighborhood, but architect Michael LeBlanc of Utile Architects said at the time that noise was a factor in their design and it would be minimized.

The project comes in at 87,000 square feet with about 15,000 to 20,000 gross square feet of hospitality amenities dedicated to serve the neighborhood. It will have 60 on-site parking spots and will have enhanced pedestrian access for residents and guests to walk to the Broadway MBTA Station.

Development Attorney Joe Hanley said this will be the first hotel and commercial project within the scope of the South Boston Dorchester Avenue Planning Study Area.

“So we spent a greater part of the last year working very closely with Sarah and Laura and the planning team and we’re really proud with what we ended up with,” he said. “We’re a little under the 100,000 gross square

feet but we still went through the (Boston Civic Design Commission) process as a so-called gateway location in the planning study area.”

Hanley said there will be 320 temporary construction jobs provided by this project, but also some high-paying permanent hotel jobs.

“There are key neighborhood-serving amenities and space that will very much integrate well with the neighborhood,” he said. “We’ve thought very carefully about how the wages and job creation will work, not just for the hotel but for the South Boston community. About 50 hotel jobs and \$3.5 million in annual salaries and \$70,000 in local City of Boston hotel taxes generated. We look forward to opening this neighborhood-serving development in this exciting part of South Boston.”

Michael LeBlanc of Utile Architects said the project is aimed to bring a ton of community benefit to the area.

“We’re really excited for the community benefits this is going to afford,” he said. “Knowing that our client and the design team wanted to really pack this site with lots of activity and energy, that gave us an opportunity to start thinking about building on the roof of this building.”

LeBlanc said the building design has several community benefits, including the fact that many hotel patrons will be utilizing local businesses, activation of the street frontage of Dot Ave, the replacement of a blighted area, new street trees, sidewalk improvements, streetscape amenities and sustainable construction.

The next proposal aimed to place 54 housing units on 20 West Fifth St., with 10 affordable units in the complex. The proposal will provide 59 construction jobs, 2,184 square feet of common room space, 41 parking spaces and will expand sidewalks on West Broadway outside of the Broadway Station.

The group will be giving \$75,000 to the Department of Public Works for the sidewalks and \$25,000 to residents through the BPDA grant application process.

Architect and developer Tim Russel said the project, like the hotel project, followed the guidelines of the Dot Ave Study Area.

“The same development team developed a 33-unit building on Dorchester Avenue, we kind of stuck our toe in before it was popular,” he said. “One thing we wanted to focus on, similar to the hotel, is that we were reading the drafts of the BPDA document more or less the day they came out and I think it was a helpful iterative process between us and the staff to determine what the particulars were and what the intent was.”

Russel said he wanted to keep in character with the buildings around his new residential complex.

“We’re in a zone where we’re allowed a 100 percent lot coverage and 120 feet of height, we’re only at 70 feet,” he said. “We felt that was more appropriate because the Macallen Building and some of the A Street Buildings going down to Broadway Station, those all terminate at 70 feet. We felt like we were more of an appropriate transition for the 70 to the 120.”

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The CPA will have about \$20 million a year from a new property tax surcharge, which will be distributed to projects in the city concerning affordable housing, parks and open space and historic preservation. Poff said that for example affordable housing in the Allston Brighton neighborhood has been a really big issue.

“I mean affordable for whom?” she said. “We could take a project and get the average median income requirement down lower, because CPA funding can help support that. Allston is really an underserved neighborhood with parks too and I know that Brighton parks need a lot of funding for rehabilitation, maintenance and restoration. We just really want to get a sense of what’s happening in Allston Brighton and know where to target these funds and guide us.”



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Body cameras and self-driving taxis discussed at City Council

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and discussed possible regulations for self-driving vehicles coming up for the city.

District 3 City Councilor and hearing sponsor Frank Baker said the time for autonomous vehicles is rapidly approaching and he wants to get ahead of it in terms of the taxi industry and vehicle regulations.

“The idea of autonomous vehicles and self-driving cars is nothing new,” he said. “However we’re seeing a growth in renewed public interest as well as improved technology developing every day that will quickly make self-driving cars the new norm.”

Baker said that Boston, generally on the forefront of emerging technology, is already testing self-driving cars in the Seaport District, and he said he wants to get ahead of the technology in terms of regulations.

“While we are preparing for a city of self-driving cars, we need to start thinking about how they will impact Boston’s workforce, as many of these companies are now offering rides for passengers through platforms like Lyft,” he said. “The purpose of this order is to learn more about the city’s current potential autonomous vehicle regulations, but most importantly focus on how this could possibly affect the existing transportation industry.”

Baker said he wants to protect current working drivers in the city, as well as taxi medallion owners.

“We should also use this hearing as an opportunity for conversations about how taxi medallions could be used in new and innovative ways,” he said.

District 4 City Councilor and Council President Andrea Campbell also called for a hearing to discuss the preliminary results of the Boston Police Department’s (BPD) Body-Worn Camera Pilot. Preliminary results from the program suggest that there were small benefits to the program in terms of harm reduction.

The analysis, released on Jan. 8, focused on two key issues, use of force and citizen complaints. Both instances went down during the program for officers wearing body cameras. The analysis, written by the Northeastern University research team for the BPD,

stated that there was a “small but statistically significant” reduction in citizen complaints, 29 complaints for the control group, 17 for the officers with cameras and the reduction in use of force reports was not “statistically significant.”

Campbell said they held community meetings across the city to have a conversation about the pilot program to get their input on policy.

“We received an overwhelmingly positive response to the meetings we held in the community and the final body camera policy that was adopted was informed by these community meetings and particularly residents,” she said, adding that she wants to now discuss Northeastern’s results with the community.

Campbell said a cost-benefit analysis has not yet been completed, she feels the positive results of the program and the community’s view on those benefits should be heard.

“They actually found a decrease in internal affairs and police misconduct complaints, while a full study and evaluation and cost-benefit analysis are expected, I think it’s crucial that we continue the community process that we started with respect to body cameras, so I’m inviting Northeastern University as well as the BPD to discuss the report publicly as well as their next steps,” she said. “While I’ve come to support body cameras based on community response as well as the community meetings we had and these preliminary findings, I do understand there are costs associated with this, and though they range, they are in the millions (of dollars).”

Campbell added that full implementation is not necessarily an immediate issue.

“I do think we can be creative, so this shouldn’t be about thinking that we need to equip every officer overnight, maybe we can do implementation in phases, but I do think the public should continue to have a say in the process,” she said.

Deadline

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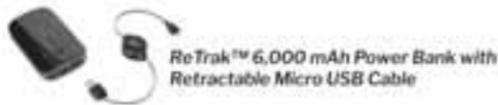
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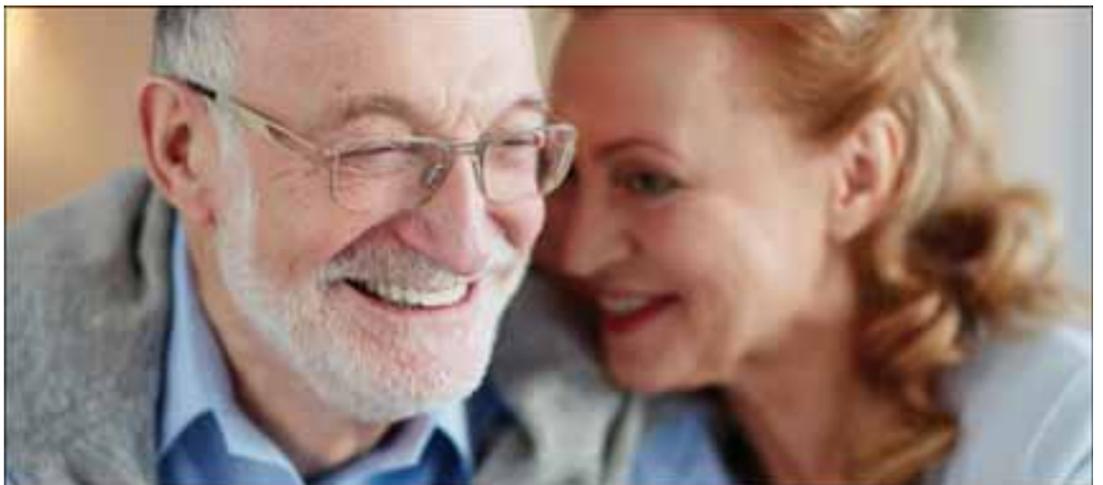
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The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss upcoming improvements to Peters Park. We look forward to sharing the project scope, including timeline and hearing what you have to say. For more information, please call Cathy Baker-Eclipse at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (617) 961-3058 or email Cathy.Baker-Eclipse@boston.gov.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Project Place 1145 Washington St., South End

**PARKS DEPARTMENT
HOSTS FREE DOUBLE
DUTCH CLINICS**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a series of free Inner City Double Dutch Clinics for youngsters ages nine to 18 at the BCYF Madison Park Community Center in Roxbury.

These free clinics provide instruction in the fundamentals of jumping rope and rope turning. The sessions will be held from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 24, March 10 and 24, and April 7 and 14.

The clinics and tournament will be held in the gym at Building 4, BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury. Teams will compete in the Mayor's Cup Double Dutch Tournament on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m.

No pre-registration is required for the clinics and all children ages nine to 18 are welcome. Community centers and youth groups are encouraged to bring their youngsters to the clinics and are invited to schedule dates and times for regular participation in the program. For more information please call Larelle Bryson at (617) 961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

Around the Neighborhood

**CHILDREN'S WINTER
FEST RETURNS TO
BOSTON COMMON
FEB. 21**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be bringing the annual Children's Winter Festival to Boston Common in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation during school vacation week on Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The Children's Winter Festival on Boston Common is a well-loved tradition in Boston, and we are pleased to bring it back again in 2018," said Mayor Walsh. "We invite all children and families to come on down to the festival for a day filled with fun activities."

Among the attractions will be the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountain adventure with twin roller lanes, the 30-foot-high inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, and the Snow Mazing maze. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages from Monday, Feb. 19, through Friday, Feb. 23. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit www.highlandstreet.org.

For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www.cityofboston.gov/parks or go to www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.

**VALENTINE'S DAY
COMES EARLY TO ONE OF
THE "MOST ROMANTIC
PLACES" IN BOSTON**

Christopher Columbus Park Trellis Becomes a Tunnel of Love on Feb. 10, 2018. The trellis will be decorated for the entire month of February with cupids and lighted hearts, and on Saturday, Feb. 10, each end of the trellis will become a

heart-shaped entrance, with five-foot-tall, handmade "conversation hearts" lining the walkway. Visitors who venture into the Tunnel of Love should expect a few surprises as well.

The event is free and open to the public. Valentine's Day visitors are invited to tag @foccp in their Columbus Park Valentine's Day photos. #lovefoccp. FOCCP's Art Curator, Robyn Reed, created the Valentine's Day-inspired trellis design. "Columbus Park is gorgeous year-round, but by February, we all need some extra beauty to get us through the end of winter," Reed said. "I look forward to seeing many happy couples walking hand-in-hand under the hearts."

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**RESERVATION ROAD
PARK COMMUNITY
MEETING**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the second in a series of meetings to discuss upcoming improvements to Reservation Road Park located at 151 Reservation Rd. in Hyde Park. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the renovation of this park including the skate park, artificial turf field, natural areas, and parking lot. For further information or to request meeting translation services, please call (617) 961-3019.

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**WEST ROXBURY
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NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL MEETING**

The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council will meet on Tuesday evening Feb. 27. The agenda will include:

Paul Marino is looking to transfer a beer and wine license to Marino's Market on VFW Parkway. He would be transfer-

ring it from a store in the North End.

Ben Silverman from Boston's Environment Department - The City is working hard to help cut greenhouse gas emissions from Boston buildings and ensure residents are informed about available programs. One such effort involves shifting to more non-fossil fuel based heating systems in homes such as air source heat pumps. The presentation will include the environmental and indoor air quality benefits to these systems, as well as available incentive program provided by the State.

The WRNC meeting will be held in the community room at the District E-5 Police station at 1708 Centre St. (at the Holy Name rotary.) The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. All WRNC meetings are open to the public.

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**MEETING ON THE TRIP
TO THE MARIAN SHRINES
OF LOURDES AND
FATIMA**

Rev. John Carroll of St. John Chrysostom Parish, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury will be the host for an informational meeting on the trip to the Marian Shrines of Lourdes and Fatima May 14-22, 2018. The tour company, Unitours, will be offering a presentation in the parish center on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$2,999. For more information call the parish office 617-323-4410.

St. John Chrysostom Parish, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury, will have Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. All are welcome.

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Ask The Doctor

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Local Girl Up members making a difference at state conference

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

More than a dozen members of the Greater Boston Girl Up chapter went to the Massachusetts Conference for Women at the start of the year to hear from several inspirational speakers and get their goals in order.

Roslindale resident and chapter president Kiera Fair said the experience was motivating for her and many other members of the group.

“It was really great; it was an amazing opportunity. There were speakers like Meryl Streep and Gloria Steinem, it was so important for our young activists to be able to see that,” Fair said. “One thing that was especially interesting was Meryl Streep talking about her new initiative, 50/50 By 2020. They’re trying to get 50/50 representation gender-wise in the workforce and in Hollywood especially... It’s really cool to see women who are powerful taking a stance on change this year.”

Fair said that while Hollywood is based more around image and doesn’t necessarily reflect what goes on in the real world all the time, it’s important for young girls to see celebrities and people they see in media be representative of them, demonstrating to them that they can reach nearly any goal they set their mind to.

“We consume so much media that if people are watching the

same three white male actors all the time people think they’re not good enough,” she said. “It sets these stereotypes that only men can be businessmen, it definitely influences young people the most about what they think they can do and what they can think is possible.”

Fair said the conference highlighted the need for everyone to work together to bring equality to the United States, and said all 12,000 attendees had a lot of information to bring back home.

“All of these girls are local activists who are working to change their communities, and this inspirational event helps us to bring even more enthusiasm to the growing Women’s Movement,” she said. “Teenage girls from all over Massachusetts were able to attend this life-changing conference on scholarship tickets. It was truly amazing.”

The Greater Boston Chapter of Girl up was created about two years ago by Fair and her friends at the Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester. Since the group’s founding, they have been able to raise more than \$10,000 for programming and outreach, and earlier this year the group was awarded the Girl Up Chapter of the Year. The national Girls Up program was started six years ago as part of the United Nations Foundation and now includes 1,400 clubs in 80 counties engaging nearly 500,000 people.



Members of the Girl Up Boston Coalition at the Massachusetts Conference for Women. Back row, left to right: Amanda Baldner, member of BCCS Girl Up and South Boston native; Alexandria Celia, President of Girl Up Somerset-Berkley and member of the Girl Up Boston Coalition Executive Board; and Kiera Fair, President of the Girl Up Boston Coalition and BCCS Girl Up. Bottom row, left to right: Jessica Goober, President of Burlington Girl Up; Ashley Eng, President of Brookline High School Girl Up; and Satchel Tsai, member of Brookline High School Girl Up and member of the Girl Up Boston Coalition Executive Board.

COURTESY PHOTO

South Boston native Amanda Baldner said the experience of the Massachusetts Conference was a fun time, but it also showed what can be accomplished when groups like Girl Up can get people together.

“Not only was it amazing to hear from such powerful and influential women, it was also great to be surrounded by like-minded people who aim to make our society a better place for all women,” she said.

Fair said they are planning to host their own mini-conference for residents of the Greater Boston area to help increase awareness of issues and raise their membership.

“For this year we’re planning our own event in April,” she said. “It’s basically going to be a mini-conference, smaller than the Massachusetts Women’s Conference. It will be a daylong event; we’re really excited for that.”

According to Girl Up, 77 percent of girls who get involved in the Girl Up program experience a boost in self confidence and 92 percent of Girl Up participants increase their social and civic participation.

The organization states it is a “by girls, for girls” movement, and that it has raised \$8.5 million in the last six years. For more information, go to GirlUp.org.

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The Boston Bruins partnered with the Boston Fire Hockey Club and Boston Police Hockey Club to host a six-city, 12-team hockey tournament in Dorchester, Southie and Brighton over the weekend. The tournament featured hockey teams comprised of fire and police personnel from Boston, New York City, Chicago, Detroit, Montreal and Toronto. Dubbed the "Battle of the Badges," it kicked off on Saturday and continued throughout the weekend, both at Devine Rink in Dorchester and at Murphy Rink on Day Boulevard in Southie, with a championship game being played at Warrior Ice Arena in Brighton on Sunday. The event brought first responders from US and Canada together to play what will end up being some spirited hockey games. Sure, they're supposed to be "fun," but there usually end up being scraps at these games. Both Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn and Boston Police Commissioner Bill Evans said they were happy to see such cooperation between all the departments and cities.

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Arts Grant *continued from page 1*

Boston's arts and culture community," said Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. "I'm looking forward to seeing how these organizations use art to unite, lift up and inspire Boston's communities."

The City of Boston contributed \$300,000 in funding and Mass Cultural Council contributed over \$170,000 to the Boston Cultural Council. About 208 applications were sent from city organizations, and applicants were required to show how they plan to help grow access to the arts in underserved areas lacking cultural opportunities, elevate the work of Boston's creative's, inspire the creation of new works, and support the achievement and provision of excellent, high quality arts and culture.

Melissa J. Graham, Managing Director of Boston City Singers said they will use the funds to fund music programs in areas of the city that don't normally see such programs.

"On behalf of Boston City Singers, we are honored to receive continued funding from the Boston Cultural Council to support our music and youth development training programs," she said. "These funds will have a significant impact on our ability to serve under-resourced children from Boston's most challenging neighborhoods."

Carissa Halston, co-founder of Aforementioned Productions, said they will be using the funds to host more live events to help with the

group's mission of helping to form new writers in the city.

"Financial support from the BCC allows us to both help local writers and reach local readers," said Carissa Halston, co-founder of Aforementioned Productions. "We can host more live events, which is where we've met so many of our contributors, and continue to develop our catalog by taking risks on authors who take risks on the page and the stage."

This year, the grants were categorized based on the budget size of the organization, supporting those organizations with an annual budget under \$1 million and project-specific for organizations over \$1 million.

"We are grateful for the support this grant provides for our in-school, after-school, free ticket access, and award-winning teen summer employment programs which reach thousands of people each year," said Sue Dahling Sullivan, Chief Strategic Officer of the Boch Center. "Combined with the leadership support they have shown for ArtWeek, an innovative spring festival that is now expanding statewide, we applaud both the City of Boston and the Boston Cultural Council as committed champions for our creative community."

For a full list of organizations receiving funds, go to boston.gov/sites/default/files/document-f i l e - 0 1 - 2 0 1 8 / boston_cultural_council_2018_grantees_final.pdf.

Parkway's Chef's Table starting four new shows



From left to right: Salem Food Market owner Fred Zagami, West Roxbury Rotary President Bob Starr, Chef's Table Host Joe Murphy and Chef's Table Co-founder Carol O'Connor have all been working hard to increase funds and viewership at the Foundation.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Chef's Table Foundation, created in the Parkway almost five years ago, announced this week they are looking to start four new television shows based around children's and seniors' health.

The foundation was started in order to provide funding and a megaphone for homeless issues in the region. Co-Founder Joe Murphy said they've used ticket sales from their public access cooking show to raise funds for cordon bleu scholarships for homeless youth and veterans in the region at the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Dorchester. Now, Murphy said they are expanding the show – which currently reaches more than four million residents in Massachusetts and New Hampshire – with four new programs.

"One will be to help seniors with cooking, one will be to help seniors with nutrition," Murphy said. "We'll have (Chef's Table co-founder) Carol O'Connor, of course, and hopefully we'll soon have an expert in senior lifestyle, a PHD or an M.D., we just haven't figured out who we're going to get for that."

Murphy said the other target they want their two additional shows to tackle would be that of childhood obesity.

"About 27 percent of our population is designated as obese, so we have partnered with the Boston Public Schools, in particular their executive director of food service and nutrition Laura

Bedridden," he said. "That will also have a cooking and nutrition and fitness segment and we're trying to reach out to the Boston Children's Hospital. They have a whole department dedicated to childhood obesity because it has become such a critical health problem. Obesity, as you know, can lead to diabetes, sometimes heart problems and various other things. I'm sure it also affects folks on a psychological standing as well."

Murphy said one of their board members came up with the idea of branching out.

"He is the manager of the MIT Endicott Conference Center, which is owned by MIT, and he's been very helpful to our foundation and he challenged Carol and me," Murphy said. "He said, 'who are you and what do you do?' Well, we try to be an educational and cooking show, and he said, 'that's it.' We considered who could we help in society? Who could use content about health issues and cooking and how to maintain a life?"

Murphy said the childhood obesity aspect of their new programming was what hit them first.

"It's an epidemic in this country, and it crosses all cultural and economic backgrounds and it's becoming a real tragedy," he said. "So we started researching about six months ago and developed relationships with Laura and Rob Consalvo. I ran into him on the street here in Hyde Park and he suggested we work with the Boston School Department because he is the chief of staff there and he put me in touch with Laura who resides in West Roxbury – a really sharp

woman, she's incredible, a really great personality – and now we're looking for major supporters who focus on health and childhood issues."

Murphy said they reached out to New Balance and many other organizations around the city for help on this. Murphy also said they would be hosting a brunch Snowflake and Champagne event on Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the MIT Endicott featuring Hank Phillippi Ryan and Chef Jay Hajj. Phillippi Ryan is the on air investigative reporter for Boston's WHDH-TV, winning 34 EMMYs and dozens more journalism honors. Celebrity Chef Jay Hajj is the chef and owner of Mike's City Diner. His food has been featured numerous times on Food Network programs such as Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives.

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Age Old WISDOM



by Deborah L. McPhee, Community Relations

MEDICATION CONCERNS

Largely because older adults take more medications to treat age-related conditions, they are twice as likely as other adults to suffer adverse drug events that are serious enough to land them in emergency rooms. The risk of unwanted side effects also increases as aging bodies are likely to gain more fat and hold less water than they once did. As a result, ingested medications tend to become more concentrated in seniors' bodies and linger longer in their systems. To compound matters even further, medications may move more slowly through older adults' digestive systems, possibly leading to increased absorption and increased risk of side effects. With all this in mind, seniors are urged to monitor the effects of their prescribed medications.

As you get older you may be faced with more health conditions that you need to treat on a regular basis. It is important to be aware that the increased use of medications and the normal body changes caused by aging can increase the chance of unwanted or maybe even harmful drug interactions. Please call **DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM** to schedule a consultation and tour of our senior community at **2222 Centre Street, West Roxbury.** "Ask about our *Schrafft Pavilion for Alzheimer/Dementia Care and Edelweiss Village.*"

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Eliot School *continued from page 1*

from “the Jamaica or Pond Plain section of Roxbury,” it was endowed in 1689 by the Rev. John Eliot, apostle to the Massachusetts and Nipmuck peoples, who stipulated that the enrollment include the forgotten children of Indians and blacks, most of whom were slaves.

To this day the school serves children on the margins; 56 percent of those taught in the public schools are of low income; 31 percent speak a first language other than English and 20 percent have special needs.

The school changed from a grammar school to practical arts in the 1890s. Today it offers classes in sewing and embroidery, woodworking and upholstery, drawing, watercolor painting, cartooning for teens and photography, among other arts and crafts. It occupies its third schoolhouse paid for out of the Eliot bequest.

Norton explained that the building is not only inaccessible to the handicapped but has limited classroom space.

“We’re not looking at a major addition, nor are we looking to increase our enrollment,” she said. “But we need to be brought up to code; elevators, handicapped accessibility, modern bathrooms, office space, front and back egress, a loading dock for furniture making. This will take up a lot of space in the building.”

Consulting on the feasibility study is DesignLAB Architects, an experienced Fort Point firm that specializes in schools, libraries and museums such as the Cape Ann Museum addition in Gloucester.

Sam Batchelor is the lead architect and he opened the workshop session by frankly stating the obvious.

“There are challenges of the site,” said Sam Batchelor, lead architect. “What is the tolerance level of the community for physical expansion?”

Also involved is the G2 Collaborative landscape architects headed by Lisa Giersbach. Her firm designed the intricate Fan Pier Public Green space at the Seaport District.

Batchelor and Giersbach led about 70 people in a discussion about what the school means to the neighborhood.

“It’s a part of the community’s outdoor space,” said one Holbrook Street resident. “We use it as a short cut, for dog walking, football and soccer.”

No one wanted the 1832 schoolhouse to be razed. A Brewer Street resident said the building is a landmark in the neighborhood.

One suggestion was to move it to the front on Eliot Street and build a rear addition. Another idea was to lift the school building up and tuck a three-story



The Eliot School has been on Eliot Street since 1832. More than 70 people joined the first open house to discuss expansion needs of the Eliot School.

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addition under it.

Another person suggested that a new building be built against the wall of the Unitarian Church cemetery.

“But make it a glass building so it won’t stand out,” she said.

Parking was also a tender topic. All agreed that the neighborhood was saturated with on street parking but few wanted to see the site used for parking.

“It would take away our green space,” said a neighbor.

Above all else, no one wanted the school to sell the site. But even if it were an option, selling the property is not

simple.

“We don’t know if we can legally,” said Norton after the meeting. “We don’t even have a good idea of what we own. We need to do land court research.”

Of the 75 acres bequeathed to the school by John Eliot in 1689, only one half-acre remains; the rest was sold off by 1874. The city assessing department lists the property at 24,481 square feet; a survey by the Eliot School in September states it is 37,545 square feet.

Pragmatism set in at the end of the afternoon.

“There is no other institu-

tion like the Eliot School,” said one student of the school. “Do we want to enhance the site or do we want to accommodate cars?”

A second student added that the school is valuable.

“What the Eliot School does, it does very well,” she said. “What the Eliot School teaches, you can’t get anywhere else.”

Norton said that this was the first open house.

“This is the beginning of the pre-design phase,” she said. “We will have two more open houses like this probably in April and June.”

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Fair Skies *continued from page 1*



Members of the Massport Citizens Advisory Council say they have a plan that could help reduce airplane noise in the city.

“There are two things that cause noise from airplanes; one is the thrust of engines and vibrations on the frame of the jet. When they’re pushing hard to get up and out, not only are they running the engines at a higher thrust, they’re causing more air frame vibration. We see this sometimes when, for whatever reasons, a jet will go slow and they’ll be a little lower and sometimes you can barely hear them.”

Wright said he is trying to file meetings with both the Boston City Council and Massport – the agency that runs Logan Airport – but he said he doesn’t know if Massport will meet with them or how they would react to the idea of slowing down departing planes.

“I don’t know if Massport is going to give an opinion or

not... It hasn’t been tested as whether we can force them to take our recommendation,” he said. “Massport’s perspective is they like to keep the airlines happy, that’s where they get their revenue. Massport agreed to make our recommendations to the FAA, and the FAA is going to evaluate the feasibility of enacting these recommendations and then have a conversation with the airlines about it.”

Wright said the Boston Fair Skies organization and residents’ complaints of noise started with the FAA’s implementation of the RNAV system, which uses GPS technology to concentrate flight paths over a single trajectory, greatly increasing airplane noise in those specific areas.

“The problem of noise is being fought all over the

country ever since the FAA enacted the new RNAV flight procedures, and there’s been a huge increase in complaints,” he said.

Wright said the next phase of the MIT study should be done sometime later this year. He said that while Block 1 was focused on improvements that would benefit everyone in the flight paths in terms of noise reduction, Block 2 would focus on ways that may increase noise for some while decreasing noise for others.

“They require more study,” he said. “Those improvements have been outlined but they have to do more technical work.”

To keep informed on Boston Fairskies upcoming meetings, go to bostonsouthfairskies.org/wordpress/

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City Council *continued from page 1*

der the nominal control of City Hall has just put more problems on the board and makes the superintendent, now BPS Superintendent Thomas Chang, dependent on City Hall and unable to work freely. Essaibi-George said the main question she wants to bring up during the hearing is how families will be able to engage and submit their own ideas and preferences to the people who create policy that impact their children’s education.

“In this hearing I’d like to give parents, families, students, educational professionals, the BPS as a district and the administration an opportunity to engage in a productive dialogue with each other,” she said. “I anticipate this will be a long and ongoing process, but I expect it to be a productive one.”

At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley said she wanted to advocate during the hearing for more weight for the student representative on the school committee in the form of voting power.

“So often, we’re talking about how important it is that we

are engaging our community voices in a meaningful way and it is certainly bothered me that we have a student representative on the board but has no power,” she said.

The call for a hearing comes within a few weeks of the announcement, public hearings and rescinding of a new transportation plan for the BPS District. Many parents spoke out against the policy after it was approved by the school committee during public meetings held after the announcement of the policy. Though there were many public meetings regarding the pick-up and drop-off time changes – some of which had elementary school students waiting for the bus before dawn – but residents argued the district did not go out to the communities the policy would affect and held those preliminary meetings at the Bruce C. Bolling Building.

At the same Council meeting, Essaibi-George called for a separate but related hearing regarding the BPS’s transportation policy. Earlier in the

school year, it was stated that new technology allowed the district to plan for bus routes and save about \$10 million annually.

“During the budget process last year, we were able to discover a little too late a promise BPS Transportation promised a cost saving that turned into a cost overrun specific to the transportation Budget for BPS,” she said.

Essaibi-George said she wanted to hold the hearing to have a more accurate picture of what the spending has been to date, as they come into the next budget season.

“We had hoped to have this hearing last December, but the scheduling proved to be a bit difficult,” she said. “I would like to note whereas this refile is new, in this refile I made specific mention of the adjustment of bell times and what impacts that would have on the operations and the operational cost and procedures of the transportation process and therefore its impact on the budget.”



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ond community advisory committee meeting to discuss the design for the estimated \$6.4 million renovation of the Roslindale Branch on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the branch's location at 4246 Washington St. The architectural firm of Leers Weinzapfel Associates (LWA) will update the community on the design progress to date, and how the new design will better serve the Roslindale community and patrons of the library. All are welcome.

More information on the Roslindale Branch renovation, including the presentation from the

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Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m. Light Dinner will be served. This is a free event.

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FOCUS ON BROOK FARM PHOTOGRAPHY AND ARTISTS' EXHIBIT: DEADLINE EXTENDED

Brook Farm in West Roxbury, the most influential utopian community of 19th century America, has long inspired writers, artists, and intellectuals. New Brook Farm invites the community to continue the tradition this winter by submitting photos, artistic representations, prose, poetry, and musical works inspired by this historic place to the third annual FOCUS ON BROOK FARM event.

Due to this winter's severe weather, the deadline for submissions is extended to Monday, Feb. 12.

New Brook Farm's selection team will choose works that represent the many faces of the site for public exhibition and performance. Photos of the site and of works inspired by the site will be exhibited at Brookline Bank, West Roxbury, from Feb. 25 through March 24. All works will be displayed and participants will be honored at a reception this spring, date to be announced. In addition, New Brook Farm will post all works and images of works submitted on the website.

All works must have a connection to the Brook Farm site and its history. Brook Farm Historic Site is located at 670 Baker St., West Roxbury. Visit the New Brook Farm website, newbrookfarm.org/focus-on-brook-farm-iii-deadline-extended, for guidelines and instructions for submitting your works. You may also email info@newbrookfarm.org or call 617-694-6407.

New Brook Farm, Inc. is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Its mission is to share information and raise awareness of the historical, social, archaeological, and environmental significance of the Brook Farm site, to promote the arts and host community events while connecting visitors to the beauty and history of Brook Farm, and to create a sustainable demonstration farm on a small portion of the site. Brook Farm Historic site is owned by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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24 New Chardon St.
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In the Matter of: Casely Kenn Vass
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU18P0101EA

Estate of: Helen M. Kingsley Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Date of Death: 03/23/2017

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Paul L. Shea of Brookline, 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:
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Date: January 30, 2018
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU18P0100EA

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HORRY IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO: 2017-DR-26-1346

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Nevia J. Brown, Plaintiff, vs. Coston K. Brown, Defendant

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the original Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Horry County on May 24, 2017. The Plaintiff is seeking a divorce on the grounds of a one year separation.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HORRY IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO: 2017-DR-26-1346

SUMMONS

Nevia J. Brown, Plaintiff, VS. Coston K. Brown, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you and to serve a copy of your answer to the Complaint on the Subscriber at his office at 602 27th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577, within thirty (30) days after service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be requested against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Myrtle Beach, S.C. Respectfully Submitted,
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2/15/2018, 2/22/2018

Free Tax Preparation for Residents Boston

Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined the Boston Tax Help Coalition and other community partners at Dorchester's Codman Square Health Center to highlight the free tax preparation services available to low- and moderate-income Boston residents. The Coalition provides free tax preparation services at 35 partner locations throughout the City to help residents who earn \$54,000 or less per year maximize the Earned Income Tax Credit and claim the full refunds they are due.

"The free tax services offered throughout the City of Boston will help our residents gain financial security, an important step towards providing more opportunities to succeed," said Mayor Walsh. "I thank our dedicated

volunteers who make these efforts possible, and encourage the thousands of residents who are eligible for these services to take advantage of them."

Last year, the Coalition served more than 13,000 taxpayers and returned \$26.8 million dollars in refunds and credits directly to taxpayers. More than 400 volunteers contributed to the effort. 2018 marks the 17th year that the Boston Tax Help Coalition has provided free tax preparation for Boston residents.

"My parents, like most immigrants to the United States, just wanted to work hard to provide a better life for their children," said Suilisa, 21, a Dorchester resident who is now a volunteer interpreter for the Coalition. "The Boston Tax Help Coalition

gave me and my family the help we needed. It is possible to get your taxes done for free. It is possible to save. It is absolutely okay to ask for help when you need it."

In addition to tax preparation services, the Coalition also offers Financial Check-Ups at 12 tax sites. A Financial Check-Up is a one-on-one session in which a taxpayer can review his or her credit score and obtain personalized credit-building strategies from a trained financial guide. This process is a key component of Boston Builds Credit, the City's new, free credit building program which helps residents improve their credit and move towards long-term financial resilience.

New this year, the Coalition will also introduce taxpayers to

Bank On Boston, a recently launched initiative that connects residents with banking accounts and financial services that are safe, affordable, and non-predatory. Taxpayers will be able to open Bank On accounts at their tax sites with the help of such key financial partners as the City of Boston Credit Union, Santander Bank, Bank of America, and Citizens Bank.

"We are so proud of our long years of partnership with the Boston Tax Help Coalition and are delighted to host the launch of their newest season of free services," said Sandra Cotterell, CEO of Codman Square Health Center. "Our organization is committed to serving one of Boston's largest and most vulnerable communities with affordable, quality

healthcare that cares for the whole person. As an essential part of that holistic approach, our free tax clinic each year returns millions of dollars into our community and serves to improve our patients' and neighbors' overall well-being."

Daniel Waltz, CEO of the City of Boston Credit Union, and John Drew, CEO of Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), key Coalition partners, also spoke at today's celebration. They were joined by representatives from Codman Square Health Center, one of the Coalition's busiest and longest-serving tax sites, as well as taxpayers who benefit from the services there. The Office of Financial Empowerment is an affiliate of the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

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71 WYVERN STREET, ROSLINDALE

This spacious 3 bed/2.5 bath Townhouse has everything on your wish list and is a MUST see! First level offers a sizable family room equipped with a gas fireplace and mantle. The kitchen and dining room have a spectacular open concept floor plan with modern custom white cabinets, stainless high-end appliances, and granite countertops/island, plus a half bath and laundry room! Second level offers an impressive master suite with a walk-in closet and lavish master bathroom, as well as two generous bedrooms and an additional full bathroom. This home also includes a large basement and attic for ample storage, a deck and yard, a multi-room sound system, security system and a driveway for two off-street parking spaces. Only one mile from Forest Hills T Station and from the shops, farmer's markets and restaurants in the bustling Roslindale Village!

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