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Construction of the new aluminum cottages as seen from Franklin Park set up to house homeless residents from Mass and Cass.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

## Temporary cottages for Mass and Cass homeless

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

On a ridge opposite Scarborough Hill in Franklin Park, 17 nine-foot high aluminum cottages have been erected for 30 homeless individuals currently living on the streets at Mass and Cass.

Built on a far corner of the Shattuck Hospital campus hard against the Franklin Park boundary fence, this Temporary Cottage Community as it is called is in direct response to what the Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary Lou Sudders calls “the humanitarian crisis at Mass and Cass.”

Thirty individuals voluntarily agreed to move into the mostly single occupancy cottages on Dec. 27.

This has happened fast.

A press release was sent out on Nov. 15, and backfilling and site preparation of the rocky corner space began two weeks later. The first prefabricated shelters were being built on Dec. 14.

Josh Cuddy, the new Health and Human Services Strategy Manager, and Sudders have been making the rounds to explain the program; first to the Shattuck Community Advisory Committee on Dec. 7, Cuddy at the Dec. 13 monthly Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) meeting and Sudders and her senior staff at the Dec. 20 Franklin Park Coalition meeting.

“What happened to make this accelerated decision?” one caller asked at the Coalition

meeting.

“It began with a walk” Sudders told the 75 callers at the FPC virtual meeting.

“In August I was contacted by the food pantry [Greater Boston Food Bank] and the Newmarket Business Association,” she said. “I walked Mass and Cass with Marty Martinez [then chief of Health and Human Services for the city]. The number of tents had significantly increased. It was an open drug market. It felt to me like it had reached a tipping point.”

Sudders said that homeless individuals don’t like congregant housing.

“They don’t use the Southampton Street shelter,” she said, “so we began to work

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View of River Street block, about three-fourths of which would be the new development.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MACDONALD

## HP project would increase affordable housing

Matthew MacDonald  
Staff Reporter

On Dec. 14, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held its first community meeting regarding the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) for a Hyde Park residential development identified as 1201 River St.

The proposed development would be constructed on a parcel of assembled properties made up of multiple addresses taking up most of one solid block of the downtown section of Hyde Park running between Logan and Cleary squares.

The development – whose backwards “c” shaped footprint falls within the NS-2 neighborhood shopping district – would take most of that block of River

Street and would use much of its River Street facing ground floor for residential amenities and community areas. These would include a library/lounge, a fitness center, a common eating area, a courtyard, and offices for on-site staff that would include a resident service coordinator.

One 1100-square foot unit of commercial space would also be made available for rent.

B’nai B’rith Housing New England filed the Article 80 application with the BPDA on Nov. 18, and the development would be, as stated in its SPRA introduction, “a 63-unit, all-affordable community for seniors and older adults ages 55 and up.” However, throughout the

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## Boston distributes At-Home COVID testing kits

Ariane Komyati  
Staff Reporter

As the Omicron variant surged throughout the nation and the City of Boston, Boston residents scrambled to find at-home COVID testing kits before Christmas. On Dec. 23, the City of Boston announced that the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) was offering at-home rapid COVID-19 tests to Boston residents while supplies last.

The tests are available at certain Boston Public Library

(BPL) and BCYF community centers. Residents are allowed up to two kits of two tests per member of their household. The distribution sites include The Boston Public Library Central in Back Bay, the BPL Codman Branch and BPL Grove Hall Branch in Dorchester, the BPL East Boston Branch, the BCYF Paris Street in East Boston, the BCYF Hyde Park, the BPL Mattapan Branch, the BCYF Mildred Avenue in Mattapan, the BCYF Tobin in Mission

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Residents have been lining up across the city looking for COVID tests, like here at the Hyde Park Community Center.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

# Walter's Run goes off without a hitch in West Roxbury



The 27th annual Walters Run hit the road on Dec. 12 this year and had 352 entrants. The race is named in memory of its founder, Walter Burgess, who started the event as the Santa Scamper in 1993. The race continues on and raises thousands every year for the Globe Santa and local charities in the Parkway and beyond.

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The Roslindale Winters Farmers Market will be returning to the ABCD Parking Lot at Roslindale Square this year.

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# Roslindale Winter Farmers Market returning

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Winter Farmers Market is returning to the neighborhood for its seventh year.

Like last year, the event is being held at the Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) parking lot at 32 Birch Street starting Jan. 2 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. According to Roslindale Village Main Street Event Manager Steve Marcelin, the market will run Saturdays until March 27.

Marcelin said the event went outside since last year as a precaution against COVID-

19. "We're offering pre-ordering, as well with some of the vendors who have the capability to do so as well," he said. "Our approach to it is to schedule the market for the warmest parts of the day. Usually, in the past, the market would be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year, when we did it in the same location, we held it from noon to 2 p.m. This year, we're looking to do the same but extend how long we're open."

The market will have all the old favorites many residents have come to rely on including fresh produce, fruit, meat, honey, preserves, local baked

goods, and handcrafted items. Vendors for this year include Neighborhood Farm LLC, We Grow Microgreens LLC, Lilac Hedge, Mei Mei Dumplings, Boston Smoked Fish, Valicenti Pasta Farm, Spoon Soup Co., Del Sur LLC, Griffin Hall Farms LLC and Hooked LLC.

Marcelin said the pandemic has made getting vendors together and productive a challenge. "It has been a bit of a challenge to be honest, but we've worked really close with the vendors to figure out where they're having their issues and

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First Highland

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If you require translation services, please contact the following: [Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov](mailto:Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov). Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

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The new funding will hopefully connect West Street Park, Doyle Park and Edgewater Park along the Neponset River.

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# BFNA receives ARPA funding for trails

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The Belnel Family Neighborhood Association (BFNA) held its quarterly meeting on Thurs. Dec. 16 with a packed agenda of achievements and issues, including the approval of ARPA funds requested by Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley for a trail for the neighborhood along the

Neponset River. BFNA President Helena Tonge noted that plans have been in place for the Edgewater neighborhood to have a trail along the Neponset as well as for the renovation of Doyle Park at the other end of River Street, leaving the Belnel neighborhood unconnected in the center. The money the association advocated for will allow for a trail to link the com-

munities and provide continuous access along the river. "As many may be aware, many neighbors have been engaged with the East River Street Neighborhood Association and the Edgewater Drive Neighborhood Association in really opening up and creating a Neponset River trail space that

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we talk a lot with the community and try to do as much as we can," he said. "With the farmers, for example, during the winter, displaying fresh fruits and vegetables with the temperature so low really doesn't work. The trick is to allow the farmers to have pre-order options and we have also been a little more open in terms of understanding how climate change has affected farmers' ability to produce, especially with the last two years we've had."

was a little bit higher because we were renting out a space in the Sons of Italy Hall. We have been lucky to have been given the parking lot from ABCD Headstart," he said. "Because it is a free parking lot, we have been able to lower our vendor fees compared to other markets and make it much more affordable for vendors and farmers who are taking the risk of being outside in the cold with their products."

Marcelin said last year there was severe drought and this year there has been excess rain, almost every weekend, which he said has made harvesting very difficult for local growers.

Marcelin said he excited to get the first day going.

"I know my attitude as the event manager can dictate how the vendors feel and I try to cultivate as much enthusiasm around it as I can and I'm always open to improving," he said. "Most of the ideas we come up

with, like being outside or having COVID guidelines comes from our conversations with vendors or with the community, and with conversations from both groups, you get to know what they're excited about and what they feel safe about to do."

For a full list of vendors, go to <https://www.rosindale.net/winter-market-vendors>.



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# New Year's: a time for remembering

*Precious memories,  
unseen angels  
Sent from somewhere  
to my soul  
How they linger, ever  
near me  
And the sacred past  
unfolds*

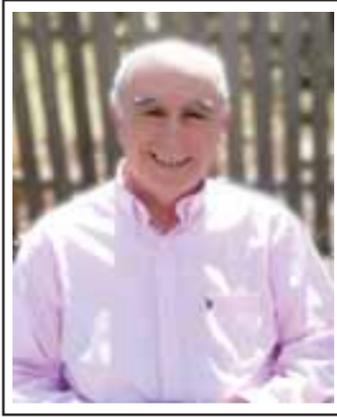
New Year's is certainly a time for wistful remembering. In the days leading up to New Year's Eve, news outlets delight in reviewing all the accomplishments and heartaches of the previous calendar year. The real downer occurs when the year's deaths of people who have made significant contributions to humanity are presented in a necrology of names.

While "Auld Lang Syne" is the most popular song for evoking memories as the year comes to an end, the verses beyond the first two are heavily laden with Scotch idioms, making them difficult for Americans to understand. Consider, for example, the third verse (and the succeeding verses are no more intelligible to modern-day Americans):

*We twa hae run about  
the braes  
And pu'd the gowans  
fine  
But we've wander'd  
mony a weary fit  
Sin days of auld lang  
syne*

For me another song—much more understandable—captures the nostalgia that this time of year somewhat engenders: the one composed in 1925 by J.B.F. Wright. He received only \$36 for it and never received any royalties.

His "Precious Memories" resulted from losing his one and only child at the tender age of five. The loss of the child, understandably, caused him intense grief. Bordering on being a hymn without mentioning any thanks or allegiance to a creator be-



## My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

cause of the inclusion of a few words we usually associate with hymns, such as "angels," "sacred," "praying," and "soul," the slow, melodic song allowed him to express himself about recalling his late son's childhood days as well as his own.

*Precious memories,  
how they linger  
How they ever flood  
my soul  
In the stillness, of the  
midnight  
Precious sacred  
scenes unfold  
Precious father, loving  
mother  
Fly across the lonely  
years  
And old home scenes,  
of my childhood  
In fond memory  
appears*

The song has been performed by a wide variety of famous recording artists across differing genres. Tammy Wynette, Rosetta Tharpe, Johnny Cash, Alan Jackson, Willie Nelson, Aretha Franklin, Emmylou Harris, Daniel O'Donnell, the Edwin Hawkins Singers, Jim Reeve, Bob Dylan, and Waylon Jennings—as well as George Jones and Patti Page singing in a duet—have all seen fit to include the song in their repertoires. I'll opt for the one by baritone Jim Reeves.

# City Distributing Tests *continued from page 1*

Hill, the BPL South Boston Branch, the BPL Roslindale Branch, the BPL Roxbury Branch, and the BCYF Shelburne Branch in Roxbury. West Roxbury was not listed on the website, but City Councilor Matt O'Malley posted on his social media that testing kits were available at the BPL in West Roxbury.

Hyde Park resident Eileen McLellan de Velez learned about the free at-home testing kits through local Facebook groups, but there was some confusion regarding where the tests were located. "I got two at the Muni [BCYF Hyde Park] last week. A Facebook post said the Hyde Park library had them, and the library told me the tests were at the HP YMCA, and they said the kits were at the Muni! But I was still able to get two kits," McLellan de Velez explained. About 20 minutes later, she saw a post on social media that the HP location was all out of tests.

Linda Delaney of Hyde Park was also able to pick up a few kits at the Hyde Park BCYF. There was a long line when she arrived as they opened, but the line went quickly, she stated. "It was very well organized and efficient," said Delaney. "I think they [City of Boston] should supply assisted living places as well because a lot of people can't get out." On the City of Boston's website, it is stated

that the BPHC is "seeking additional partners who can help ensure that test kits get into the hands of those who need them most. We welcome proposals for help in distributing test kits or information in the community." Proposals can be submitted online at [bit.ly/33VhSql](https://bit.ly/33VhSql).

West Roxbury resident Steve Lewis attempted to pick up the at-home COVID-19 testing kits at the West Roxbury Library, but when he showed up 25 minutes after they opened, they had run out. He learned that the West Roxbury Library had them after seeing Matt O'Malley's Facebook post. "I do think there is a communication issue, and they should maybe have some sort of online tool that lets you know where and how many tests are available, because it stinks that you may take the time and effort to go to a place only for there to be no tests, especially if you need to put yourself at risk (public transportation, ride-share) to get there," Lewis said.

Parkway resident Jen Taylor McCloskey had success picking up kits from the West Roxbury Library, but says she was lucky. "I happened to see a repost on Facebook of Matt O'Malley's post alerting us," McCloskey stated. There was a line when she arrived, but it moved steadily, and she was in and out in 15 minutes.

Julia Weeks of West

Roxbury was able to pick up a few testing kits from the Roslindale Library before Christmas. "I had to call ahead to make sure but they seemed to be pretty well stocked," she explained. "There were maybe three people in line, it was very efficient." Weeks believes handing out kits to residents at Boston YMCAs would also be a good idea.

One Jamaica Plain resident was able to get the at-home testing kits at the BCYF Shelburne Branch in Roxbury. She had tried to get a few at the BCYF Tobin in Mission Hill, but they had run out. She stated that she believes the "Hennigan, Anna Mae Cole, Curtis Community Center, even all the inner city YMCAs" would make good testing kit distribution sites.

"My husband works in Nubian Square," explained JP resident Kristin MacDougall. "He picked up two kits for us last Tuesday at the Roxbury Branch Library during his lunch break. He said there was no line and it was an easy process. We appreciate the Wu Administration and BPL staff for making the test kits available for free!"

For more information regarding COVID-19 resources in Boston, visit [www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/free-covid-19-home-test-kits.n](http://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/free-covid-19-home-test-kits.n)

## 1201 RIVER ST. COMMUNITY MEETING

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association will be hosting a virtual meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 to consider the B'nai B'rith affordable housing project proposed at 1201 River St. in Hyde Park. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

The non-profit organization B'nai B'rith has submitted an application to the City to build a 4-story, 63-unit all-affordable apartment community for seniors and older adults ages 55 and up.

The official comment period for the project ends on Friday, January 7, 2021.

"HPNA has scheduled this meeting to help understand project options and achieve a more open and community-based process while the BPDA comment window is open," said HPNA President Mimi Turchinitz.

"The proposed project has commendable elements, but also unresolved questions, especially with regard to impacts on immediate neighbors on Winthrop St, a dead-end residential street, and how the project will include retail and commercial revitalization in the Hyde Park Neighborhood Shopping District," Turchintz

added.

The City created a dead-end street when the Hyde Park library was constructed, and HPNA plans to work with the developer and the City to resolve issues associated with this residential section of Winthrop St.

The Hyde Park shopping district plan is intended to activate storefronts, especially with locally-owned businesses, while providing needed housing. HPNA looks forward to collaborating with the developer, should the plan be approved, on providing successful active retail spaces, especially for growing local businesses.

The B'nai B'rith project team has been invited to attend and engage with residents in open dialogue on the project.

For more information and the meeting link, contact HPNA at [eveturchinetz@gmail.com](mailto:eveturchinetz@gmail.com).

Project information is posted on the BPDA website: <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1201-river-street>

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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.  
—V.C.

### Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.  
—V.C.



As ever with any new development, residents were most concerned about additional traffic problems the new Starbucks drive thru could cause.

# Traffic concerns relative to Riverwood Starbucks drive-thru expressed

**Catherine Hurley**  
Staff Reporter

During a virtual meeting on Dec. 20, Hyde Park community members expressed concern that a new Starbucks at the Shops at Riverwood will cause traffic increases on River Street.

Sean Curran of Waterville

Consulting and Todd Finard and Tom Geraghty of Finard Properties presented the design and layout of the Starbucks, which will include indoor and outdoor seating and a drive-thru.

The drive-thru is a must for the coffee chain, which agreed to join the shopping plaza several months ago, but neighbor-

hood association members worry that traffic will spill onto the Price Rite and Goodwill parking lots and River Street.

Geraghty said the building's set-back pad location, "really lends itself to a favorable queuing system." A two-lane drive-thru will allow cars to exit the line and emergency vehicles to pass by.

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"Everything else will remain as constructed," Geraghty said. Changes will be restricted to the Starbucks building location and no modifications will be made to River Street.

A traffic engineer studied the Riverwood site's usage and determined traffic from the new Starbucks and existing Burger King will not overburden one another. Starbucks is busy in the morning while Burger King attracts more afternoon and evening customers, meaning the restaurants' traffic patterns will be complementary.

Curran said it would take 60-70 queued cars at Starbucks before the drive-thru line hit River Street, and it would be unlikely for customers to wait for so long.

Emissions from delivery trucks driving on neighborhood streets were another concern, and Curran said drivers are asked to use River Street, a main thoroughfare, for deliveries. Community members also expressed interest in a right turn only exit from the Starbucks drive-thru onto Le Fevre Street.

Helena Tonge, president of the Belnel Family Neighborhood Association, said she wants incoming businesses to

be involved in conversations about building community.

"We really do need to have the Starbucks management at the table," she said. "This is something that we're going to be requiring from Starbucks ... let's have a community relationship."

Finard Properties will continue to own the shopping center, but Starbucks will own and operate the store itself.

"Will the owner be a person of color?" a community member asked, saying the same question was posed at the East River Neighborhood Association meeting on Dec. 13. The answer remains unclear.

"Starbucks is involved behind the scenes relative to design ... until they get into a hiring process," Geraghty said.

The chain will be more involved in community engagement at a later date, opting for now to approve building plans. Finard Properties is in conversation with the Boston Planning & Development Agency for design review.

The Starbucks project is being bid to several local contractors. Construction is set to begin this spring with a target opening in December 2022.

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out options. We were introduced to the Pallet Shelter Company in September.”

The Commonwealth entered into a contract with Pallet Company out of Everett, Washington which it called in the Nov.15 press release “a leader in rapid response shelter villages.”

Pallet has operated largely with natural disaster housing in the West and Tennessee.

“Pallet is new to Massachusetts,” Sudders said. “This is a pilot.”

According to Health and Human Services, the cost of the 30 cottages with a heating system is \$158,000.

Cuddy said at the SNA meeting that H+HS has a contract with two service providers, Commonwealth Care Alliance and Eliot Human Services.

“They will provide 24/7 staffing supervision,” he said.

The cost of the contracts, that will last six months, was not made available to The Bulletin despite multiple inquiries.

“The goal is not a long-term solution,” Cuddy said. “This is a solution of purpose-built cottages. They are moveable and can be used in other parts of the state.”

“This program is to find a dignity of personal space and a safe place to sleep. It’s an interim plan.”

Sudders repeated that this is in response to “the humanitarian crisis at Mass and Cass.”

“We’re not forcing people there, people will agree to come,” she said. “The encampment is a six-month voluntary

response to that crisis. It’s not a permanent part of the Shattuck.”

Although, she added, that it does “align with the broader vision of the campus,” referring to the 75-unit supportive housing development first proposed in 2018.

Sudders said that the cottage community is one of three sites at the Shattuck to house the homeless from Mass and Cass.

“The Bay Cove Center will be reopened in the hospital building and the Pine Street shelter will be used too.”

Sudders explained that the Pine Street shelter - in operation for about 36 years - is winding down as the homeless are being placed in supportive housing under the Holy Family program.

“The homeless from Mass and Cass will replace those residents at the shelter,” Sudders said, repeating that the plan is to provide temporary housing.

“The ultimate goal is to house 100 people,” Cuddy said.

Some people on the Coalition call were apprehensive. Sarah McCoy was apparently one.

“You’re just moving Mass and Cass to Franklin Park,” she said.

Sudders and Cuddy both emphasized that there will be security at the village as well as the regular Shattuck police.

“We have an incredibly well-trained staff,” Cuddy said in response to worries by Emily Lowenberg about drug use. “We will have reverse motion



The idea is to temporarily house residents experiencing homelessness at these tiny homes while more permanent accommodations are sought.

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detectors in each cabin to prevent overdose.”

Louis Elisa also had concerns.

“You’re making major changes to the neighborhood,” he said.

Sudders said she disagreed. “We’re not making changes to the neighborhood,” she said. “It’s consistent with the vision for the Shattuck Hospital.”

Cuddy said that the Shattuck cottages are just one option in “the de-congregate solution.”

“We’re looking at a hotel solution too.”

H+HS is also contracting to house 41 individuals at the EnVision hotel at 81 South Huntington Ave. as well as 60 people in the vacant Roundhouse Hotel on Southampton Street.

When it opened in 2012, EnVision boasted ‘39 stylish and well-appointed rooms that will make people feel warm and comfortable.”

Sudders wants the Shattuck cottages to be warm and comfortable too.

“They look awfully white,” she said, “not attractive. We will contract with AirLifting, an artist community that works with the homeless, to paint colorful murals.”

At the SNA meeting, Danielle Cerny, a member of the advisory committee and a Stonybrook resident, was sup-

portive of the idea.

“I want to underscore that this is really a development transfer to stable housing,” she said. “I’m really appreciative. The services won’t end when they [the homeless] leave the temporary shelter. This is a resource for successful transitioning.”

Cathryn Stein was also supportive at the Coalition meeting.

“This is the most compassionate way to help these individuals back to good health,” she said. “One of the strongest methods we can make to help them become full citizens.”

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# Trail Funding *continued from page 3*

runs in the back of our neighborhood,” she said. “We’ve had a series of community meetings, virtually and face to face. Neighbors from Belnel to Edgewater Drive have come together to share their vision for what this space behind our community should look like, from beauty to safety.”

Tonge called this “some seed money” to ensure that the community, including the Match Charter School, could enjoy the area along the river that had no means of access previously. She thanked Fluker-Oakley and Sen. Nick Collins, who also advocated for the funding.

Another future benefit for the neighborhood and the community at large is the creation of a community health center. District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo announced that a Request for Information (RFI) recently ended. This period allowed health care centers and providers to offer suggestions about how they could utilize the space allocated at the Hyde Park Community Center. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is the next step in the process.

“I think the plan is to have some community meetings where folks can have some feedback on the RFIs,” he explained, noting that the RFP should go out sometime in January.

Concerns about speeding on River Street continue to be a community issue. Resident Mukiya Jackson asked if the councilor “had taken any proactive action to reduce the potential risk of accidents on our major thoroughfares in Hyde Park.”

Arroyo responded that, while Cummins Highway and Blue Hill Avenue have received fund-

ing for restructuring these roads, River Street has not been addressed.

“River Street has not gotten the attention, in my opinion, that it should,” he said, noting the other projects have received federal and state funding. “And I am working on that. But that is a city thing.”

He said he would advocate for funding during the upcoming city budget process. The problem, he explained, is that the other streets mentioned connect to downtown.

“It’s just getting them to shift the mentality that a major thoroughfare is something that takes you downtown to one that almost the entire neighborhood is using to get to another neighborhood, and vice versa.”

Access to COVID-19 vaccinations and testing was another issue raised, particularly because it affects communities of color and because Hyde Park has had one of the highest rates of the coronavirus during much of the pandemic.

Barbara Gibbs noted that clinics are happening. The problem is that the community is not getting notified about them. Public officials and the Boston Public Health Commission should be contacting the neighborhood associations in advance, she said.

The Match Community Day School at 100 Poydras St. will be hosting community vaccination clinics in partnership with Boston Medical Center in its gym on Fri. Jan. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Fri., Jan 28 from 1 to 4 p.m., according to the school’s Director of Development and Communications Genevieve Dusing.

# 1201 River Street *continued from page 1*

nearly hour and a half meeting, the development was portrayed and advocated for as affordable elderly/senior housing, both by representatives of B’nai B’rith and by BPDA project manager Lance Campbell, while the age 55 minimum requirement remained unchanged and no mention was made of “older adults.”

At least partly as the result of this senior/elderly classification – the zoning of which calls for a lower parking-per-unit ratio than otherwise required – the development is an as-of-right application, so it will not have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Related to this, most of the proposed development’s ground floor would be used for surface parking spaces for 40 vehicles, 25 of which would be tucked under second, third, and fourth floor rental units, and 15 of which would be in a lot abutting the Hyde Park Library, thus creating a 0.63 ratio, well above the 0.25 senior housing ratio requirement, and well below the 1.0 standard requirement for the NS-2 district that it would fall within.

Vehicles would access the site’s parking area via a Central Avenue entrance, and would exit onto Winthrop Street. Indoor storage would also be made available for 32 bicycles.

As further described in the application, each of the project’s 63 proposed apartments would be one bedroom units, with their income/rent requirements falling under and including 30, 50, or 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

The question & answer ses-

sion following project architect Jonathan Garland’s 15 minute presentation began with District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo voicing his support for the proposal, emphasizing the large senior population in the district looking for ways to downsize. This view was reiterated several times by other participants over the next hour.

As the Q&A played out, problematic aspects of parking and traffic were raised, addressed, and sometimes left unanswered. In one case, Gregory Fitzgerald – owner of the Lore Insurance Group and the building at 1207 River St. – sussed out that trash removal for the building would entail rolling it out to River Street for the garbage man to pick up.

“Okay. So you’d have a 63-unit building putting trash on an already very busy four way intersection?” he asked Garland.

“Uh... Well, that’s the current plan,” Garland replied, before noncommittally mulling private trash removal. “I would say that’s something that we need to continue to explore.”

Looming prominently, however, was the proposed elimination of storefront space.

Jeanne DuBois, executive director of Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) suggested, while offering support for the proposal, that the building’s fitness center and the library be open to the public at specified hours in order to increase the interaction between the site, its residents, and the community at large.

Gretchen Van Ness, executive director of LGBTQ Senior Housing, a non-profit enterprise partnering in the re-

development of the nearby William Barton Rogers School as senior housing catering to the LGBTQ community, was more guarded. While acknowledging positive changes made to the project design based on prior suggestions made to the development team, she expanded on DuBois’ comments.

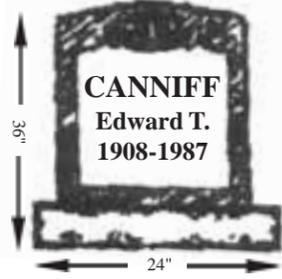
“This is a project right on a main street, and in a struggling Main Streets district,” she said. “I know that the residents bring vibrancy and more potential customers for the businesses and the restaurants all around Hyde Park and the Main Streets area, but... there’s so much about the building that’s inward facing, rather than community facing.”

Van Ness encouraged the development team to continue to try to make the site more welcoming, explaining her rationale. “Putting housing here, and offices, means that we’ll never have this as retail space again, so this is a permanent change to our Main Streets district. So we want to balance all of the needs as best we can, and make sure that we’re supporting it as best we can: the business district that this housing is in the middle of.”

The BPDA comment period for 1201 River St. will remain open through Jan. 7. To comment, visit [www.bostonplans.org](http://www.bostonplans.org), click on Active Dev. Projects, filter by neighborhood to Hyde Park, and click on the project address.

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# DEATHS

## CONNELLY

John J. "Boots", lifelong resident of West Roxbury and Milton, passed away on Christmas Eve at age 86. John was the devoted and loving husband of Marilyn Connelly (nee Kenny) for sixty-two years. Proud father of Dr. Maureen Connelly and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Krane, John Connelly, Catherine Connelly-Perry and her husband Jim Perry, Michael Connelly and his wife Noreen, Hon. Kevin Connelly and his wife Mosey, and Susan Singer and her husband Sam. He is also survived by 12 very special grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, classmates and teammates, friends and colleagues. He was the son of the late Judge John J. Connelly and Catherine D. (Gibbons) Connelly and brother of the late Paul J. Connelly. John "Boots," as he was known, was a three sport captain (football, baseball, and hockey), All-Scholastic athlete and member of the Boston Latin School Hall of Fame, graduating in the class of 1954. He went on to Boston College where he starred in football and baseball, graduating as vice president of the class of 1958. He was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps in 1959 and married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Connelly. After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, John was appointed a probation officer in the Boston Juvenile Court. He was promoted to Chief Probation Officer of the Norfolk Probate and Family Court in 1971 where he served with distinction until his retirement in 2009. Above his many professional and athletic accomplishments, John was most proud of his entire family and enjoyed many wonderful occasions over the years, including numerous summers in Scituate. In his later years, he had a wonderful retirement with his beloved Marilyn, celebrating family milestones, traveling, and enjoying friendships at his Fuller Village residence. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY on Friday, December

31st at 9am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 10 o'clock. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Visiting Hours at the Gormley Funeral Home, Thursday, December 30th from 3pm-7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Connelly's memory can be made to the Boston Bullpen Project at [bostonbullpenproject.org](http://bostonbullpenproject.org) For directions and guestbook, [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

## ECONOMOU

Stephen K. of West Roxbury, MA, passed away peacefully at the age of 84 after a 12 year battle with cancer. Beloved husband of Janie Economou; loving father of Konstantin (Dean) Economou and his wife Lia Galanis and their children Paris, Stephen, and John; daughter Anthia Vardoulakis and her husband Paul and their children Adrianna and Demetri -Stephen. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, December 28, in the St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the above named church or Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Fourka, Ioannina, Greece. Burial in Walnut Hills Cemetery, Brookline, MA. Late U.S. Army veteran. For online guestbook, please visit [www.faggas.com](http://www.faggas.com) Faggas Funeral Home 800-222-2586.

## O'CONNOR

Frances (Connell), a longtime Roslindale resident, formerly of Claremorris, County Mayo, Ireland, died on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. She was 91. Beloved wife of the late Patrick F. O'Connor. Devoted mother of Margaret and her husband Michael Falcone of Walpole, John K. O'Connor of Norwood, Patrick E. O'Connor of Boston and Eileen Frangieh of Swansea. Cherished grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Theresa Connell of Claremorris, County

Mayo, Ireland. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury. For directions and guestbook, please visit [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Home 617-323-8600.

## O'LEARY



Diane Grace (Taplin) of Roslindale, passed away on December 22, 2021. Former wife of Daniel O'Leary of Quincy; loving mother of Diane O'Malley of Roslindale; loving grandmother of Paige O'Malley, Thomas O'Malley, and Martin O'Malley, Jr.; sister of the late James Taplin; aunt of William Taplin. Diane enjoyed reading, and rooting for the Red Sox, but most of all rooting for grandchildren at their sporting events or concerts. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Diane's memory to Dana-Farber Cancer Research Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02215. For directions and guestbook, [pemmurrayfuneral.com](http://pemmurrayfuneral.com) P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

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### St. Jude's Novena

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—J.H.

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# Council approves senior grant funding

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council recently voted to approve \$4,420,739 in federal grants.

The grants include \$2 million for nutrition services, \$1 million for supportive services, \$526,000 for caregiver services, \$417,000 for Title III program and \$399,000 for the East Boston Foundation Fund.

Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea said the funds were awarded from the federal government to the city through the Commission to

fulfill issues the city sees over the course of four years (she said every four years the city does a needs assessment which dictates where the allotted funds will go).

She said the nutritional services funds, \$2 million, are for meals programs.

“These funds are for both the Meals on Wheels program and also for congregate meal sites, or community cafes as we call them and there are 46 of those across the city where anyone over 60 can go and eat for a suggested donation of \$2 a meal,” she said. “It makes access really easy

for people, and those are mostly doing grab’n’go meals right now, but some of them are doing sit-down meals in person at this point.”

She said there are many other sources of funding for these programs besides these grants.

“There are many more streams of funding that don’t come through the city. A lot of it is going to meals for seniors in the city,” she said.

Shea said supportive services, now granted \$1 million, were part of a federal Title IIIA program that is “the most flexible pot of money.”

“As flexible as it can be for federal money,” she said. “About 22 percent of those dollars we are required to give to elder legal services and we have our partner, the Greater Boston Legal Services that does a fantastic job with that. And then with the rest of the dollars we fund a whole bunch of different things. Right now, we have 10 partners that are doing, I would say, senior center-type activities, looking at how we connect people. Folks like the Chinese Golden Age Center, the South Boston Neighborhood House, ABCD in Mattapan that are running programs during the day for older adults to help keep them active, connected and informed. We also fund some housing search work with our partners, the Elders Living at Home Program. We also do some work with (the Ecumenical Social Action Committee), and then a lot of housing search and stabilization work.”

She said the \$526,000 for caregivers funds initiatives like Boston Senior Homecare to support people who are caring for older residents. It also supports a program from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children called Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

The \$417,000 for Title IIIA is for administrative funds, and the \$399,000 for the East Boston Foundation is for operation and administration of the East Boston Senior Center.

## Legals

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU21C0474CA

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

In the Matter of: **Carrie Dianne Bresnick**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Carrie Dianne Bresnick of Roslindale, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Carrie Bresnick Marcantonio**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 01/07/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: December 17, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/30/2021*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

DOCKET No. SU21P2348EA

Estate of: **Barry Flaherty**

Suffolk Division

Date of Death: **October 8, 2021**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **George L. Whiting, Jr. of Abington, MA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

Suffolk Division

Docket No. SU10P2229EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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

Estate of: **Sylvia McDowell**

Date of Death: **03/11/2020**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:

**Michael Chiles of West Bridgewater, MA**

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 03/03/2022.

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

Date: December 27, 2021  
Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU01P1457VA

Estate of **Loretta A. Vandine**

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

Date of Death: **05/25/2001**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

**Janet M. Magni of Newton, 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:

**Janet Magni of Newton, MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M on the return day of **01/31/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: December 20, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU21P2621GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: **Lessie Moore Of: Mattapan, MA**

RESPONDENT  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA**

In the above captioned matter alleging that Lessie Moore is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

**Tammy Moore of Norfolk, VA**

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/20/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

December 16, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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