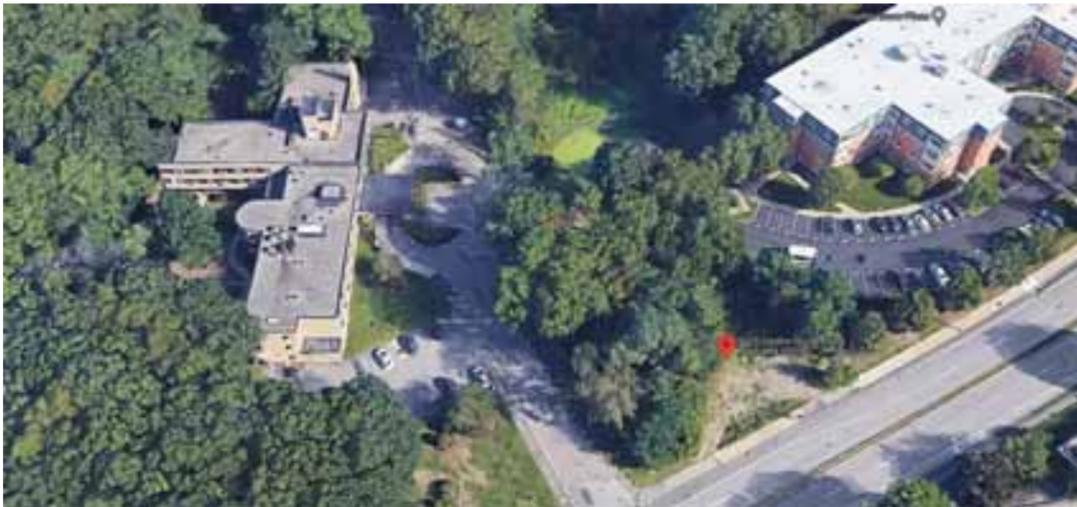


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The site, 1225 Centre St., was once destined for condos but will now likely be kept as a garden area.

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The inside of the shop at 5252-5270 Washington St.

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Sophia Snow CPA project more than just a cleanup

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Sophia Snow Place in West Roxbury, on the Jamaica Plain and Roslindale lines, recently purchased the site at 1225 Centre St. sitting adjacent to the group's building.

The lot at 1225 Centre has recently come under some controversy, as developers had been trying to turn it into six or eight (depending on the timeframe) condominium units.

"They were actually trying to get a waiver to build on the wetlands buffer zone," said Sophia Snow President and CEO Patty Roggeveen. "And that's not something we're interested in. We're interested in protecting it and keeping it natural."

Roggeveen said the Sophia

Snow Board decided to purchase the land in 2019, and then started looking into the Community Preservation Act (CPA) application process to see how they could use those funds to increase greenspace around them, both for the residents at the House and for the public.

"We became much more aware of the limitations of our campus in terms of accessibility, and also as to what that lot added," she said. "We thought about if it could be developed – which I know is a dirty word but you know what I mean– in a way that's consistent with the sense of the Allandale Woods and what it has to offer. It used to be a gas station, so you know it's not in a position to just get folded back into the Allandale Woods. We have to do something to sort of clean up the

invasives and improve the site."

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu recently announced her endorsement of this project and several others for the Boston City Council to vote on in the coming weeks. Roggeveen said she's excited, but this will be the first step in a longer rejuvenation process for the property.

Roggeveen added just buying the property was a cleanup process.

"It actually had an order of conditions on it when we bought the property, so we cleaned up all that as part of the purchase to get clearance from the Conservation Commission," she said.

"I've been hearing more and more about these healing gardens and I thought this would

Sophia Snow

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HP resident takes Low Key approach to cannabis

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park resident Jeff Similien said he discovered that the best way to succeed in his careers as a semiprofessional football player and commercial and residential real estate broker is by cultivating good community relationships.

Similien is hoping that by cultivating cannabis in Hyde Park and simultaneously opening a recreational cannabis dispensary in West Roxbury that he can employ more local residents as part of his company, Low Key Dispensary.

In a recent interview with The Bulletin, Similien described his efforts to create a

cannabis brand that will be accepted throughout Boston and will prioritize employing local residents. He grew up in Dorchester and is opening his first recreational dispensary in Codman Square this summer.

"When cannabis was legalized in 2016, I realized I had a unique ability to utilize my education and real estate experience to pivot into the cannabis industry," said Similien, the CEO of Boston Trust Realty Group in Mattapan Square. He is a former board member of Hyde Park Main Streets and a graduate of Curry College with a bachelor's degree in business management. He also has a

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HP looks to stem youth clashes

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Community Input Advisory Board (CIB) of Hyde Park met on Thursday, Feb. 24 in a virtual setting for a stakeholders' roundtable to discuss the current conflict between local businesses and youths.

Roseberry Ruskindale Road Neighborhood Association Co-founder Lokita Jackson spoke as to the purpose of the meet-

Youth Clashes

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HP Stakeholders Roundtable: Youth & Businesses Clashing
 Convened by the Community Input Board of HP
 Thursday, February 24, 2022 ~ 6:30 PM

AGENDA

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- Why Are We Here & What Rules of Engagement
- Roundtable (1 minute/person)
- Ask & Next Steps
- Adjournment

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Development team meets resistance over 3243 Washington

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The past is prologue for developers Matt Javitch and Dan Botwinik who made their second appearance before the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee on Feb. 16.

The team proposes to convert 3243 Washington St. near Cornwall Street from a two-family dwelling to a three-family, but their attorney Marc LaCasse was held up after a motion to approve; Alex Ponte Capellan, chief of staff to District 6 City Councilor Kendra Lara, came on the call to object.

Ponte's objection revolved around Javitch and Botwinik's suspended plan to similarly convert nearby 3227 Washington St. in September 2020 when Ponte was an organizer for City Life/Vida Urbana.

The presentation started off well with La Casse seemingly in a good mood.

"We're happy to say that after two rounds with the Eggleston Square Neighborhood Association (ESNA) Housing Committee we've satisfied all the concerns the abutters raised," he said.

LaCasse voluntarily deferred discussion at the Dec. 15, 2021 zoning committee by saying the original four-unit pro-

posed plan "was a non starter." "But we've revived our plans accordingly," LaCasse said. "The vacant building will be converted from a two-family to a three-family; three duplex units in Philadelphia style."

La Casse showed on the shared screen revised floor plans by Context Architects. He said that the same developers also converted 3231 and 3237 Washington from three rental apartments to four condominiums.

Committee member Kevin Moloney made a motion to approve and after chair Dave Baron asked for comment on the motion, Ponte came on the call.

"I have a statement about a previous building by these developers when I was at City Life," he said.

Ponte referred to 3227 Washington St. that was heard at the Sept., 16, 2020 zoning committee meeting when owner Nelson Valdez suddenly came on to say he had changed his mind and would not sell to Javitch and Botwinik.

"I briefed Councilor Lara on what was happening now," Ponte said. "This is their (Javitch and Botwinik's) business model. They're flippers."

"Councilor Lara is chair of the [Boston City Council] Housing Committee," he said,

"She opposes any variances based on the [developers] track record. She wants to extend an opportunity to sit down with the developers and work out an anti-displacement policy. That's something you guys should do," Ponte said.

Baron seemed surprised. "Does Councilor Lara oppose this?" he asked. "You've taken a position after ESNA approved it. Did Councilor Lara participate with ESNA?"

Ponte said Lara was "unaware of the ESNA meeting," "I became aware of this just now. I came on just now to give a history of this corporation. I just heard about this notice," he said.

Baron described Ponte as "being on overlap."

"Your position is different now," he said. "You're not with City Life, you represent an elected official."

Baron went on to say he was "disturbed" that the owner of 3227 Washington had to "pay more."

"I thought the buyers just got their deposit back," he said.

"I do think past actions are relevant," Baron said, "that past decisions by a developer are relevant."

Ponte agreed. "That's the reason I bring it up here," he said. "I've always

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CORRECTION

In a recent article concerning the Mildred Hailey Apartments this newspaper incorrectly referred to the United Front Against Displacement organization as the United Front Against Discrimination. In the same article we incorrectly referred to one member as Alfonso Espinosa. His actual name is Alonso Espinosa. We apologize for these errors.

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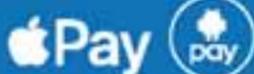


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Letters to the Editor

Mildred Hailey Apartments article full of inaccuracies

To the Editor:
 We are writing in response to a recent article about Mildred Hailey Apartments, as representatives from the United Front Against Displacement.

We are members of United Front Against Displacement organizing at Mildred Hailey Apartments in Jamaica Plain. We are writing to respond to the February 17th article "Wu Announces \$50 million for Mildred Hailey Apts," which featured numerous misleading assertions about our organization. The article was regrettably written with little attention to basic details. In addition to misprinting the name of our organization and one of our members, reporter Richard Heath claimed that our organization is "ad-hoc" and disorganized, falsely writing that we "waited until Feb 2" to respond to the Mayor's announcement (even though he improperly quoted a statement we published on Jan 22).

More importantly, we would like to briefly respond to assertions made by City Life's Steve Meacham and Mildred Hailey Tenant Organization's Yolanda Torres that were printed in the Bulletin's article, and which we were not given a chance to respond to. They claim that public housing isn't being privatized at MHA and is being changed into "social housing ownership" instead. This is blatantly ridiculous, for the following reasons. Firstly, the planned conversion from public housing to Section 8 will permanently reduce tenants rights (as Human Rights Watch has warned), and many will likely be displaced. Secondly, the "nonprofits" taking over at Mildred Hailey, such as Urban Edge, are directly and indirectly funded by huge banks and developers, which include Capital One, JP Morgan, and Wells Fargo. Thirdly, the construction of almost twice as many non-subsidized units as Section 8 units at Mildred Hailey will directly gentrify the

neighborhood. Lastly, this re-development is only one part of a city and country-wide agenda to privatize public housing, which City Life has not opposed even though it mostly involves for-profit landlords.

Moreover, Ms. Torres accuses us of spreading "false information" to "our vulnerable families," which is "aggravating their insecurities." This is an absurd projection, as it is BHA's negligence and the privatization plans which make residents vulnerable. Clearly she sees "her" residents as gullible sheep who are unable to think for themselves and recognize when they are being sold down the river. And unfortunately for Ms. Torres, over 120 residents so far have signed a petition demanding that the development be preserved as public housing (which the Bulletin also neglected to report, despite being sent the petition).

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Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
 Date: February 23, 2022
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 03/03/22

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET SU22P0290EA**

Estate of: **Eleanor M. McTiernan** Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Date of Death: 04/06/2021

To all interested persons:
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The Petitioner requests that:
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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 **04/06/2022**. 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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be a perfect location for something like that because of its proximity to so many locations where people are taking care of health needs, and between us and Springhouse – two living areas for senior citizens – the idea for this came as part of that and a real nice way to use the space.”

Roggeveen said the project will be split up into two phases, with the first for mitigation and a cleanup of the area at cost of about \$150k.

“The application is basically to finish up the work the Parks Department has been doing for years along the banks of the vernal pool there,” she said. “The pool actually has a little stream that runs under the street and winds up going to the Arbo-retum. We feed into that location there and the banks of that stream are completely

overgrown with invasive species and dead trees and things like that. So the principal part of this grant is to clean that up so when we do develop our healing garden the water element of that will be that natural stream and vernal pool and we’ll have done the work to present that in a way that’s really attractive and keeping with the natural elements.”

She said the project also includes the construction of a 60-foot bridge to allow access from Sophia Snow to the Allandale Woods in the first round of funding. She said they will have a more comprehensive plan for the full healing garden in September when they apply for CPA funds once again.

The maintenance of the park will be taken care of by Sophia Snow. Roggeveen said the organization, which was

originally founded as the Roxbury Home for Aged Women in 1856, has an endowment that helps to keep prices low and keep the grounds clean. She said they can handle the maintenance, but the capital investment for such a project would not be feasible by Sophia Snow. In contrast, the Boston Parks Department and the Urban Wilds subsidiary do not have the staff to maintain more parkland under its current budget. So it makes for a really good match.

“I think it’s in keeping with what Parks is looking for on so many levels and I think that’s an important piece here,” she said.

For more information on this project and others the Community Preservation Committee considered, go to <https://www.boston.gov/community-preservation>.



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brought it up. The owner [Valdez] has very little power.”

Botwinik asked to speak.

“I’m the person being defamed by Alex, I’d like to respond,” he said.

“Matt and I see Alex as blacklisting us from doing development in this area.”

LaCasse repeated what he said about 3243 Washington St.

“This property was acquired from an estate. It is a vacant building,” he said. “The owner of 3227 Washington St. still lives in the property. That property owner has an attorney and a broker. We won’t go into the details of the settlement. That’s end of story.”

LaCasse questioned the requirement for an anti-displacement policy when the proposed building is vacant.

“I’m always ready to discuss housing policy, but not in this forum,” he said.

Committee member Dave Seldin said the developer is being “punished.”

“I’m troubled by the Councilor’s position on this,” he said. “Preventing anyone because of past behavior, this is not the issue in front of us, not to be punishing the developer because of another project.”

Committee member Gerry O’Connor agreed.

“This goes beyond this committee,” he said, “just showing up here to ask to oppose is not a good process.”

Committee member Marie

Turley said she would oppose the project.

“This recipe is what this group does,” she said. “It’s not a recipe for affordable housing as outlined in Plan JP Rox, We don’t need more market-rate condos.”

Committee member Kevin O’Leary is a former zoning committee chair.

“I’m amazed with Councilor Lara,” he said. “This is not the forum to raise this issue. I don’t appreciate this; it is a misuse of a forum by Alex and Councilor Lara.”

Lara issued a statement to The Bulletin the next day clarifying her position.

“We need to be critical of developers who show a track record of attempting to displace residents,” she wrote. “I respect the JPNC and look forward to working to ensure that everyone has affordable homes.”

The vote to approve was six to one with three abstentions including Dave Baron. At its Feb. 22 monthly meeting the JPNC, after lengthy debate, voted to accept the zoning committee’s recommendation to approve.

JPNC board member Michael Reiskind voted to approve but with two caveats.

“The past track record of a developer is important,” he said. “The Council should keep a list of non-responsible developers.”



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commercial real estate certificate from Boston University. “People from Boston are not participating in this industry due to the fact that it’s far away,” he continued, noting

that many dispensaries are in western Massachusetts. “My goal is to bring these jobs to Boston so that people can participate in this industry.” Similien said he hopes to

open a recreational cannabis dispensary at 5252 Washington St. in West Roxbury in a former tax preparation office near the Dedham line. Last month, he spoke before the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association (WRBPA), where he received a warm reception. He will give a full presentation to the WRBPA later this month on his plans. He said he is also waiting to hear from the City of Boston about scheduling a community meeting to move the process forward.

At the same time, he is moving forward with plans to open a cannabis cultivation facility at 52 Walter St. Similien said he has received a letter of support from the Central River Neighborhood Group (CNRG) for his venture. He is also in the process of pursuing a dispensary Downtown.

“I don’t put all my eggs in one basket,” he said, noting he started out playing semi-pro football with the Boston Bandits.

Similien has traveled as far as California and Colorado to learn about the industry and has spoken with cultivators and CEOs across Massachusetts seeking advice about the industry.

“The cannabis industry is a multimillion-dollar industry,” he explained. “And it has the ability to change the financial landscape for my community.

This is an opportunity that can benefit me, my family and really everybody in the community.”

He noted that there currently is no cultivation center in Boston.

“The cannabis industry is here to stay,” he said, noting that it generates \$24 billion in the United States. “That’s what people need to understand. If people are dealing illegally, it brings down your property values. If they are competing, they may be spraying stuff to make their product grow faster or using low-quality soil.

“At Low Key, you can get educated about the product and know that it is high quality,” he continued. “I am starting the cultivation site because how can you control the quality if you don’t grow the product?”

The West Roxbury shop will have parking in the rear, Similien said. It is accessible by three bus lines.

“It’s going to be more of a destination,” he explained, noting that he went to West Roxbury High School. “People will come in, buy their product and leave. There shouldn’t be any issues as far as littering or other things.”

Similien said he has a diversity and equity employment plan and is seeking to employ people of color, veterans, people with disabilities and people in the LGBTQ commu-

nity. “Everyone is welcome at Low Key,” he said. “We will be sure to hire qualified people from the community.”

One thing about the cannabis industry is that he is always learning, Similien added. He travels, reads and listens to podcasts about everything from the use of solar energy and LED lighting in cultivation.

Similien said he wants to be an active part of the community and support it whatever ways he can.

“The neighborhood group president in Hyde Park, Melanie Daye, asked me if I would be willing to help out at community cleanups,” he said. “My first job was with the BYCC, the Boston Youth Clean-up Corps. I have no shame about getting my hands dirty.”

Similien added that he would like to work with other businesses and advocate for them to contribute to community causes. In addition, he currently mentors high school students and athletes on real estate and business investment. He recently founded The Co-Pad, a collaborative co-working hub for entrepreneurs in the Mattapan, Dorchester and Hyde Park area.

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ing. She said there were incidents of youths going into local stores and causing problems, to the point where some businesses are now requiring students or patrons in general to leave their bags outside the store before they come in. She said the purpose of the meeting was to identify problems in the neighborhood like this and come up with a “laundry list of solutions to help address them.”

“We want to find workable solutions to deal with the issues we identify and work to deal with them together,” she said.

Resident Marlon Soloman said he felt one of the big issues is that some business owners may not be used to how kids in the neighborhood act.

“I think a lot of the owners of these businesses are not African American, and so there’s always a cultural barrier,” he said. “They don’t know how to talk to the kids – I’m half Nigerian, and so we have a lot of respect in our community and it’s hard for foreigners to understand how youth can be disrespectful.”

Business owner and Boston Public School Teacher Tasha Hull said she feels communication from the neighborhood groups to the businesses needs to be stronger.

“The only reason I know about these meetings is because my neighbor Maddie tells me,” she said. “There are a lot of people in Hyde Park who have never been to any of these meet-

ings because we don’t know about them. There needs to be more community outreach for all of these neighborhood associations.”

Hyde Park Board of Trade President Scott Batey said the neighborhood of Hyde Park could work on its communication.

“We do all kind of work in silos,” he said. “I think (Central River Neighborhood Group Founder) Marcia (Kimm) has done a wonderful job at trying to pull everyone under one big tent. But I do want to point out we need to be careful. There are a lot of organizations in this community that perennially raise a lot of money for a lot of nonprofit organizations. I doubt that many people on this line would know that diligent business owners of Hyde Park helped do outreach to first generation immigrant businesses in our square that would not have gotten PPE money if it weren’t for our businesses calling efforts in three languages.”

Brian Cruz, speaking as a youth, said the blame game between students and businesses should be cut right out. “I feel like we’re not going to solve anything if we’re just blaming each other for everything,” he said.

Resident Joseph Okafor said residents need to stop seeing youth as a potential threat or a stranger.

“I think we have to meet them where they are,” he said.

“I was out at Cleary Square yesterday and I started talking to a young person who was doing something that I might not have approved of, but I decided to have a conversation with him. We have to be able to approach our young people and hear their perspective directly.”

Resident Barbara Gibbs said they should take it up with the supposedly responsible adults.

“We need to hold the parents and the youth responsible for their actions,” she said. “I don’t have any young kids anymore, but I think what needs to happen is parents need to talk to their young kids about how they act when they’re not at home. We have to teach our kids how to respect each other and how to respect someone’s establishment.”

Boston Police Department (BPD) District E-18 Community Service Sgt. Dan Keane said they were there to observe the meeting and be available to answer any questions. Officer Paul Broderick detailed the incidents that have been reported to them over the last year.

“I looked at the stores in the area and I looked back a year,” he said. “I know everybody thinks the Burger King is a problem, but going back a whole year for 911 calls, I’ve only had six incidents there. A lot of the problems, when I was researching this, are from adults. Adults can be a big issue at the Burger King, so it’s not just the kids who are being disrespectful when they go to these stores.”

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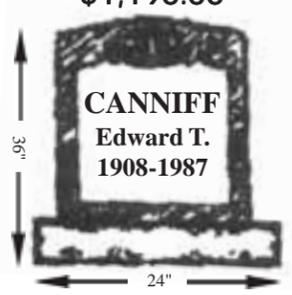
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FALLON

Kathleen V. "Kay" (Riley) of Roslindale, February 26, 2022. Beloved wife of the late John F. "Sid" Fallon (BPD-Ret.). Devoted mother of Kathleen McSheffrey and her husband Kevin of Dedham, John F. Fallon Jr. and his partner Arnette Chung of Attleboro, Patricia Fallon and her partner Jerry Demko of Foxborough and the late Kevin Fallon. Loving Nana of Meghan and Phil Scheffler, Kevin and Wendy McSheffrey, Daniel and Michele McSheffrey, Stephen Fallon, Courtney Fallon and Shane Burns, Jaelyn and Jarrod Cardin. Loving Great-Nana of Jack, Oliver and Adam. Daughter of the late James W. and Lillian Riley. Kay is also survived by her sister Janet Higgins and her late husband James and their daughters Janice and Joanne. Sister of the late James W. Riley and the late Elizabeth Zeller. Also survived by her loving niece Denise Riley. Kay is also survived by many other wonderful relatives and friends. Funeral from the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty

& Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Friday, March 4, at 9AM followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury at 10AM. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Visiting hours on Thursday, March 3, from 4-8pm. Interment in Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Kay's memory to St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury, MA 02132. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. Funeral arrangements by P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

FLYNN

Joan Rita (O'Neill), of Sun City Center Florida formerly of Hyde Park, Brighton, and Roxbury, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2022. She was the beloved wife of Joseph B. Flynn and mother to five grateful children, Joseph E. Flynn of Framingham, Joanne Allen and her husband Thomas of Parrish, FL., John Flynn and

his wife Nancy of Holmes Beach, FL., James Flynn and his wife Ann of Stoughton, & Jean Shirley of Boston. Joan is also survived by eight loving grandchildren that she cherished. Erin, Jennifer, Julia, Linda, Michael, Owen, John and Eric and five great grandchildren, Diana, John, Henry, Kaitlin & Maeve. Sister to the late James O'Neill and Jack O'Neill. Joan was a graduate of Jamaica Plain High School. She was a nurses' aid at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton for many years. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne at 12:30am. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

HANNA

Samuel, Ph.D. Boston University Professor Emeritus, of West Roxbury, February 25, 2022. Dear and devoted husband

Deaths

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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. —S.G.H.

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish. After 3rd day, wish may be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. —S.G.H.

Novena to St. Clare

Ask St. Clare for three favors, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say nine Hail Marys for nine days, with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful novena. Say "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, now and forever, throughout the whole world. Amen." *Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem.* —S.G.H.



Virtual Public Meeting

635 Hyde Park Avenue

Tuesday, March 22
6:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3M6Ufgr
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 942 0111

Project Description:
The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the proposed project at 635 Hyde Park Avenue, a project located in the Roslindale neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the overall project and the potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public. The Proponent is proposing to raze the two existing buildings and construct a new 4-story building with a common roof deck that will include twenty-seven (27) total Dwelling Units, nine (9) of which are two-bedroom residential units (three per floor) and eighteen (18) one-bedroom residential units with 914 square feet of retail on the ground floor, a residential entry lobby, 533 square feet of bicycle storage and repair. Fourteen vehicle parking spaces are provided partially below grade and internal to the building, accessed via the existing curb cut on Hyde Park Avenue.

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band of Joan (Samaha) Hanna. Loving father of Michael Hanna and his wife Sada of West Roxbury, John Hanna and his wife Roseann of Norwell, Richard Hanna and his wife Lynne "Sam" of Belmont. Beloved grandfather "Papa" of Olivia, Marlaine, Emily, John, Jr., Elizabeth, Benjamin, and Alexander. Dear brother of the late John Hanna and his wife Mary, Nicholas Abraham and his wife Ida, Jeannette Ganame and her husband Joseph, Michael Abraham, Julia LaMorte and her husband Michael, Mary Hadge and her husband Donald, and Frederick Hanna and his wife Adele. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsedale Rd., West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Sam's memory to the Church. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Guestbook and obituary at www.KfouryFuneral.com

RAMACI

Theresa M. (LaRosa) of West Roxbury, formerly of Roslindale, February 23, 2022. Dear and devoted wife of the

late Joseph Ramaci. Loving mother of Connie Daly and her husband Martin of Canton, Lisa Joseph and her husband Richard of Stoughton, and the late Joseph Ramaci, Jr. Cherished grandmother of Carla, Katelyn, Sean D., Sean R., Meaghan, Nicole, Adam, and Matthew. Great-grandmother of Charlotte, Jackson, Sawyer, and Izzy. Dear sister of Salvatore LaRosa of Norwood, Vincent LaRosa of Hyde Park, and the late Anna Harrison. Funeral Services will be private with a Celebration of Life held at a later date. Relatives and friends gathered at the gate of St. Michael Cemetery, 227 Walk Hill St., Roslindale on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 to join the procession to the grave for graveside prayers. Guestbook and other information at www.KfouryFuneral.com

PRENDERGAST

Johanna "Joan, Josie" (Roche) of Readville, passed away on February 17, 2022, at the age of 84. Born in Gowran, County Kilkenny, Ireland, Joan immigrated to the United States in 1956, at the age of 19. She soon found work for Columban Fathers, Liberty Mutual and in later years was a waitress hap-

pily for 29 years at the Roslindale Eire Pub. She was an active member of the Irish Cultural Center in Canton. A beloved wife of 60 years to Dominick Prendergast, formerly of County Galway. A loving mother to the late John Prendergast and his wife Diane of Cumberland, RI, Margaret Hutchinson and her husband Joe of Dedham, Maurice Prendergast and his wife Michelle of West Roxbury, and the late Siobhain Leavitt. Devoted "Grandma" to Brian, Alexa, Kevin, Kelly, Ben, Tyler, Mackenzie and Ryan, whom Dom ("grandpa") and her enjoyed individual trips to Chick-fil-A with. She was known for her delicious chicken salad, potato salad and the best Irish maker of meatballs. A devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, Joan will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known her. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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In gratitude for helping me.
—S.G.H.

Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.
Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.
O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.
—A.A.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: Wendy L Ruo Suffolk Division

Date of Death: 02/18/2021

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner **Jordan P. Castro of Mount Pleasant SC**
Jordan P. Castro of Mount Pleasant SC
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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.

Boston Bulletin: 03/03/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU22C0040CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

In the matter of: Daniel Haltinner Ewald
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by
Daniel Haltinner Ewald of Roslindale, MA
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Danielle Haltinner Ewald

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 03/10/2022. 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: February 14, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

DOCKET No. SU08P151G11

In the Interests of: Peter Modzelewski of Jamaica Plain, MA

RESPONDENT Incapacitated/Protected Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

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 before: 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/21/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to this 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 a 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
Date: February 11, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 03/03/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU08P2414VA1

Estate of: Richard Citron

Date of Death: 04/09/2007

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Tamar King of Brighton, 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:

Tamar King of Brighton, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 **03/21/2022**. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 08, 2022
Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 03/03/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU22P0082EA

Estate of: James Brewer
Also known as: James Leroy Brewer

Date of Death: 11/05/2021

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
JoAnne Weston of Dixfield, ME

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

JoAnne Weston of Dixfield, ME

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 **04/04/2022**. 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: February 15, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 03/03/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU22P0190EA

Estate of: Francis S. Levin

Date of Death: 10/19/2021

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Jonathan Levin of Boston, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Jonathan Levin of Boston, MA

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

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WITNESS Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 22, 2022
Felix 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. SU20P0464EA

Estate of: Jacqueline Augustin
Also Known As:
Jacqueline Fleuranvil

Date of Death: 10/09/2019

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Henry Olivier of Roslindale, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Henry Olivier of Roslindale, 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 04/07/2022. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 28, 2022
Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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The current Mildred Hailey Tenants Organization does not “continue the spirit of Mildred Hailey” as Mayor Wu is quoted saying. On the contrary, some of us vividly recall Ms. Hailey’s fight against previous attempts at “redevelopment” by Northeastern University. Many of her friends and family will tell you that she would have vigorously opposed these current vicious attacks on public housing, but that hasn’t stopped the city from shame-

lessly co-opting her legacy for their own purposes. Not only does the current tenant organization go against everything Mildred Hailey stood for, it also is in violation of many of its own bylaws, having failed to hold real elections in years and with less than half the required board members. Our group has only been active at Mildred Hailey since last summer and our numbers are modest, but many of us have been fighting for this community for decades, and

we are focused on raising up the voices of the people of our neighborhood who have been neglected and silenced for so long. We proudly stand with and for the people, not BHA and the developers.

- Tia Wheeler, UFAD activist and Mildred Hailey resident
- John Wheeler, UFAD activist and Mildred Hailey resident
- Gabe Fields, UFAD activist
- Alonso Espinosa, UFAD activist

Of course masks work

To the Editor:

I must write to respond to the letter about masking that you published on 24 February 2022. There is no question - masks do work in protecting us from the Coronavirus. We know that wearing a mask is an effective way to prevent virus transmission. There is no question.

Maryellen Hansen
West Roxbury

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