

# The Hyde Park Bulletin

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The National Main Streets 2023 Conference cruised through Hyde Park last week and hit several Hyde Park restaurants like Las Delicias Colombianas shown here.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

## Hyde Park Main Street receives national attention

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

Dozens of community activists from around the country were treated to the best of what Hyde Park has to offer during a daylong series of events on Tuesday, March 28 as part of Boston's hosting of the national Main Street Now 2023 Conference last week.

The day's theme was "Affordable Housing Meets Main Street," according to organizer Gretchen Van Ness, the executive director of LGBTQ Senior Housing, Inc. The nonprofit is redeveloping the former Rogers Middle School into The Pryde, the first LGBTQ-friendly affordable housing development in New England. She partnered with Thien Simpson, the executive director of Hyde Park Main Streets, (HPMS) to create a mobile workshop that showcased Hyde Park's glorious past and promising future.

The Pryde, Van Ness explained, was the day's centerpiece because it is a national model for how responsible development can preserve historical community elements while generating new partnerships.

"As always, we make history in Hyde Park," she told the packed morning reception at Las Delicias Colombianas on River Street. "We continue to redefine what it means to be an inclusive and welcoming and affirming community for all."

"I couldn't be a bigger supporter of the Main Streets program," state Rep. Rob Consalvo said. "We understand how important local business districts are — they are the lifeblood of our community."

He described Van Ness as "a civic giant in our community and in our city."

Mimi Turchinetz, the presi-



Hyde Park Board of Trade President Scott Batey helped to show newcomers what Hyde Park is really like at Park 54 during the tour.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

dent of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA), spoke about the value of community building.

"It was really the best community process that I have ever seen in developing housing," she said in her praise of Pennrose, The Pryde's developer. Pennrose spent several years in community meetings before breaking ground on the project.

"In terms of Main Streets, this really is a national model," Turchinetz added.

Hyde Park Board of Trade President Scott Batey pointed out the spirit of "civic interaction" in Hyde Park. He said residents simultaneously appreciate its historic figures and homes while embracing an increasingly diverse population.

"Our businesses have a wide range of cultures," Batey explained. "Some of them are run

by first-generation Americans."

Visitors wearing hardhats spent about an hour touring The Pryde's construction site, learning about how its future residents are anticipated to jumpstart engagement in the business district.

Longtime neighborhood advocate and realtor Pat Tierney added that new housing will generate additional shoppers.

Van Ness explained the concept of The Pryde in the school's former auditorium as construction workers whirred around her. The building will include a community room, local artwork, and spaces honoring LGBTQ community achievements and the 54th Regiment, the first American military unit consisting of Black soldiers during the Civil War.

"I can visualize someone who

Main Street

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The Parkway Rotary is hoping you can help pollinators by giving them much needed food in the spring.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Rotary encourages No Mow May

Ariane Komyati  
Staff Reporter

Spring is in the air, and many community members are eager to begin their spring gardening - but the Parkway Rotary Club (PRC) is asking gardeners to wait to mow their lawns. The PRC is encouraging Parkway residents to participate in "No Mow May," which allows grass to grow unmowed throughout the month of May. This helps create habitat and forage for early season pollinators, and is particularly important in urban areas where floral resources can be limited.

No Mow May is an initiative throughout the local Rotary District 7930, which spans through Boston and the North Shore.

"The newest of the seven Areas of Focus, Protecting the Environment, has been an important area for our district," explained PRC President Kelsea Lawler. "The district and our club are working on projects such as planting native pollinator gardens, No Mow May, the Ipswich River cleanup project, and many others to support this focus."

The PRC believes that participating in No Mow May is just

No Mow

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## 18-22 Arboretum receives share of criticism

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

Boylston Properties and Velney Development propose to build a six-story, 230-unit apartment building on the Arboretum Road cul-de-sac on the edge of the Arnold Arboretum; they had a March full of community meetings.

As reported by The Bulletin, the new housing replaces a one-story, two-acre factory building put up for sale on Aug. 26, 2021 for \$12.5 million.

After meeting with Roslindale residents on March 1, Boylston-Velney went to the virtual Jamaica Plain Housing Committee (JPHC) meeting on March 21; although geographically in Roslindale, 18-

Arboretum

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department

**Docket No.SU20P1365PM**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT** Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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617-788-8300

Estate of: **Mary Campbell**

A **Petition for Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:  
Public Guardian Services of Braintree, MA

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

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Witness, Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court  
Date: March 15, 2023  
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

*Boston Bulletin: 04/06/2023*



The ACA discussed the recent project change at Allston Square, several buildings around 334 Cambridge Street, from condos to rental.

COURTESY PHOTO

# ACA rep. not buying condo to rental argument

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Allston Civic Association (ACA) President Tony D’Isidoro addressed the neighborhood association at its most recent meeting with a frank discussion on his views of recent rumblings of certain proposed development projects going from condo to rental units.

He doesn’t believe the projects aren’t feasible as homeownership units. Specifically, he said the Allston Square Project team’s recent request for a small project change at 334 Cambridge St. from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to change several condo units to rental seemed unfair to him.

“I’m just not convinced,” he said. “I’ve talked to people, you

know, informed sources if you want to say; they all tell me that if you have a good project in a good location, there’s no problem getting financing.”

D’Isidoro said he’s only voicing his own concerns and not those of the ACA necessarily. He said if the ACA membership votes to support the project change he would do that. But judging by the fact that the ACA membership has been advocating for more homeownership for years and several members piped up to reinforce D’Isidoro’s point, it doesn’t seem likely that the ACA will support the change from condos to rentals.

Allston Square’s representatives, including City Realty Partner Josh Fetterman, came to the ACA in February and said they want to take 242 condo units and convert them to rental. The plan contains six different buildings and the project change would still include some condos, but D’Isidoro said the change

would have a negative impact on Allston’s already tiny homeownership market.

“When you’re at an 86 percent rental occupancy ratio in Allston, I don’t know how it’s good housing policy to advocate for that to go even higher,” D’Isidoro said. “The mayor even – that’s something a lot of people don’t understand – one of the biggest proponents of homeownership in this city is Mayor Michelle Wu as part of her affordable housing strategies. Yeah, a lot of it is rental, but a lot of it is giving people an opportunity to build generational wealth and to pull themselves up out of poverty. If we can build more affordable homeownership opportunities for people, that’s going to help and she’s doing everything she can to see more homeownership opportunities in the city.”

Fetterman said at last

ACA

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**Project Description:**  
The BPDA is hosting a Virtual Public Meeting for the proposed 352-354 Washington Street project, located in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) that was filed and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

mail to: **Scott Greenhalgh**  
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## He is Risen



# WFH talks cleanups, River St. Bridge

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

Around 25 Hyde Park community members attended the West Fairmount Hill Community Group (WFH) meeting via Zoom on March 27.

One of the purposes of the meeting was to celebrate the women of West Fairmount Hill during Women's History Month. Kimm-Jackson presented a video highlighting some of the women leaders of WFH, including Cathy Horn, Michelle Consalvo, Kelly Bates, Ayeesha Lane, Tanisha Sullivan, and Thien Simpson.

Horn, also a member of Keep Hyde Park Beautiful, gave an update as to the group's upcoming events, the next of which is a cleanup scheduled for April 8 at 10 a.m.

"We are doing a flash mob clean up, a quick one-hour cleanup with no registration," she said. "This month we'll be at the intersection Greenwood Avenue and Hyde Park Avenue. There's a traffic island there, and we're going to be beautifying that area and pulling out weeds."

For Earth Day, on April 22, the Neponset River Watershed Association will be hosting a spring clean up at Doyle Park. On April 29, there will be a seedling giveaway with Speak for the Trees Boston. Baby trees will be given away to HP residents in Cleary Square. April 29 is also Love Your Block Day, which is still being planned out by com-

munity members.

Kimm-Jackson discussed some of the collaborative work WFH has been doing with other groups in and out of the neighborhood.

"I've partnered with a number of our community groups to form a community input board," she said. "This board is there to pull together all the work across Hyde Park to create one space where we learn about developments and major initiatives in Hyde Park."

The board will be posted sometime in May. Kimm-Jackson also discussed Hyde Park's 155th birthday celebration, which will take place the week after Juneteenth in Cleary Square. Another topic of discussion was a health center.

"We've been talking about, from our racial equity work within this community, about building a health center in Hyde Park. We're currently doing a feasibility study," Kimm-Jackson explained.

Kimm-Jackson also discussed Juneteenth 2023.

"Juneteenth is a part of our community work. Juneteenth is an opportunity for us to come together, and to see all the many ways Black History has impacted Hyde Park," she explained. The Juneteenth celebration at the Martini Shell will take place on June 17.

One meeting attendee had concerns about trees that were removed in Moynihan Park. "There were 14 trees cut down from Moynihan Park last month.

I was told this was under the scope of the Moynihan Playground project that we're discussing. But I was concerned about the number of trees and if they would be replaced. I was told they would be replaced if DCR has funds, and that they didn't have funds this spring but they might have funds this fall. I wanted to ask the group if anyone has ideas for helping DCR be aware that we want the trees replaced and that keeping the green space green, shaded, and cool is important!" stated one community member.

Consalvo responded that his office is aware of the trees that were taken down, and that he talked with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which is responsible for the park.

"At both Moynihan and Factory Hill, all the trees were inspected by the DCR's arborist. He determined that the trees that were diseased, dying or dead would be removed to make way for healthy trees. Some of the trees will be replaced. They will also replace the trees on Truman that were taken out by car accidents and snowplows," he said.

Consalvo also gave an update on the River Street Bridge. MassDOT, instead of keeping the bridge closed until 2025, will spend the next six-to-eight months making temporary repairs to make the bridge safe for vehicle traffic. The bridge will open in late fall or early winter, and will be open for a few years until they completely replace the bridge.

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# Letters to the Editor

## CENTRE ST. NEEDS A SAFE REDESIGN

To the Editor:

I don't doubt that everyone in West Roxbury wants a safe Centre St. Unfortunately, the section of Centre St that runs through its business district is dangerous by design. Its current automobile-centric configuration is over 50 years old and was designed for a bygone era when moving cars through Centre St. took priority over pedestrian safety and foot traffic.

The consequence of not updating Centre St's dangerous layout is a continuing stream of car crashes resulting in serious harm and death to pedestrians.

Recent crashes reported in Universal Hub, an online news organization, and The Bulletin are:

12/2022 A kindergarten child, part of a group, crossing in the crosswalk at Bellevue St/Centre St was hit by a car and taken to Children's Hospital.

3/2022 A man in the crosswalk at Hastings St/Centre St was hit by a car and taken to the hospital.

8/2021 A motorcyclist was hit by a car near Park St/Centre St and both drivers were taken to the hospital.

2/2019 A woman was hit by a car and killed at the intersection of Hastings St/Centre St.

2016 A man was hit by a car at Hastings St/Centre St and suffered traumatic brain injury.

The death of Marilyn Wentworth sounded a loud alarm to WR residents and to the City of Boston that Centre St is a dangerous place and that changes were needed. As a result, in 2019 the Boston Transportation Department offered a modernized plan developed by traffic engineers and designers that would have made Centre Street's business district safer for shoppers, cyclists, and drivers.

Unfortunately, a vocal cohort of residents successfully argued that the street could be made safer just by enhancing crosswalks and adding street lights. The City dropped its plan for deeper changes and complied with the group's request for surface changes. The superficial changes didn't make the district safer. Since 2019, at least 3 more car crashes have been added to the growing list of people hurt while crossing Centre St.

The design of Centre St is inherently flawed. Another traffic light or enhanced crosswalk is not the answer. It's past the time for an updated redesign of Centre St that takes pedestrian, cyclist, and driver safety seriously.

When real safety is not a priority everyone suffers. Businesses suffer a loss of revenue because there is less foot traffic. Community members suffer a loss of options because the street configuration prioritizes cars over walking and biking. West Roxbury suffers a loss of forward looking options

because its residents are denied a solution that takes into account all stakeholders and responds to current environmental concerns other Boston neighborhoods are addressing.

The City tried superficial changes to Centre St. and they didn't work. Let's get serious about making Centre St. a safe welcoming place to walk, socialize, and shop. Demand a plan that is safer for everyone by design.

Doris Corbo  
West Roxbury

## MISINFORMED COMPLAINTS

To the Editor:

Surely columnist Joe Galeota is aware that Massport owns the Hanscom Airport and that it has had a long-standing commitment to providing benefits to the neighbors of the facilities it runs, thus the scholarship program for students of color in the communities surrounding the airport. Not everyone living in those "leafy suburbs" is wealthy by any means; likely more so for families of color.

It appears that Mr. Goodhue is not aware that he can sign up for email notifications of BPDA hearings and public comment deadlines. Because I am subscribed I have been fully aware of the progress of the 361 Belgrade project, attended the meetings, sent in my feedback and applaud how attentive the developers have been to making this a project that will benefit the community.

And, contrary to what my friend Sal Giarratani seems to think, there is an acute housing shortage in Boston that will only be resolved by adding more supply. Having recently helped a refugee family find a new rental unit I can attest to the fact that that not only is the shortage acute but it is making life very difficult for those who - unlike me - do not have the privilege of owning. As for the Centre Street road-diet, Sal again is wrong; the majority of residents of West Roxbury want traffic calming brought to this very dangerous stroad (a street that has been designed as a road or a highway). As a fellow baby-boomer, I find myself cringing when I read these letters for fear of what the younger generations must think of us.

Alan Wright  
Roslindale

## OPEN LETTER TO COUNCILOR LARA

To the Editor:

I read with interest the "Stop the Road Diet" advertisement in the Bulletin of 3/30/23. First of all, I was frankly appalled by the quote attributed to Kendra Lara (i.e. "We are the Government and We know what's right for you"). If this imperious

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# Consecutive U's, not ewes or you's

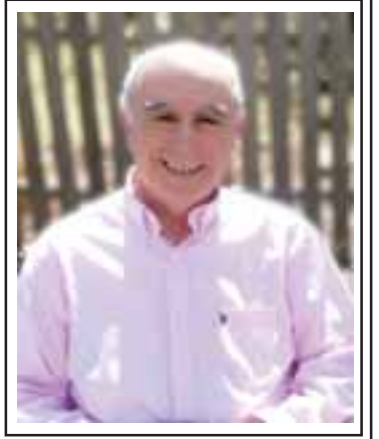
There aren't too many words in the English language with consecutive U's. The most common one is vacuum. And then there are the less common ones, such as continuum, having no gap, as in the sentence, "Masculinity is on a continuum." There is a Hawaiian style of a loose-fitting dress called a muumuu, which is worn mostly in the summertime. The word with successive U's that is appropriate for this week is triduum, meaning three (tri) days (dies).

For Christians the week before Easter, called Holy Week, contains a deeply meaningful triduum, or successive three important days.

Except for Orthodox Christian worshippers this is Holy Week, marked by Palm Sunday. The Wednesday preceding Easter is not part of the triduum; it has the name Spy Wednesday, which conjures James Bond images, but such is not the case. Spy Wednesday gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Since Judas is considered to be clandestine, his actions leading up to a betrayal conjure up the image of a spy.

The Thursday of Holy Week used to be called Maundy Thursday. On its own, the word maundy means the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor, especially commemorating Jesus' washing of His disciples' feet, which is said to have occurred at the Last Supper. The more contemporary name is Holy Thursday.

The Friday of Holy Week is the second part of the triduum.



My Kind of Town/  
Joe Galeota

My eight-year-old granddaughter has repeatedly asked me, why is it called Good Friday if Jesus or any other man was nailed to a cross to die. The answer is too deep for Colette to understand and, even when simplified, lacks traction.

Holy Saturday is the third day of the triduum, marked by a prolonged night-time service called the Easter Vigil, a portion of which is conducted in utter darkness with appropriate readings from the Book of Genesis, leading up to intense bell-ringing indicating the good news of the Resurrection. [For those of you keeping score, attendance at the Holy Saturday service "counts" for going to Mass on Easter Sunday itself.]

So there you have it, in case you are ever on Jeopardy or at a trivia night: the only four words in English with consecutive U's.

And, lastly and unrelated to the alphabet analysis, Happy Easter!

## 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.

—V.C.

## 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.

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—V.C.

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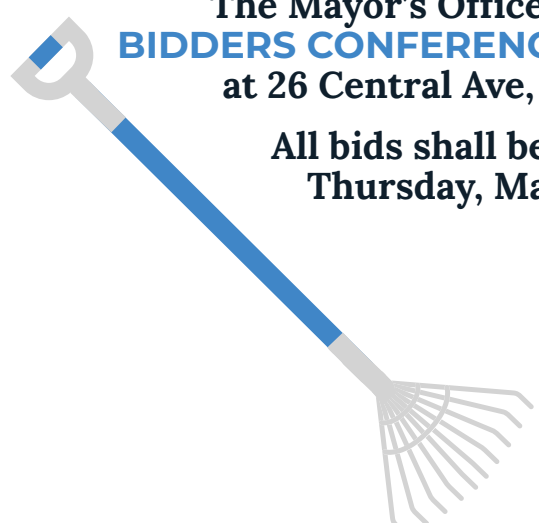
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All bids shall be filed no later than **Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 4pm.**

ADDITIONAL FENCING AND TREE CONTRACTS COMING SOON!

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# Arboretum *continued from page 1*

22 Arboretum is in the JP zoning district.

JPHC chair Stacey Welch gave a review of the presentation at the March 28 Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council meeting.

"It's a very nice development," she said. "It will revitalize the neighborhood."

Welch wanted the full council to approve a letter of the committee's comments to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA); sent out before the meeting it was not made available to non-committee members.

Welch said the main concern was "more affordability."

Council member Bernie Doherty agreed with that section of the letter.

"Lower the median income," he said. "A studio is going for \$1,275 a month; a one-bedroom is at \$1,500 to \$1,700. This is not affordable," he said.

Doherty also agreed with the committee's concern about the building's size so close to the Arboretum.

"The massing of this building, seven stories[sic] hits right up against the Arboretum. I will talk with Arboretum tomorrow," he said.

Council member Dave Baron said that the 70 percent area median income (AMI) for the 38 designated affordable units was more than the city requires.

Daneille Sommer Kieta of Egleston Square is one of three new members on the council.

"The IDP [affordable] city policy is under review," she said. "A family of four at 70 percent would need to earn \$80,000 a year," she said.

Sommer Kieta, who was active in Keepit100Egleston during the contentious Plan JP Rox process of 2016-2017, said she had read the project notification form.

"The project says it will have moderate displacement," she said. "[This gives] the project another reason to increase affordability. It will probably have an outside ripple effect on the residential area."

Sommer Kieta said the project needs "more access to people of color."

"Right now the project is inequitable; the affordability numbers decrease diversity. There's a fair housing issue [with this project]," she said.

The comment letter to the BPDA on 18-22 Arboretum Rd. was approved nine to zero with three abstentions.

The main issues for Jamaica Plain were echoed at the Roslindale meetings hosted by the BPDA on March 1 and the Article 80 large project review on March 28.

Roslindale resident Karen K said on March 1 that she was "very concerned about the affordability at 70 percent."

"What would it look like to incorporate 40 percent to 50 percent AMI?," she asked. "Maintain the community that is there, don't coddle the community," she said. "Be supportive. Get the AMI down. Lower the AMI."

Michela DiSantis of Boylston Properties said she would "study that."

Steve Gag of Roslindale said he wants the building to come down.

"Lower the building size to five stories," he said.

Gag said the units lost from the removal of the sixth floor could be built out in the open space courtyard and plaza.

Another caller agreed.

"The Latino community is pretty strong on Washington Street," he said. "The open space will seem privatized to them."

Greg Tobin seemed upbeat at the March 28 Article 80 meeting.

"We welcome this housing," he said. "This is transit access neighborhood."

"It's also an economic justice neighborhood, getting a new path to the Arboretum. Six years of work," Tobin said.

"The purpose is to allow an economic justice community free and open access to the Arboretum. The new gateway will be used by people of color and low-income people from Archdale.

"It's shocking how underprivileged that area is. Help them out a little bit."

Sabrina Ivory, the tenant leader from Archdale Apartments, called in on March 28.

"We're stuck in the middle," she said. "I haven't heard what will benefit Archdale. You're doing left and right, we're always left out."

"Are you planning anything for our development?" Ivory asked. "Summer camp? Food program? They're expensive. I want to know again, do you have anything for my tenants so we're not stuck in the middle?" Ivory asked.

Josue Velney was quick to

respond.

"We've talked with you before. We'll see what we can do to help," he said.

Boylston Properties and Velney Development stated in their project notification form that they met twice with the director and senior staff of the Arboretum in April and again in Sept 2022.

Maureen Hickey, chief of staff of the Arnold Arboretum, testified at the Article 80 meeting.

"We've worked through a very long process to bring a new entrance to the Arboretum. We're concerned that a six-story building towering over the Arboretum will cast shadows," Hickey said.

Hickey said she wanted the building set further back from the Arboretum.

DiSantis from Boylston Properties defended their plan.

"It's in context with other [nearby] buildings," she said.

"We worked with the BPDA design staff on the setbacks. We think the scale is appropriate."

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—M.D.A.

### Miracle Prayer

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—M.D.A..



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT** Docket No. SU20P1120PM

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

**Estate of: Jane T. Power**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:  
Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA

requesting that the court enter a formal **Decree of Complete Settlement** including the allowance of a final account as **Temporary Conservator** 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: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **04/15/2023**.

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.

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

Date: March 15, 2023

Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** DOCKET No. SU23P0675EA

Estate of: **Charles R. Ross** Suffolk Division  
Also Known As: **Charlie Ross**  
Date of Death: **February 16, 2023**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of Petitioner Beverly S. Johnson of Chebeague Island, ME a Will has been admitted to informal probate Beverly S. Johnson of Chebeague Island, ME 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.

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**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT** Docket No. SU20P1120PM

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

In the matter of: **Jane T. Power Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent**

Of: Brighton, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested Persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to **Rule 72**

Of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the First Annual account(s) of Public Guardian services of Braintree, MA as **Conservator of the property of Said Respondent** has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before **10:00 A.M.** on the return date of **4/15/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

**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 of 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: March 15, 2023

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No. SU23P0682GD

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO**

**TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

In the matter of: **Antonio Perales** RESPONDENT

Of: Brighton, MA  
Alleged Incapacitated 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 Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that Antonio Perales is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

**Sara Spooner of Auburn, MA** (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 **05/18/2023**. 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.

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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**

March 29, 2023

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU23P0729EA

Estate of: **Jeanne Emeline Morrison** Date of Death: **12/28/2022**

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 **Tammy J. Blum of Westwood, 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: **Tammy J. Blum of Westwood, MA** be appointment 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 **05/12/2023**. 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: March 31, 2023

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU23P0548EA

Estate of: **James M. Garvin** Date of Death: **11/05/2019**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Margaret M. Thomas** of Hyde Park, MA

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

The Petitioner requests that: **Margaret M. Thomas** of Hyde Park, 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 **05/10/2023**. 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: March 29, 2023

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU23P0712EA

Estate of: **Noreen P. Connors** Date of Death: **12/12/1999**

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

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by **Lisa Connors Gagnon of Cranston, RI** and **Brendan P. Connors of Roslindale, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal **Decree and Order** and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **05/12/2023**. 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: March 31, 2023

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the first step to creating a healthier ecosystem for animals and urbanites.

“Pollinators play an incredibly important role in sustaining our environment and food production,” stated Lawler. “Every little bit a community can do to help these insects plays a substantial part in keeping our pollinators and ultimately our ecosystem healthy and alive. May is the biggest month for flower growth and even in our monoculture grass lawns, there are flowering weeds and wildflowers that require pollinators. Supporting this symbiotic relationship is as easy as not mowing your lawn for this month of flower-growth to give the early pollinators a head start on the season. Mowing less creates habitat and can increase the abundance and diversity of wildlife including bees and other pollinators.”

A flyer from the PRC explains the importance of pollinators; they aid in the reproduction of over 85 percent of all flowering plants and over two thirds of agricultural crops. Most wild bees live underground in nests that are hard to see with the human eye. Some wild bee species dig several feet below the ground to lay their eggs, while others create nests near the

surface. Unfortunately, research has shown that there has been a significant decline in the population sizes of native pollinators worldwide. This is due to habitat loss and degradation, exposure to pesticides, diseases, pathogens, and climate change. Up to 40 percent of pollinator species on Earth are at risk of extinction in the near future. This shows the urgent need for action to protect and conserve wild bees and other pollinators that play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems, even in our own yards.

Alarmingly, up to 40 percent of pollinator species on Earth are at risk of extinction in the near future. This shows the urgent need for action to protect and conserve wild bees and other pollinators that play a crucial role in maintaining the delicate balance of ecosystems, even in our own yards.

Gardeners can also help pollinators with native biodiversity and planting garden plants that are native to Massachusetts and New England, including the white yarrow, white baneberry, yellow giant hyssop, white snakeroot, running serviceberry, indigo bush, blue star, pearly everlasting, meadow anemone, and thimbleweed. Community members can learn more

about protecting their local environments, helping pollinators, native biodiversity, and more at [www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/protecting-environment](http://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/protecting-environment).

The PRC is spreading the word about No Mow May via flyers and social media, including their Facebook and Instagram (@parkwayrotaryclub). Parkway residents can also display their commitment to protecting pollinators with a \$10 reusable lawn sign that states: “No Mow May, Let’s Pollinate. Supported by Rotary District 7930 and the Parkway Rotary Club.”

No Mow May is one of the many projects the PRC is working on this year. Other projects include planting a pollinator garden with the Stratford Street Church, partnering with Edelweiss Village to bring a mobile blood drive to the Parkway, raising money for End Polio Now by hosting a Polar Plunge at the East Boston Yacht Club, supporting the community and families by hosting a Family Game Night, serving meals at the Veterans Facility in Boston, and working at the Rose’s Bounty Food Pantry. For more information about the PRC, visit [www.westroxburyclub.org/](http://www.westroxburyclub.org/).

To learn more about No Mow May or to order a sign, email [parkwayrotary@gmail.com](mailto:parkwayrotary@gmail.com) by Apr. 10. Signs will be delivered during the month of April.

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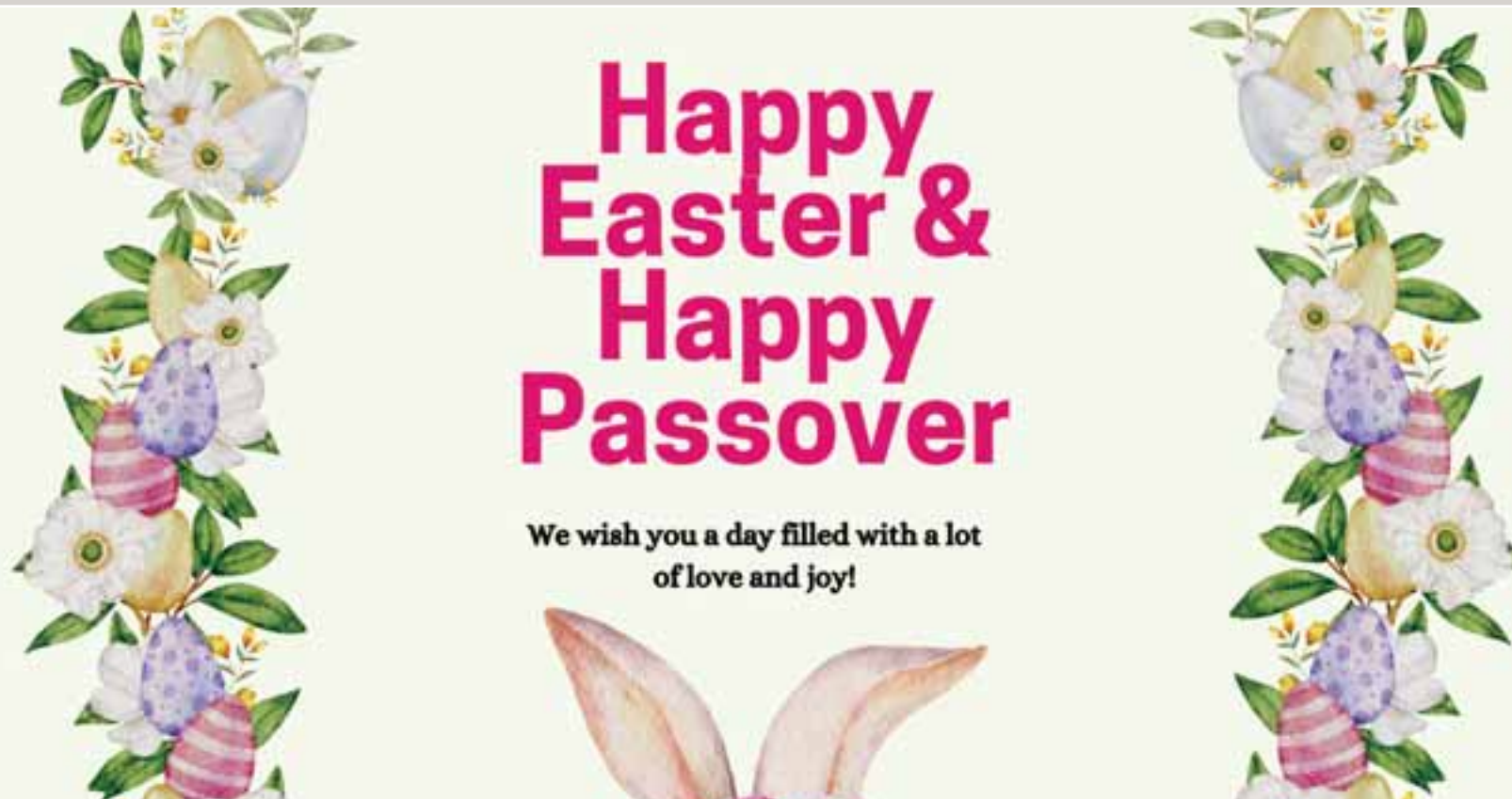
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**ABICHAKE**



Deborah A. (Harding) of West Roxbury, passed away on March 26, 2023. Dear and devoted wife of Checrallah Abichaker. Loving mother of Gabriel Abichaker and his wife, Meagan of Canton, Kevin Abichaker of Canton, David Abichaker of West Roxbury, Rose Abichaker of Montreal, and Theresa Abichaker of West Roxbury. Cherished grandmother "Grandma" of Adelina and Giovanni. Dear sister of Richard Harding and his wife, Brenda of Gilbertville and Jean Harding of Braintree. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (at the corner of Centre St.), WEST ROXBURY. Contributions in Deborah's

**DEATHS**

memory may be made to the Church or to Samaritans Inc. 41 West St., 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02111. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Guestbook and other information at [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com)

**CAMEJO**



Ramon M. died on March 25, 2023 at his home in Roslindale; a resident of the community since 1995. Mr. Camejo was born June 10, 1928 to Benito Camejo and Felicia

Rodriguez in Cuba. He came to the United States with his five children from a previous marriage (Anita, Anna Maria, Manny, Beatriz, and Mario). No one who met Ramon Camejo will forget his wisdom, his strength, his enormous heart, and how quickly he made friends wherever he went. He is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Maria E. Camejo, his son Raul A. Camejo, Osvaldo A. Amador, Maria C. Rouge, and all of his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. A Funeral Service was held in the funeral home on Thursday, March 30th. Interment St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

**TSOLIAS**

John passed suddenly March 27, 2023. Son of the late Alexander & Afrodity. Brother of the late Agatha & Anastasia. Survived by brothers Apostolos and Vasilios & his wife. Beloved by many nieces, nephews. Casper funeral home 800-314-1890.

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month's ACA meeting that inflation, interest rates and supply chain issues have made it "really impossible to locate equity and debt for the construction of these buildings."

D'Isidoro said there are several condo projects coming together now and felt that this argument was at the very least, incorrect. He pointed to the recent BPDA Board meeting, which approved 150 homeownership units in the Allston Yards Project, 76 homeownership units for the 1240 Soldiers Field Rd. proposal and 70 homeownership units for 75 Tremont St. in Brighton.

"They obviously feel comfortable that they can move forward," D'Isidoro said. "I'm just not convinced."

D'Isidoro added that he felt that doing this change through the Notice of Project Change process rather than re-filing

was also problematic.

"The thing that gets me upset about this too, just like the Mount Hood project that wanted to go all rental, is the idea that the proponents propose this as a minor change," he said. "They don't want to go through the whole review process again, even though a lot of density and other considerations were approved because people thought they were getting homeownership, and now they want to make the change and they offer up a few little tidbits. 'Oh well we'll do a few more affordable units or something, but it's not a big change.' It's a huge change. When you have a large condo project and you want to change to rental, that's a huge change. And it has a big impact on our community."

D'Isidoro said if it is true that City Realty can't get the financing for condos at this

site, then perhaps the company should make way for someone who can.

"I'm good friends with Josh (Fetterman) and I like him, but I told him, 'Look, if you really don't think you can do this or you don't have the stomach to do it, than sell it to somebody who can do it,'" he said. "There are people in that space who do nothing but condos and are very successful at it. But we need a mix. I want to see Allston Square as a mixed-use community."

D'Isidoro pointed out that while recent projects have seen improvements in condo availability, just as many if not more projects are coming online with only rental units.

The ACA meets once a month on Wednesdays. For more information, go to <http://www.allstoncivicassociation.org>

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department  
 SUFFOLK Division  
 Docket No. SU23C0148CA

CITATION ON PETITION  
 PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the Matter of: **Akash Kunchum**  
 A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Akash Kunchum** of West Roxbury, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Hina Kashi**

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 **04/27/2023**. 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: March 28, 2023 V Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate  
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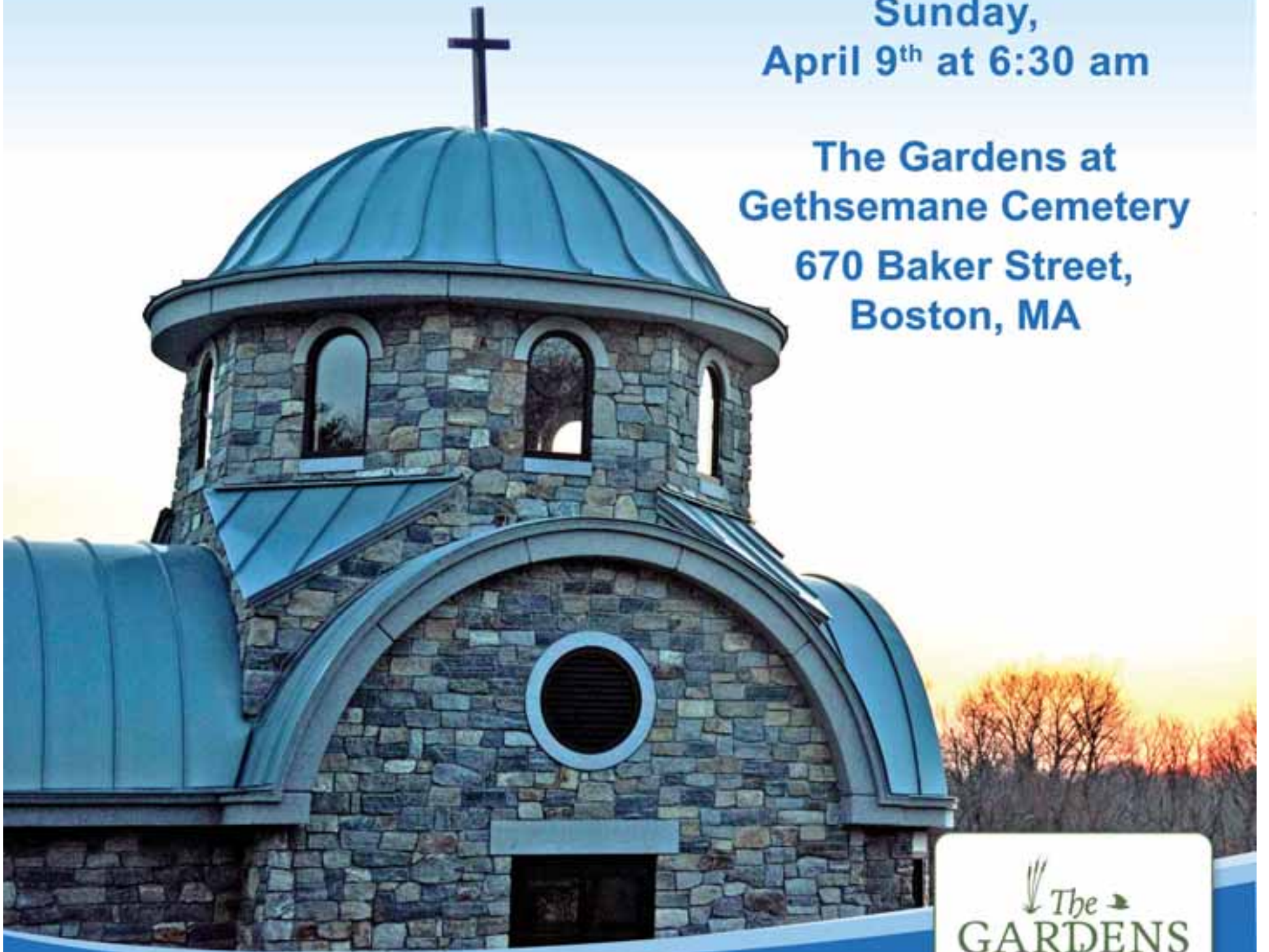
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**The Boston Catholic Cemetery Association  
Mount Calvary Cemetery Office  
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No phone calls please.

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quote is substantially accurate, the Councilor is sorely in need of a civics lesson. No, Councilor, you are NOT the government. We, the people, the voters are the government and we hire you on a two year basis to listen to us and represent our interests. Our elected officials work for us and not vice-versa.

Secondly, as to the very salient points raised by the Safety Association, I am in agreement as to the ill conceived nature of this plan, particularly its potentially devastating effect on local businesses which have already suffered disproportio-

tionately from Covid lockdowns.

Finally, I would add another point for consideration, i.e. the discriminatory effect of the proposed "Road Diet" on senior citizens who are not as agile or mobile as we used to be and for whom it is not feasible to rely on biking or extensive walking or even jumping on and off of buses on a regular basis. The gratification and glorification of the young and healthy, to the detriment of others seems to be emblematic of a tone-deaf, if unwitting, bias. Our City government may pro-

mote departments with fancy names like "Age Strong" but it constitutes mere lip service if its policies are not in congruence with them. Thank you for your attention to the foregoing.

Atty. Donald E. Feener  
West Roxbury

Editor's Note: *Because the Bulletin did not cover the meeting in which the quote used in the advertisement on Page 7 of last week's newspaper was attributed to Councilor Lara, we cannot confirm the quote is accurate or any such quote was even uttered. Perhaps Councilor Lara can clarify her remark with a response to this newspaper in the future.*

# Main Street *continued from page 1*

went to the school here wanting to reserve their old classroom as their new home," she said as she took questions.

"We have an estimated 65,000 LGBTQ elder residents in Massachusetts alone, although not all of them need affordable housing," Van Ness continued. "But we know that our LGBTQ elders are less likely to have family and community support as they age."

Thirty tourists later sampled veal meatballs at Antonio's Bacari, enjoyed Dominican fare at Rincon Caribeno, and feasted on tacos and chicken wings at Park 54. They also viewed local artwork at The Switch Co-Op.

At Park 54, events coordinator Chala Harris-Garcia explained that the Black-owned restaurant has succeeded since opening last year by blending Caribbean and American cuisines with soul food.

"You never know what you're going to get," she said. The venue hosts music, karaoke and an all-you-can-eat buffet brunch on the weekends.

Boston City Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune grew up in Hyde Park and continues to live here. She stressed the importance of Main Streets programs serving as "economic engines" for communities while creating employment opportunities for residents.

She noted that business owners came together to purchase a Fairmount Avenue building last year for \$1 million to preserve it for businesses of color. It now houses a clothing store, a barber, and a shop specializing in hair extensions and wigs.

"I remember when that

building was such an eyesore," said Jerry Filbin, a board member of Rehoboth Beach Main Street in Delaware who grew up in Hyde Park.

"This area has really come alive with a theater and great restaurants," he added. "I'm amazed."

At Ron's Gourmet Ice Cream, Ron and Jay Covitz gave visitors the scoop on the ice cream that was named the third-best ice cream parlor in the world in a 2007 National Geographic traveler's guide.

The day wrapped up with a tour of Camp Meigs in Readville, where the 54th Regiment was stationed. Visitors got to share their experiences at Roundhead Brewing Company, the first Latino-owned brewery in Massachusetts.

"This is such a cute neighborhood," said Aileen de la Torre of Decatur, Georgia. "Even on a cloudy day, it's still vibrant. And I love the idea of The Pryde. It's important for people in the LGBTQ community to have a space where they can live in safety and dignity."



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