

# The Hyde Park Bulletin

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## WRNC Zoning approves several projects



The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee approved several homeowner zoning relief requests last week.

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) Zoning Committee met on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Area E Police Station in West Roxbury. The committee reviewed projects at 34 Linnet St., 111 Maple St., 57 Dent St., 1587 Centre St., and 1531 Centre St.

The hot topic of the Zoning Committee meeting was 1587 Centre St. Many in attendance were there as neighbors and/or abutters of the property. The owners of the property were seeking to extend their living area into the basement. The homeowners explained they plan to refurbish their basement by adding a playroom and

workout area. Violations included reconstruction/extension of a non-conforming building and excessive floor area ratio. The zoning committee did not have any questions, but one abutting neighbor present at the meeting raised a few concerns.

“The contractor was not present to answer questions about the space at the abutters meeting,” stated the concerned abutter. “No structural stamp was present on the architectural drawing.”

The owners of 111 Maple St. were seeking to build a vertical addition on top of their existing garage. “We are looking to create some dedicated office space, since my husband

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## New affordable housing in Forest Hills only 25%

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

On August 19, the 26-member Boston Inclusionary Zoning Coalition dropped off 1000 postcards, largely gathered in Jamaica Plain, urging Mayor Walsh, the BPDA and the City Council to—among other requests— set aside one third of all new housing units as affordable.

Carolyn Chou is executive director of the Asian American Research Workshop.

“The IDP is an important tool,” she told the media outside City Hall. “But it needs a significant increase. Most residents earn under \$50,000 [the IDP income cap] and the IDP doesn’t meet the needs of residents.”

Kathy Brown of Jamaica Plain is the long-time director of

the Boston Tenant Coalition and one of the leaders of the postcard drive.

“All tenants are vulnerable,” she said. “Anyone who doesn’t live in public housing or non-profit housing.”

Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) was created in 2000 under the Menino administration; it requires private, for-profit developers to set aside 13 percent of all units in a building of ten or more as affordable and/or contribute to the city’s Housing Trust Fund. The city’s definition of affordable is 70 percent or about \$55,000 a year in income.

The Walsh administration is studying an increase in that percentage, has tinkered with it, but is reluctant to do more for fear of

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## Walking through the park/ Parkman Playground Dedication



Saturday saw the grand re-opening of the long-awaited Parkman Playground renovation in Jamaica Plain.

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Aug. 24, Mayor Marty Walsh – standing at a City of Boston podium set up between two large, colorful, state-of-the-art play structures – officially dedicated the newly renovated Parkman Playground at 58 Wachusett St. in Jamaica Plain.

The playground had unofficially opened over the July 4th weekend, but the brief

ceremony, which included a ribbon cutting, drew a full, clustered crowd of local parents and children – most of whom, on this sunny Saturday morning, were eager to experience what the overhauled playground had to offer.

The Mayor’s dedication marked the official conclusion of the renovation project, which entered the community involvement phase with a series of three meetings – held by the Parks & Recreation

Dept. (BPR) – that took place in March, April, and June of 2017.

During this stage of the project, local residents brought forward their suggestions to the designers (Crosby, Schlessinger, Smallridge, LLC) handling the renovation and fell into two broad categories: a fun, challenging, safe playground involving a variety of apparatus that also

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## Fr. Ron Coyne says goodbye to Blue Hills Collaborative

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

Throughout his decades of service in the priesthood, Fr. Ron Coyne, 72, has never been afraid of change. He also takes pride in being a man of the people, preferring street clothes to traditional vestments.

After five years of being the pastor of the Blue Hills Collaborative, Coyne decided it was time for him to pursue an opportunity to travel where he would be most needed – any parish in search of an emergency priest.

“I want to make it clear that it was my decision to leave.”

**Fr. Coyne**  
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Father Ron Coyne announced recently he is moving on from Hyde Park, and more than 400 parishioners celebrated with him last week.

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# WR resident running Marine Corps. Marathon for Fisher House

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

West Roxbury resident Tim West has run for the Fisher house in multiple marathons since it came to West Roxbury in 2010.

The Fisher House is a non-profit that is dedicated to providing hotel services to the families of veterans who are receiving medical care at the VA. Since veterans and their families often have to go far away from their hometowns for services, the Fisher House gives them a free place to stay, either at the house itself (if there is one at that particular VA Hospital) or at a local hotel.

“This is my ninth Marine Corps Marathon with the Fisher House. We also ran the Boston Marathon in 2015, 2016 and 2019,” West said.

West said he wanted to get involved because of his family history.

“My father Paul is a marine, we’re a military family,” he said. “He’s retired now but I was looking for something to do that was a bit more than saying ‘hey, thank the troops’ kind of thing and when the Fisher House opened in West Roxbury, we wanted to get involved.”

West said he’s seen firsthand the amazing work the Fisher House does for military families like his, and he

feels it is definitely a cause worth supporting, even if the support comes from putting his body through sometimes multiple marathons every year.

“The organization is awesome and we’re going to continue to raise money as long as we can,” he said. “We’ve been up to the house quite a few times. (West Roxbury Fisher House Executive Director Jen DeLuca) has really been like part of the extended family. She’s just been awesome and she does so much for the vets and their families.”

West said he and his family help out whenever they can. For instance, his brother-in-law runs with him when he can and he and his family helps the house directly when they have time.

“We’ve cooked dinners for the people staying at the Fisher House; my son and daughter go up there and they bring baked goods around the holiday time too,” he said. “We just try to do the things that will help the house be kind of more of a home for the people who are staying there, especially those there for an extended period of time.”



West Roxbury resident Tim West has been raising money for the Fisher House for almost 10 years.

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West said he supports both the West Roxbury Fisher House and the organization as a whole. There are currently 70 houses throughout the world, from Alaska to the United Kingdom. He said when he runs for the Boston Marathon the funds stay to help the local Fisher House, but the Marine Corps. Marathon supports the organization as a whole.

“The funds raised at the Marine Marathon go to build more Fisher Houses, which is really cool,” he said. “So

for the longest time, the West Roxbury house was the only one in New England, but they’re in the process of building one at or right outside Portland Maine right now.”

To donate to West’s cause, go to <https://bit.ly/2KZW2Go>. For more information on the Fisher House, go to [fisherhouse.org](http://fisherhouse.org). For more information on the upcoming 44th Marine Corps Marathon at Arlington Virginia, go to [marinemarathon.com](http://marinemarathon.com).

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## Council talks ambulances and gas leaks

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley called for a hearing at the Aug. 21 City Council regular meeting to discuss how to improve ambulance response times by relocating the garages and bays they operate out of.

O'Malley said while that the city has a better response time than most cities of comparable size and with larger fleets, there is definite improvement to be made by making the trips to the garages and bays at the end and beginning of each shift closer.

"Nine out of 22 ambulances don't have a station or bay for their response area," he said. "That's a significant number, it's not quite 50 percent but it's close to it. And so what happens is that Ambulance A12 is responding to Dorchester, Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, but it needs to travel to Mattapan before and after every shift. There's been some talk to relocate to Franklin Park; it's really about being the geographical center of the city."

He added that Ambulance A17 in Roslindale and Ambulance A21 in Roxbury Crossing both face similar problems.

O'Malley said that 26 percent of the 355 average daily ambulance calls are considered Priority 1, which are life-threatening situations and require a six-minute response time. O'Malley pointed out that ambulances need more fuel than usual vehicles, as the engine must be kept idling to maintain the temperatures of medications and equipment.

"The benefits of having more stations and bays, this isn't something that is going to cost a tremendous amount of money, but the benefits are myriad," he said. "Not only will it reduce response times for emergencies, it will also reduce emissions – an idling ambulance is exempt from the idling law because you need to keep the equipment and medicine a certain temperature – it would also save mechanic expenses."

Also during the meeting,

District 2 City Councilor Edward Flynn re-introduced a hearing order, originally filed by O'Malley, to look at ways to reduce gas leaks. He said he and O'Malley originally brought forth the issue last year after the explosions in the Merrimack Valley.

"I am calling for this hearing again, as I view gas leaks in our city as a public safety issue, and it's a public health issue as well," Flynn said. "Recent events and reports have underscored how important it is that we revisit this conversation. A couple of weeks ago we had a gas leak on Temple Street in Beacon Hill. Thankfully, the Boston Fire Department quickly arrived on scene and evacuated the area. I contacted National Grid on this issue. A contractor caused the damage, but it's a reminder of the risk involved with this infrastructure."

Flynn said the gas leaks, estimated somewhere between 1,500 and 4,000 leaks for the city alone, cause health issues for people, kill trees and are a large factor in contributing greenhouse gases to worsening climate change.

"They pollute the air our children breathe, and big enough leaks can produce a fire or an explosion, like we saw in Merrimack Valley," he said.

O'Malley discussed his now defunct Gas Leaks Ordinance, passed in 2016, which would have required gas utilities to repair any known gas leak whenever the city, utility or construction project was digging up that portion of the street. National Grid challenged the ordinance in court, and the city lost as state law requires that the state have jurisdiction on gas utility construction and repair.

"There are thousands of these leaks throughout the City of Boston. As rate-payers, we are paying for that unaccounted for gas," he said. "The health risks, the public safety risks and the environmental risks that these pose every single day are too numerous to count. It's been very hopeful that so many coalition partners have come together to work with us."

## Landmark comes to an end, for this year

Growing up with no record player (later known as a stereo) in the home, I was not exposed to classical music. (In later years I'd learn that the appealing Lone Ranger theme song was adapted from Rossini's William Tell Overture). And no one on Forest Hills Street ever listened to Texaco's operas on radio.

Classical music became appreciated in junior college as part of a fine arts course. No aficionado of it, I now merely relax by it, rather than relish it. So, when decades ago the Wednesday night free summer offerings on the Esplanade by the Landmark Orchestra—not to be confused by those with finer ears than mine with the Boston Symphony Orchestra—became more publicized, we made numerous trips to the Back Bay, horrible traffic notwithstanding.

It was a time to dine outdoors, gaze at the stars, and at the same time listen to an orchestra's outstanding performances, when the sirens of ambulances rushing toward Mass General did not interrupt.

In those days the MDC (now the DCR) allowed parking on the westbound side of Storrow Drive. Two workers, one driving a pick-up and one on the back of it depositing cones to isolate a lane for curbside parking, would begin their rounds at 6:30, half an hour before the concerts began. Parking was free, though not devoid of a little danger, as cars from south and west of Boston entering westbound

Storrow at Berkley would have to cross over to the far-right outbound lane to avail themselves of free parking. At the end of the concert cars would have to enter the flow of traffic from a dead stop, again not without some danger. But there were state troopers present.

A number of years ago this parking policy was discontinued, necessitating many motorists to park in the somewhat distant Boston Common garage because of the scarcity of non-resident parking spaces in the Back Bay. The cost was usual \$14, unless attendees stayed for the encore or walked slowly back to the Common, in which case the charge was \$18.

Until 2009 the personable Charles Ansbacher was the conductor. His repertoire included many classical and semi-classical pieces, as listeners dined on the grass on blankets or on sand chairs and gazed at the stars. (Regular sized sitting chairs block vision of the performers, especially dancers and ballerinas, for those sitting on blankets or relaxing in sand chairs.)

Regrettably the maestro passed away, leaving a large void, but was replaced by a similarly talented leader, who continued the tradition of inviting the magnificent Longwood Symphony Orchestra, composed of Boston's talented medical professionals, to play for an evening.

A few years ago, following the TSA's draconian search policies, no one was admitted



My Kind of Town/  
Joe Galeota

with any alcohol, and plastic/bottle containers, without a thorough search and uniformed state troopers standing nearby to solve arguments about contraband. This policy lasted only a few years. Thanks probably to many attendees from the Back Bay who enjoy their sauvignon blanc, the invasive rummaging of purses, handbags, and picnic baskets was discontinued.

This marks the first year that my wife and I have not attended any concerts. The weather, other engagements, and musical themes undermined our ability to attend. Hopefully, next year will be different if the weather holds up and more traditional pieces of Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Scott Joplin, and Leonard Bernstein — as well as some lesser known composers — are on the menu.

## Letters to the Editor

### ANOTHER YEAR WITHOUT A UNITED HIGH SCHOOL

To the Editor:

As a Roslindale homeowner, and Roxbury Prep Special Education Coordinator, I am beyond eager for Roxbury Prep's 361 Belgrade project to move forward. We have just celebrated our twentieth year of success at Roxbury Prep, and this past May, we had our first graduating class! To continue our students' path of success, it

is crucial that we begin uniting our high school into one building.

We are a team in every aspect, and our scholars and educators deserve to have as many opportunities to learn as possible. Being in one building allows our students to brainstorm, to seek advice, to find solutions; these are the reasons that joining our two high schools into one is so key to the future of our scholars. Our students, who predominantly come from low income backgrounds, are achieving at the highest levels in our schools and are on their path to college. We owe it to them, and to our community to support these individuals in their efforts.

I am hopeful that as a neighborhood, which currently includes many of the Roxbury Prep scholars, we will make the choice to support high quality education. In our current political climate, it is imperative that we collaborate and place our efforts on creating positive change and welcoming a highly successful high school into our community.

Meg Hackett  
Roslindale



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**Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee**

**Monday, September 9**  
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

**Bolling Building**  
2300 Washington Street  
2nd Floor, School Committee Room  
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**Event Description**  
Reminder: Location change to Bolling Building.

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that initiative. This meeting will provide an update to the "Good Job Standards" ("GJS") language. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired.

RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Bolling Building in the 2nd floor School Committee Room. For more information about the RSMPOC and the public meeting, please visit our webpage at: [bit.ly/theRSMPOC](http://bit.ly/theRSMPOC).

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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## Fr. Coyne *continued from page 1*

Coyne said. "I am ready to leave, so I initiated this."

Coyne was honored with a picnic hosted by the Collaborative at 20 Como Rd. on Sunday, Aug. 25, beginning at 1 p.m. More than 400 people attended and shared their memories of Coyne during his tenure. Although the event was scheduled for two hours, Coyne's receiving line ran from 12:30 until nearly 4 p.m.

"He wears jeans, boots and plaid shirts," Anna Cote, the Director of Ministries at the Blue Hills Collaborative said as she introduced him. "His favorite music groups are Queen and Abba, and his favorite artist is Lady Gaga."

Coyne stressed that he was "not unhappy at all" in his current role, but sought a change.

"Some people were worried that I was sick, but I'm very healthy," Coyne said in an interview with *The Bulletin* on Aug. 23. "Some people thought I was being transferred. But it was my choice, so don't write to the Archdiocese."

Coyne took an opportunity to serve on the Emergency Response Team, on which he had worked earlier in his career. Because of the current shortage of priests, Coyne saw this as a chance to meet new people and serve a void.

"Most priests live alone now," Coyne said. "They can die or have an accident, and somebody has to go in immediately."

Ironically, the only other priest on the Emergency Response Team, Fr. Michael Bova Conti, will be replacing Coyne until a permanent replacement is named. Coyne's last day will be Sept. 15, and Bova Conti will start the next day.

"That's why they were so happy that I would go on the team," Coyne said. Coyne can be

placed anywhere in the Archdiocese for an unknown period of time. "I've filled in before in Chelmsford, Billerica and Burlington."

Coyne grew up in Roslindale and West Roxbury, attending the Mozart School, Holy Name and then graduating from Catholic Memorial. His early life centered around Holy Name Parish, where he was inspired by his priest and decided at age 18 to follow in his footsteps.

One experience during Coyne's eight years in the seminary changed his life profoundly. He spent two years working in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"For the first time in my life, I was working with people who didn't look like me, who weren't my color, and who didn't necessarily believe as I did," he said. "They spoke differently than I did."

"I was just flabbergasted by the experience," Coyne continued, "I liked them, and they liked me. It kind of opened up my world to be much broader, and I've carried that with me all my life."

Coyne was ordained a priest in 1973, two years before the Catholic Church went through a dramatic shift in philosophy. The Second Vatican Council had been convened by Pope John XXIII in 1959. The Council produced the 16 documents that reformed the modern Catholic church and provided a greater role for laypeople. Latin was replaced with English.

"I lived in two different worlds," Coyne said. "It's changed the Catholic church for the better, I believe. And it's changed my life for the better."

Coyne's New Orleans experience, combined with the Vatican II philosophy, shaped his more inclusive, progressive philosophy toward Catholicism, he said. This approach helped him during his early assignment in Mattapan during the busing crisis. He also was instrumental in organizing the Charlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP), working with the families determined to seek justice for their slain loved ones.

"I'm very open to other cultures, other religions, other genders, other sexualities," Coyne said. "I know it drives some people nuts. I tell people I respect the past, but I don't live there."

Coyne said he realizes that his modern approach is not the way that many Catholics were raised, and that some may be turned off by his preaching.

"You cannot pretend you're not who you are," Coyne explained. "If I got up there and preached about a lot of things I was taught about growing up, people would say that's not sincere. People may disagree with my outlook my life, but they can't question my passion."

One of the biggest challenges Coyne said he faced in 2014 was uniting Most Precious Blood, St. Anne's and St. Pius X in Milton into a collaborative philosophy.

"We didn't say you have to give up your parish identity," he said. "But you have to grow beyond it. In other words, the

church is much larger than your geographical mindset."

One of the benefits that happened was that people from the three parishes began to interact and attend services at each other's churches.

The three greatest reasons Coyne said a person returns to a church are "the hospitality, the music and the preaching."

"I think one of the greatest gifts I can give to a parish is to have people look forward to coming to church," Coyne said. "They look forward to celebrating their faith, and they look forward to receiving the Eucharist."

People who attended the cookout embraced Coyne and his philosophy.

"Fr. Coyne is not just a priest," administrative assistant Kathi Ryan Flynn said. "He's one of the funniest, kindest men in Hyde Park. He loves everyone, and he treats everyone the same. He's the new type of priest."

"Fr. Coyne is one of the greatest priests we have had in a long time, and I have lived in this neighborhood for 45 years," Annette O'Shea said. "I'm sorry to see him go, but he deserves the best of everything."

"I have been in the parish for almost 25 years," added Magalie Brunache as she stood in front of a poster of Coyne. "If you didn't go to church one week, he would ask you what happened. He knew everyone's names and their families, too."

"Fr. Coyne was one of the biggest influences on my life," Daniel Farnkoff said, adding that he has known him since his Roslindale days. "He is the reason I decided to stay with the Catholic church. I am sure he will bring the same level of enthusiasm to his new endeavors."

His son, Desmond, 7, is fond of Coyne as well.

"I like Fr. Coyne because he is a good person," Desmond said. "He's always kind, and he always shows that he cares. I love him."

Marietta Phinney, the founder of Riverside Theatre Works, noted how involved Coyne has been in supporting the theater and building a partnership.

"He was a blessing to St. Anne's and the Collaborative, and we are so sorry to see him go," she said. "He has been a big part of the arts community, and we are grateful for his contributions."

Riverside Theatre Works will be holding a special performance of "Godspell" on September 28 as a fundraiser for the Collaborative, Phinney added.

Coyne said he was proud of the number of events held while he was there, including the Edwards Twins, Always Abba and the church bazaars. The proceeds always are divided evenly among the three parishes.

Coyne has been thrilled to serve the people of Hyde Park, Readville, Milton, Dedham and beyond, he said.

"I've never lost my enthusiasm, my passion or my fo-

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Summer may be coming to an end, but learning to swim safely is an important life skill to develop year-round. Registration is now open for the YMCA of Greater Boston's Early Fall Aquatics session. Lessons during the eight-week program, which runs Sept. 3 through Oct. 27, are available for swimmers of all ages and are tailored for individual experience levels.

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# Around the Neighborhood

Beginner swimmers are required to wear instructional flotation devices to help them swim in the correct body position and improve their arm and leg motions while remaining afloat.

Registration for non-members runs through Sept. 3. Fees vary by class. Participants who register prior to the program's start date will save \$10. To learn more about the Early Fall Aquatics program, go to your local Y or visit: <https://ymcaboston.org/swimming>

**ALLSTON / BRIGHTON****MAYOR WALSH TO DEDICATE GENERAL CASEY AMPHITHEATER**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Boston Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods, and Boston Planning & Development Agency Director Brian Golden will join the Casey family at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, for the dedication of the Major General George W. Casey Amphitheater located at Smith Playground at 235 Western Avenue in Allston.

Built with a capital budget that included funding from the Boston College Neighborhood Improvement Fund, this flexible amphitheater can accommodate both small and large events alongside the newly renovated Smith Field. As noted on a plaque at the site, Major General George W. Casey was born on March 9, 1922, in Allston to Dr. John F. Casey and Elizabeth McDermott Casey, the fourth of seven children. The family lived at 94 Franklin Street, approximately 400 yards from the location of the amphitheater. Casey attended Boston Latin School and Harvard University before transferring to the U.S. Military Academy where he was commissioned in 1945.

General Casey served in occupational duty in Japan following WWII and in combat during the Korean War, where he received a Silver Star for his actions on Heartbreak Ridge. He was commanding the 1st Cavalry Division on his third tour in Vietnam when he was killed in a helicopter crash with six

others en route to Cam Ranh Bay to visit wounded soldiers from the Division's operations in Cambodia. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star (3), Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Valor device, Purple Heart (2) and Air Medal (8).

**A FREE FAMILY CELEBRATION OF THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX**

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**JAMAICA PLAIN****CENSUS 2020 CAMPAIGN**

JPNDC is launching a Census 2020 campaign because much of our community—especially immigrants, people of color, and low-income households—is at high risk of being undercounted.

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**26TH ANNUAL JAMAICA PLAIN ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS!**

The premiere annual arts event in one of Boston's most eclectic neighborhoods, Jamaica Plain Open Studios (JPOS), is returning in 2019 for its 26th year! Open Studios is an opportunity to take a rare public peek at some private spaces. The free event showcases the artwork of up to 200 artists at 40 sites including artists' studios, the historic Eliot School and more. It runs from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. over the weekend of September 28 - 29, 2019.

JPOS is celebrating its

26th year as the premiere annual arts event in Jamaica Plain. JPOS showcases 200 artists in approximately 40 sites. The event is open to the public and will take place September 28 and 29 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information and to preview artists' work, visit [www.jpopenstudios.com](http://www.jpopenstudios.com).

**FALLS PREVENTION CLASSES FOR SENIORS**

Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Classes run for 8 weeks and include fun videos, group discussion, a safe surroundings survey, and mild exercise to increase strength and flexibility. It is offered at no charge. Those using a cane or walker will also benefit from this program—it is a great class to help improve your balance and self-confidence.

Location: Woodbourne Apartments, 6 Southbourne Road in Jamaica Plain, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on September 5th. For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or [aglor@ethocare.org](mailto:aglor@ethocare.org)

**HYDE PARK****MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 5**

The following candidates, for the District 5 Boston City Council seat, have said YES to participating in the forum on September 9, 2019, sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Library.

Ricardo Arroyo, Maria Esdale Farrell, Cecily Graham, Justin Murad, Alkia Powell, Jean-Claude Sanon and Mimi Turchinetz

Moderator: Gretchen Van Ness  
Time: 6:30-8:00 PM Place: Blue Hills Catholic Collaborative auditorium on 20 Como Road in the Readville section of Hyde Park. Parking and ramp entrance in the rear of the building.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT BETH SHALOM-BLUE HILLS**

Ice Cream Social for current and prospective Religious School students on Thursday, Aug. 29th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to any families interested in a Jewish education for their children.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSATION WITH DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Library ON September 9, from 6:30-8:00 P.M. at the Blue Hills Catholic Collaborative Auditorium - 20 Como Rd, Readville. Meet the candidates, learn about their ideas and proposals for improving our district, and ask questions! Moderated by Gretchen Van Ness.

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**WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE****WEST ROXBURY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

September, 11, 2019 at 7:45 am at the Corrib Pub and Restaurant, 2030 Centre Street, West Roxbury.

Guest speaker will be Charlotte Fleetwood, Senior Planner from the City of Boston Transportation Department. Charlotte will be discussing & taking questions about changes to Centre Street that have been proposed.

**PROGRAM FOR BECOMING CATHOLIC**

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**KIWANIS TRIVIA NIGHT**

On Sept. 12 the West Roxbury Roslindale Kiwanis is hosting Trivia Night at JJ Brannelly's in Roslindale at 4432 Washington St. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to raise funds for local programs. Tickets for the Trivia are \$10 and registration starts at 6:30 p.m.

**MAYOR OF ROSLINDALE CONTEST FOR ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE**

The 44th Annual Roslindale Day Parade will take place on Sunday, October 6th, 2019, stepping off at 1:00 p.m. from Washington Street in Roslindale Village. The parade will proceed up South Street, to Belgrade Avenue, taking a right at West Roxbury Parkway, through Gottwald Rotary, to Centre Street, to South Street, and ending at Fallon Field. This year the Parade will honor as Grand Marshals Stephen Judge and the Delfino Restaurant Family.

In addition to parade participants, the Committee is seeking candidates to join in our 21st annual "Mayor of Roslindale" Contest which will run through the end of September. The winner of the contest will be honored in the Parade on Sunday, October 6th. The deadline for registration for the Mayor of Roslindale contest is August 31st.

For information about the contest, as well as Parade participation opportunities for your organization or business, please visit [www.roslindaleparade.com](http://www.roslindaleparade.com), email [info@roslindaleparade.com](mailto:info@roslindaleparade.com) or call 617-327-4886.



## Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

**To the Doctor:** I purchased a 2018 Lincoln MKX last May. It is a great car with many bells and whistles - but lousy gas mileage. I'm averaging 15 MPG city and 18 MPG highway. The car computes the MPG as you drive, under the trip odometer. When I fill up, I divide the number of miles driven from the last fill up by the number of gallons I pumped into the gas tank and the answer is consistently about 1.5 MPG less than what the car computes. Looks like Lincoln is overstating the actual gas mileage. Have you heard of such a discrepancy?

**From the Doctor:** Gas mile figures are calculated under precise testing conditions. Some on roads and others on dynamometers. The actual mileage the car owner will get depends on many factors including temperature, altitude, terrain and more. The use of full synthetic oil and correct air pressure in your tires is a must when trying to get the most MPG possible. The computer gas mileage registering is only approximate and should be used as a guide only.

**To the Doctor:** I have a 2012 Lexus RX 350 that has a punishing ride. The vehicle is otherwise perfect with Lexus reliability, fit, quietness, etc. However, the ride is absolutely punishing (a design feature Lexus incorporated to improve the vehicle handling). I see that there are many strut/spring kits/assemblies available for the front end and installation is not an issue. My question is, which kit should I purchase, as none of the kits gives any indication of improving the punishing ride? I am at a loss. I have the correct tires on the vehicle and have the Lexus stated air pressure in them.

**From the Doctor:** We install complete strut assemblies called quick struts. Quick struts are available for the front and rear and will make a difference on the ride. There are no real specs on spring rate on replacement struts. Whatever brand you buy will make an improvement. There are many companies that market strut assemblies and sell online or you can buy them at the local auto parts store.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please send your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get them answered.



# Council looking to increase affordability with leverage on developers

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and voted to send a home-rule petition to the State Legislature to allow the city to leverage more affordable housing from developers in the city.

The law would amend the 1956 Zoning Code Law, Section 8 of Chapter 665 and, according to At-Large City Councilor and Government Operations Chair Michael Flaherty, would give the city government the ability to make adjustments to the linkage fee formula as it sees fit. It would also connect the linkage fee formula to the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Article 80 Project Review Process and codify the city's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) into the Zoning Code.

Flaherty said the last item would allow the city to pursue IDP requirements regardless of whether or not the project was already approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

"Linkage was first introduced back in 1983 by former Mayor Ray Flynn, and was not updated by the Boston Redevelopment Authority until

2000, when I joined the council and put an ordinance forward to increase those payments," Flaherty said. "This legislation gives the City of Boston updated exaction rates on an annual basis as we continue to go through this era of rapid development."

Flaherty also said that the exaction rates for the Linkage Fee program would be increased from \$5 per square foot for housing and \$1 per square foot for employment opportunities for low-income residents to current \$9.03 and \$1.78 respectively. The act would also give the city the authority to make adjustments to this on a yearly basis according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Former Housing Director and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards said she felt the most important part of this legislation is that the Council would have a vote on approving a set of linkage fees. She also said that as projects come forward in the form of Planned Development Areas (PDAs) like Suffolk Downs, the city will have more options to get the most from its projects.

"Suffolk Downs is a 20-year process, and as it comes back to look for zoning relief,

now we can apply and look at different ways in which we can make sure that we're maximizing the profits that we need for the city," she said.

The act also requires that the Zoning Commission will adopt new regulations to mitigate adverse impacts of new real estate development on affordable housing or employment opportunities for low and moderate income residents. Basically, any conditional use permit, zoning relief or variance or even Article 80 Review Approval would be conditional based on the developer's promised mitigation for affordable housing in the IDP. The act would also require the Commission to adopt new regulations to mitigate other impacts, including but not limited to impacts on the transportation network, public infrastructure, environment, urban design components or historic resources. All earlier permits and variances granted to a developer would be contingent on said regulations the Zoning Commission is compelled to create if and when the Home-Rule Petition is approved by the state legislature.

For the full petition for a new law, go to <https://bit.ly/2Zjt0dI>.

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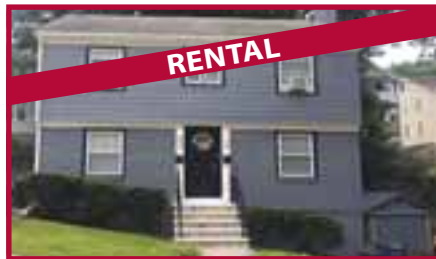
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**COLLERAN**  
Myles Michael Age 88, of Readville, died Monday August 26, 2019 from complications related to cancer treatment. Devoted husband of the late Patricia (Fahey) Colleran for nearly 60 years, he leaves behind daughters Michelle Colleran Cook and her husband Edward of Franklin; Patricia Colleran Hoey of Readville; Charleen Colleran Lombardi and her husband John of Dedham; his son Kevin Colleran and his fiancée Carmen Castellanos of Cumberland, RI; and his former daughter-in-law Dolly Colleran, of East Bridgewater. A devoted Poppop to seven grandchildren he also leaves behind, Audrey, Meredith, and Patrick Cook; Michaela Colleran; Madison Hoey; and Jonathan and Matthew Lombardi, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers James, John, Thomas, and David Colleran, to whom he gave the gift of presence as their health declined. Son of Michael and Mary (Heffernan) Colleran Myles was a graduate of Hyde Park High School and married his childhood sweetheart, Pat. Together they made a stunning couple. If you want an example of what marriage vows mean you need not look any further than Myles. As Pat's health declined, he selflessly cared for her for years her until her death. In addition to being owner of K.C. Cleaners for over 20 years, Myles formally retired from Gen-Rad yet continued to work in his business and as the caretaker of St. Anne's Parrish in Readville. Myles was a natural athlete and excelled at whatever sport he played but was most known for his prowess in baseball. While serving in the U.S Army during the Korean Conflict he was recruited and played for the Brooklyn Dodgers before an injury cut short his professional career. He continued to play for various club softball teams for many years. Physically fit his entire life, Myles walked three miles daily until his health prevented him from doing so. He refused to succumb to illness and despite the protests of his children, he continued to mow the lawn, shovel snow, and do battle with the multitude of squirrels who attempted to make their home in his trees. His greatest legacy to his family were the lessons of devotion, commitment, and a work ethic he imparted to them by example, every day. A true gentleman, his passing is a profound loss for all who knew and loved him. Funeral from the George F. Doherty &

Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, on Thursday, August 29, at 9am followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anne Church, Readville, at 10am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Visiting Hours on Wednesday, August 28, from 4-8pm. Interment in Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Myles' memory to the ALS Association, P.O. Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037. For directions and guestbook, gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781 326 0500

**CONROY**  
Doreen Patricia Of West Roxbury, formerly Ireland, passed away August 21, 2019 after a brief illness. Loving wife of Kevin, beloved mother of Sharon, David and his wife Josie, Lynda and her husband TJ, Larry and his late wife Jill. Adored grandmother to Mark and his fiancée Mariely, Kieran, Liam, Sean, Ryan, Braeden and Cody and great-grandmother to Gabriela. Cherished sister of Eileen Mallon (Co. Fermanagh), Larry and Maura Feighan (Co. Armagh) and sister-in-law of Bridget Feighan (Co. Armagh). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, August 26th in St. Theresa Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

**CROPPER**  
Leonard L. "Lenny" Of West Roxbury, Aug. 17. Dear brother of Ann Cropper of Dedham and Charles Cropper of Franklin. Also survived by nephews Craig Cropper of Norwood, William Cropper of Franklin and niece Judith Fitzgerald of Sandwich, and will also be missed by his great-nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held on August 22nd the Folsom Funeral Home, DEDHAM. Interment in Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, Boston. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lenny's memory to Allin Congregational Church, 683 High St., Dedham would be appreciated. For obituary and to sign guestbook, visit website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

**GEARY**  
Walter J. Age 83, of West Roxbury, passed away on August 16, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Mary (Foley),

and loving father of Kevin Geary of West Roxbury and Stephen Geary and his wife Elizabeth of Riverview, Florida. Devoted "Grampy" of Brendan and Lillie Geary. Brother of David Geary of Marshfield, Frank Geary of Stoneham, and the late Pauline Butterfield of Badger, Iowa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 22nd in St. Theresa Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

**HALL**  
Patricia A. Formerly of West Roxbury, passed away on August 18, 2019. Beloved wife of the late William D. Hall. Loving daughter of the late Eleanor and Thomas McNamara. Sister of Barbara Budra of Nashua, NH., Kathleen Littlefield of Dedham, and the late Eleanor Labier. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and 13 godchildren. A private burial was held at Canton Corner Cemetery, Canton. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons, West Roxbury.

**KOCI**  
Sanije of Roslindale, formerly of Elbasan, Albania passed away on August 19, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Dine Koci. Devoted mother of Lavdie of Albania, Agim of Roslindale, Sabire of Albania, Drita of Greece, Jashar of Roslindale, Batjar of Greece, and Arben of Greece. Loving grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 3. Burial will occur in the Koci family plot in Qafe Dardhe, Albania. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

**KOURTIS**  
Fotios N. of West Roxbury, MA, 93 years old, passed away on August 22, 2019. Beloved husband of Anastasia (Georgaklis) Kourtis. Devoted father of Nicholas Kourtis and his wife Jane, and William Kourtis. Loving grandfather of Fotios Kourtis and his wife Rachel, Anastasia Kurkuvelos and her husband Alexander, Dimitri Kourtis, and Susan Athanasia Kourtis. Brother-in-law of Konstantoula Kourtis, Voula Maheras, Christina Kopellas, and Nitsa Georgaklis. A founder of St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, and the Evrytarian Society

# Deaths *continued from page 10*

(Roumelis) of Boston. The 2006 Metropolis of Boston Laity Award recipient from his beloved St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church. Funeral Service on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale, MA at 11:30AM. Visiting Hours on Monday, August 26, 2019 at the church from 5PM to 8PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the above named church. Burial in The Gardens Cemetery. For online guestbook please visit [www.Faggas.com](http://www.Faggas.com) FAGGAS FUNERAL HOME 800-222-2586

**McDONOUGH**

Patricia F. (Fournier) Of Hyde Park, formerly of Dorchester, Aug 23, 2019. Beloved wife of Thomas V. McDonough, Sr. Loving mother of Thomas V. McDonough, Jr. (BPD) and his wife Valerie of Rockland, and Tricia (McDonough) Rudnisky and her husband Michael of West Roxbury. Devoted nana of Molly, Sean, and Meaghan McDonough and Thomas, Patrick and MaryKate Rudnisky. Sister of Duval F. Fournier, Stanley Ornell, Ralph Ornell, and the late Jackie Mason, Arthur "Butchie" Fournier and Carol McLeod. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Wednesday, Aug. 28th. Patricia was a former employee of the Boston Police Dept. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Patricia's memory to Cops for Kids with Cancer Inc., PO Box 850956, Braintree, MA 02185. For guestbook [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service (617) 323-8600

**MUNSTIS**

Ellen (Lydon) In Derry, NH, age 74, formerly of Co. Galway, Ireland, August 9, 2019. Funeral Mass and burial in Carraroe, Co. Galway, Ireland, Thursday, August 22nd. For guestbook [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

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**STANEWICK**

Sandra E. (Dabrowski) Of Roslindale, formerly of Easthampton, August 18, 2019, surrounded by her loving family, following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was 75 years old. Dear and devoted wife of Joseph Stanewick. Loving mother of Marisa Stanewick and her husband Daryl F. Veale of West Roxbury. Cherished grandmother, "Nana" of Daryl A. Veale. Dear daughter-in-law of Ethel Stanewick of West Roxbury. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, August 24th at the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St., WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sandra's memory may be made to Jog Your Memory 5K, 56 Nichols Rd., Needham, MA 02459, (www.jogyourmemory5k.org), or to Good Shepherd Community Care, 90 Welles Ave., Newton, MA 02459 (www.gscommunitycare.org). Interment will be private. Guestbook & obituary at [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com) Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

and I work from home," the homeowner explained. A motion was made to accept, and the motion was approved by the zoning committee.

At 57 Dent St., the homeowners planned to remove the rear porch and add a mudroom addition. The one minor violation was an insufficient side yard. The zoning committee had few comments and concerns, and multiple neighbors attended the meeting in support of the project. A motion was made to approve the project, and the motion was accepted.

The property owners of 34 Linnet St. were seeking to add a driveway for off street parking. Violations included an off street parking requirement. There were no questions by the committee or the meeting attendees, so the project was approved.

The owners of 1531 Centre St. sought to extend the first floor unit of a two family residential home area into the basement. They also planned to add four rooms, which would be used as an entertainment room, an office, a bath-

# WRNC Meeting *continued from page 1*

room, and a wet bar area. This proposal included multiple violations, such as extension of a non-conforming two family in a single-family subdistrict, and excessive floor area ratio. The owners of the property were not present at the meeting.

"We would like to hear more about the project from the homeowners," stated Tony Saroufim. The project was de-

ferred until next month, since the zoning committee would like to speak with the property owners and have them present at the meeting.

The next WRNC Zoning Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 17. For questions, comments, and concerns, email WRNC Zoning Chair Tony Saroufim at [Tony.Saroufim@gmail.com](mailto:Tony.Saroufim@gmail.com).

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drying up housing starts. In 2018 the Walsh administration proudly pointed out that 25 percent of all new units being built that year were affordable.

Forest Hills is keeping within that percentage range. In the past five years there have been 825 units of new housing either completed or under construction—both rental and ownership. Two hundred-25 percent—are affordable largely between 60 percent and 70 percent area median income

(AMI) (roughly \$50,000 to \$55,000 a year.)

But the lion's share of that—78 units—is in A+O Flats at 95 Hyde Park Avenue being built by the social housing developer the community Builders; almost 10 percent. In a report issued in February 2018 by DND, Jamaica Plain had 19,348 units of housing of which 4873—or 25 percent—were marketed as affordable. (Jamaica Plain has three public housing developments).

IDP units come out of the developer's income; rents or condo prices subsidize the affordable units, which, as the IDP Coalition maintains, is not very high and in an unrealistic income range.

The largest rental housing development at Forest Hills is Metro Mark—283 units—that was approved by the BPDA on Dec. 17, 2013. Only 40 units are available at 50 percent to 70 percent AMI when the lottery opened in the spring of 2017 as lease-up got underway. Only five at 50 percent. It is unknown if these 40 affordable units have been all been leased.

Opposite MetroMark on the Casey Arborway is The Residences at Forest Hills, begun in 2016 and rapidly nearing completion.

This 250-unit development in three tall buildings have the highest affordability of any development on the Washington Street corridor—50 units—or 20 percent in the 50 percent to 70 percent AMI range.

Jack Englert is CEO of Criterion development which is building The Residences. He is proud of achieving 20 percent but admits he doesn't build affordable housing.

"We can't do this project if we have to go above 20 percent," Englert told the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council on May 17, 2017.

The Council has its own IDP number of 25 percent that it automatically requires of every private developer who, just as automatically, say is unfeasible.

A+O Flats (for Arboretum Orange Line) is being built by The Community Builders at 95 Hyde park Ave.

The 78-unit A+O Flats is the only development in Forest Hills developed with public subsidies and illustrates Brown's point that only public subsidies can keep rents low enough for wage earning Bostonians.

The \$28 million dollar development has an array of public funding sources, including a new 2016 state fund called the Work Force Program that donated \$3.8 million to subsidize 38 units at 60 percent AMI. Forty units are funded through low income housing tax credits; the Affordable Housing Trust contributed \$3 mil-

lion. Eight units are reserved for the formerly homeless.

The Vita and 45 On Burnett—a total of 132 units—built on an L shaped former industrial parcel began as one development parcel by two partners, SSG Development and New Boston Ventures.

The two buildings, one a five story monolith with a glass cap at 3529 Washington St. at McBride St., and the other, a four-story row house block on narrow Burnett Street behind the railroad tracks and hard against Metro Mark began in April 2011. By the time construction started in March 2017, it was two distinct housing developments with new architects and marketed by two separate development teams.

However, the BPDA board treated it as a single development of 132 units and granted approval of 15 percent affordable units—19—at 70 percent AMI on Nov. 11, 2014. Twelve units are in 3529 Washington St.

Both buildings are nearing completion; exterior materials are being added this summer.

Now called "The Vita (Live Like You Mean It)", 3329 Washington Street has been aggressively marketed since January 2019 with units priced from \$735 thousand to \$1.75 million. The Vita is opposite a car wash.

45 On Burnett has seven affordable town house units. It has not been slow to advertise either. Units start at \$500,000.

Both developments are required to file their Affordable Marketing Plan with the BPDA but they are under no deadline to do it.

Mayor Walsh is an advocate of tenant protection, but not an advocate of subsidies. Speaking to the July 20, 2017 meeting of JP Progressives, he said subsidies will not solve the housing problem. Walsh believes that increased housing starts will lower housing costs.

"Subsidy is no answer," he said. "The problem will still be there."

The mayor might be mellowing. In 2018 Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon took a wider view.

"Affordable housing just doesn't happen," she said in February 2018. "You have to be intentional about it."

Still, increasing the IDP may not succeed in Jamaica Plain, which is always awash with good intentions.

In recent months, a quartet of objectors have emerged who seek to delay affordable housing for those earning low wages so as to shape it to fit their views; those who want to increase the number of affordable units far beyond available subsidies; the 'too-dense' neighborhood groups, and lately two new partisans, zero-net-carbon advocates and historic preservationists.



## Public Meeting

# Central Artery Parcel 2 Park Design

**Monday, September 9**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**107 Beverly Street**  
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**Project Description:**

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Greenway Conservancy, invites you to the second public meeting for the Parcel 2 Park Design process. The project team will provide a recap of the August meeting along with a brief project overview. Community members are invited to participate in an open house intended to narrow down the programming options for the site. Community input provided at this event will be used by the design team to create three park schemes for presentation at the third public meeting. Stop by anytime between 6–8 pm to share your ideas. Participants will be able to visit different stations to provide input. Brief breaks will occur throughout the event so that attendees can hear a short project overview.

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# Parkman Playground *continued from page 1*

brings its users into closer contact with the natural world.

The designers – in the final renovation plan presented at the June, 2017 meeting – sought to incorporate these elements into it by creating a setting of natural openness and connectedness amidst an assortment of equipment and other recreational options.

The completed playground is much as it was described in the design stage of the project and consists of – in addition to the two play structures – a mini-basketball half-court/bicycle riding area, a small water spray area, a slide/rock climbing hill, interactive chimes, log benches, newly planted trees, and a path connecting it all.

There is also an exercise apparatus area – next to the regulation basketball court and ball fields – available for older visitors.

Commenting shortly after the ribbon cutting, Mayor Walsh spoke of the City’s plan to invest \$300 million in the park and playground system over the next five years while also speaking specifically of Parkman, which came in on budget at \$1.74 million.

“This is exactly what we want to do. We want to have inclusive parks for kids with any ability, all ability, to be able to come in here and enjoy themselves.” Walsh added, “I think what we want to try to do is this in every neighborhood we possibly can.”

BPR Design and Construction Project Manager Nathan Frazee – who oversaw the renovation – spoke of the lengthy construction, which began last summer:

“For this size project and the amount of topography change that we were doing, it was going to be a longer process than a typical playground.” He went on to say that “in a lot of ways, it looks like we put pieces into an existing topography, but we created all of it.”

Frazee also noted that the entire playground is accessible. Using the natural contours of the land, each of the two play structures (one of which is an approximately 20 foot high tower) and the rock slide can be accessed without having to climb ladders or



The first few users of the playground definitely gave it their respective seals of approval.

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stairs.

“The really little kids can enter this first sphere, play with the chimes, play with the rocker then, as they progress – as they get more courageous, as their abilities develop – they can then get into the larger structure.”

BPD Commissioner Ryan Woods commented that some of the playground’s equipment was the type that might be found in an amusement park or in a children’s museum, and credited the community’s involvement as the impetus for them, as well as nature play.

As an example of nature play, Woods used the spray park’s drainage system, which utilizes the slope of the land to form a small stream “so kids can engage with the water, have water play. Whether you want to put a rubber ducky in or climb through with your feet, you can engage with the water.”

Over at the spray area, Sherry Eskin applied sunscreen to her 8 year old daughter Ivy’s nose as her 6 year old son James headed toward a slide.

An attendee at the community meetings, Eskin gave her impressions of the finished product. “I think it’s just as we pictured it... There’s a lot for little kids to do and it’s great.” She also shared a comment from Ivy: “No monkey bars.” That made her sad.”

Mairead Nolan watched her 7 year old daughter Arianna roll around the empty mini-basketball court, up and over small mounds installed at its perimeter for that very purpose.

Behind her, a little girl in a

pink dress fell off a high flying swing full of kids – twice – onto the foam rubberized surface beneath it without so much as rubbing her knee.

Arianna rolled up, asking, “It’s not that busy, so can I ride around now?”

Nolan looked around. The crowd had thinned a little in the hour since the dedication.

“Yes. I think it’s safe to do that now,” she consented. “Thanks for waiting.”

Nolan explained that they have been regular visitors since the playground re-opened in early July, as they were before the renovation, when they were often the only ones there.

“Now that it’s so open and welcoming and new, there are so many more families that use it, and I think that brings families together,” she said of the effect of the new layout.

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**Date of Death: 02/25/2018**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Dale J. Tamburro of Belmont, 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:  
**Dale J. Tamburro of Belmont, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Personal Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: August 14, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU19P1671EA

**Estate of: Peter R Shmiro** **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
**24 New Chardon St.**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**617-788-8300**

**Date of Death: 05/24/2019**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Margot Swarz of Bridgewater, 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:  
**Margot Swarz of Bridgewater, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
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**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME** **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
**24 New Chardon St.**  
**Boston, Ma 02114**  
**617-788-8300**

**In the Matter of: Keith Todd Bretney**  
A change of name of Adult has been filed by  
Keith Todd Bretney of Allston, MA  
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Keith Todd Burnett

**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 09/05/2019. 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: August 16, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

*Boston Bulletin: 08/29/2019*

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

**SUFFOLK Division** DOCKET No. SU19P1856GD

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: Stanley Rosenblat** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Brighton, MA** **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by St. Elizabeth Medical Center of Brighton, MA.  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Stanley Rosenblat** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that  
Johathan Spirn of Waltham, MA  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve 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 10:00A.M. on the return date of **09/25/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
August 14, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

*Boston Bulletin: 08/29/2019*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. SU19P1870EA

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

**Date of Death: 04/15/2017**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Catherine R. Baker of North Easton 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:  
**Catherine R. Baker of North Easton MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/26/2019. 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: August 15, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

*Boston Bulletin: 08/29/2019*

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

DOCKET No. SU19P1735EA  
Suffolk Division

**Estate of: Peter A. Lombard**  
**Also Known As: Peter Anthony Lombard, Peter A. Lombard, Sr.**

**Date of Death: June 20, 2019**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner: **Peter A. Lombard of Weston, MA**  
A Will has been admitted to informal probate  
**Peter A. Lombard of Weston, MA**  
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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intersection of South Bremen Street and Marginal Way), Sunday, September 15. - Public Garden, 4 Charles Street, Back Bay (meet by Swan Boat dock), Saturday, September 21. - Symphony Park, 39 Edgerly Road, Fenway, Sunday, September 22.

For further information on the workshops and other ParkARTS programs, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Parks Department online at [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment) or [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks).

## Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU19C0138CA

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

In the Matter of: Christian Omobowale Wright  
A change of name by Adult has been filed by  
Christian Omobowale Wright of Roslindale, MA  
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Christian Xenon Dante Putnam

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 **09/12/2019**. 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: August 21, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 08/29/2019*

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