

# The Hyde Park Bulletin

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## Tempers flare at 11 Dana Avenue proposed development meeting



Residents were concerned about the density and size of the building, as well as the number of parking spaces. Residents also contended the zoning was wrong for the area.

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**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

More than 30 people came to voice their concerns about a proposed 24-unit development at 11 Dana Avenue at a contentious meeting at the Hyde Park Police Station.

The meeting was held by the development team comprised of Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) project manager John Campbell; attorney John Pulgini; architect Jookun Lim, RA; and Edrick vanBeuzekom, AIA, LEED AP of Somerville firm EvB Design.

The team is led by Milan Patel, according to the initial Small Project Review Application Submission under Article 80 E of the Boston Zoning Code. It was submitted to the BPDA on December 14, 2018.

“The building is as of right and is zoning compliant,” Campbell explained as the meeting began.

The building, named The Residences at Hyde Park Station, is proposed to be a four-story, mixed use residential building with a 300-foot commercial space on the ground floor. It will include 24 two-bedroom apartments, with eight on each of the three residential floors. It will also have a roof deck with a space for bicycles and greenspace.

The commercial space is designed for an office, not retail space, Pulgini said. The zoning does not allow housing on the ground floor.

“It is suited for something like an attorney or a real estate office or a business of that na-

**Dana Ave.**

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## FHNA talks illegal two-family homes

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Last week, the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association met on Jan. 23 and discussed an issue facing most of the city, illegal two-family homes.

How the neighborhood could keep tabs on these illegal two-family homes came up when resident Bryan Echavarria brought forth his proposal to convert his recently-purchased home on 168 Dana Ave. into a two-family home. Currently, the home is zoned for a single family and, according to city records it still is, but Echavarria and

his real estate lawyer (and Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council member) Kyle Smith said it has been for all intents and purposes a two-family already.

“He bought what he thought was a two-family,” Smith said. “In this case it has been zoned as a one-family and there was a reference to a two-family somewhere back in the records, but it is only lawfully a single-family.”

Smith said they are going through the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals process to

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## City Life demonstrates on Fairmount Line to advocate for affordable housing



About 150 residents came out on Saturday to protest gentrification in the neighborhood. Bruce Green, pictured above, is a veteran who is experiencing severe rent increases in his community.

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**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

About 150 residents, activists and organizers stepped on to the Fairmount Line in Hyde Park and then continued to the Blue Hills Station in Mattapan to advocate for more affordable housing in the neighborhoods.

According to City Life Vida Urbana organizers, residents have been advocating for more stops on the Fairmount Line for decades, and now that nearly all the stops are realized, they say residents are being pushed out by increased rents. Organizers say the now transit-oriented developments many moderate to low-income residents live

in are pushing them out with unfair rent increases, despite the fact it was they who helped to make the area more inviting to developers.

“There is a new train station coming here and we just had a ride in that train, and it was a smooth ride and a good ride, but that train could be

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## Humans of Hyde Park want your nominations

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Last year, the Keep Hyde Park Beautiful (KHPB) started a new blog highlighting people in the community doing good works called Humans of Hyde Park (HHP).

In that time, like clockwork every month, the blog has released detailed interviews with residents looking to make their corner of the world just a little bit better. Founders Cathy Horn and Quiana Agbai said HHP has been a great labor of love for them, however they started writing for somewhat different reasons.

“So last year it was at our December KHPB meeting, we meet monthly as a group, when we had an impromptu party and one of our members just started talking about how he cares for the apple trees at the Stony Brook Park,” Horn said.



More than a dozen residents have already been featured on the blog, and KHPB wants you to nominate more.

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“Nobody knew about it and everybody was really interested in what he had to say. He had brought homemade alcoholic cider for us. It just inspired me. I thought it was such a neat story and that there are probably a lot of people in town doing things like this, taking the

initiative to make Hyde Park beautiful, to clean up, do community greening. So I talked to the group about it and we decided to start this blog series on our web site.”

**Humans of Hyde Park**

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# Hyde Park Then and Now making waves

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park resident Steven Morris started the Facebook group, Hyde Park Then and Now, almost two years ago with a simple intent, to share the neighborhood's history.

He first got interested in the history while researching his own family tree, which he said he felt was interesting in and of itself.

"What happened was my grandmother, when she was alive, her maiden name was Gerry, so I'm related to the ninth governor of Massachusetts (after the Revolution) Elbridge Gerry, who was also the Vice President during the XYZ Affair with Hancock and Jefferson," he said. "When I was going through the research of my family, I ended up seeing all these Hyde Park pictures. My grandmother had been telling me about all these stories in Hyde Park, like a house that was established in 1688 and a marker set up in 1902 for Robert Stanton. So, I thought, I can create a web site where people from Hyde Park can see these photographs."

Since he started, the group has garnered 3,590 members as of the date of publication. Morris said he's kept up his research for Hyde Park, and has gone to several libraries, such as the Library of Congress, to build up his collection, but he said he has other

sources too.

"Then a lot of these people who were interested in the site provided pictures of their families or the Town Hall, all these roads that used to be dirt roads and then a lot of people started providing me with their own family research," he said. "The stuff that I've learned from people as well as my own research has made this just a phenomenal situation.... It's a labor of love on my part and, fortunately for me, I work from home. When I take a break I just spend an hour furthering my research."

Morris said lately he's been researching Alpheus P. Blake, who is credited as one of the founders of Hyde Park. He has recently found a newspaper advertisement for Hyde Park in the Boston Traveler Newspaper from 1866.

"He advertised Hyde Park almost like it was a resort on the Cape," he said. "It is an amazing story when you get into the initial development of the Fairmount area, and then you get into the development of the Industrial Revolution, which came to Hyde Park with Westinghouse and the PNH plant that was on River Street. We cover all of that on the web site."

Morris said Hyde Park has also seen a lot in the way of culture throughout the years. He



Morris has been showing off his photos of Hyde Park on the Facebook group Hyde Park Ma Neighbors, and he's just getting started.

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said he and several fellow researchers have found that actor Ethel Barrymore, the great aunt of actor Drew Barrymore, was actually married right here at the Most Precious Blood rectory.

"There's no pictures or anything like that, but she was married to Russell Griswold Colt," he said.

Morris said he also recently discovered that famous historical figure Frederick Douglas also made several stops in Hyde Park.

"When the 54th Regiment

was encamped at Camp Meigs, Douglas came to Hyde Park to visit his sons," he said.

Douglas was an active recruiter for the 54th Regiment, and two of his sons served there. One son trained at Camp Meigs and then served in the Second Battle of Fort Wagner, depicted in the film 'Glory'.

"It's these little historical things that either people don't remember or they weren't aware of that are really interesting to me and the people in the group," Morris said. "It's impor-

tant that we continue.... According to my web statistics, there are more than 2,000 people who are actively participating in the group, and that encompasses people in Hyde Park and all over the world, which is kind of a great thing for me. People can look at my notes at their leisure and, what's amazing to me, is people are communicating with friends that they grew up with and lost touch with, perhaps after grade school."

**Then and Now**  
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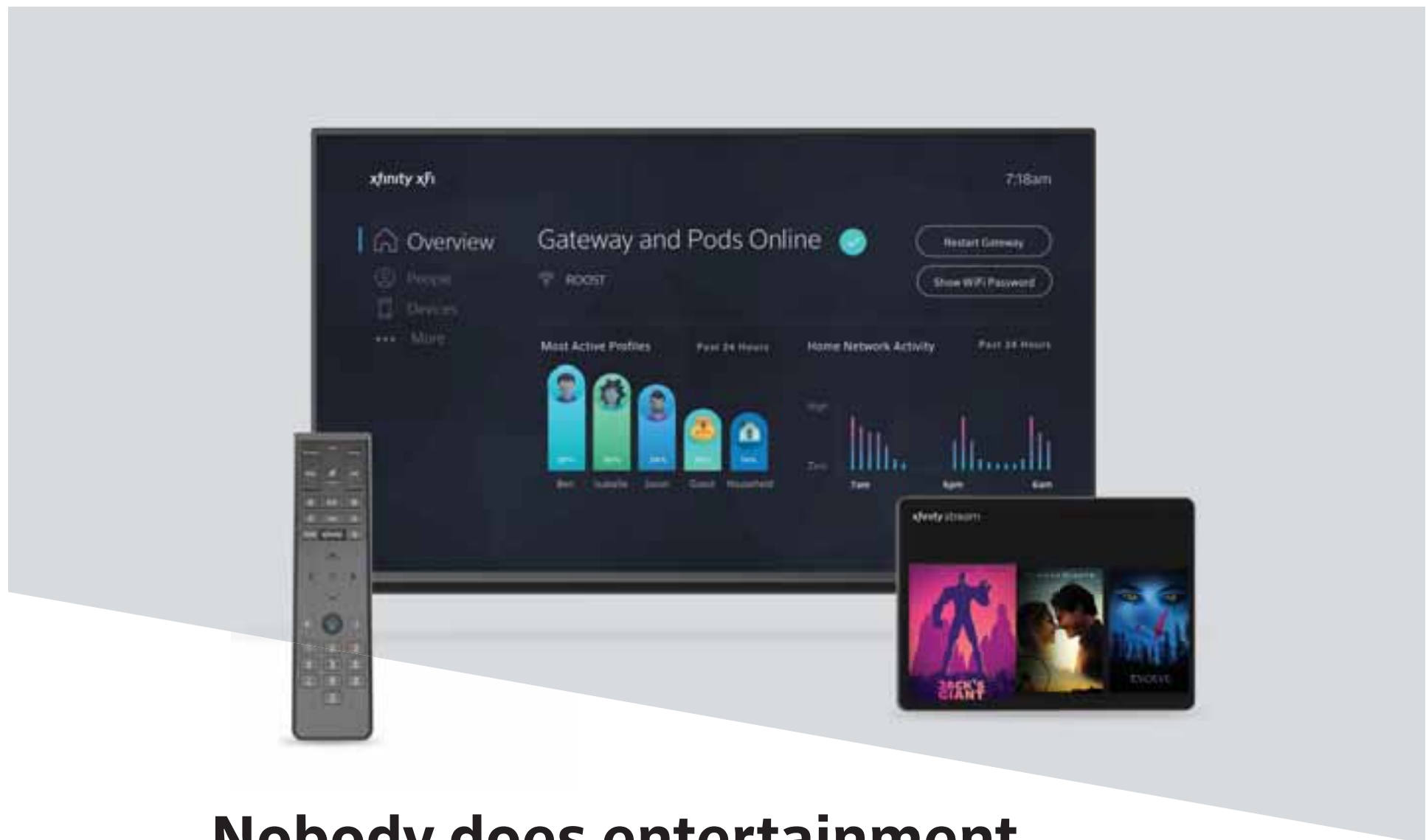
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<b>Watertown Free Public Library</b> 123 Main St., Watertown, MA	Watertown Square	Tuesday, February 12	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
<b>Framingham Memorial Building</b> (Fare Proposal Only) Nevis Hall 150 Concord Street Framingham, MA 01702	Framingham	Wednesday, February 13	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Thomas Crane Public Library</b> 40 Washington St., Quincy, MA	Quincy Center	Wednesday, February 20	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
<b>Woburn Anderson RTC</b> (Fare Proposal Only) 100 Atlantic Avenue, Woburn, MA	Woburn	Thursday, February 21	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
<b>Cambridge Rindge &amp; Latin School</b> 459 Broadway, Cambridge, MA	Harvard Square	Tuesday, February 26	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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# Editorial

## CHAMPIONS

Boston's sports teams certainly make things easy for us. It is an admitted cliché that newspaper writers will use local teams as fodder, especially in the days leading up to a championship game, and in the aftermath of hoisting a trophy.

Most newspapers, in most cities, get away with it because their teams are infrequently in championship mode. The odds speak against dynasties and perpetual winning streaks.

Not here in Boston, though. Here we are blessed with clockwork appearances by the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl and less-frequent, but no less impressive, World Series runs by the Red Sox. Added into the mix are the Bruins and Celtics teams that are frequently on the threshold of being champion caliber.

We have previously remarked about the good tidings that envelop this region when our teams rise to elite status. For a brief stretch of time, we all have something in common and hopes are aligned.

We should backtrack a little. The cheering is not exactly universal. There are, of course, blockheads (often found hosting or calling into radio shows) who take joy in being naysayers and contrarians. In other parts of the country this is understandable. Sports dynasties are almost always despised beyond their home turf. Those local folks rooting against the Patriots on Sunday are little more than troublemakers. Ignore them; lest they drag you down.

What we cannot ignore is how fortunate we are to live in this region at this time in sporting history. Aside from the New York Yankees and L.A. Lakers, few cities have ever had such dominance in even one sport, much less with multiple teams.

This winning streak will not last forever. All good things come to an end. Tom Brady will, sooner or later, retire. New coaches will come and go with various degrees of success. It all serves as a valuable lesson that philosophers and theologians have tried to pound into our thick skulls over the centuries: enjoy the good things in life while you can.

The Patriots, whether they win or lose on Sunday, are ambassadors of this message. Enjoy the ride for as long as you can.

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## Ban lets others roll on

Having just watched the 1977 movie "Smokey and the Bandit," I could not help but side with Burt Reynolds and his many truck driver friends against Jackie Gleason's Sheriff Buford T. Justice. But I have to admit that I was delighted with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's ban against 18-wheelers and buses using the New York Thruway and other interstates within NY during a recent snowstorm.

Nothing personal against long-haulers, but nothing ties up traffic more quickly than a jackknifed trailer truck or an overturned bus, frequently thwarting any and all traffic from continuing on. Governor Cuomo was not necessarily pointing fingers at the teamsters because frequently they are the ones who, having been cut-off by car-driving motorists, brake suddenly to avoid collision: in case of a jack knife or a bus rollover, the governor merely wanted traffic to continue on during the storm without waiting for extra state police, ambulances, and special wreckers to arrive to assist the rig/bus or without waiting for the damaged semi to be offloaded.

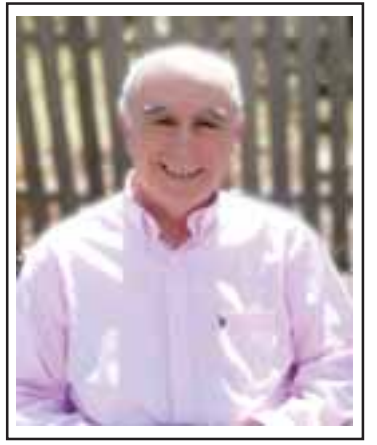
Decades of having to drive

on highways in snowstorms lead me to think that half the yahoos who continue on at normal speeds are car drivers while the other half are 18-wheel drivers and (non-school) bus drivers. Needless to say, it is the second half who inflict the most fear when they go roaring by in blinding snow.

I realize that truck drivers for companies such as Hunt, UPS, and FedEx have schedules to meet established by greedy corporate honchos and that independent drivers make money only when they are on the road, but the general driving public suffers when one of their vehicles, involved in a crash, incur the need for the road to be closed for hours, thereby allowing many state police and service vehicles to do their work.

Governor Cuomo's prohibition against semis undoubtedly caused the local communities to be none too happy about seeing the huge vehicles lumbering through their town near the interstates when the ban was in effect.

We New Englanders are not used to have our major highways closed, such as the Blizzard of '78 accomplished with Route 128 (was it I-95



### My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

then?). But western states have huge gates that bar all vehicles from certain sections of their highways during major storms; moreover, they impose the need for truck to have chains already attached.

So maybe, just maybe, Governor Baker should consider for future reference this accident-preventing ban imposed by his fellow governor: if it is going to allow doctors to be on time for necessary surgery and harried adults to come to needy ailing parents, it's worth a try the next time a north-easter barrels in during the winter months.

## Letters to the Editor

### WEST ROXBURY HIGH A GREAT LOCATION FOR ROXBURY PREP

To the Editor:

I completely agree with the idea that Stephen Smith had about the Roxbury Prep Charter School location that he wrote in the January 3, 2019 edition of the paper and the letter of Joseph Coffey in the January 10, 2019 edition of the paper. Since the city is closing the West Roxbury High School, that would be a perfect location for the proposed Roxbury Prep Charter School. There would be no traffic or parking issues and it will be housed on land that is large enough and suitable to accommodate for the size school they need. They can then have their entire school together as they had planned. Problem solved!

The proposed plan, even at a reduced capacity is still going to be too large for the site at 361 Belgrade Avenue and will still have a very large impact on our neighborhood when it comes to traffic and parking. I am not sure why

they would want to reduce their project to almost half the size when the project was initiated to be able to accommodate the entire school to begin with, since it is split up into several locations currently.

The West Roxbury High School site seems to be a great solution.

Nancy Geourtas  
Roslindale

### EVERYONE'S OPINION THEIR OWN

To the Editor:

As I read last week's Bulletin, I came across a letter to the editor that wasn't so much supporting the plastic bag ban inside the city of Boston as it was knocking another letter writer who opposes the plastic bag ban.

I personally support the plastic bag ban and have been for a number of years after seeing it work firsthand in the City of Austin in Texas. I like recycling when I go supermarket shopping. Many people in Austin opposed the idea of bringing or buying bags to go shopping for all the same reasons why most people oppose this ban.

It is seen as an inconvenience or needless.

Plastic bag bans should not be about whether or not you are a liberal or conservative or whether you wear a MAGA cap or not. Why do we let ideology get into our shopping carts. It's just about not wasting and throwing our plastic bags to the wind. It is none of that.

I recycle for the obvious reasons. We throw away too much too fast. Personally, I miss those plastic bags I used to save for my cat's poop but I've already found a substitute so no big deal.

I am no big fan of Hal Shurtleff but I do read all his stuff. We shouldn't be afraid to read all kinds of opinions. However, I don't think Alan Wright's letter is right too. You don't have to pounce on opinions. You don't have to attack others to prove your point.

Everyone has a right to their opinions but keep it all civil. Name-calling is pretty dumb. I use recycled reusable bags because I want to. It has nothing to do with anything else.

When I go shopping the last two people I am thinking about is Hal or Alan. It's just about me, my groceries and the bag they're in.

Sal Giarratani  
East Boston

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# The 3rd annual Winter Walk Boston coming up on February 10

The Winter Walk, an initiative raising awareness and funds for Greater Boston's homeless community announces its third annual homelessness walk on February 10, 2019. This 2 mile walk through the streets of Boston during the coldest month of the year will begin and end on Copley Plaza. Participants, housed and unhoused, will walk shoulder to shoulder and then share a community breakfast together as we hear real stories of Boston's homeless population.

The 2019 Winter Walk is presented in partnership with Boston Medical Center (BMC) and Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan (BMCHP). Both BMC & BHCHP have been supportive of the Winter Walk since its first event in 2017, and both support BMC's life-changing programs serving Boston's most vulnerable homeless adults and children.

Boston's Mayor Marty Walsh will kick off the February 10th Winter Walk, welcoming participants and sharing his support for ending homelessness in the Boston area.

The event will be hosted by

veteran radio personality and homelessness advocate Sue Brady Hartigan. Attendees will learn about partner organizations, and hear from individuals that have experienced homelessness.

100% of proceeds raised by walkers and donors goes to Winter Walk partner organizations providing direct service and programs to Boston's homeless community. These include Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Brookview House, Pine Street Inn, and Y2Y Harvard Square. Many other incredible service organizations will also walk together in solidarity to support awareness around the issues of homelessness.

All participants are encouraged to donate or fundraise a registration fee of \$100 for adults, and \$50 for youth and students. Registration for this event provides the opportunity to walk, a warm Winter Walk hat, breakfast, live music, a backpack loaded with information and offers from local organizations, and an opportunity to learn and share together.

Winter Walk encourages local businesses, clubs, religious groups, families, friends and

surrounding communities to create a team to walk. The event is family friendly and dog friendly. To register to walk or learn more please visit [www.winterwalkboston.org](http://www.winterwalkboston.org).

*About The Winter Walk*  
The Winter Walk Boston is an annual homelessness walk that raises awareness and funds for Boston's homeless community through a two-mile city walk every year in February. The Winter Walk was founded in late 2016 by a group of compassionate local advocates, including Kayak co-founder & CEO of Lola, Paul English.

The misperceptions around homelessness lead to unfair judgement, apathy, lack of resources and sometimes violence towards the homeless. The Winter Walk brings together compassionate people from all walks of life, including Boston's homeless, during the coldest month of the year to create an immersive experience that cultivates empathy, respect and advocacy.

For more information, visit us at [winterwalkboston.org](http://winterwalkboston.org), follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or email us at [info@winterwalkboston.org](mailto:info@winterwalkboston.org).

# Lynch Named Chairman Of National Security Subcommittee

As one of the most senior Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, Chairman Stephen F. Lynch has been named the Chairman of the National Security Subcommittee. Representative Lynch has been a leader on national security issues for many years and has the distinction of having traveled to the conflict zones of Afghanistan and Iraq as often as any Member of Congress. He will lead the Subcommittee's oversight efforts on national security, homeland security, foreign operations (including the relationships of the United States with other nations), immigration, defense and veterans.

"I am very pleased to be named Chairman of the National Security Subcommittee for the 116th Congress, and eager to take on these critical responsibilities" said Lynch. "As Chairman I vow to re-start active Congressional oversight of President Trump's National Defense Strategy, which has been ill-defined and prone to sudden and erratic revision. I will ensure there is proper oversight related to the use of cyber espionage against U.S. Government entities and the private sector, and I plan to start a robust oversight on pipeline safety and security as we have witnessed an alarming number of gas explosions across the country recently. We have a lot of work to do, and I am prepared to get it done."

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Residents were concerned about illegal two-families being made legal through the zoning process, as it could change the character of the neighborhood.

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legally change the building to a two-family so they can renovate it and put on an extension of the existing back deck. He said there would be no change to the building's footprint.

"The vast majority of the structure will not be changed," Smith said. "Presently, we have an existing driveway and two-car garage. The plan is to also add two additional rear parking spaces, the point being there is adequate necessary off street parking... The sole violation on this is the use violation, and we want to make it lawful by way of the zoning process."

FHNA President Joe Smith said they are finding a lot of illegal two-family units.

"It's happening a lot and that's what we're fighting a lot of," he said.

Smith said the neighborhood can combat it somewhat by being proactive.

"If somebody is doing con-

struction, most likely that's going to require a permit," he said. "Permits are supposed to be displayed in a visible location. ISD is completely searchable online. If you see any of these things you can call your local inspectors... You know the other thing is not every real estate agent and not every lawyer is good at their job. I see it too often when somebody is buying something and they thought they were getting another unit and they didn't. That's the situation Bryan inherited. We're here before you to bring this unlawful unit in compliance with the city."

One resident pointed out that years ago former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino saw many housing units in need of repairs and made grant funding available for residents to make those repairs. The resident said he saw many homes on Forest Hills that were supposed to be five units with six mailboxes, and he said all those homeowners declined repair funding, as it would bring attention to the fact they had illegal units on their property. He said it's the same all over, and he felt the city wasn't doing anything about it.

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Agent Patricia Tierney said she sees it a lot and the city is now allowing residents in certain neighborhoods to legally build accessory units under an 18-month pilot program called the Additional Dwelling Unit Pilot, which is still underway.

"The reason they came out with this is we have a lot of illegal two-families," she said.

The FHNA did not vote on whether to support the project, but Echavarria and Smith will be appearing before the ZBA at the end of February.

In other news, Community Service Officers from Boston Police Department (BPD) District E-18 gave out a crime report and discussed several safety issues with the community after a spat of break ins and assaults. Captain Joseph Gillespie, Sgt. Daniel MacDonald and Officer Paul Broderick all said either putting in a security system in the home or even just the sticker of a security system in the window will help to reduce crime in the area. Broderick also said residents do not always go out and meet their neighbors, and he said that neighbors can keep an eye on each other and their property so that if there's suspicious activity it can be reported without fear of calling the police on a homeowner.




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**Then and Now**

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Morris said currently the group is looking to fund the replacement of a stone marker first donated to the City of Boston in 1903 by the Hyde Park Historical Society. The marker itself is not missing, but it was taken out in the 1950s after an auto collision and would need to be re-positioned. It was first placed on Wood Avenue and River Street and stood six feet tall.

"I've called the politicians, (State Rep.) Angelo Scaccia and (District 5 City Councilor) Tim McCarthy and we're all working together to somehow do something with it or restore it. (Fairmount Neighborhood Association President) Joe Smith and I are talking with the (Boston) Community Preservation Committee where we think they may have money available for historic preservation."

Morris said he will also be presenting to the Hyde Park Historical Society on May 19 this year to discuss the importance of Henry Grew and Elijah Greenwood, other important figures in Hyde Park. To see Morris' page, go to <https://goo.gl/Eoqjr1>



## City Life *continued from page 1*

a ride to eviction for many of our people,” said City Life Housing Justice Organizer Ronel Remy. “Sow we’re saying our sweat equity is here, you used our money to build this, do you have a place for us to stay here? We’re talking to city officials, big investors coming here, because they have done it before in Somerville, Cambridge and South Boston, Roxbury, everywhere it’s the same movie, but here, we are the actors in this movie. It’s playing on our turf.”

Organizers pointed out that large corporate landlords are making life difficult for many residents finding themselves close to the Fairmount Line. No-fault evictions are becoming common, according to City Life, and corporate landlords like Advanced Property Management are hiking rents in dozens of its properties. Hyde Park resident Gale Appling, a member of the APM Tenant Association, said they have been in negotiations with APM and its owner Oleg Urtsky for a few years now.

“The hard work and tax money of thousands of residents of communities of color should not be used to drive us out,” she said. “The relentless pursuit of real estate profit has

caused great damage to individuals, families and communities. This onslaught is disproportionately directed at communities of color. Perhaps worse, this displacement is an example of the hard work and tax money of thousands of people being turned against us. The community activism of we, the residents created social value. Real estate corporations are using that to drive us out through big rent increases and no-fault evictions.”

Appling said she has experienced this first hand. She said as the Fairmount Line came online, a line that was created through activism and advocacy in the community, real estate speculation has increased rent a lot.

“We have received notices of large increases, and so we organized a tenant association affiliated with City Life to seek to negotiate a fair increase over the coming years,” she said. “We have tirelessly sent letters, organized protests and made our cause public. In December of last year, a delegation from the Tenant Association, ten tenant leaders with an average tenure of more than 20 years, met with APM owners.”

Appling said the negotia-

tions, set up by the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Development, were finalized to include a rent increase of \$200 for the first year, rent increases of 3.5 percent over the next two years and a complete unit upgrade.

“After much discussion many residents accepted that deal, however APM then changed the offer by insisting on a lease that included an agreement to a huge rent increase in the fourth year,” she said. “This new demand by APM ended the negotiations, and APM has now filed evictions against all of us as tenant leaders. They want the building but they don’t want the people.”

According to City Life, APM is now taking the families to housing court.

Fairmount Indigo Line Coalition member Mela Miles said the community came together to help build the Fairmount Line about 20 years ago.

“Our goal was not to have anyone be displaced,” she said. “We got these things built for us, for our benefit. Not to be used as a factor to gentrify our community. We worked all of these years to stabilize our communities and we’re not going to give up,

we’re out in the fight to continue this.”

Miles pointed to the fact that the MBTA is opening the Blue Hill Stop in the coming weeks, but there will be no Boston Landing-style grand opening for this T stop.

“The MBTA has decided not to celebrate that with us,” she said. “They didn’t announce a grand opening, ribbon cutting or anything and they’re over there at their meetings saying we did this or we did that. You know who fought for these train stations? Us! We fought for these train stations, we fought to get them built, to keep the line open and we’re now continuing the fight working on neighborhood stabilization and on anti displacement zones with the City of Boston to stop this meltdown.”

Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) President Mimi Turchinets spoke during the protest, and said despite the SWBCDC’s recent achievement of building the first affordable housing in Hyde Park in decades, it was definitely not enough to quell demand.

“We just opened that at the Fairmount Line, 27 units of affordable housing, and that’s great and a little victory, but 2,700 people applied for that

housing,” she said. “You know what that means, it means hundreds and hundreds of people can’t get into the buildings we’re trying to build. It’s a travesty.”

Mattapan resident Vickie Siggers said she lives on River Street and she said the fight for her started three years ago when they received a rent increase of \$700 per month.

“It was a very scary time, like all of us we have other things going on in our lives,” she said. “My husband was very sick – thank God he’s much better now – but I really didn’t know what to do.”

Siggers said she was put in contact with City Life through one of her neighbors, and she said they were able to help.

“I learned how to fight,” she said. “I remember the first time I had to go court, my husband and I were there and to see so many people from City Life and the Boston Legal that were there was nice. They kept calling me at home saying ‘Vickie, do you have this paperwork, Vickie, fill this out,’ and I was just overwhelmed from the support. I don’t know any of these things, I have never gone through this, but the good news is we’re not alone. I will have to say we did come to an agreement, but it was very difficult, it was very stressful.”

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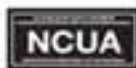
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To register, please contact Mary Rita Weschler: 617-746-2056 or Linda Boothroyd: 617-746-1603 or email [maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org](mailto:maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org)

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Nominations for the Young Conservationist Award are being accepted through Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.zoonewengland.org/engage/zootopia>. Email questions to [YoungConservationistAward@zoonewengland.org](mailto:YoungConservationistAward@zoonewengland.org)

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**MURAL CLUB: STREET ART & COMMUNITY**

Mondays 4:00–5:30pm Feb. 4 – April 29 (except Feb. 18, March 18, and April 15)

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Mural Club: Street Art & Community application deadline is January 25. [https://edportal.harvard.edu/files/edportal/files/mural\\_club\\_app\\_spring19\\_final.pdf](https://edportal.harvard.edu/files/edportal/files/mural_club_app_spring19_final.pdf)

**FRIDAY TAP DANCE JAM**

Friday, February 8, 2019, 7:30pm to 9:00pm @ Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston

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<https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/friday-tap-dance-jam>

**PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY**

**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSING**

Beginning Friday February 8 at 5 p.m., the Brighton Branch of the Boston Public Library will be temporarily closed for a boiler replacement project. The branch will reopen on Monday, February 25 at 12 p.m.

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Senior Coffee Hour: Join us each Friday morning from 10:00am- 11:30am. Drop by the community center for an opportunity to socialize with others, enjoy refreshments and participate in activities. On Friday, January 25th we will have a guest presentation from Boston Water and Sewer Commission.

Freelance Players: Calling all actors ages 8 -13 years old, the

Freelance Players, a non-profit musical theatre company, is offering a spring session at the community center. They Hyde Park Troupe will meet on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00pm from February 5th – May 10th. For more information contact Freelance Players at 617-274-6065 or [info@freelanceplayers.org](mailto:info@freelanceplayers.org).

After school Tutoring: Tutoring for students in grades 2 – 6. Our program is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm. A new Session will be starting January 22nd. Contact us for more information 617-635-5178.

**MENINO ARTS CENTER HOSTS CURRY COLLEGE AND STEAMROLLER MEGA PRINT EXHIBITIONS IN FEBRUARY**

The Menino Arts Center proudly announces two upcoming exhibitions: - “Art of This World,” a Curry College Senior Art exhibition - “Steamroller MEGA Prints” exhibition by 41 Boston area artists The exhibitions will run from February 1 - March 1, 2019, with an opening reception on Saturday, February 9, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. The exhibitions and reception are free and open to the public at the Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Avenue, 2nd floor, Hyde Park, MA 02136. Normal gallery hours are Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Fridays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; during scheduled workshops and events; and by appointment.

“Art of this World” is the 2nd annual exhibit featuring Curry College’s Senior Studio and Design Majors. The 11 students in the exhibit will be showing recent work in a variety of media, including paintings, drawings and digital prints. This exhibition is a wonderful opportunity for the Curry students to be able to present work at a professional gallery. The “Steamroller MEGA Prints” exhibition will feature 18 super-sized prints, some as large as 40” x 72”, showcasing artwork made by over 41 artists. The artists come from Hyde Park and many other neighborhoods of Boston, and they range in age from junior high school students up to senior adults. The wood cuts and linoleum cuts were printed by steamroller at the Urban Arts Festival, held in September 2018 in celebration of Hyde Park’s 150th Anniversary.

The Menino Arts Center is home of the Hyde Park Art Association. The center hosts workshops, concerts, readings, exhibitions, and other events in the service of promoting the arts in the Hyde Park community.

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ture,” he said. “It would not be something that would generate a lot of traffic.”

He added that successful examples of similar projects he has worked on include the old Mario’s restaurant in Hyde Park and 1789 Centre Street in West Roxbury.

The building is located in what is known as the Article 69 Hyde Park Neighborhood District – Neighborhood Shopping District 2, or “NS 2.” It is part of the Neighborhood Design Overlay District (NDOD.)

Because of this designation, the mixed use building allows the apartments to be sold at market rate pricing, without affordable housing offerings.

The total development cost has been slated for \$9 million.

Lim led the presentation of the development plans. Although questions were supposed to be held until the end, comments were peppered throughout.

There are 24 parking spaces proposed below grade, one per residential unit. Also, there will be 39 bicycle spaces in the basement. The parking will be accessible by a ramp from Dana Avenue, according to the proposal.

Parking, according to the proposal, will use a stacked mechanical system, which was not discussed at the meeting.

The proposal seeks to de-

molish the current six-family home there, which is unoccupied.

The total floor area is 24,643 square feet, gross, with parking excluded. The ground floor will have 9,204 square feet (parking included) with approximately 1,185 square feet of lobby and commercial space.

The first two residential floors will be 9,259 square feet. The third residential floor will be 8,940 square feet. The building will be 40 feet tall.

“I understand that high density developments can sometimes bring a shock,” Lim said. “I live in one of them. Hopefully this dialogue can mitigate some of that.”

The plan of the building was confusing to some attendees, because the parking entrance is below grade. There is air between one level.

“I am completely perplexed,” said neighborhood activist and Hyde Park Neighborhood Association member Craig Martin. “The rest here is just air.”

“I can’t make it any more clear,” Pulgini told him, pointing at the screen at the rendering.

Pulgini added that the plans had to be approved by the liaisons for the Fire Department (BFD) and the Inspectional Services Department (ISD). It also

complies with the zoning code.

“The spirit of the NS2 is to have street activity,” he said.

“If the spirit of the code is to have increased foot traffic, it doesn’t feel like you are going to have it with a tiny little office,” noted Mimi Turchinetz, chair of the board of directors of the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (CDC). “The question is, ‘How do you get away with that?’”

“I am going to ask, ‘How are you going to walk past the old Eagles post to Pingree Street nearby and say that is better,’” Pulgini said.

She then asked why there are no affordable housing units offered “when that’s what the community needs.”

“Because with ten or more units, they are offered at market rate,” Pulgini replied. He estimated the cost to be “somewhere around \$2,100 a month.”

Martin also challenged the concept of this NS2 district. He presented a map which showed that there are two NS2 districts.

“I went to every meeting when this NS2 district was designed back in 2012,” he said, adding that the BPDA Hyde Park planner at the time was Marie Mercurio. “The parking is supposed to be two spaces per unit. Because you

can’t pick and chose which parts of the code to follow.”

HPNA president Jim Kirker passed out copies of the map.

“My understanding is that there are supposed to be two spaces per unit,” Kirker said.

“One per unit is compliant with the zoning,” Pulgini stressed.

George Perry said there should be “hydro-ecological studies” of the property because of the history of water on the area.

Traffic was a major concern. Although Pulgini projected that the new development would add another eight cars per hour, residents disputed that, noting the traffic patterns already are horrific.

“You don’t see more traffic because of development in Hyde Park,” Pulgini said. “You see it coming from Milton, Canton and Sharon.”

“There is no requirement to do a traffic study on a building this size,” he continued. “It will probably be like eight cars an hour.”

“That’s all speculation,” Martin shot back. “There were 200 cars an hour coming out of the 300 units of the Geraghty Apartments. We had four of our team members counting. That’s better than a traffic study.”

Martin said the study was done in the area “between 6 and 10 a.m. at the end of March on a warm spring day.”

There was no mention of a

follow-up meeting. Comments may be sent to Campbell at john.campbell@boston.gov or to him via postal mail at his office at City Hall. There is a 30-day public comment period.

People were reluctant to talk after the meeting, which stretched past 90 minutes.

“I live right there,” said Ralph Rosati. “The biggest issue is the parking. There’s resident permit parking there now.”

Representatives of officials who attended the meeting included Stephen Maguire from City Councilor Tim McCarthy’s office; Jessica Rodriguez from City Councilor at Large Anissa Essaibi George’s office; Dave Vittorini from City Councilor Michelle Wu’s office and Lisa Consalvo from Rep. Angelo Scaccia’s office.

Mercurio was contacted by The Bulletin on Friday, January 25.

“I talked about the issue with Craig Martin, and he has a point,” she said. “I believe the parking there may be one space or 1.5, but I want to confirm with the press office. If that is true, they would need to apply for a variance.”

Bonnie McGilpin, Director of Communications at the BPDA, was contacted by The Bulletin on Friday, January 25. Although she was researching the matter, she did not contact The Bulletin with the results at press time.

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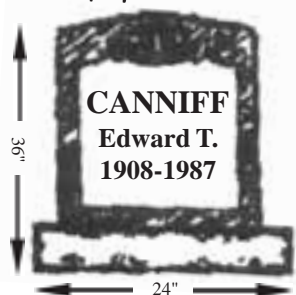
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## Deaths

### CARR

Barbara J. Passed away peacefully on January 21, 2019, surrounded by her loving family after a very full 87-year life. “Auntie Barbara” was predeceased by her beloved sister Gail Quigley, and she leaves many great memories and shared joy with her four adored nieces and nephews, and their spouses and partners, 10 great-nieces and nephews, as well as a great-great-niece and nephew. Barbara was raised in Webster, MA, and moved to Boston soon after attending St Vincent’s School of Nursing. She was a “true” (transplanted) Bostonian based on her love of it’s history and her lifelong passion for learning. She crafted a long and successful career, the highlight of which was her 35 years practicing nursing at her beloved Massachusetts General Hospital. She proudly served for many years as a nursing supervisor in Surgical Services where she held others to the same high standards of competence to which she held herself. Barbara’s personality was unique in that one always knew her position on an issue, as she communicated it clearly with both her words and her body language! It is a truism of Barbara that once she created a friendship, it was always deep and sustained. Barbara was a master crossword puzzler and chided anyone who used a pencil to complete them! She was also an expert in depression-era antique glassware, an avid reader and she shared that passion with her family and friends. She especially experienced great joy in her Bible study groups, and loved sharing her understanding of scripture with others. She loved animals and pampered many dogs and cats who found a wonderful home with her. She cherished life long friendships in Selma, Beth, Marie, Virginia, and Astra, which helped make her life full and impactful. Finally, Barbara had a deep and un-

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### Obituary Policy

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Saturday, January 26, 2019

The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association (HPYBA) is halfway through its regular season and teams are beginning to gel in both the Craig Curran and Ray Foley divisions. Meanwhile Instructional Division kids (ages 6-9) are busy at the Ohrenberger School gym.

### Curran Division Results

There was plenty of enthusiasm at the Hyde Park Municipal Building gym as the Curran teams took to the court and treated friends and families to a pair of close, well-played games.

### Duke 28 - 3-Pointers 27

In a game that came down to the last seconds, we see the importance that free throws make. Duke went out to a quick start behind 6 first period points from Devaun Davis-Lodge. They kept applying the pressure with buckets from Keyona Raines, 7 points, and Chandler Frederick, 6 points. On the defensive front for Duke, McKinnley Pierre showed his continued improvements with 3 rebounds and 5 blocked shots. The 3-Pointers were able to fight their way back eventually taking the lead behind the fast paced offense of Carlos Feliciano, 8 points, and Alexander Jones, 7 points. The defense of the 3-Pointers was able to force turnovers from the help of Tron Griffith and Austin Consalvo. This game was decided in the last seconds of the game when Keyona Raines had the drive and determination not to give up, making one of her two free throws to seal the deal. The 3-Pointers look to put one in the win column next week against the Sonics, while Duke will have this week to rest and strengthen their game for the final stretch of the season.

### Raptors 27 - Sonics 24

A valiant effort fell short in the waning seconds of the game this week for the Sonics as they were without key player Amir Mollineau. The Raptors came out to a strong start as Hijjah Allen-Paisley, 9 points, and Jeremy Araujo, 4 points, did all of their scoring in the first half. On the defensive side, Kamari Perry and Deandre Figueroa made it difficult for the Sonics to pursue the net with their layups. However, even with a slow start, the Sonics came out in the second half determined to take this game back. Holding the Raptors to only 4 points in the second half, Shamilah Bodden put her team on her back scoring 8 second half



points and 12 overall points. She was helped on the offensive side by Kamil Castillo, Oscar Torres, and Jason Smith each putting 4 points on the board for the Sonics. Akiel Studivport game the Sonics all the support he could on the defensive side, but this game came down to knowledge of the game and clock management over pure talent. The Raptors ran out the last 15 seconds of the game by passing the ball and working as a team to keep the ball out of the Sonics hands. The Sonics look to bounce back from this tough loss against the 3-Pointers next week, while the Raptors look to keep the top spot in the division with a win against the Rockies.

This week the Rockies had the bye.

### Curran Division Standings 2018-2019 Season

	W	L	T
Raptors	4	0	1
Dukes	4	1	0
3-Pointers	1	2	2
Sonics	1	3	1
Rockies	0	4	0

### Foley Division Results

The crowd at the New Mission High School gym was treated to two exciting and competitive games today where the outcome was uncertain until the final buzzer.

### 3-Pointers 66 – Cowboys 48

With both teams missing their most dynamic scorer, this game presented an opportunity for others to step up. For the 3-Pointers, Freddy Johnson was the man, tossing in a game high 22 points as his team won every quarter. Adler Lara was effective in the low post, while Sabastian McCuller made his treys and his free throws, as each contributed 18 points. Timmy Trotman completed the scoring with 8 points, while Casey Idemudia, Nathan Bonaventure and Sam Watson led a solid defensive effort.

Jaiden Weathersby (21 points) led his team at both ends of the floor in what ended up being a loss. Kervins Charles (10) had a good stroke going from behind the arc, while Marvin Egbon (10) was effective inside. Isaiah Figueroa (5) played well at the guard position, and Corey Cunniff tossed in a helpful hoop while Dominic Diaz

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# Boston City Council calls for school reform

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 16, the Boston City Council called for several hearings regarding the Boston Public School (BPS) District.

First up, At-Large City Councilor and Chair of the Council's Education Committee Anissa Essaibi-George called for a hearing to analyze BPS' safety and security measures in every school. Essaibi-George said the hearing would review what measures the schools currently use to protect students from violent situations, like a school shooting.

"The crisis of violence in and around our schools has devastating effects on our school communities, families and the entire city," she said. "At the very least, we have to make sure every school has improved safety practices and infrastructure such as appropriate door locks for classrooms, monitored entry-ways, school-wide active shooting training and other preventative measures against violent attacks. A safe school environment also includes actively addressing and preventing -physical, verbal and cyber bullying."

The BPS district does have active shooter drills and many other security features, like a School Safety Contingency Plan each school administrative head must complete before the end of August of each year. Essaibi-

George said they want to renew school procedures as they approach the one year anniversary of the Parkland School shooting.

"It is also not lost on me that in this 11 months or so, we've had about 100 other school shootings or active shooters, shooting incidents at schools across the United States," she said. "We continue to have work to do, and as unlikely an active shooter case might be in any one of our schools, unfortunately after every incident it becomes more likely, and we need to make sure that we are prepared for what's happening in our schools, around our schools and what's happening to and with our students and how do we give them the skills they need to protect themselves."

City Council President Andrea Campbell and District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey called for a hearing to discuss the admissions policy of Boston's Exam schools. Janey said though they have held meetings on this issue in the past, she felt more work was yet to be done.

"These issues are still prevalent," she said. "We saw in the Rappaport Institute at Harvard report that made suggestions on how we could deal with the admissions policy to make it more inclusive. They had suggested using MCAS and other methods and this hearing will simply let us explore ways to look at admis-

sions and, hopefully, make sure all of our students in our city can benefit from an education at any of our exam schools."

Essaibi-George also called for a hearing to implement policy to require all BPS schools to have a full-time nurse and an emotional support specialist on staff.

"Our students need to be supported for their social, emotional, behavioral, physical and mental well being," she said.

Essaibi-George said she wants to figure out how to better address issues facing BPS' student body, like trauma, depression, anxiety and bullying. She said they also need to make sure there is a nurse on hand to address any scratches, scrapes, sicknesses or injuries the students face day-to-day.

"During the last budget cycle, BPS invested \$2.3 million in additional nurses, psychologists and social workers, but there is still an inadequate number of social and emotional support specialists, they need to be in every school, every day to support our students," she said.

Essaibi-George also called for a hearing regarding the fiscal year 2019 BPS Transportation Budget. The schools touted at the beginning of 2016 a new bus drop off schedule that would create potentially \$10 million in savings for the district, but it never materialized. In the 2018-2019 school budget, transporta-



Chair of the Council's Education Committee Anissa Essaibi-George

tion increased \$116 million out of the \$1.06 billion budget. In the 2018-2019 school budget, the request is up by \$178 million.

"BPS continues to have cost overruns year after year," she said. "Last year we realized in a mid school year report that we were already \$6 million over in spending in the BPS transportation budget. That's why it's so important to have this analysis done at this point in the school year so we can understand the true spending to date and have a more accurate picture of the BPS transportation budget. This work also affords an opportunity to identify any missed opportunities for savings."

Hearings were also called to look at the governance structure of the Boston School Committee and see if an elected board, which was abolished in the 1990s, could be re-instituted, and to look at the Madison Park Vocational School admissions policy. The council also called for a hearing for this year's round of Massachusetts School Building Authority proposals for major and minor repairs to the English High School, Jamaica Plain, the McKinley K-12, Boston, the Curley K-8, the Mary Lyon 9-12, Brighton, the Josiah Quincy Elementary School and the Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School in Roxbury.

## Join Us for a Community Event

Local audiologist Dr. Adrienne Ulrich and her team at Parkway Hearing are hosting a "Lunch and Listen" event at the Corrib Pub & Restaurant at 2030 Centre Street in West Roxbury. This lunch and seminar will discuss the current treatment options for hearing loss, including hearing aids that stream to televisions and phones. We will have LIVE hearing aids on hand for listening demonstrations.

This "Lunch and Listen" event is FREE to ATTEND, but registration is required.

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## LETTER WAS FULL OF MISINFORMATION

To the Editor:

I wish to express my thanks to your paper for publishing Mr. Wright's letter "Regarding The Lift the Bag Ban Letter." Mr. Wright gave us an excellent example of a written version of the Orwellian "Two Minutes Hate." His letter is full of fallacious reasoning, misinformation, economic ignorance, and contradiction.

1. Fallacy of insufficient sample: He writes that "every environmentally concerned" citizen must support the plastic bag ban. I know plenty of people who are environmentally concerned but don't support the plastic bag ban since they know the facts which I presented in my earlier letter.

2. Red Herring and "Ad Hominem": He claims that since I am a member of The John Birch Society, I must be a liar and a purveyor of misinformation. I believe that the Society is made up of some of the finest men and women I know. They are honest, generous, support good stewardship of the land, and love the United States. I am also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a U.S. Army veteran. By the way, the JBS was started in Belmont, MA-not Concord. I am open about my affiliations, and always have been.

3. Misinformation and historical ignorance: He writes that the mission of The JBS was in the "same vein as Joe McCarthy-to spread disinformation and fear about the supposed spread of communism." Here Mr. Wright displays his abysmal ignorance of history. In 1958, communism was spreading all over the world-China, Russia, Eastern Europe, North Vietnam, and a

year later, Cuba murdering millions of people in its wake. Love him or hate him, Joe McCarthy was vindicated in 1995 with the publication of the "Venona Secrets" which thoroughly documents Soviet espionage activities in the United States. Mr. Wright probably never heard of this book or if he did, he cannot let facts get in the way of his bias, and narrow-minded ideological bigotry.

4. Misinformation and historical ignorance: Agenda 21 is no theory. It is being implemented in communities all over the nation. Readers can simply go to YouTube and look for a video of Nancy Pelosi promoting Agenda 21 or do a search for "Towards a Sustainable America" which was published at the direction of Present Bill Clinton, and available as a free download. Since its widespread exposure, Agenda 21 has been re-branded Agenda 2030. Boston's version is called Vision Boston 2030. Mr. Wright appears to support it wholeheartedly. Whether he knows it or not, he is simply following the recommendation of J Gary Lawrence who urged supporters of Agenda 21 to use be deceptive and use terms like "smart growth, and sustainable development." Mr. Lawrence's report "The Future of Local Agenda 21 in the New Millennium" is available as a free download."

5. Misinformation: My letter listed facts about plastic bags. Mr. Wright may not like the facts since they conflict with his narrative, but they are facts, nevertheless.

6. Red Herring and misinformation: Mr. Wright insists that the Koch Brothers fund the Heartland Institute; therefore, its information cannot be accurate. In another forum, I addressed the issue of the Koch

Brothers and Heartland. In 2012, the Koch Brothers gave a one-time \$25,000 to the Heartland earmarked for fighting Obamacare and have not donated one dime since. But Mr. Wright deliberately misleads the readers with this red herring fallacy. If he is so worried about foundation support, he should investigate groups that get money from George Soros' foundation, Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation just to mention a few.

7. Economic ignorance: Mr. Wright refers to the cost of a plastic bag which he continues to refer to as "single use" as "hidden" implying that retailers are hiding the cost of the bag. The price of any good includes the wages the employer pays, the cost of heat, rent, property taxes, shipping, etc. These are known as overhead. These are not hidden, and anyone with a basic understanding of economics would know that.

8. Contradiction: Mr. Wright concludes his letter suggesting that people ignore me while earlier in the letter, he suggests that people write letters against me and my view.

Mr. Wright's letter is an attempt to silence those who dare oppose his agenda. I have news for him: his vitriol, and hatred has only motivated me to work harder, and has brought me some new friends and allies. I took an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution when I was 17 years of age, and that oath will be upheld to the day I die. I will not let the likes of Mr. Wright bully me or silence me. Apart from the years I spent in the U.S. Army, I have lived in Boston all my life and have always enjoyed the friendship and respect of my liberal neighbors. Readers who would like information on the information mentioned above

or a free copy of the U.S. Constitution, are welcomed to contact me: [camconstitution1@gmail.com](mailto:camconstitution1@gmail.com)  
Hal Shurtleff  
West Roxbury

## SOMEONE NEEDS TO ADDRESS WEST ROXBURY HIGH IDEA

To the Editor:

I'm wondering if there has been a response to the suggestion proposed by Stephen Smith in the January 3, Letter to the Editor, and repeated by Joseph Coffey in the same section of the paper, on January 10th?

It seems a shame to scale down the proposed enrollment for Roxbury Prep, if there is a student need, and a viable alternative location (West Roxbury High Academy).

Mr. Coffey mentions that the two West Roxbury High academies are closing for repairs. Is the intention of the Boston Public Schools to reopen them or leave them shuttered?

Are the repairs needed so extensive that it wouldn't be worthwhile for Roxbury Prep to take on that challenge?

The playing fields at the VFW site were recently renovated. This would give Roxbury Prep students a location for sports-something that the Belgrade Ave. site can not include.

I am unable to attend the January 30th Public Meeting but will be there for the February 13th meeting. In the meantime, could someone with some knowledge of the VFW site provide some answers?

Joan Halpert  
West Roxbury

## RESIDENTS ARE THE ONLY ONES LISTENING

To the Editor:

If the Roxbury Prep development team, consisting of the charter school board, its out-of-state management, their real estate intermediary, the City Hall lobbyist attorneys and political PR assistants actually believe their latest proposal satisfies residents' fundamental concerns regarding the proposed high school at 361 Belgrade, they're wrong.

Neighbors are asking "It's back again?" Yes, the charter school is back with a plan appearing to show a smaller building and less students. They would like elected officials and decision makers to believe this proposal means they have listened to neighborhood concerns. They haven't.

A smaller building does not address neighborhood concerns - much less benefit students - but does reduce City oversight and limit residents' participation. Specifically, 361 Belgrade now just qualifies for "small project" review, meaning less classroom and activity space, less design requirements to ensure neighborhood compatibility and a lot less resident participation. The project

advisory group is eliminated - which the school could voluntarily establish if it truly values community feedback. This proposal is worse, not better, than the half-dozen others floated out over the last three years.

Unlike the developers it is we, the residents, who have been watching and listening all this time.

We've listened as the charter made unsupported claims while misrepresenting resident concerns. Tellingly, it has refused to provide specifics about the selection process ending up with 361 Belgrade - while simultaneously insisting this is the only suitable site for a high school - and without documented assessment of overall school facility needs for students and families in Roslindale, West Roxbury or city-wide.

Like the site selection claims, the enrollment numbers do not add up on close examination. The charter says 361 Belgrade will house 560 students. Yet their middle school has over 700 students. Are they intending to cut middle school enrolment to shoe-horn the remainder into an undersized facility? They pledge to keep seats open for neighborhood students (by lottery). But how many "open seats" will actually exist at this ever-smaller incredible shrinking high school? Residents listen but do not hear plausible answers.

All students whether public, private or charter, deserve excellent schools with adequate classrooms and indoor/outdoor activity spaces. As the latest moving target proposal shows, the charter continues to negotiate away the interests of students - not to address neighborhood concerns - but to minimize city review and residents' participation.

When all is said and done, the charter seeks to privatize what should be a public process. At 361 Belgrade, the school wants all the benefits of a charter but none of the responsibilities. It presents itself as an educational organization that cares only about students. But the charter's approach - shrinking school space, using money which should go to education to hire lobbyists and PR people, misrepresenting neighborhood concerns, withholding documents - all while minimizing city review and residents' participation - suggests that 361 Belgrade isn't really about education after all. The more the charter seeks to push this project though, the more 361 seems just another private real estate deal.

Neighbors, students and families alike all deserve better.

Michael Levesque  
West Roxbury



## Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

### 2019 Lexus NX 300 AWD

SUVs are the craze of today. They come in all brands and sizes, with multiple engines types as well. This week I had an extremely comfortable, powerful, and smooth riding Lexus NX 300 - a mid-size SUV that seats four with comfort and five in a pinch. Power comes from a very smooth and quiet 2-liter, turbo-charged engine via a 6-speed automatic. The gearing in the 6-speed automatic allows for much more power to the ground and ideal engine torque at any speed. There are multiple transmission mode settings, as well as safety and alert systems, eight air bags, an 8-speaker high output audio system, 4.2-inch touchscreen, and 8-way powered driver and passenger seats. And yes, it does have optional heated front seating.

The NX 300 has a low seat height, making it easy to get in and out of the vehicle, from both front and rear seats, which is very important to us short people. It drives and handles more like a car than an SUV. It has a few popular options, such as auto-dimming rearview mirror with Homelink® system: \$125; luxury package with 18-inch wheels and tires, linear black wood interior trim, heated steering wheel, heated and ventilated front seating, rain-sensing wipers, LED daytime running lights, tilt wheel and more for \$4,705; navigation package includes remote touch interface and 10-speaker premium sound system: \$1,800; power rear door with kick sensor: \$550. Base price: \$37,365 plus destination fee: \$995. Total MSRP with options: \$45,560. EPA: 22 city, 28 highway MPG on this AWD, FWD has the same rating. Base FWD price starts at \$35,985.

The front grille design is very modern looking while allowing a lot of air flow to cool the engine in hot climate conditions. The bottom line: this is a very refined SUV that has all the quality of the Lexus brand for under \$50,000.

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



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costume ball on Saturday, March 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The dragon-themed event will include a full Chinese food buffet, dancing to the tunes of professional DJ Jimmy Jay and some terrific raffle prizes. Guests are encouraged to come in costume to this adult-only event.

Tickets are \$25 per person, and reservations can be made by emailing event1@templebethdavid.com. Please reserve by March 1. Temple Beth David is located at 1060 Randolph Street in Canton, MA.

For more information, please call the Temple office at 781-828-2275 or emailinfo@templebethdavid.com or event1@templebethdavid.com.

## JAMAICA PLAIN

### WINTER BLUES GOT YOU DOWN?

JAZZ up your day at Springhouse! Please join us for a Pre-SuperBowl Concert by the renown Winiker Brothers!

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### GODDARD HOUSE CONCERT

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Please RSVP to Patti at 617-731-8500 or pbarrows@goddardhouse.org.

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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. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is offered at no charge and anyone from any neighborhood may attend. For more information or to register contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglora@ethocare.org

Location: Springhouse Senior Living, 44 Allendale Street in Jamaica Plain Day and Time: Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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## WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

### ANIMAL TALKS

The next Animal Talks will be Sunday February 10 5 - 6 pm at Stratford Street United Church, 77 Stratford St. West Roxbury, MA 02132. The topic will be: Can our animals really read our minds? Animal Talks is an animal-focused meditation, discussion and reflection on the animals we love and remember. They are run by Kaleel Sakakeeny, Animal Chaplain and Credentialed Pet Grief Counselor. Animal Talks meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. All our welcome!

### MOVIE NIGHT FOR KIDS AT GO WEST — FEB. 28TH — GROWNUPS INVITED TOO

Please pencil Thursday, Feb. 28th into your calendars. Here at Go West, we'll show a movie starting at 5:30, for kids, in one room; and we'll provide wine and beer and conversation in other room(s). Food, too. More details to come, about everything. For now, please save the date... thanks!

### WEST ROXBURY BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING

Feb. 13th, 6:30-7:30, Roche Community Center 1716 Centre St. Initial organizational meeting of the West Roxbury Bicycle Committee. This is a neighborhood bicycle advocacy committee that will work on questions of bicycle infrastructure and safety in West Roxbury. This committee will be a sub-committee of the Boston Cyclists Union. All are welcome.

### WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY EVENTS

Poetry Workshops for All Ages at the West Roxbury Branch Library

Saturday, February 2, 2019 Poetry Reading: 1 - 3 PM

On Saturday, January 26, the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library will sponsor two poetry workshops led by Mary Pinard at the West Roxbury Branch Library at 1961 Centre Street. The morning session, 10 am -11:30 am, is designed for students in grades 2 through 8. The afternoon session, 1- 3pm is for high school and adults. On Saturday, February 2, 1 - 3 PM workshop participants will have the opportunity to share their poems with fellow poets.

The program is free and open to all. To register by email, send your name, session number and phone number or email address to: Friends of the West Roxbury Library@gmail.com or register at the front desk of the library.

# Humans of Hyde Park *continued from page 1*

Horn said she teamed up with Agbai to start writing the blogs right away. Agbai said as a recent resident (she did attend college here in 1998 at Wellesley), she felt detailing people in the community was a great way to get to know the neighborhood.

"I've lived in Hyde Park just over two years with my family, and I still feel new here, so it's been a great way to meet people," she said. "There are so many interesting stories in our community and pieces that resonate with different age groups and backgrounds which hopefully inspire others to identify with their neighbors.

Both Agbai and Horn said they feel the blog helps to inspire residents to make the neighborhood a better place to live, as it did for them.

"I think it helps people relate to the overall effort of KHPB and be inspired to take action to keep our neighborhood clean," Agbai said. "It gets me out and about Hyde Park sometimes to areas I'm unfamiliar with and informs me on the community. Friendships are built, and it helps me and my family feel more connected.

Horn said she got the idea from similar Humans series all over the country. She said they take nominations from anybody in the community.

"People can submit candidates to be featured and we've got all sorts of people," she said. "We've

had Dan MacLean, who used to work at the Readville Post Office. He's a beekeeper and he makes honey to sell around town. We have featured people who go out on their own and clean up litter, people do that all over the neighborhood. One woman, Nancy Savelle, has been caring for a plot of land near the Hyde Park Train Station and she adopted and maintains that land. The whole series is really about people who take the initiative and do things on their own."

Horn said it has now inspired an offshoot blog called We Noticed!, which highlights businesses also doing their part to make their section of the neighborhood a little better. The first highlighted business was the Rincon Caribeno Restaurant, highlighting the work that Pedro Pinales has done redesigning and replacing the restaurant's exterior through a partnership with the Hyde Park Main Streets. Horn said both series are starting to take off.

"It's been great, we post on social media and we send it out through our newsletter and it's been really positive," she said. "A lot of people have come up to us and said it's a really feel-good thing to be able to read these stories and just learn about people in the community."

Agbai said in highlighting her new community, she's found the uniqueness of

Hyde Park that makes it special after coming back to the area two years ago.

"What drew us here was the diversity of the community as well as its proximity to public transit," she said. "Now two years in, it's becoming evident that Hyde Park is a community of engaged neighbors who are welcoming and we take pride in the special pocket of Boston we represent."

Agbai has been taking the lead in going out and interviewing the residents, for which she transcribes the whole interview for the web site. She said her favorite kinds of stories are the ones in which residents get proactive and take care of their community rather than complaining about it.

"Too often it's easy to sit back behind a screen and complain about what needs improving," she said. "When I see someone who sees a need to clean and jump in, that's inspiring. I hope Humans of Hyde Park inspires more neighbors to take the initiative to literally Keep Hyde Park Beautiful."

Horn said they are always looking for nominations, which can be sent to her directly at keephpbeautiful@gmail.com. To take a gander at Humans of Hyde Park, go to keephpbeautiful.org/humans-of-hyde-park

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## Legals

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played hard on defense and competed on the boards.

**Sixers 38 – Riot Squad 31**

In a defensive struggle, the Sixers finally found their rhythm in the fourth quarter to earn a well-deserved victory over the first place Riot Squad. Kahrie Langham led the way with 18 points and a dominant performance on the glass. Juan Gonzalez (7), Jonathan Hernandez, Henry Melkonian, Abel Marrero-Lara, Jovan Arroyo, and Jay Jackson all chipped in with the scoring, while brothers Malachi and Nate Bodden led a strong defensive effort.

The Riot Squad were in this game all the way, but never seemed to get fully untracked. Per usual they moved the ball well, as 6 of 8 players scored. Jovanny Martinez (10) and Robert Gant (9) benefited from good assists from Jameer Wallace (5) and Max Velez. Pearce Edouard and Mike Williams contributed key hoops, and Justin Elow worked hard at both ends, but it was not enough on this day.

**Foley Division Standings  
2018-2019 Season**

	W	L	T
Riot Squad	4	2	0
Sixers	3	3	0
3-Pointers	3	3	0
Cowboys	2	4	0

More information about HPYBA activities may be found on line at [hydeparkya.com](http://hydeparkya.com).

**Deaths**

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wavering faith in God and Jesus Christ, which was her foundation as she steadfastly maintained her independence in the face of mounting medical challenges over the last five years. Family and friends are invited to Folsom Funeral Home, 87 Milton St., DEDHAM, on Sat. Feb. 9th, from 11:30AM- 12:30PM, immediately followed by a Memorial Service to celebrate her life at the Fellowship Bible Church, 47 Milton St., Dedham, MA 02026, at 1PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in her name to one of the following: Fellowship Bible Church, 55 Myrtle St, Dedham MA 02026, or Massachusetts General Hospital, Dept. of Nursing, 55 Fruit St, Boston, MA 02114.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18P2693PM  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

**In the matter of: Leah Faysa**                                 **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Hyde Park, MA**   **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
John G Faye of Randolph, MA  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Leah Faysa** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve  
**Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/14/2019**. 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**  
January 2, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*Hyde Park Bulletin, 01/31/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**                                 **DOCKET No.SU17P2294EA1**  
**FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR**  
**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

**Estate of:** Jean Dickens St. Jilus                                 **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
**Date of Death:** 09/12/2015   **24 New Chardon St.**  
**Boston, MA 02114**  
**617-788-8300**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by:  
Farva St. Jilus of Manchester, NH  
Requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that  
Perry Gang, Esq. of Needham, MA  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the 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 02/21/2019. 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**  
**The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.**  
**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
January 23, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*Hyde Park Bulletin, 01/31/2019*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18P2692PM  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

**In the matter of: Betty Yirdaw**                                 **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Hyde Park, MA**   **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
John G. S. Faye of Randolph, MA  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Betty Yirdaw** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve  
**Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/05/2019**. 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**  
January 22, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*Hyde Park Bulletin, 01/31/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU17D2234DR  
**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**Manny Jean Paul vs. Elcie Jean Paul**  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114  
To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown.  
The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Manny Jean Paul, 35 Grew Hill Rd., Roslindale, MA 02131** your answer, if any, on or before **03/07/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
January 14, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court  
*Hyde Park Bulletin, 01/31/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU19W0013  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**Faith Darby**  
**vs.**  
**Michael Darby**

To the above named Defendant:  
The Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Faith Darby seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity filed on 12/10/2018  
You are required to serve upon: Faith Darby. Whose Address is 291 Cummins Highway #2, Roslindale, MA 02131 on or before March 7, 2019.  
If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.  
**Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 01/09/2019.**  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 01/31/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18D2465DR  
**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**Geovanny Rafael Perdomo vs. Elizabeth Ruth Rodriguez Perdomo**  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114  
To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown.  
The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Geovanny Rafael Perdomo, 4 Glenway St. #1, Boston, MA 02121** your answer, if any, on or before **02/14/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
January 7, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 01/31/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
**SUFFOLK DIVISION DOCKET NO. SU18P2122GD**  
**NOTICE AND ORDER**  
**Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor**

In the interests of **Gerson Adonay Leon Rivera** of Brighton, MA  
Minor

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **10/01/2018** by **Rena Rivera – Alvarado of Allston, MA** will be held **02/13/2019 08:30 AM** Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at **24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 – 3rd Flr Probation.**
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:  
File the original with the Court; and  
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor
- Counsel for the Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
December 14, 2018  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate   *Boston Bulletin, 01/31/19*

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