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## Partnership, friendship and soul highlight Boston Night Out festivities



See Page 2 for story. Thousands came out to Boston's neighborhoods on Monday and Tuesday for the 35th annual National Night Out. Pictured above, residents and officials at the Brighton, Hyde Park and Roslindale iterations.

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## Roslindale Library celebrates renovation



About 100 residents came out on Saturday to celebrate the history of the Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library before it is renovated.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Friends of the Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library hosted a party on Saturday to celebrate the renovation of the library and the retirement of long-time librarian Paula Wiktorowicz.

It was announced that the original closing date of Septem-

ber to start prepping for the planned renovation and construction period has been pushed back to Oct. 18.

"We found out yesterday they're delaying the closure for a month," said Friends Member Laura Gang. "They said the construction firm couldn't start until November, and it would take a month to do the prep work."

The work is slated to take 18

months to two years, according to the Branch. Friends of the Roslindale Library Talia Whyte said the party went very well and they are happy to see residents support the library. About 100 residents came through the library during the party.

"We're selling a lot of tickets," said Whyte during the last hour

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## No word to HPNA from ISD on 11 Dana Ave – yet



The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association is waiting for word back from the city on a controversial project.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) met on Thursday, August 1 so the 35 people in attendance could get an update on the ongoing 11 Dana Ave. "as of right" zoning dispute for a proposed 24-unit development. Their president, Jim Kirker, took several steps to negotiate a meeting with the Inspectional Services

Department (ISD), as was suggested by representatives of the Boston Planning and Development.

This dispute, which has been going on since the proposal was first presented in January, involves the site at the part of Dana Ave. close to the commuter rail tracks. The proposed 24-unit development would be a four-story, **11 Dana Ave.**

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## National Night Out draws thousands all over the City of Boston

Jeff Sullivan  
Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporters

Hundreds came out all over the City of Boston on Monday and Tuesday for the 35th Annual National Night Out Celebration.

The event started decades ago as part of an effort called Take Back the Night, in which community members were encouraged to come out and meet each other and work together to reduce crime in the city.

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh highlighted a team of elected officials who spoke at the ceremony at each location. Dignitaries included Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins, State Sen. Mike Rush, Boston City Councilors At-Large Annissa Essaibi-George and Michael Flaherty. In Hyde Park and Roslindale, District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley also attended.

"I want to thank all the people who keep this neighborhood safe," Walsh said. "We came here tonight to say thank you – thank you to all the people that are being recognized, thank you to the community groups, thank you to our police officers, thank you to our public safety officials. We have to do this together. We can't do it alone."

Walsh said at several of the events that this night is a cel-



Boston Mayor Marty Walsh met with residents and other officials before each event and spoke with as many as time allowed.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

bration of Boston's law enforcement and the city's communities.

"If you look across the City of Boston, homicides are down 22 percent, shootings are up, and that's the one number we have in the city that is up, 12 percent," he said. "That's up after five years of decline, and we can't celebrate declines if we don't keep it going so we're going to be working with our police departments to bring our shootings down. The total for violent crime in the city is down by 9 percent however. Property crime down by 9 percent, major crime down by 9 percent, arrests down by 6 percent, and to date, the BPD have taken 462 (people) off the streets of Boston since January. They've done some amazing work in our community."

In Allston Brighton, both Dave Hill of the Abundant Grace Church and the Brighton Marine Health Center were honored as the volunteer and organization of the year, respectively. Hill works out of the church but has been volunteering with his wife and members of the church for the last two years to reopen the Youth Center at the Faneuil Gardens Public Housing Complex.

"A couple of years ago, we noticed that the Youth Center had been closed," he said. "For like two years. They used to have a youth worker that was there and so we inquired and they said they weren't funding the youth worker anymore. So one of the young women in my church, Steph Chambers, said 'Dave this is wrong. We need to get the Youth Center open again.'"

Hill said he spoke to several community organizations to try to get funding for the position,

but several members of the church said they wanted to do it themselves.

"So, for the past two years on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., we run the youth center," he said. "The kids come in, they do homework, they play games, there are computers for them, we have a story with a message every week, it's great. The tenant organization is really happy and they appreciate our effort. We've had people faithfully come in there every week for the past two years."

Brighton Marine Health Center President and CEO Michael Dwyer said that lately, the center has been funding certain things like the landscaping at the D-14 District Police Station, Oak Square and has been hosting community meetings for Brighton. He said they want to get out and be visible in the community.

"Sometimes it's easy just to write the check, it's easy and innocuous, but we would like to get more involved in the community, as we have been over the years in helping with community events," he said. "It's such a great community, and D-14 has been really good to us. We've had a longstanding high-risk population on campus, and they know how to respond appropriately to near-crisis or to de-escalate any crisis perhaps at our Substance Abuse Treatment Center or when we bring in some formerly homeless veterans. That will bring another layer of community outreach."

In Hyde Park, State Rep. Angelo Scaccia addressed the crowd first, stressing the importance of community involvement in ensuring an environ-

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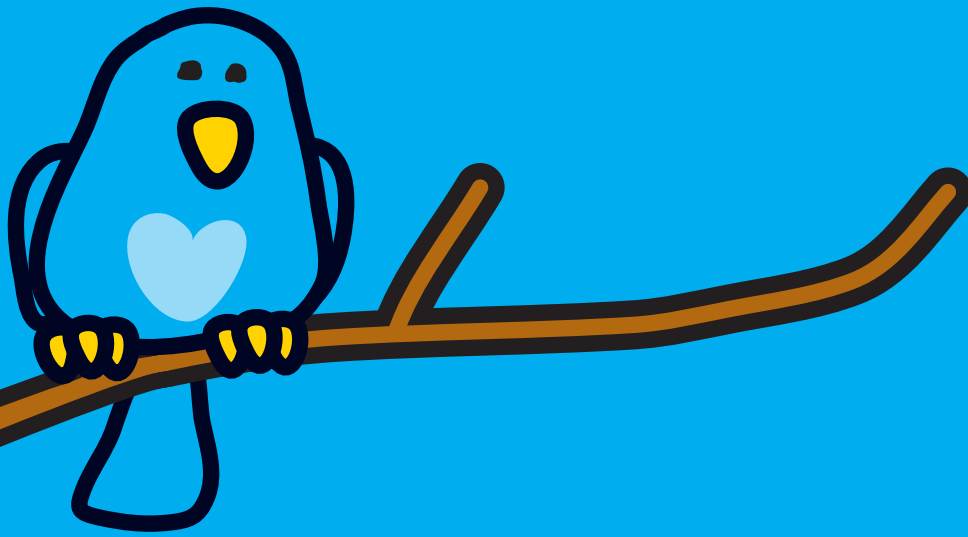
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# Editorial

## BRIDGES TOO FAR?

Recently, as reported by the Bulletin, the “Mayor on Main” trolley tour stopped at local businesses where Walsh presented the annual Boston Main Streets Annual Awards, which recognize outstanding business owners in each district. Things didn’t quite go as expected.

Patrons of Weider Park, better known as Dale Street Park, on the Roslindale-Hyde Park line, questioned why their park is not being maintained and is the scene of drug activity and other crimes, including discarded needles and attacks on a nearby footbridge. There were also complaints about nearby Rowe St. in the Sacred Heart neighborhood, location of a recent shooting that police deemed “wasn’t random.”

As for the two attacks on the Dale Street footbridge, jurisdiction blame was quickly passed to the MBTA.

These are complaints we have heard many times before. The MBTA and other state agencies have been accused of lackadaisical, second-tier coverage for their municipal policing obligations. Unfair or not, it has been a persistent accusation. These ‘out-of-their element’ policing endeavors are certainly part of the problem, but not the only ones. The fact is local communities have made great strides in this city, but improvements still must be made. Trash, including discarded needles, and overdoses that the opioid epidemic has so brutally deposited in open spaces once intended for children and neighborhood gatherings, don’t seem to be abating.

These problems keep multiplying but viable solutions don’t appear to be keeping up.

All that could be changing for the better. Last month a new, diverse class of year-one recruits hit the streets for the BPD, and the BPD Teen Police Academy continued its winning ways by gardening with the volunteers of the Urban Farming Institute at the Sportsmen’s Tennis & Enrichment Center in Mattapan.

Once again, we should have little fear that the BPD will rise to its local challenges. As for other agencies, we sadly remain less certain.



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# Letters to the Editor

## STATEMENT FROM ROXBURY PREP ON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Editor:

“Over 50 supporters of Roxbury Prep’s high school project in Roslindale attended the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing at City Hall on July 30. At the start of the hearing, Chairwoman of the Board of Appeals Christine Araujo informed the public that only five members of the board were able to attend the hearing. Typically a seven-member board, the reduced attendance meant that every member of the board would need to vote in favor of a project in order for it to pass. Following advice from counsel and at the request of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, the proponent agreed to defer its zoning hearing and was given a new hearing date of Oct. 8, 2019.

Roxbury Prep is committed to building a permanent home for its high school at 361 Belgrade Ave. Its students currently attend classes at two separate campuses and are missing out on some of the fundamental aspects of a traditional high school, like eating lunch together in a cafeteria, or upperclassmen serving as mentors to younger students.

After an exhaustive city-wide search for a building location, 361 Belgrade Ave. is the best site for Roxbury Prep. The project has undergone extensive City agency and public review with over 2,300 neighbors and Boston residents recorded in support. Our development team looks forward to continuing to work with the BPDA and the community on this important project.”

*Autumn Gould  
McLaughlin  
Northwind Strategies*

## REASSURED BY RESERVATION ROAD

To the Editor:

Amidst an array of abstract policies come concrete results that reassure our tax dollars. Infrastructure improvements improve our quality of life and

make public investments tangible. As speculators leer for development, traffic trickles, and families find fertile ground, seeing hope in Hyde Park’s infrastructure requires a holistic look.

The Improvements to Reservation Road Park illustrate how the City can enhance public space to improve the quality of life in Hyde Park. By creating new pathways and areas for passive recreation and athletics, the project builds on Hyde Park’s assets as a place where greenspace and city living meet. The \$3.2M project invests over \$681K into the athletic field and over \$2.5M into the skate park, public parking, and added walkways. Improvements to the athletic field include enhanced lighting and dedicated areas for teams and spectators. New pathways placed on the periphery of field as well as throughout the park, improve walkability and connect residents to the urban wild and Mother Brook. Waterfront connections will be achieved by two new overlooks, the larger being on the south with a winding boardwalk. A resurfaced skate park will accommodate safer transitions and varying skill levels and be more pedestrian friendly. Skate parks provide space that counters the vandalism ascribed to skateboarding, making the project indicative of the City’s value for inclusive recreation. The extra lighting throughout the park also adds to public safety.

Let’s encourage more work like the Reservation Road improvements in Hyde Park. It bodes well for the City to serve its vibrant urban oasis. As the City rebuilds a \$5M Dana Avenue Bridge for safer connections, let’s not only be grateful, but encourage similar public improvements. Lush with greenspace and every range of Boston diversity, native Bostonians and new residents continue to settle where city comforts meet the Blue Hills. Hyde Park must keep benefiting from intersection improvements, park renovations, neighborhood signage, and policies that curb traffic like resident parking and better transit. So, let’s give the City acknowledgement where due,

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and in doing so, let our knowledge of the capabilities urge the City to do more.

*Nathaniel Thomas  
Boston*

## WHAT DOES MATT O’MALLEY DO ANYWAY?

To the Editor:

He doesn’t do anything to help fill the storefront vacancies on Centre St.

He doesn’t do anything about the drag racing in the early morning hours on VFW and W. Rox Pkwy, nor the vehicles speeding on the side streets.

He doesn’t advocate for the badly needed repaving of major W. Roxbury thoroughfares (Centre, Weld) or pothole repair all over town.

He doesn’t do anything to help eradicate commercial vehicles on the Parkways or in the rotaries.

He does make it more inconvenient and expensive to shop by slapping a tax on paper bags and banning plastic ones.

I suppose the obvious answer is; nothing that positively impacts the daily lives of working W. Roxbury citizens.

*R. McMurphy  
West Roxbury*

## THANK YOU MR. GALEOTA!

To the Editor:

Thank you for your recent column in which you mention your grandfather’s store: “Raffy’s”.

Having lived on Union Ave since the mid ‘50’s, I remember Raffy quite well. My friends and I used to go in there after school and buy a bag of potato chips and a bottle of coke for 10 cents! He let us hang out and didn’t mind if we sat there and didn’t buy anything else.

Thanks for the fond memories. “To our fallen soldiers... you have done your duty, to honor you is ours.”

*Cathie Wilder  
Boston*

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# Allston-Brighton residents and BTD continue talks on traffic petition

**Ricardo Guillaume**  
Staff Reporter

Resident Tracy Wu has lived in the Allston-Brighton area since 2012 and has seen the neighborhood change a lot. She's seen the New Balance Headquarters set up shop and Boston Landing T station opened, apartment complexes, condos and more have popped up in that time as well. Wu said she believes these changes have drawn unreasonable traffic through her neighborhood and has the statistics to support her claims.

For two years now, Wu has been in touch with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and other City of Boston officials and engineers about commuters cutting through her main road – Portsmouth Street – while navigating their way from Lincoln Street onto I-90. She filed a petition on May 15, 2017 proposing turning Portsmouth Street into a one-way street from Lincoln Street to Lothrop Street.

The petition states “Portsmouth Street is a narrow residential street, total 20ft-10in wide from curb to curb. With one side resident parking, the travel lane is about 13ft, not wide enough for two-way traffic” and that for many years residents “have experienced high volume traffic causing congestion during rush hours, high-speed traffic during off peak hours, noise, vibration, and air pollution.”

Traffic counts were collected in March and May of 2018. The data shows approximately 3,000 vehicles a day drive eastbound on Waverly Street or southbound on Portsmouth Street. Wu's petition received the 34 signatures or 95 percent of household signatures

required to have the petition reviewed by BTB but she says it was difficult receiving information from the City.

“After repeated public information release inquiries to BTB for more than a year with yielding no fruit, we filed [a] FOIA request. Finally we received them on July 9, 2019,” Wu said.

Back in 2017, Warren O'Reilly was the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services contact for Allston-Brighton. On May 15, 2017 Wu emailed O'Reilly and copied District 9 City Councilor Mark Ciommo and his Chief of Staff at the time, Tim Goodin, the petition with a note about growing concerns in he neighborhood.

“Portsmouth Street is not wide enough for two-way traffic,” she said. “Commuters use it as a shortcut to I-90. We have been experiencing heavy volume and fast speed traffic causing congestion, noise and air pollution for many years,” Wu wrote.

In one message Lithcut said that there were “technical concerns” and that they'd need to “examine the negative impact that could occur with other streets in the neighborhood” but that Wu's request was at the top of her list. Later, when Lithcut told Wu that engineers might be looking into the idea of changing the direction of the street instead of turning it into a one-way, Wu rejected the idea.

“Changing the direction is [against] our will and the petition that we filed. About 90-95% of the traffic is southbound. We are willing to sacrifice the inconvenience for safety and a better living environment by making the street one-way northbound,” Wu replied in an email. “This petition wouldn't exist if it's one-way southbound because the traffic won't get reduced to a meaningful level, speed will increase, and

we still experience inconvenience. We basically shoot [ourselves] [in] the foot. [We're] strongly against the one-way southbound idea. The idea is not acceptable. It doesn't achieve the purpose of safety improvement and [a] better living environment. It's humiliation to our petition and against our will.”

In an August 2, 2017 email from Lithcut to O'Reilly, Lithcut said that Wu's petition didn't adequately take into account the ramifications for neighboring streets. “So looking at this request only 14 households of 19 have signed this petition with no signatures from abutting streets who will most likely pick up this traffic, hardly a majority of the impacted streets,” Lithcut wrote. “Additionally, by making this a one way as proposed, streets such as South Waverly, Litchfield and Antwerp will be negatively impacted. This is not recommended unless ONS garners more support in the community by all streets effected and on [Portsmouth] Street itself.”

After Wu and her colleagues met with Commissioner Fiandaca on September 21, 2017 she wrote to BTB Senior Traffic Engineer Carl McKenzie and the two went back and forth at length about the benefits and negatives of proposed solutions. In a September 25, 2017 email Wu recommended making Dual Street a one-way westbound from Litchfield Street to South Waverley Street and making South Waverley Street a one-way northbound from Lincoln Street to Lawrence Street. McKenzie responded by saying that changing traffic directions would be no easy task. The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services would have to be involved in the process and certain intersections like

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# Housing starts delayed but not stopped in Jamaica Plain

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

On May 15, 2019, City Realty presented plans to the JP Zoning Committee for a change of occupancy from a two to a three-unit home at 11 Minton St. Dave Baron is the long-time chair of the zoning committee.

“Not many particular complaints except it was City Realty,” he said.

After listening to a long list of allegations of displacement by City Realty, the committee voted to deny the request.

Scott Shear of the Brookside Neighborhood Association was conflicted but militant.

“This is the type of housing needed in Brookside,” he said. “But displacement of low-income tenants; it’s escalated dramatically.”

He told City Realty what to expect.

“You need to work on community values,” he said. “We need to fight you on the other parcels that you own.”

So it goes. For five years City Realty has met neighborhood resistance along the Green-Washington-Egleston Square corridor. It has become the bête noir of Jamaica Plain.

And it’s not been subtle.

Alex Ponte Capellon is an organizer with City Life/Vida Urbana, which has directed the opposition since 2014.

“City Realty is the most hated developer in the area,” he told a BPDA meeting on Oct 25, 2018. “We are demanding that City Realty stop displacement.”

Aside from colorful copy and raucous meetings, this resistance hasn’t accomplished much.

Allegations of displacement and rent increases in City Realty-owned housing have never been verified.

In five years, City Realty (CRM) has proposed 12 housing developments ranging in size from 40 units to four and all but two have been built, under construction or approved; and those two don’t have zoning board dates yet.

The most recent is the \$5.2 million, 23-unit residences at 197-201 Washington St. approved by the zoning board of appeals on July 9.

CRM broke that property into two parcels and, agreeing to City Life’s request, is in the process of selling the 3371 Washington St. building to JPNDP.

The largest, at 3193 Washington St., the old Jackson Glass building—renamed The Tempo—is a \$13million, 40-unit condominium building now well under construction.

This was the target of prolonged opposition by City Life and ESNA in 2016. It is the

scope and aggressive development time table together with the trend of buying duplex houses, some in disrepair, and converting them into three or four unit rental properties that seems to alarm City Life, ESNA and the JP Neighborhood Council.

They claim CRM is skirting the city’s affordable requirements with its widening portfolio of converting duplexes into three or four units.

For five years since CRM acquired the 3152-3160 Washington Street storefronts at a sidewalk foreclosure action for \$715,000 opposition has focused on CRM’s other properties

City Life and JPNDP led this fight in April 2014 (ESNA had not yet been revived) by linking this acquisition, which they claimed displaced Latino merchants, with CRM’s planned seven-unit residential building at 38 Hyde Park Ave.

City Life flooded the JP Zoning Committee on Sept 17, 2014 demanding that it oppose 38 Hyde Park Ave. until CRM resolves alleged displacement issues of the 3152-3160 Washington merchants.

The dust settled. Two businesses at 3152 Washington were evicted in September and November of 2017; Pin Bochinche restaurant because of six months rent non-payment and Anabel Color, on the heels of a federal

warrant for gambling and drug distribution.

Thirty-Eight Hyde Park Avenue was completed and leased out in 2018 and sold in June 2019 for \$4.5 million.

Opposition has now shifted to two rental properties CRM owns at 26 School St. and 435 Walnut Ave. where City Life alleges that unfair lawsuits and rental increases take place.

This came to a head on Jan. 16, 2019 when the JP Zoning Committee refused to even hear CRM’s plans for a change of occupancy at 95-97 Walnut Park from a two to a four unit building.

Originally not opposed to this change, on Jan. 13 ESNA came back in flat out opposition.

“City Realty does not have a good track record as developer and landlord in the ESNA neighborhood,” ESNA said in a submitted statement.

On May 1, 2019 the JP zoning committee voted unanimously to approve 197-201 Green St. The zoning board of appeals was scheduled to hear the project on May 7.

But CRM had two provisos to honor regarding the leases at 26 School St. and 435 Walnut Ave., and when it failed to respond by the deadline, State Rep. Liz Malia asked that the ZBA oppose the project.

At the morning of the hearing, City Life members were out

in force with day glow t-shirts, cardboard signs and Helen Matthews ready to film.

CRM asked for a deferral because of “unresolved issues” according to its attorney Jeff Drago.

City Life organizers were stunned.

“They didn’t even tell us,” said Lisa Thompson, a City Life supporter.

The third zoning board of appeals date for 197-201 Green St. was July 9.

On that morning six City Life organizers led by George Lee circled CRM project manager Josh Fetterman and CRM attorney Matt Eckel in the corridor.

Lee held up a sheaf of emails he said were from Carolyn Royce of ESNA demanding that CRM drop its alleged lawsuits against its tenants and give five-year leases to existing tenants. Joined in this chorus were Helen Matthews and Lisa Thompson who said they would not support 197-201 Green St. without this agreement.

Fetterman said he would call and get confirmation.

Lee testified to the appeals board that his group had a hallway conversation with CRM.

“I’d love to give our support but we want our conditions in writing,” he said with

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### 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.

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## IAG hesitant on Sprague Street development



Residents were happy about the reduction of the housing proposal slated for 36-70 Sprague Street.

PHOTO ARIANE KOMYATI

### Ariane Komyati Staff Reporter

Around 10 residents and community members from the Readville area attended the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting on Aug. 5. Lance Campbell, the Senior Project Manager of the BPDA, Jordan Warsaw of the OMB Sprague LLC, and community members discussed mitigation and community benefits for the 36-70 Sprague Street proposed project in the Readville neighborhood of Hyde Park.

Warsaw spent the beginning of the IAG meeting summarizing the new, decreased proposal. As of March 2019, the developers scaled the proposed project down to 247 units on about four acres of property on 36-40 Sprague Street.

"The development of the Project will generate significant public benefits for the surrounding neighborhoods and the City of Boston as a whole, both during construction and on an ongoing basis upon its completion," explained Warsaw. He also stated the public benefits the project would provide, including much needed housing for the middle class in the city of Boston, a connection to the Readville Commuter Rail Station, significant tax revenues for the city, environmentally friendly buildings, and heavy landscaping that will beautify the site.

The proposed project also includes a shared workspace for people who work from home, sort of like a mini WeWork building. It will be a two-story glass building that will include a coffee shop and bar. The developers hope this amenity will draw the "work from home" crowd to the area.

The proposal no longer includes the Sprague Pond, which is located on property owned by Gioioso and Sons (the 2.5 acres the developers are no longer looking to acquire for redevelopment).

"Will you no longer be cleaning the pond since you do not own the site anymore?" Questioned one meeting at-

tendee.

Warsaw explained that the pond will stay "as is" since they are no longer acquiring that parcel of land. Many community members felt that the beautification of the Sprague Pond was one of the few benefits the project provided for local residents.

The developers also plan on creating wide sidewalks around the housing. Many Readville residents noted that sidewalks in the area tend to be unshoveled during the winter, especially from Horn St. to Father Hart Bridge.

One Readville resident suggested funding for a new ladder truck for the fire department, since the proposed residential buildings would be ranging from five to eight stories. Residents are also concerned about a potential increase in fires due to more density in the area.

Another Readville resident suggested the developers prevent further densification of the area by purchasing another parcel of land in the neighborhood (such as the 2.5 acre Gioioso site) and converting it into open space for the community.

All of the units will be rentals, there will be no ownership. One community member asked about the cost of renting the units. Warsaw said that he could not give an exact price at this time, but the pricing would be "significantly below rent prices downtown". He stated that a one bedroom apartment would be around \$1500 - \$1700 a month.

"Local seniors can't afford that type of rent," noted one Readville resident.

A few community members asked if there would be affordable housing specifically for seniors, since there are many seniors in the area. Campbell explained that the designated affordable housing units will be a lottery for low-income residents in Boston, and that the policy could not be tweaked. Many meeting attendees were disappointed that Readville

**Sprague**

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## 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.

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# 11 Dana Ave. *continued from page 1*

mixed-use residential building with a 300-foot commercial space for an office or similar use on the ground floor. Parking of one space per unit, a major point of contention, was proposed on the ground floor.

The crux of the debate centered around the building being contained in a separate Neighborhood Shopping District 2 (NS-2) from the one delineated in the zoning code. HPNA members contend that 11 Dana Ave. is in a separate NS-2 from the two Hyde Park ones outlined in the zoning code: Cleary/ Logan Square being one and the second being River St. and Wood Ave. at the Shops at Riverwood.

Members involved in the determination process presented a map at a special HPNA meeting on June 24 with Bryan Glascock, the Deputy Director of Regulatory Planning and Zoning at the BPDA, and Michael Christopher, the BPDA deputy director of development review, outlining the separate NS-2 district. However, Glascock said it had never been codified in Hyde Park's zoning code, Article 69.

This third NS-2 district would require two parking spaces, making the project subject to variances and therefore not "as of right." There were other issues that the group called into question, such as the

requirement for affordable housing. At the special meeting, Glascock said that professional plans examiners at ISD would be the best people to explain to the HPNA why the project was deemed "as of right."

HPNA president Jim Kirker told the group that District City Council candidate Justin Murad contacted Chris Broderick at ISD on behalf of the HPNA seeking an answer.

"I wanted to thank Justin," Kirker said. "He did get a reply, but it was the same sort of a general kind of thing on how as of right was determined."

In response, Kirker wrote a reply letter on behalf of the HPNA to Chris Broderick, Cheryl Odom and David Johnson at ISD's Building Department. A portion of the letter, which he read, stated:

"We have been trying for quite some time now to have somebody attend one of our meetings that was either involved in the decision to give 11 Dana Avenue as of right status, or, at the very least, is able to explain to us how this decision came to be... The Mayor himself, who attended one of our meetings, said that if mistakes were made with the decision, they would be corrected," it continued. "I am making a formal request that somebody from your office with specific knowledge of 11 Dana Avenue

attend one of our meetings to explain this specific decision, and sooner rather than later."

In response, Kirker said he did get an email from Broderick, saying that he could not be of help because he was not a building inspector.

Kirker also called Johnson. "He suggested that some of us go down to the office and read the paperwork there," Kirker said. "I said that is not what we were looking for."

A community meeting would allow the opportunity to ask questions, Kirker noted, adding that he received no further response from Johnson.

Bryan Flynn, the Hyde Park liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, told the group that he did bring the issue to the Mayor's attention on the day of the meeting.

"Also, I did have a meeting internally with Bryan Glascock on this, just as kind of a brief follow-up to the last meeting that was held here," he said. "He apologized for the lack of responses.

"I always try to be as responsive as I can," Flynn continued. "They did tell me that, tentatively, they would try to come out and talk to you at the end of August. I don't want to say that it's solidified, because it hasn't been. I said to them, essentially I am a buffer. I want to make sure that you get the

accurate responses that you deserve."

In other news, Thadine Brown, Director of Community Relations for the City's Community Preservation Department, explained the uses of CPA funding and the application process. A more extensive presentation on CPA funding was held on Tuesday, Aug. 6, after press time.

"Anyone can apply to our staff, and then the applications are submitted to our nine-member committee," Brown said. The committee is comprised of five members appointed by Walsh and four Boston residents selected by the City Council.

During the last round, Brown said the department funded \$34 million in projects, with \$18 million going to affordable housing, \$8 mil going to historic preservation, and \$8 mil going to parks and open spaces. They received 135 eligibility forms, narrowed down the process to 85 applications, and funded 56 applications.

Determination is based on community impact and priority, with each neighborhood getting two or three projects. For Hyde Park, it meant the historic SDA Church on River Street getting a new roof; the YMCA getting open space in the back, and the Hyde Park Library's open space behind the building.

Residents asked why there was no Hyde Park representation on the committee. Brown

replied that, when the application process comes up again, residents can apply. For more information, go to [boston.gov/cpa](http://boston.gov/cpa).

Also, the group unanimously approved a proposal for local restaurant Las Delicias Colombianas, located at 1231 River St., to obtain a beer and wine alcohol license. The license could not be approved last time because a quorum wasn't present.

Attorney Albert J. Moscone, Jr., an associate at D'Ambrosio Brown LLP in Boston, said that the restaurant is a family-based business that would like to serve alcohol with late lunches and dinners.

"This is a family-owned business, and they are seeking the license in response to demand from the patrons," he said. "Their target audience is the late lunch-early dinner crowd."

Craig Martin asked whether the license stayed with the applicant, or whether it went into a pool.

"The license we are seeking is the one through special legislation, and it would be tailored to fit the business," Moscone said. "If the business ceases to exist, it would go back to the City."

Kirker will write a letter on behalf of the HPNA in support of the license application. Flynn said he would present it and speak at the Licensing Board in favor of the request.



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**Deaths**

**BENATUIL**

Estelle Of Hyde Park, entered into rest on August 5, 2019 at the age of 87. Beloved mother of Steven and Leo. Loving sister of the late Alan Skersey and Bebe Skersey. Cherished grandmother of Alex, Brad, Devin, Adam, and the late Jarod. Devoted great-grandmother of Haley, Madison, Vivian, Alexander, and Robinson. Dear aunt of Mark Skersey, Robin Peck, and Karen Shaunessey. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, 1668 Beacon St., BROOKLINE. Interment at Bessarabian Cemetery, 232 Fuller St., Everett. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in her honor may be donated to the Jimmy Fund at www.jimmyfund.org. Stanetsky Memorial Chapel www.stanetskybrookline.com

**CALARESE**

Eugene A. Of Canton, passed on July 30th, at the age of 95. Beloved husband of June M. (Samuels). Devoted father of Carol Rhoads of Georgia, Mike Robinson of Georgia and Kathie From and her husband Patrick of Virginia. Cherished brother of Arthur and his wife Blanche of Franklin, Mary Padula of Bridgewater, John and his wife Elaine of Franklin and the late Francis, William, Caroline, Sarah, Cecelia, Dorothy, Theresa and Jessica. Loving "GrandPa" of six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Visiting Hours will be held Sunday evening from 4-7 at the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak

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—M.S.

St., HYDE PARK. Relatives and friends invited. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, August 5th. St. Gerard's Church, Canton. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. Al was a late WWII Navy Veteran. For guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com

**CASTO**

Robert C Of Westwood, formerly of Roslindale, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2019. Beloved husband of Janet (Valanzola). Loving father of Anthony and his wife Lauren of Milford, Joseph "Joey" and his companion Thomas Myers of Provincetown and the late Robert S. Casto. Cherished son of Constance and the late Vincent A. Casto. Dear loving brother of David of West Roxbury and Paul and his wife Jackie of Walpole. Also survived by 3 special and loving grandchildren; Anthony, Jr., Ariella and Juliana and Brianna Brady and her daughter Lyzelle, as well as many in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 1st in Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale. In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02215. Interment St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale, MA. Guestbook at www.josephrussofuneralhome.com

**PASZAK**

Michael J. Of West Roxbury, on August 3, 2019, Beloved husband of the late Victoria (Eddington) and devoted father of Rebecca Stethem and her husband David, Rosanne Lane and her husband Joseph, and Kristy Paszak and her partner John Dauphinais. Cherished grandfather of Christopher, Tyler, Justin, Ava Jean, Jenna Mae, Allison and Jayden. Devoted brother of Carol Cowles and her husband David and Pat Iyer. Loving nephew of Adeline Muzyka and her late husband Fred. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Visiting Hours on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, from 4-6pm and Thursday morning at 9am followed by a Requiem Service in the funeral home at 10am. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory may be made to St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 24 Orchard Hill Rd., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For direction's and guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com

**RYAN**

Richard "Dickie" Age 86, of Hyde Park, died on July 30, 2019 with his loving family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Nancy, the loving son of the late Charles & Helen (O'Day) Ryan. Devoted father of Richard Ryan of Hyde Park, Michael Ryan and his wife Carolyn of Henderson Nevada, Marie Ryan of Quincy, & Charles Ryan of Braintree. Cherished grandpa of Jamie, Jessica, Jenna, Shauna, Wyatt, Matthew, Waylon, and Joseph. Great-grandpa of Will. Dick was happily married to the love of his life Nancy for 62 years. Dick was a wonderful Dad to his kids and the best grandpa to his grandchildren. He loved being with his family & friends. He especially loved eating dinner at his daughter Marie's house. He loved horse racing and was a great pool player in his younger days. He was a member of the Sunset Bocce Club in Readville. Dick was an electrician for the MBTA, he retired in 1995. He was a proud member of the IBEW Local 103. Since his retirement he enjoyed spending winters in Boynton Beach, Florida, with a great group of family & friends. We were so fortunate to be blessed with such a wonderful man! We will miss him dearly! He will live in our hearts forever! Visiting Hours: A Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, August 9th, at 10am, followed by a Memorial Mass at 11am, St. Anne's Church, 90 West Milton St., Hyde Park

**SHEEHAN**

Leo G. "Uncle Leo" Born September 9, 1951, died July 26, 2019, peacefully surrounded by his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years Karen A. (Davis) Sheehan beloved father to Leo F. Sheehan, II, his partner Danielle Payne and their daughter Lexi, and James T. Sheehan his partner Meaghan Larkin. Beloved brother to Nancy M. Perry of NH and Antoinette "Toni" McCluskey and her husband J. Corby McCluskey and the late Lorraine Matchett. Beloved uncle to D. Scott Perry and his wife Maria, Christopher Perry and his partner Amanda Evans, the late Timothy Perry, Daniel J. McCluskey and his wife Susan, Matthew S. McCluskey and his wife Christine, Jonathan Matchett and the late Paul Matchett. Jacqueline, Stephanie, Sean and Christopher Davis. Leo has six great-nieces and nephews, Erica Matchett Laura Matchett, Zachary Perry, Thomas

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# WFHCG celebrates neighborhood spirit, receives City awards



The party set out to honor residents who gave the neighborhood their all in terms of volunteering and making an impact on the area.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The clouds may have threatened rain, but nothing could have dampened the high spirits of the West Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Group (WFHNG) on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3, as three of its members received City resolutions for being Persons of Impact at a ceremony at the Moynihan Playground attended by about 30 people.

The resolutions, presented by Maria Esdale Farrell from District Five City Councilor Tim McCarthy's office, were awarded to Nathaniel Thomas, Cathy Horn and Sherri Adams for their community activism and their efforts to make Hyde Park a more welcoming and attractive place to live.

"I have a lot of reasons to be here today," Esdale Farrell said. In addition to representing McCarthy, she is hoping to be-

come the next District Five City Councilor, as McCarthy is not running for reelection.

"I am a lifelong Hyde Park resident, almost 50 years, and I live in the house I grew up in," she added, noting that five of her six children went to the neighboring Roosevelt Elementary School. "This area is very special to me. It's all about friends, relationships and building com-

**Fairmount**  
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# Deaths

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Matchett, Nolan McCluskey, and Chloe Davis. He was the beloved son of the late Leo F. and Gertrude Sheehan. A Funeral Mass was held on August 1st. in St. Bridget Church, Abington. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery, Rockland. For online guestbook: [www.quealyandson.com](http://www.quealyandson.com)

## TREVISANI

Angelina (Baldini) "Lena" Of Roslindale, passed peacefully on August 1st at the age of 100. Beloved wife of the late Egisto Trevisani. Devoted mother of Maria Nelson and her husband George of Mansfield, Francis of Quincy, and the late Joseph. Loving "Grammy" of Maura Nelson Clifford and Marissa Nelson O'Donnell and great-grandmother of Maeve Clifford and Nolan Clifford. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on August 7th at St. Mary's Church, Wrentham. Interment at National Cemetery, Bourne. Please, in lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to Maples Nursing and Rehab Center Activity Fund, 90 Taunton St., Wrentham 02093. For guestbook, please visit, [thomasfuneralhomes.com](http://thomasfuneralhomes.com)

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# Housing Starts

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Matthews and Thompson lined up behind him.

Lee asked for a 20-minute vote delay until CRM got back with a commitment to City Life's demands.

"It depends on where we are at to drop the lawsuits and extend the leases or we will withdraw our support," he said.

ZBA chair Christine Araujo denied Lee's request.

The ZBA voted unanimously in favor of 197-201 Green St.

On July 24 the scenario continued when the JP zoning committee took up CRM's request to convert 15 Bancroft St. from a three to a four family house. They had a zoning board of appeals date for July 30.

This upset Carolyn Royce. She wanted the zoning date changed even though the building is abandoned and the cause of neighborhood fears.

"I'm disturbed," she said to Josh Fetterman. "We have a process of neighborhood displacement and affordability

and I ask that you defer to-night, until we meet again in September. I can't understand why you can't finish the process."

The process Royce wanted was for CRM to sign a memorandum of understanding by Dec 2019 that required CRM to extend the lease of three tenants; the m-o-u also included demands for lease extensions, tenant stabilization on unnamed properties and "transparency about City Realty's property ownership and property management."

Zoning committee members Marie Turley and Kevin Moloney agreed with Royce.

"We should defer if the m-o-u is not signed," Moloney said. "This is going to come back time after time."

"Your life is not going to be happy," Moloney told Fetterman.

The JP zoning committee voted in support 8 to 4 and the zoning board of appeals gave 15 Bancroft St. a unanimous vote of approval on July 30.

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## Roslindale Library *continued from page 1*

of the party.

Gang added that the Little Library installation is moving along, and that any book donations will go towards that project. She said with the help of carpentry instructor Stan Phillips, local architects Tim Smith and Hank Keating, students and staff at the Boston Architectural College, and the participants in the Building Pathways pre-apprentice program, they hope to have them up around autumn.

“They’re being self-installed in the businesses, and one of them is up, but we’re counting on some Boy Scouts to dig the holes for them,” she said. “The goal is to have them all in operation before closure.”

Gang said they are also looking for used small bookshelves and bookcases, and anyone interested in donating should contact [Info@friendsofroslindalelibrary.org](mailto:Info@friendsofroslindalelibrary.org).

Residents enjoyed steel drumming from Justin Petty Steel Drums and Pan Loco Steel Band, henna tattoos from Sue Murad, balloon animals from Debbie Pettengil and food from the Friends group themselves.

Renee DeKona said she and resident Donald DiRusso both belong to a Spanish conversation group at the Roslindale Library, and will now have to trek to Jamaica Plain.

“We come every week and we love this library,” she said. “This particular library, it’s unique in its construction and it’s just beautiful. I know for the renovation they’re changing the entrance and they’ll be utilizing the basement for storage. I’m really excited to see it. They’re going to improve the public space as well.”

DiRusso gave his opinion of

## Traffic Petition *continued from page 6*

that of Lincoln Street and Leo M. Birmingham Parkway were under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

According to McKenzie’s email, the Pros of the petition included eliminating cut-through traffic from going down Portsmouth Street, South Waverly Street, “and to a certain extent, Litchfield St. and Antwerp Street.” The Cons included limited access to Lincoln Street, changes and delays for residents on Lawrence Street and South Waverly Street, and a fear that residents would be encouraged to “sneak” and go down the proposed one way street section of S. Waverly to get to Lincoln Street which could potentially lead to accidents and will be hard to enforce.”

Wu acknowledged, “Some residents will have to take moderate detours one or two streets over to Lincoln” but argued that Lincoln opening up to a two-way street would solve most issues.



A model of the new library design was displayed at the entrance to let residents know what's on the way.

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the current conditions of the public space.

“The acoustics in there are terrible,” he said. “I think the renovation is wonderful, it’s too bad we’re going to lose it for a bit, but at least the dome is going to stay.”

DiRusso said it’s a bitter-sweet thing to see the renovation coming, but since it’s not seen a facelift since it was built in the 60s, he understands. He said the library is one of the most important aspects of the community.

“I don’t remember who said it, but there is a saying that goes, ‘if you can read, you’ve got an education,’” DiRusso said. “I love it here.”

Resident Ray Neves said the closure will have a big impact on his children.

“They go to school right here at the Sumner,” he said. “I’m definitely going to miss it; we’re one block over and Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury are kind of a hike.”

Residents Jane Rosseau and Craig Uram said they use the library a lot and its closure will definitely have an impact on them, but they said they understood the building needs work.

“We come here pretty frequently and we use it a lot,” Rosseau said. “We’ve been waiting a while for the renovation to make it a bit more accessible. We’re excited to see what it’s going to look like.”

Uram added the party is a great way to help educate the public on the upcoming closure and where to go during construction.

“It’s also just a great way to bring the community together,” he said.

For a full list of answers to frequently-asked questions (FAQ) and to read Wiktorowicz’s exit interview with the Friends, go to [friendsofroslindalelibrary.org/august-2019-library-news-and-events/](http://friendsofroslindalelibrary.org/august-2019-library-news-and-events/)

“If Lincoln opens to two-way, the way as it was designed for its proper functions, we may not need many one-way streets to protect our community. Our proposed one-way sections are very short and have least impacts,” Wu said. “Lawrence St. residents are part of Waverly Apartments residents. They can use School Street to Portsmouth Street then to Lincoln. The blockage of through traffic is far more beneficial compared to the inconvenience. If the residents don’t like the one-way arrangement, it can be kept as it is now.”

Wu and the city last communicated in December of 2017 before the dialogue went cold. BTM decided to install a raised crosswalk in early 2018.

Wu emailed the city back on December 27 saying that a raised crosswalk would not be enough, but she did not receive a reply. She emailed the city again on January 29, 2018 to no avail.

“I feel that the BTM hardly respects the public,” Wu said.

Two “No Right Turn” signs were installed around Apr 1, 2018 without any meeting or discussion with the public, according to Wu. She says the signs were not properly installed and eventually one of them was taken down.

The Bulletin reached out to Chris Osgood, Mayor Walsh’s Chief of the Streets, Transportation & Sanitation and Tracey Ganiatsos, the Public Information Officer for BTM for a statement “It’s a double standard that when BTM does something, no public meeting is required,” Wu said. “When we propose something, three meetings (two public meetings, one with Commissioner) and 95 percent [of] resident signatures are not enough.”

Wu plans to continue to be in touch with the city over her neighborhood’s concerns.

# National Night Out *continued from page 2*

ment free from fear.

“One should feel safe walking the streets of his or her community and to associate with any and all,” Scaccia said. “Today, that freedom of safety has to be earned, and the best way to do it is the participation of neighborhood groups, with their police, working together as one.”

Before receiving her community service award, Pastor Karen Dottin Ricketts of the Family Life Fellowship Church and Pierce Street Neighborhood Watch gave a soaring rendition of “How Great Thou Art,” which she dedicated to E-18 community service liaison Gerri McElmoyle. The crowd sang along, while several members of the Blake Estates senior development swayed their hands in the air.

“There’s a lot going on in our nation and our world, so much that can shake us to our core,” she said. “Community is a very important thing, and I just want to say to Hyde Park that Hyde Park is a really, really special place.”

The Pierce Street Neighborhood Group won the award for Hyde Park’s crime watch group of the year.

District Five City Council Candidate Mimi Turchinetz, a Hyde Park resident and long-time community activist, talked

about the importance of community building in these times.

“While we mourn the loss of those in Dayton, Ohio and El Paso, Texas, we celebrate our first responders, plus our community leaders in Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roslindale,” she said. “We are so lucky to live in a community where we stand together for public safety at this important night – National Night Out – while building community every day.”

“Commissioner Gross is the best police commissioner we have ever had,” Marty Keogh, a candidate for City Councilor At-Large added after hearing Gross’s speech. “He truly understands the communities he serves and has made some significant strides in tackling Boston’s crime issues.”

“This celebration is especially important to me because I grew up here,” BPD Superintendent Nora Baston, a Hyde Park native said. “I used to play basketball over there on that basketball court with Tim McCarthy.”

In Roslindale, District E-5 Captain Therese Kozmiski presented the Roslindale West Roxbury Community Service Award to the Archdale Crime Watch Group. Member Sabrina Ivory accepted the award for the

“Archdale Crime Watch, along with Archdale Management, does a great job to make Archdale a safe and friendly place to live,” Kozmiski said. “Gatherings like the Community Flashlight Walks, the Archdale Family Days, Hotdog Nights, pot luck meals at the crime watch meetings and Archdale Block Parties have all served to build relationships between residents and the BPD and reduce Crime.”

Ivory said she was honored to receive the award and loves working with the department to help improve the community.

“I just wanted to thank E-5, it’s always a wonder working with them,” she said. “The Sergeant, Councilor O’Malley, the Chief, Nicole, State Rep. Liz Malia, even some people from the Mayor’s Office. So accept this award right here, I really really really appreciate you. We really really love you guys.”

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
Suffolk Division Docket No. **SU18P1766EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

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

Estate of: William J. Leeds  
Also Known As: William Leeds  
Date of Death: 06/15/2018

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

**James T. Leeds of Allston, MA**

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

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/11/2019.**

**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.**

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

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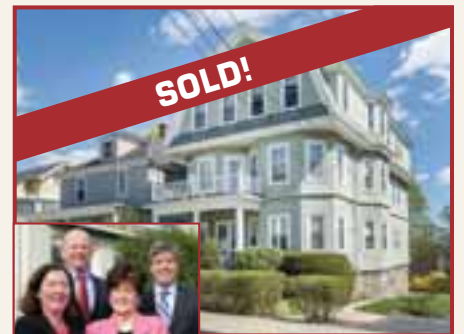


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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
Suffolk Division Docket No. SU19E0118

**CITATION**  
RE: **Brenda Ann Strouble**  
To all interested persons:  
A petition has been filed by **Brenda Ann Strouble, 141 Tyler Street, Boston, MA 02136** requesting  
**A Delayed Birth Record**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 08/22/2019**  
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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: July 25, 2019  
Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 08/08/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU19D1218DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**Rachel Mejia vs. Elvin Andrizon Mejia Villar**  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114

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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
August 1, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 08/08/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** **DOCKET No. SU19P1509EA**  
Suffolk Division

**Estate of: Helen A Marchocki**  
**Also Known As:**  
**Date of Death: May 10, 2019**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner: Theresa M Malionek of Boston, MA  
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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
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*Hyde Park Bulletin: 08/08/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU19P0308PM

**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: Genesis M Santos-Vargas** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Roslindale, MA** **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
Mariluz Sencion of Roslindale, MA  
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**Without Surety** on the bond.  
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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
July 16, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 08/08/19*

munity.” Marcia Kimm, co-chair of the WFHNG, spoke about how community service can be a “thankless job.”

“People don’t understand the importance of it, and they sort of throw it by the wayside,” she said. “But I do, and I reached out to the Councilor’s office to make sure that these people are recognized for their good work.”

As if on cue, the clouds parted and the sun burst through as Esdale Farrell pulled out the citations.

Nathaniel Thomas was honored as a Person of Impact for his work advocating for City and state funding and partnerships to renovate the Moynihan Playground and park.

“His passion for our community and his advocacy for empowerment is an embodiment of the WFHNG values of purpose, participation, pride and partnership,” Esdale Farrell said as she proclaimed August 3, 2019 as “Nathaniel Thomas Day” in the City of Boston.

“I am absolutely honored by this,” Thomas said. His son, Onias, stood by him as he received the award. “It’s a great neighborhood, so why not care about it?”

Thomas shared his special day with Cathy Horn, who was honored with “Cathy Horn Day” in the City.

“Some people take this village a little bit wider and a little bit further,” Esdale Farrell said of the founder of Keep Hyde Park Beautiful. “Her passion is consistently evident. Thank you so much for making our neighborhood beautiful.”

Adams was honored with a City Council resolution for her work in the Boston Housing Authority’s Fairmount housing development and her partnership efforts with WFHNG.

“Sherri has done amazing things in that development and working in the community,” according to Gerri McElmoyle, community service liaison for BPD Area E-18.

Although it was a time to celebrate individual heroes, the day was also about coming together as a unique community.

Kimm stressed that one of the important goals of the organization is for neighbors to engage each other.

“The Department of Justice has proved that neighborhood groups make neighborhoods 60 percent safer,” Kimm said. “Real estate professionals – and I am one of them – talk about the draw of a community that is cohesive and safe as keeping property values high and attracting new, involved residents.”

“I’ve only been in the community for three years as a result of marrying this wonderful woman, and I absolutely love it,” Wyatt Jackson said, adding that he is Marcia Kimm’s husband. “There was a time when Hyde Park was off limits to me. It’s amazing that it’s much more embracing and much more diverse. It’s very, very important.”

Residents enjoyed a potluck of hot dogs, pasta salad, mint and watermelon salad, cornbread and an assortment of chips and drinks as they listened to music, played a neighborhood trivia game and shared memories. At the end of the afternoon, the few who still had energy participated in a Zumba demonstration by Marisol Ortiz, who works at the Hyde Park YMCA and Personalized Fitness.

“This is a great event,” Ortiz said. “We don’t always have a chance to connect with each other because we are so busy. Now we get to put the faces with the names.”

Skyela Heitz and her husband, Patrick, recently moved to Van Brunt St. from Jamaica Plain in order to buy a house.

“Of all the neighborhoods we looked at, we fell in love with Hyde Park, and most importantly, we fell in love with Van Brunt St.,” she said. “Within two days, we had neighbors coming in to welcome us. We knew it was the right move for us.”

“Community involvements is so important,” Barbara Robbins added. “There’s a feeling of belonging here. It’s diverse and very welcoming. I’m very glad to be here today.”

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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** **DOCKET No. SU19P1510EA**  
Suffolk Division

**Estate of: Mary Monica Marchocki**  
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Petitioner: Theresa M Malionek of Boston, MA  
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residents would not be given priority for affordable housing. “It is not beneficial for the existing community,” remarked a Readville community member.

There was one Dedham resident present at the meeting, who asked if this project would provide “any public improvements for the town of Dedham”. Warshaw and Campbell stated that the public benefits/improvements would be only for the Readville/Hyde Park area.

“When it all comes down to it, the important part of these meetings and this project is safety - redoing the sidewalks, traffic mitigation, fire safety, etc,” remarked Campbell. “It’s all about public safety.”

For more information and documents on the proposed 36-40 Sprague Street project, visit <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/36-70-sprague-street>.

## BCYF Neighborhood Block Parties Kick Off

Mark your calendar and bring your friends and family to a fun and free Neighborhood Block Party and learn more about your neighborhood community centers!

Select Thursday nights in August from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the BCYF Neighborhood Block Parties will offer a variety of free activities including music, a cookout, activities, swimming (as indicated below), and resource tables from many City of Boston departments and other agencies with lots of great information to share and giveaways.

This summer’s schedule is as follows:

August 8: BCYF Marshall Community Center, 35 Westville Street, Dorchester

August 15: BCYF Menino Community Center, 125 Broadway Road, Roslindale

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