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Center-South businesses turn to fundraising to pay bills and employees



Kate Layte shelves books at Papercuts before she temporarily closed the shop.

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

When Papercuts JP moved into its new space at 60 South St. during the last week in January, owner and manager Kate Layte talked with The Bulletin about the changes not only in her business but also in the business district where she's been located five years.

And change came again; six weeks later, Papercuts JP was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 14, Layte put a sign on the door stating she would open again when it was safe and set a bin outside with free books people could take home.

Layte then started some-

Consalvo ready to "hit the ground running"

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park resident Rob Consalvo's life has been steeped in public service. He has worked in all three levels of government after graduating from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio with a degree in Political Science.

As he pursues the State Representative seat for the 14th Suffolk District held by his former boss, Rep. Angelo Scaccia, he said his experience over nearly three decades has prepared him to immediately tackle the needs of Hyde Park, Readville, Roslindale and the sliver of West Roxbury the district encompasses.

thing a few other closed Center-South businesses did, she started a GoFundMe page.

It appeared on April 6 as Help Papercuts.

"This isn't easy," Layte wrote in the appeal. "This is scary. But I'm in need of your help. I shut the doors to the beautiful, spacious, light-filled store on March 14 when I realized something terribly contagious was spreading fast."

"I'm unsure how I will continue to be able to meet my financial obligations without my doors being open. The future of Papercuts is in jeopardy and I need your help."

Layte hoped to raise \$60,000; by April 22 she had

Fund Raising

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Candidate Rob Consalvo

"I am very excited to be a candidate," Consalvo said. "I was able to very creatively and very safely get 250 signatures in less than two weeks."

Consalvo

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Rose's Bounty gearing up for heavy traffic on Saturday



Hundreds of clients came on Tuesday, April 28, and both E-5 Boston Police and Rose's Bounty have made preparations on Anawan Avenue to corral expected heavy traffic on Saturday.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Last Tuesday, Rose's Bounty Food Pantry at the Stratford Street Church in West Roxbury hit somewhat of a snag.

According to the Boston Police Department (BPD)

911 call reports, one resident called because a car was blocking their driveway. BPD District E-5 Community Relations Sgt. Scott O'Mara said since the original call, they have volunteered to help direct traffic during the group's Saturday distribution on May 10 from 2 p.m. to 4

p.m.

"It's unfortunately super congested and you can't do much if you have 300 cars in a residential neighborhood," O'Mara said. "Our tentative goal is to provide

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HP still leads city in COVID-19 rate Neighborhood without testing site

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

As the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated over the last month and a half into its surge, the disease is taking on a defined shape in the city as more data is gathered by the state's Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

The information being accumulated is focused on an increased level of COVID-19 testing.

A greater number of test results yields a better understanding of the disease's behavioral patterns regarding its

spread through the population, and enables the Public Health Commission – and the city as a whole – to more effectively contain and control the virus.

One COVID-19 pattern that has been emerging at the national, state, and city level is the high incidence rate of the coronavirus within areas that have large minority communities.

Boston has been no exception to this, as the incidence rate of positive coronavirus cases has been consistently higher (based on statistics taken from the BPHC's COVID-19 Report, posted weekly since the end of March) in Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Mattapan,

and the South End, compared to the rest of the city's neighborhoods.

Of these communities, Hyde Park has maintained the highest incidence rate of positive cases (per 10,000 residents) in each weekly report except for one – for the week ending April 9 – in which the universal testing of more than 700 people in a South End shelter created a spike in that neighborhood's infection rate for that time period.

In the most recent BPHC COVID-19 report – filed for the week ending April 30, Hyde

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Council wants your liquor licenses

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

At the April 29 regular meeting of the Boston City Council, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards called for a hearing to explore the idea that the City of Boston would purchase liquor licenses from local restaurant owners who do not want to open up after the lifting of the stay-at-home order.

“I’m proud to represent what is probably the largest concentration of restaurants (the North End), and the fact is that many of them do not expect to open up again,” Edwards said. “Many restaurants around the city, we’ve heard as high as 40 percent, may not come back. For a lot of them, the only asset they have is a liquor license.”

Edwards said the idea is that if the restaurant can continue operating because of the funds the city purchases the license for, they could.

“We are hoping that together the city could come up with some funds to purchase those liquor licenses, giving some funds back to that business and then allowing them to open up again, but we own the license at that point,” she said. “And it’s a matter of leasing that back to that restaurant.”

Edwards said the purchase of licenses by the city from restaurants that will not open again could serve a dual purpose. First, it would help said small business owners cushion the financial blow of closing forever, settling whatever debts they might have and allowing them to move on free and clear. Second, the city would be able to sell that license, independent of state government.

“So, we’re not necessarily looking to the state always, in terms of who to distribute to and how to distribute,” she said. “It’s a way we can hopefully save a lot of restaurants.”

Boston is the only municipality in the Commonwealth



District 1 City Councilor
Lydia Edwards

of Massachusetts where the number of liquor licenses does not increase automatically with the population. Instead, the Massachusetts Legislature has to vote for any license increases. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh’s request in the fall for 184 new licenses still stands, at least at the time of publication, and the Council has also been working on creating more non-transferable licenses for underserved communities like Mattapan and Roxbury.

Edwards said many business owners have given positive feedback for the proposal, but also some snags. She said many want to get a conversation going, as they could make sure each restaurant’s situation could be addressed, since many do not have the license free and clear.

“Yes, there are a lot of liquor licenses that are mortgaged back, but even then I think there are a lot of conversations we could have with the banks about the relief they could provide, like they did with regular tenants and business tenants,” she said. “The fact is we want a vibrant restaurant industry. We are already asking for additional licenses from the

state, which is pending in a home-rule (petition). This is about saving the restaurant industry in Boston and making sure the City of Boston can own some of the liquor licenses to make sure people can come back swinging.”

At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said he felt it was an interesting proposal, and he’s heard restaurant and bar owners bring it up before.

“But I think what owners are experiencing now due to the pandemic has really brought the issue to the forefront,” he said. “If what we’re hearing is true, close to 30 percent of the businesses not reopening, that will obviously flood the market. It’s a commodity, and it’s something unlike any other license. It’s borrowed on, it’s pledged and it can be seized to satisfy a debt or a lien, and so banks absolutely need a seat at the table. If folks have a license and it’s been pledged or the equity in that license is being used as collateral or being held by a bank and the business bottoms out, then the bank will obviously eat that license and it will start off a whole auction industry.”

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Residents looking to help feed those with disabilities

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

West Roxbury resident Maribel Rueda and her son Esteban recently started a fundraiser, called the AGW (Autistic Genius of the World) Food Drive, to help those with disabilities access food and other resources during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Rueda said her son thought of the idea a few weeks ago, as Esteban himself is autistic and knows that waiting in line can be more stressful for those with disabilities like his, and for those who may be in a wheelchair or have other mobility issues, it can be a nightmare.

“Esteban is extremely emotional and constantly watching the news, and he’s been very informed on the COVID-19 outbreak,” she said. “He said there’s lots of people who are standing in line waiting for food. He asked, ‘what about disabled people, people in wheelchairs, or people who have autism and can’t stand in lines?’”

Rueda said after a bit of research, she found this was a problem across Massachusetts.

“A lot of food banks and even the YMCA; they’re delivering food to the disabled communities, but the problem is that many in the disabled com-

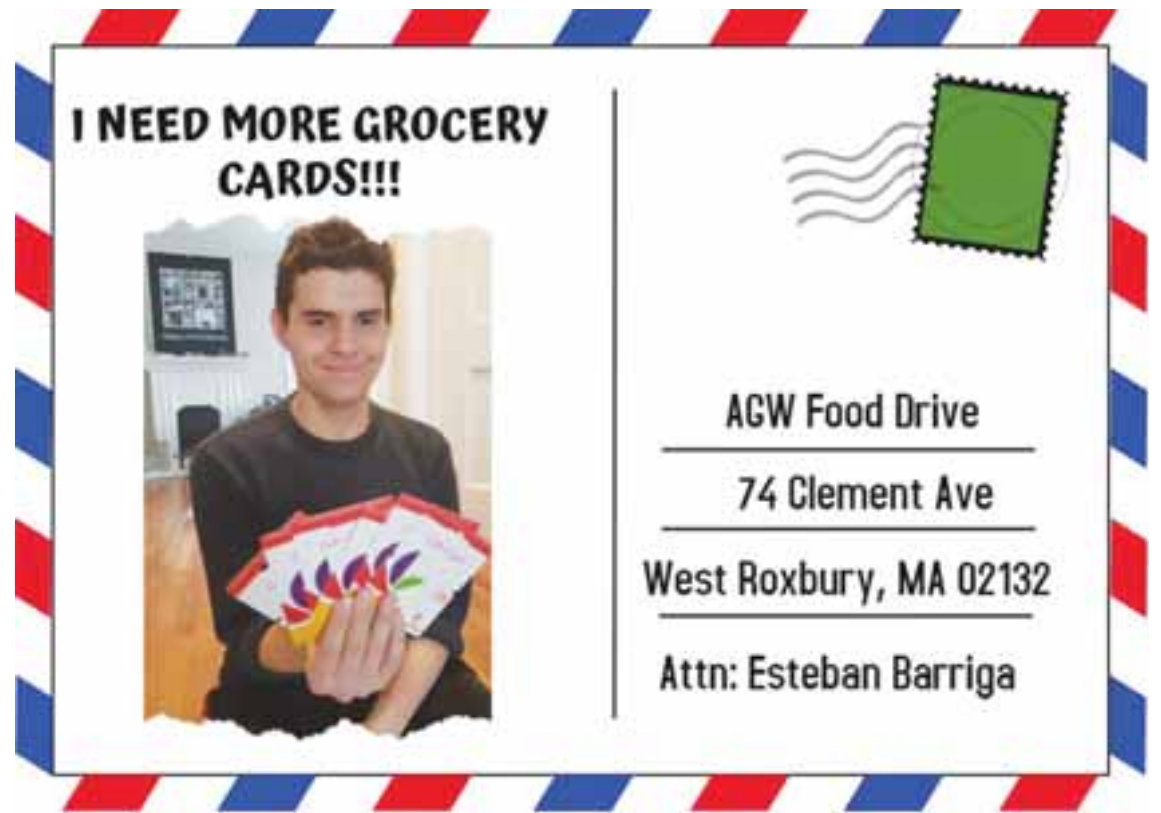
munities have diet restrictions and a food bank, as nice as it is, is not going to be able to provide everything they need for their diets,” she said. “What about parents with autistic children too? Autism is a condition that affects individuals in a social way, and a lot of those with autism can have a problem standing in line with a lot of people because of the sensory overload, and that’s why this came about.”

Esteban said he’s happy to see the community coming together to help those in need that might shy away from the spotlight.

“We are working 100 percent to help people with disabilities, because they’re poor and most of them lost their jobs, but they also have special needs,” he said.

Rueda said that, as of the date of publication, they’ve raised almost \$1,500. What happens is Rueda transfers the donated funds to gift cards that she and Esteban go out to mail to residents in need all over the area.

“This all started with posting something on our Facebook page, and our friends already know we do things like this in the community,” Rueda said. “We started collecting grocery store food cards, and if you can’t go to the grocery store, we



Esteban Rueda is helping those with disabilities get the help they need during this pandemic.

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said we’d accept a \$25 donation so we could go and start buying the cards. Friends just started donating. It started with one or two and just escalated from there.”

Rueda said the response has been amazing.

“Facebook has a COVID-19 Response Center, which is a page where people can offer help or you go to for help, and we put a post in there that we were offering food and from

there we’ve been getting a lot of families texting and call me and the response has been incredible,” she said. “I hate to say it, but but we were right. We’re hearing from many families who tell us much the same story.”

Rueda said they’ve sent out a \$100 card to a single mom in Cambridge with two autistic children, who said she couldn’t work and was on social security, but that wasn’t cutting it and it

wasn’t like she could leave the two kids alone to go work. She said they helped another woman in Fall River who was in a wheelchair and on a special diet and needed fresh produce and wasn’t able to get it.

“We’re here to help, if there’s anybody in need, please reach out to us,” Rueda said.

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John 'Jack' Dempsey appointed Boston Fire Department Commissioner

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the appointment of longtime Boston firefighter John (Jack) Dempsey as Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department. Commissioner Dempsey has served in the interim role of Commissioner since the retirement of former Commissioner Joe Finn last month.



Boston Fire Department
Commissioner
John (Jack) Dempsey

"I am proud to name Firefighter Jack Dempsey as the Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department," said Mayor Walsh. "He has dedicated his life in his professional career and personal capacity to promoting safety and wellness for firefighters, and I look forward to his continued leadership in this critically important department."

Since taking leadership of the Boston Fire Department in March, Commissioner Dempsey has proactively prioritized the health and safety of firefighters during the COVID-19 pandemic by supplying firefighters with personal protective equipment, ensuring the frequent sanitation of firehouses, adjusting staffing levels to ensure social distancing, implementing mandatory training for infectious disease response, and more.

Commissioner Dempsey has been a member of the Boston Fire Department for 35 years, having served in multiple leadership capacities including most recently as Chief of Operations for the department, where he oversaw all division of the Boston Fire Department, including the engine company, fire prevention, ladder company, rescue company, safety and special operations, emergency planning and preparedness, training and personnel. In this role, he was the highest ranking uniformed firefighter in the force.

He also previously served for four years as the Boston Fire Marshal, where he managed the

Fire Prevention Division which is responsible for all fire code and regulation enforcement. In that role, he also oversaw the operation of the fire investigation unit, construction safety unit and all inspections required by Massachusetts General Laws.

"I am proud to be named the Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department, and want to thank Mayor Walsh for the opportunity to serve the residents of Boston in this role," said Commissioner Jack Dempsey. "As a lifelong member of the department, this is a tremendous honor for me, and I look forward to building on the strong foundations set to ensure the safety and well-being of our firefighters and our community."

Commissioner Dempsey has previously served in several other capacities including on the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations for four years, the Automatic Sprinkler Appeals Board for four years, the Walsh-Kennedy Commission on Hot Work, and the Construction Fire Safety Partnership. He is a current member of the Fire Service Advisory Council, and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the National Fire Protection Association's Hot Work Safety Certification Program.

The strangest of Mother's Days

*A mother's love's a blessing,
No matter where you roam,
Keep her while she's living,
You'll miss her when she's gone,
Love her as in childhood,
Though feeble, old and grey,
For you'll never miss a mother's love,
Till she's buried beneath the clay.*



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The essence of Mothers' Day is still the same, but there is so much different about the second Sunday in May in the year 2020.

If you want to pick out a gift for her at a local store, it may not be open. If you haven't picked up a Hallmark card for her, you'll need to wear a mask inside the store, pay through a Plexiglas shield if you're paying cash, and think twice about fingering your change.

If Mom has passed, it will be tough to visit her place of internment and say a Pater Noster for her if she was laid to rest in Forest Hills Cemetery: there is only a two-hour window these days for appropriate mourners and visitors.

If Mom is alive in a nursing home, there'll be no visiting. The best you can do is stand outside the window if she's on the first floor or call or skype or zoom. There'll be

no handholding, hugs, or kisses this year if she's in a long-term care facility.

If she's living in her own home that is not yours, there might be a visit but there should be no hugs or kisses, lest she be put in danger. There will be no taking her to a favorite restaurant whether she lives in a nearby home or at your house. The best you can do is cook it yourself or order takeout.

Don't even think of taking her to stroll around admiring the flowers in the Arnold Arboretum: draconian parking bans have been imposed on all roads around the Harvard- and city-owned botany park, even when it's not Lilac Sunday.

If she wants to stroll around Jamaica Pond or City Point, be prepared for more parking restrictions. If she wants to see the gentle surf at Nantasket, the town of Hull is keeping ALL outsiders away from the state beach there: no parking any-

where.

If she wants to go for ride and stop in a leafy suburb for a mid-afternoon ice-cream, the restrooms will not be open probably.

If you opt for a picnic at a local park, you'll not have to worry so much at the unmasked people (at a distance) as you will about all the unleashed dogs roaming around; just as importantly, be careful where you drop the blanket in your haste to uncork a bottle of wine.

Yes, as the 1968 song by Four Jacks and a Jill constantly repeats—more than a half century ago—"It's a strange, strange world we live in, Master Jack."

Roslindale residents win ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston Scholarships!

With development in the City of Boston at an all-time high, the need for professionals in the architecture, construction, and engineering fields is bigger than ever. ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, the non-profit organization which introduces high school students to the architecture, construction, and engineering industries, is at the helm of helping develop future talent in those industries. On March 11, 2020 the ACE Mentor Program hosted a student showcase event where the scholarship winners were announced and honored.

Dejvi Rrapi and Felix Yanes Garcia, students at John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science, are two of the 30 impressive high school students from a community in and around Boston that received a scholarship this year. With professional guidance by industry mentors who are full-time employees of construction, design and engineering firms, students participate in a five-month design project and construct a hypothetical project in order to learn about each discipline and take part in activities such as the ABX (Architecture Boston Expo) exhibition hall scavenger hunt, site visits, Revit training and trade day.



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Brighton Allston Improvement Association collects goods, food and necessities for both neighborhoods

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BAIA) is trying to help neighbors affected by the hardships of COVID-19 by running an Allston-Brighton food drive.

Last week, the BAIA announced on the group's Facebook page that members are collecting much needed dry and canned food items, as well as personal hygiene items to help members of the community in need. Those donating items can drop them off at the back entrance of the Elks Lodge at 326 Washington St. in Brighton - the drop off bins are outside for safe drop off. (To access the back of the Elks, turn off Winship Street). The BAIA can also pick up donated items left outside one's home or building. If you have items to donate, message the BAIA on Facebook.

The Allston Brighton Food Drive will be collecting items through May 11, but will extend the drive if need be. "Our community is faced with hard times, but together

we can make it better for many. #ABSTRONG," the BAIA posted on Facebook.

Those helping run the drive include Anabela Gomes, Dan Daly, and Abigail Furey of the BAIA, Frank Hughes of D-14's Boston Police Department, Kelly McGrath of the Elks Lodge and Brighton Marine representative Marlene Calisi.

Gomes said the BAIA helped come up with the idea for the neighborhood food drive during the beginning of the pandemic.

"We started supplying much-needed PPE to the Allston Brighton Food Bank in Brighton Center. They had closed down due to not having any. Along with State Rep. Kevin Honan and Rep. Mike Moran, we supplied them with masks, gloves, face shields (custom made by local plumber, Charlie Donner), suits, and hand sanitizer. The food bank and community supper was able to reopen safely," explained Gomes. "We supplied the Kosher Food Pantry, Granada House, Charles River Com-



Residents can drop off their donations here in back of the Elks Lodge, which can be accessed off of Winship Street.

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Budding BU city planners teach HP the value of going green



Residents gathered online to hear how Hyde Park could go more environmentally-friendly in its infrastructure and public offerings.

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Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Boston University's Urban Studies graduate students presented their visions for an environmentally conscious and economically vibrant Hyde Park at a virtual event called, "The Power of Green!: Strategic Proposals for the Hyde Park Community" on Tues., May 5.

However, the Zoom meeting, which was attended by 70 people, was interrupted because it was hijacked. An unknown hacker broke into the meeting and began using obscenities. But nothing could stop these tenacious Terriers from carrying out their plans.

This is not the first time the program has faced an unexpected challenge, according to their professor, Madhu C. Dutta-Koehler, Ph.D., an Associate Professor of Practice and Director of City Planning and Urban Affairs at BU. A Hyde Park resident for the

past two years, she has been recognized as an award-winning architect and planner both in the United States and in her home country of India.

"Hyde Park Main Streets (HPMS) and I were in contact about a year and a half ago to see if we would be willing to conduct economic research on the business district," she said. "We didn't have the money at the time, so the momentum lessened. Then I thought of my Urban Studies capstone class. I thought it would be a great opportunity for the students to give life to Hyde Park and to work on their urban planning skills. The students have been really engaged in the neighborhood, and they have found the people here to be very helpful and knowledgeable."

Another reason Hyde Park was chosen, according to Dutta-Koehler, is because it has a "relatively open feel" while still maintaining an urban character. She and the students have been working with HPMS, KHPB, the SWBCDC and others to get a feel for the community.

The theme of "The Power of Green!" asked students to look at projects from economic and environmental lenses. There are four projects, with one focusing on the Neponset River.

"That was the pun on green," Dutta-Koehler said. "We wanted to challenge students to have these two elements coexist."

Unfortunately, poor timing struck the project again, as COVID-19 hit at a critical juncture for the graduate students.

"The pandemic stuck just before spring break, when the students were about to start their field work," Dutta-Koehler said. "We were in a state on panic, because they needed to collect so much

data. They did a lot on the fly and culled through everything and anything."

Students used old copies of The Hyde Park Bulletin and interviews as well as City records to complete their analyses, she said. They also consulted with experts in the field.

"We want our students to be agents of change," Dutta-Koehler said. "This is a unique neighborhood that needs to be celebrated. Our hope is they will work in the community when they graduate."

One of those students is Dorchester resident Winston Pierre. He has been pursuing a Master's in City Planning with a focus on economic development and sustainable cities. He works as the City's Diversity Programs Outreach Director.

"Education is the road to wealth," he said. "But in Hyde Park, you find one of the highest home ownership rates, but a lower level of education."

Pierre said he found this striking, especially compared to a Federal Reserve Bank of Boston 2015 study that found the median wealth of a white family to be \$247,500, compared to \$8 for a black family. In his study, he said immigrants in Hyde Park come here and "work their tails off" with two or three jobs. He also found a correlation with their civic engagement being low.

One of his goals is to create a job training center, so that people from diverse cultures can learn about meaningful careers in "a place that feels like home." He hopes to partner with local colleges and non-profits through their Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.

One team's project focused on increasing pedes-

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Q) Dear Doctor: I brought my 2013 Ford Escape Titanium to the dealer for a tire rotation. They told me the lug nuts were swollen and he couldn't get the socket around the lug nut. Wanted to charge me lot to change them. Have you ever heard of this? —Gary

A) I see a lot of chrome swollen lug nuts on various vehicle brands. The problem is these are 2 piece lug nuts and are all subject to rust build up between the actual lug nut and chrome cover. We replace lug nuts all the time with one piece chrome after market lug nuts available at most auto parts stores. The average good quality chrome lug nut is only \$3.50 - \$5.00 each and worth the money.

Q) Dear Doctor: I have a 2002 Nissan Sentra with 130,000 miles. The transmission hesitates when shifting from first to second. I took it to the dealer to change the fluid. They did not change the filter. The transmission still has this problem. I did check the fluid, and it is half a quart low. I was thinking of putting in Locus transmission fluid. What are your thoughts? —John

A) Your car is old and has low mileage and the transmission filter on some is internal. There is a shift pressure cable on most of these cars that helps control the shifting. Fluid pressure can also be easily checked. There are many possibilities, see a transmission technician, he will check for any fault codes then check Identifix and Alldata for information.

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

BFD tackles twin two-alarm fires in less than 24 hours

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Fire Department (BFD) successfully and safely took care of two large two-alarm fires in West Roxbury and Brighton respectively last week.

Both fires caused hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage, both to the structures in which they took place and to neighboring buildings. The first call came in at 5:30 p.m. on April 30 for 37 Morrell St. in West Roxbury.

The one-story commercial building, sitting just south of the Boston Elks Lodge off of Spring Street, was covered in smoke on arrival, according to the BFD.

“And the first company started attacking the fire, but with the amount of smoke coming out of it, we struck the second alarm almost immediately for more manpower,” said Public Information Officer Sharon Galloway.

Galloway said that once manpower was no longer an issue, the fire went down in textbook fashion.

“It was a blur, but we were there for about an hour before we got it under control,” she said. “But there were companies who stayed behind to look for hot spots.”

Galloway explained that the

building housed a landscaping company, and the roof had collapsed on a lot of equipment, some of which contained gasoline and oil.

“And there was a paint storage area as well as other large amounts of chemicals, varnish and so forth,” she said.

Galloway said Chief Deputy Paul Buchanan estimated the damage to the building at around \$900,000. There was also water damage to surrounding buildings, but the fire itself did not spread. Galloway said the BFD is currently looking into the cause of the fire. Seven people have been displaced by the fire, and no one was injured.

The next day, a call came in at 8:30 a.m. for heavy fire observed at 39 Snow St. in Brighton, near St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and the old St. Gabriel Monastery. The fire extended to 37 and 41 Snow St., and firefighters on the scene called in a second alarm.

All occupants were safely evacuated from all buildings, but one firefighter was transported to a local medical facility with minor injuries.

Newly-appointed BFD Chief Jack Dempsey estimated the total damage at \$500,000 or more. Seven people were displaced because of the fire. No cause has been identified, but fire scene investigators are looking into said cause.



Above, Boston Firefighters took on a blaze in West Roxbury at a landscaping company address, and then the next morning another two-alarm fire in Brighton, shown below.

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Should My Wife Take Her Social Security at Age 62?

Dear Rusty: I have been advised by my financial planner to start my wife's social security benefits at the age of 62 (she is now 61). I am 65 and still employed, not on Medicare, and not taking social security benefits. My wife's benefits are much less than mine. I hope to wait until age 70 before starting my benefits. My income is currently \$160,000. Do you see this as a wise choice to start my wife's SS benefits at age 62? Signed: Planning Ahead



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Planning: Whether your wife should start her benefits at age 62 depends upon whether her own benefit at age 70 would be more than she is entitled to as your spouse at her full retirement age (FRA). You can get these estimates from Social Security. If her own benefit would eventually be higher than her spousal benefit from you, she can wait to get her own higher benefit at age 70 (as you are). But if her benefit as your spouse will be the highest she can attain, then claiming her own benefit before you claim yours could be a good choice, but there are some things to consider if she does that:

First, if your wife claims at age 62 (or any age before her FRA), that will mean that her eventual spousal benefit when she claims it (when you claim your SS) will be less than 50% of the benefit you are entitled to at your full retirement age. Taking her own benefit earlier than her FRA will mean her spousal benefit from you will be reduced to less than half of your FRA benefit amount, even if that spousal benefit starts after she has reached her FRA.

Second, if your wife is still working, by claiming her own benefit before her FRA she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits the amount of money she can make without SS taking back some of her benefits. For 2020, the annual earnings limit is \$18,240 (changes annually) and SS will take back benefits equal to half of any earnings which exceed that amount. The earnings limit becomes less severe during the year your wife reaches her FRA

and goes away entirely after she reaches her FRA, but if she works while collecting early SS benefits the earnings limit could affect her benefits.

Third, your wife's Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income (assuming you file "married-jointly"). Taxation of your wife's Social Security benefits will be determined based upon your combined income if you file your taxes as a married couple. At your combined earnings level, up to 85% of your wife's SS benefits will become part of your taxable income.

I'm not suggesting you not follow your financial planner's advice; I only want to make sure you're aware of all the factors involved when benefits are claimed early. Sometimes, a wife claiming at age 62 is a prudent choice as your financial planner has suggested. But sometimes understanding the above factors may lead to a different strategy.

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Rose's Bounty *continued from page 1*

Rose's with extra volunteers and we've reached out to Catholic Memorial to get more help to expedite service."

Traffic will also be directed through Anawan Avenue starting at the West Roxbury Parkway side towards the church so that there is no gridlock when approaching the pantry. Rose's Bounty Food Pantry Director Darra Slagle said it's been a breeze working with the BPD.

"We have a lot of support from our neighbors, and we met with the police who said they're going to take care of the traffic challenge," she said. "They've never done a detail at the food pantry before, and so it's always a challenge when you're doing something you're not that familiar with. I think that's why they are saying to us, they'll deal with the traffic, and it's for us to deal with the food, and that was just such a relief."

O'Mara said they're helping Slagle to recruit volunteers to make the food delivery portion of the distribution go as smoothly as possible.

"That's the tentative plan, if we get overloaded we'll have to go to plan b," he said. "We could probably sacrifice one side and get as many cars to live park in line."

O'Mara said they think the pantry will be able to handle things three to five times as fast than on April 28, but added there are too many variables to know for sure.

"It might not go as easy

as that, but we're planning to have at least three officers up there, including myself and (E-5 Captain Darrin) Greeley," he said. "We don't have control over who comes, and Darra doesn't either."

Slagle said they are always in need of volunteers, pandemic or not, and anyone interested in helping out can get in touch at stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org/food-pantry-overview.html and can call 857-203-0404.

"Or they can just show up on Saturday if they want," she said. "There's always work to be done at Rose's Bounty!"

The BPD is taking the issue of congestion at Anawan and the West Roxbury Parkway very seriously. BPD Sgt. Detective John Boyle said the department is well aware that now, despite there being half the number of vehicles on the road, fatal accidents are actually higher this year than they were last year. He said more and more people are relying on food pantries, as work in some fields is becoming increasingly scarce.

"It's tough times right now and a lot of people are swallowing their pride and going to this and other pantries," he said. "If we can help, we'll do the best we can."

Boyle added that he knows Greeley to be a good officer and is confident everything will go smoothly on Saturday.

"I worked for him at homicide and he has this comprehensive traffic plan," he said. "He's also working

with the community and getting volunteers and people within District 5 to help. He's fixing the problem and making it a welcoming area for people to come in a very difficult time."

Slagle said she agreed, and believes if they can get more volunteers things will go very smoothly. She said last week, they were somewhat blindsided, as Tuesdays are generally not as busy as Saturdays.

"We were just out of element in terms of traffic control, and we didn't have enough volunteers to help with it, but the police just told us, 'stay in your lane, you do the food and we'll do the traffic,'" she said. "That was just such a relief because we were caught off guard with the traffic."

Slagle said the community has been very helpful but wanted to add that the need is great. She said in March they distributed about 30,000 pounds of food and April saw that increase to 48,000.

"There's just so much need. But for people to give a shout out or a thanks for doing it, or you're doing a great job, it's just so meaningful to us," she said. "In general, the community has been awesome. This Parkway is just such a great place to live and the neighbors; most of our neighbors have been super, super supportive and have been helping us out by donating or just walking by and saying we're doing a good job."

For a full list of volunteer opportunities, go to stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org/volunteer-opportunities.html



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Fundraising *continued from page 1*



Corina Lopez and her husband John in their consignment store at 484 Centre Street.

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raised \$57,165 from 859 donors in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$250.

“We did it!” Layte exclaimed on the GoFundMe page. “In two short weeks we’ve raised \$57 thousand dollars. I’m calling it a win because we’ve raised an additional \$5,000 in T-shirt sales.”

“With these funds I’ll be able to pay my vendors, utilities, rent, insurance and more.”

Layte planned a grand opening of her new Papercuts JP store on Independent Booksellers Day, April 25; that national event for indie book dealers was postponed until August 29.

RoseJP Consignment created a GoFundMe page in a more modest but equally successful way on April 11.

Founded by Corina Lopez in March 2018 as a pop-up consignment shop at 51 Heath St., she called it “the first Latino-owned consignment store in Boston with shelves of clothing apparel shoes and hand bags.”

On Nov. 6, 2019, Lopez opened a new shop in a more prominent location at 484 Centre St. near Streetcar Wine and Spirits but was forced to close a few months later on March 23.

The goal of RoseJP Consignment was to raise \$500 in order to qualify for a matching grant of \$500 from the Small Business Relief fund.

In two months she raised \$725 from 27 donors ranging from \$10 to \$100.

“We reached our goal,” Lopez announced on the page. “We are waiting to receive verification and the grant. Once we do we will allocate \$300 for reusable masks made by women in our community and distribute them to healthcare workers.”

As of April 29, the Small Business Relief Fund has distributed 83 percent of its \$7 million allocation to 500 businesses.

Suze Birdsell of Jeanie Johnston Pub on South Street is doing it a different way.

Birdsell started a Jeanie Johnston Bartender Relief Fund.

Birdsell asked on their Facebook page that because “Jeanie Johnston is a staple of the JP and Greater Boston community, it’s time for all of us who regularly spend money at the Jeanie... to give the total amount you would regularly spend at the Jeanie on a weekly basis.”

This money will be distributed directly to the bar staff.”

Tres Gatos at 470 Centre St. set up a Health Insurance Fund through GoFundMe by Catherine Rosseel on March 26. “One hundred percent will go to the staff for health insurance,” Rosseel said on the page.

As of the end of April, 120 donors raised \$9,539 towards a goal of \$10,000.

Rosseel told The Bulletin on April 28 how successful Tres Gatos has been.

“We’ve paid out about \$7,000 to staff who were unable to collect unemployment and in great financial need,” she said in a message. “The remaining will be put toward employee health insurance payments for the month of April.” “Since we’ve essentially reached our goal, we will most likely conclude the campaign by the end of this week,” Rosseel said. “We’ll be sending out thank-you’s like gift cards on 20 percent of their donation to the campaign.”

This is all music to the ears of Ginger Brown, executive director of JP Center South Main Streets.

“JP Center South Main Streets will be launching our own crowd funding campaign to support workers and employees in Jamaica Plain who may find themselves ineligible for other forms of financial assistance. This fund is made possible by a seed grant from the Grenier family in Jamaica Plain, and we will release information soon.”

Mayor Walsh talked about opening up businesses in a digital meeting appearance at the April 28 JP neighborhood council. The day before, Governor Baker announced an extension of all essential businesses another three weeks until May 18. Walsh agreed with

that and said he wanted Boston to be “in the clear.”

“When the all clear starts, there will be some phases in the openings,” the mayor said.

He said he would like to get more florists open for Mothers Day and Memorial Day.

“It will be hard for people to go back to restaurants,” Walsh said. “Restaurants will need to follow some protocols. But we want to give them advance notice. They haven’t ordered produce or meats, cold drinks for weeks. We want them to be prepared on what to order... I don’t want to lose the gains we’ve made... A lot of businesses were on the edge before and now are in serious trouble. We’ll be talking about that in June, July and August.”

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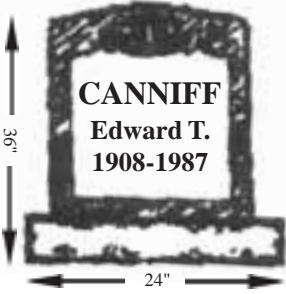
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ADAMS

Joseph F. Age 101, Retired Boston Firefighter, (Ladder 30, Roxbury) of Dedham, formerly of Jamaica Plain passed away on April 27, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Mary R. (Gallagher) Adams. Devoted father of Joseph Adams of Dedham, Mary Reardon of FL, and Ann Adams Walsh of Roslindale. Loving grandfather of 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. World War II, Army Veteran.

Due to the pandemic, a private family funeral service will be held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Monday, May 4th. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Joseph's memory to the Last Call Foundation (Focused on Firefighter Safety), 138 Oak St. Braintree, MA 02184, lastcallfoundation.org. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home.

BAKAS

Damon S. of West Roxbury. Born on March 21, 1936 in Mission Hill to the late Steve and Athena Bakas, he passed away on April 23, 2020 due to COVID-19. Devoted husband to his beloved Irene Bakas for 54 years. Loving father to Tina Russo and her husband Chris of Hull, and Donna and Janet Bakas both of West Roxbury. Treasured "Papou" to Mitchell and Ava Russo. Cherished uncle to his nieces and nephews of Honorable Judge Theodore Bakas, George Bakas and Keliher families.

Proud of his Greek heritage, he served as a longtime member and past president of Athens Chapter #24 of the AHEPA and passionate volunteer for the Cathedral's annual festival. Damon was a union member of Teamsters Local #25 for over 40 years, retiring to work part-time at BJ's in Dedham for 17 years, making many close friends. Damon will be remembered for his immense love for and pride in his family, fierce loyalty to the Red Sox, incredible humor, cooking talent and KIND heart and soul. He enriched the life of his family, friends and strangers with his boundless love and compassion. We are humbled by and thankful to the tremendous care provided by Dr. John Lewis and his team of nurses and doctors at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital.

Due to the pandemic, a private family visitation will be held at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins Funeral Home, followed by a private graveside service at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 162 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445. There will be a memorial service held at a later date.

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BRENNAN

Walter F. Of West Roxbury, on April 26, 2020. Beloved husband of Theresa (Eide) Brennan. Dear brother of Robert Brennan, Helen Tracy, Katherine "Kay" Glennon and the late Al and Mary Brennan. Uncle of John Serson and his wife Christine and the late Stephen and David Serson. Veteran WWII U.S.M.C., retired Patrolman Boston Police, late usher St. Theresa Church. Funeral Services will be private. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in the coming months when restrictions on large gatherings have been lifted. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

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Mary "Gretta" (Mahon) Formerly of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully at Southwood at Norwell Nursing Center on April 24, 2020. Gretta emigrated from County Meath, Ireland and became a proud U.S. citizen. A retired employee from the New England Telephone Company. She was predeceased by her beloved husband John F. Carey and cherished grandson Kyle Mitchell. Loving mother of John J. Carey and his wife Donna of Braintree, Anne M. Mitchell and her husband John of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Cherished grandmother of Ryan, Lanse, and Colin Mitchell, Johnny and Anthony Carey. Great-grandmother of Landen Mitchell. Sister of the late Sr. M. D. LaSalette "Kitty," Joseph, Rory, Andrew, and John Mahon of Ireland. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Private interment at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in memory of Gretta, to a charity

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CONROY

Bernardine A. "Bunny" (Hughes) Of Hyde Park, MA, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2020. She was 87 years old. Bunny, as she was known, was raised in the Savin Hill part of Dorchester. She was the loving daughter of the late Bernard and Emily Hughes and sister of the late Richard Hughes and Robert Condry.

She was the loving mother of William H. Conroy, IV and his wife Amanda. Loving Nana to 2nd Lt. William H. Conroy, V, U.S.M.C, Jack and Christopher. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. As a child, she attended St. William's School and received a 4-year scholarship to Mount St. Joseph's high school, then went on to Boston State, where she received both a B.A. and M.A. in Education. Upon graduating, she got in her friend's Volkswagen and drove to San Diego, CA via Rte. 66. She taught first grade for 2 years until her Dad fell ill and she returned home to be by his side.

She then became a 1st grade teacher in Weymouth for 10 years before transition to the Ellis Mendell School in Roxbury, where she would teach 1st grade for 25 years. She then proceeded to teach gym at the Murphy School until her retirement in 1992. She was totally dedicated to her students, bringing them clothes and coats when at a time kids had nothing but the clothes on their backs. She was an avid sports fan and loved hockey and baseball. She was an outstanding short stop back in the days and played for the famed Girls Softball Team in Savin Hill.

She would meet and marry William H. Conroy, III, of Dedham, a former pitcher for the Boston Braves. She would support him throughout his turbulent career from ballpark to ballpark. She would become pregnant with their only child, William H. Conroy, IV. She would soon divorce and so the journey of her and son Billy would begin. She was a no-nonsense, hard working single mom who saw things as they were. A fierce competitor to which she engrained in her son. She was the former Treasurer of Hyde Park Youth Hockey for many years. She was an avid golfer of the Woman's Golf League at George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park for many years. Supporter of CM, the Cardigan Mountain School, New Hampton School, Winchendon School and Norwich University. She was a constant presence in her later years at St. Anne's parish in Readville, where she would fight the battles of the church hierarchy with Sister Anne.

Her real love, though, was her son William and her grandkids William, Jack and Christopher. There wasn't a hockey, baseball or Lacrosse game that she wouldn't be at. She

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spoke her mind freely at all the games and played no favorites. She once played net during a game of shinny hockey at Smith Field. She truly loved all the hoopla associated with the games. She was a 50/50 winner at the Kelliher Cup a few year ago. She was a huge supporter of whoever was on our team. Our friends became her friends and she would adamantly protect them at all costs. She will miss the Gang! She really loved you all. Due to Covid-19, the family Services will be private. Later, when this passes, we will hold a Celebration Mass to which she deserves and would want you all to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in mom's memory to: Hyde Park Youth Hockey, P.O. Box 365897, Hyde Park, MA 02136, www.HydeParkYouthHockey.com Click Donations. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home . 617-323-5600

CUMMINGS

James J. Sr. (BPD Ret.) Of West Roxbury and Thornton, NH, formerly of Roxbury, died Sunday, April 26, 2020. Beloved husband of Catherine Jane (McLeod). Loving father of James J., Jr. and his wife Aindrea of Fall River, C. Jacqueline Champy and her husband Brian of North Woodstock, NH, and Christopher and his wife Francis of East Weymouth. Proud grandfather of Meghan, Matthew, James, III, Austin, Logan, and Isabella and great-grandfather of Aubrey and Wesley. Brother of the late Lawrence Cummings and Mary Picariello. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Jim was born and raised in Roxbury. Son of the late Leo P. and Bridget (Kelly) Cummings. Graduate of Boston College High School Class of 1948. US Army Korean War Veteran. Retired Boston Police Officer Area A. Member of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, Boston Police Emerald Society, Life member of Boston Lodge of Elks #10 and the VFW. Private Funeral Service Friday, May 1st at the Gormley Funeral Home, followed by Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date. For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

CUMMINGS

John of West Roxbury, April 23, 2020. Loving brother of the late Robert Cummings. Beloved son of the late Mary (Shine) Cummings. Cousin of Jim Curley of Dedham. Funeral services will be private. For online guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com. Funeral arrangements by P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

DEBAN

Rose M. (Mudarri) Of Brighton and West Roxbury, May 1, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at age 104. Dear and devoted wife of the late Fred F. Deban. Loving mother of M. Joan Laham of Boston and her late husband Richard, Priscilla A. Deban of West Roxbury, Gerald

E. Deban and his wife Maria Chase of Hyde Park, Anthony F. Deban and his wife Diane of West Roxbury, and the late Fares G. Deban, II. Cherished grandma of Richard F. Laham and his wife Dr. Lorraine, Donna Laham and her husband Mitchell Blocker, Bruce Laham and his wife Chrissy, Mark Laham and his wife Claudia, Michael Deban and his wife Christine, Dr. Stephen Deban, Jonathan Chase-Deban, Allison Miller and her husband Tom, Dr. Courtney Deban and Anthony Deban, Jr. Great-grandmother of Raymond Deban, Eliana Laham, Ava Laham and Ian Laham. Dear sister of the late Aghnie Mudarri and Kamel Mudarri. Also survived by many adored nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be private. Contributions in Rose's memory may be made to the 21st Century Endowment Fund of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury, MA 02132 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Guestbook available at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

FREEMAN

Theresa E. (Morrill) of West Roxbury formerly of Roslindale and Hyde Park passed away peacefully at home on April 28, 2020. Be-

loved wife of the late Michael "Fran" Freeman. Devoted mother of Veronica "Ronnie" Hannon and her husband Ed of West Roxbury, and the late Michael F. Freeman and his surviving wife Ginger of Weymouth. Loving nana of Jenn Hannon and her husband Haeyoung Lim of Newton, Michael Hannon and his wife Charlotte of Natick, Stephen Hannon of West Roxbury, and Michelle Gouthro and her husband Tom of Cohasset. Loving "old nana" of Jaeden, Mirae, Tommy, Keegan, and Ryan. Dear sister of Claire Dalia of Hyde Park, and the late Alice Alfrey, George Morrill, Catherine Bonfilio. Also survived by many adoring nieces and nephews. Longtime employee of the City of Boston School Department.

Due to the pandemic, a private family visitation will be held at P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. A private family burial service will follow at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. A public memorial mass will be held at St. Pius X Church, Hyde Park, will take place at a future date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Theresa's memory to Old Colony Hospice 321 Manley St. West Bridgewater, MA 02379. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

GATSOULIS

Aristoula Samaras Gatsoulis, 90, affectionately as Yaya and Areti, formerly of Hyde Park, passed on April 24th. Predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years, Athanasios "Thanasi" Gatsoulis in 2016. Areti was born and raised in the Western Macedonia region of Greece and resided in Thessaloniki for many years. She emigrated from Athens to Montreal and then to the Boston area in the 1960's and was employed as a seamstress. She is remembered for her incredible hospitality to the many she helped with open heart, her devotion to friends and family and her willingness to help out those that came into her life. She is survived by her daughter Irene Gatsoulis of Boston, by her son Peter Gatsoulis and his wife Kjerste Soderberg of Boston and her grandchildren Athan Gatsoulis and Ava Athena Gatsoulis and her brother Ted Samaras and his family of Montreal. Funeral arrangements by Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home in W. Roxbury and interred at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park on April 28th.

GATES

Beverly Age 78 yrs old of Hyde Park, MA passed away on May 1st, 2020 after a lengthy illness. Daughter of Agnes and Robert Phillips (deceased). Sister of James, Robert, Freddy, Alma and Rita (Deceased). Survived by Josephine Mullen of Stoughton, MA. Survived by Children Renee Ryan, Dawn

Gates and Nadine Gates (deceased). Also survived by her loving grandchildren Jillian, Melissa, Nelson, Anthony, Kevin, Sabrina and David (deceased) and 14 great-grandchildren and many Nieces and Nephews. Loving companion of James A. Irr of West Roxbury (deceased).

KANE

Philip J. Of West Roxbury, formerly of Norwood, and Brighton, originally of Mission Hill, passed away on April 26, 2020. Beloved son of the late John and Anne (Griffin) Kane. Devoted brother of Mary Merner and her late husband Cornelius of West Roxbury, Thomas Kane and his late wife Katherine of Roslindale, Robert Kane and his wife Mary of West Roxbury, Barbara Murphy and her husband John of Roslindale, Anne T. Barry and her late husband John of Dedham, and the late John Kane and his late wife Lucille, Michael Kane and his late wife Cathy, and Martin Kane. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

U.S. Marine Korea War Veteran. Retired Facilities Manager for the Archdiocese of Boston.

A private family funeral service will be held at P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Friday, May 1st. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

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In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Philip's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

McBRINE

Claire R. (Lindsay) Of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2020 at the age of 90, due complications from Covid-19. Claire was predeceased by her husband of 62 years Richard (Red) McBrine and they were the loving and devoted parents of Nancy M. Sheehan and her husband Mark (deceased) of Plymouth and Jeanne Strickland and her husband Jack of West Roxbury. They resided in Brookline for 42 years before returning to Claire's childhood home in West Roxbury. For the past eight years, Claire was an active resident at Sophia Snow House in West Roxbury.

Claire was a graduate of Roslindale High School and went on to work at John Hancock Life Insurance Company in Boston. While raising her daughters, she worked as a secretary at various part time jobs and was a volunteer at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. Growing up, Claire's life centered on the West Roxbury United Methodist Church where she and her family were active members and she sang in the choir. Continuing through her adult life, Claire remained very involved in the church and along with other women of her generation, organized the JOY Group. In her later years, she reflected often on the happy memories and close friendships she formed during their half century of monthly gatherings at one another's homes. Claire had an outgoing personality, an exceptional sense of humor and was a friend to all. She was especially close with her older sister, Marian, who passed away in 1988. Most importantly, she triumphed in her role as mother and best friend to her daughters. She instilled strong morals, always encouraged them, was their confidante and took great pride in the women they became as a result of her nurturing and inspiration.

Claire cherished her four grandsons: Gary (Kristina) Sheehan of West Barnstable, Michael (Stephanie) Sheehan of Wilmington, NC, Kevin (Katie) Sheehan of Reno, NV and Bryan (fiancé Devon) Strickland of Charlestown, in addition to her one and only, much-loved grand-

daughter, Kelly Strickland of Dorchester. She was the treasured great-grandmother of five and was looking forward to the births of two more great-grandchildren in July. She leaves behind her two devoted nieces Jody Dirienzo of Franklin and Diane Martin of Medfield and their families, as well as many other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her loving parents Charles and Emma (Patterson) Lindsay.

Due to current restrictions, a Celebration of Claire's Life will be announced at a later date. Burial will be private. Donations in Claire's memory can be made to Sophia Snow House, Inc., 1215 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Claire's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Lawrence Starr and Brian Pacheco LPN, as well as caregivers and staff at Sophia Snow House for their compassion, care and support over the years. Most especially, during the past three weeks as everyone coordinated their efforts in an attempt to triumph over this devastating virus which, sadly, took Claire's life. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

MURRAY

Agnes J. (Maloney) Of West Roxbury, April 30, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Joseph H. Murray. Loving mother of Kevin J. Murray and his wife Blanche of Waimanalo, HI, Michael F. Murray of West Roxbury, and Mary M. Keele and her husband Stephen of Carlisle. Devoted grandmother of Joseph F., Julia K., Adam E., Joshua M., Matthew J., Rhandi, Ryan J., and the late Brian C. Loving great-grandmother of Haidyn and Joseph F. Funeral Services and interment will be private. A Mass of Christian Burial at The Holy Name Church will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to The Poor Clare Monastery, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

O'CONNOR

Eleanor W. (Wallwork), age 88, of Dedham, passed peacefully on April 23, 2020, born and raised in Newton Centre and was a long-time resident of West Roxbury, Chestnut Hill, and Newton.

Eleanor was the beloved wife

of the late Dr. Arthur J. O'Connor of Roslindale; daughter of the late Thomas F. and Margaret J. (MacInnes) Wallwork and is survived by her children, Mary O. Cramer and her husband Jack of Needham, Arthur T. O'Connor of New York, NY, Stephen J. O'Connor and his wife Deng of Suisun City, CA, and Thomas W. O'Connor and his wife Lisa of Leominster; a brother Edwin N. Wallwork and his wife Janice of Waltham, eight beloved grandchildren, Elisabeth, Alexander, Thomas, Tyla, Eleanor, James, Dome, and Oosaney, one great grandchild John (Jack), and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings Genevieve Steffens, Margaret Sherman, Thomas, James A. and Robert F. Wallwork.

Eleanor was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Newton Centre and the Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing in Jamaica Plain. She spent her early years as a Registered Nurse at Faulkner Hospital and would later devote her time to raising a family, while also assisting with her husband's medical practice throughout greater Boston. Eleanor was a woman of great faith and a long-time parishioner of St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill. She was involved in numerous activities at St. Ignatius and was particularly devoted to the daily Rosary group. She also volunteered extensively for school activities as she raised her family. Eleanor had an incredible knack for and interest in Interior Home Decorating and was always eager to offer her expertise. She enjoyed many years on Cape Cod in West Harwich. Her family and extended family meant the world to her. Eleanor was best known for her kindness, compassion, and generosity toward everyone she met. She had an innate ability of being so mindful for the concerns of others.

On Friday, May 1st there will be a funeral procession commencing at approximately 10:30AM from the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury to St. Joseph's Cemetery, 990 LaGrange St. West Roxbury for a Roman Catholic graveside service at 11:00AM.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the 'Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal' and the 'Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston'.

SULLIVAN

Dorothy Rona Passed away peacefully at the Cape Cod Hospital on April 24, 2020. She was the daughter of the Honorable Lewis R. Sullivan and Dorothy H. Sullivan. She was born in 1940 in Boston. She attended the Patrick F. Lyndon School in West Roxbury, Girls Latin School, BA Boston University and MA University of Massachusetts Boston. She was a retired State employee and had worked at the Division of Employment Security as an Economist. She enjoyed painting watercolors and had exhibited her paintings at the Creative Arts Center in Chatham and in Marblehead, MA. She enjoyed traveling with relatives to Ireland, Europe, Poland, California, Florida and Chatham, MA. For many years, Dorothy was a Doric Docent Tour Guide at The Massachusetts State House. Donations can be made in her name to The Girls' Latin School - Boston Latin Academy Alumni Association, 205 Townsend St., Dorchester, Boston, MA 02121. Visiting Hours private at the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, MA and Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery, Hopkinton, MA. A gathering of her life, showing of her painting and Memorial Mass will be held during the summer in Chatham, MA. lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

THOMAS

Michael J. Of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully May 2, 2020 at the age of 84. Beloved husband of 59 years to the late Antonette "Nan" (Bochichio). Devoted father of Michelle Worth of Roslindale, Michael J., Jr. of Roslindale, Marlene Sellitto of Medway and Mitchell of West Roxbury. Loving "Papa" of seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Devoted son of the late John and Lillian (Sarofine) Thomas. Dear brother of Lorraine Byda of Dover and Maureen Valentino of West Roxbury. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Late Navy Veteran Korean War and founder of the first sight-seeing trolley tour company in Boston. The family would like to thank the staff at the Medway Country Manor for the exceptional care and respect they provided to Michael during this difficult time. Funeral services are private at this time, but a Memo-

rial Mass will be celebrated at the Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Church, Jamaica Plain in the coming months when restrictions on large gatherings has been lifted. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Michael may be made to Dementia Society of America www.dementiasociety.org/donate For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

WILLIAMSON

Helen E. (Crowley) Of Buzzards Bay and Venice FL formerly of Roslindale, April 29, 2020. Age 83. Daughter of the late Patrick and Mary (Lynch) Crowley originally from County Cork and County Kerry Ireland. Beloved wife of the late John A. Williamson. Devoted sister to Mary Kilroy, Frances Cunningham, James Crowley and Claire Wilde. Loving mother of Diane Butler and her husband Joseph of Norwood, John Williamson and his wife Barbara of West Roxbury, Kenneth Williamson and his wife Lorraine of Mansfield, James Williamson and his wife Elizabeth of Roslindale and the late Eric Williamson. Beloved grandmother to 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Helen attended Saint Andrew's School in the Forest Hills section of Jamaica Plain, Cardinal Cushing Senior High School in South Boston, and graduated Laboure College achieving her degree and Registered Nurse (RN) certificate. Helen was a proud nurse for many years working last at the Visiting Nurses of Boston. She was also an innkeeper at her family's Buttermilk Bay Inn in Buzzards Bay. However, what Helen enjoyed most was spending time with her family by taking her grandchildren to the Nail Factory, looking for crabs at the beach in Buttermilk Bay in Buzzards Bay. She also enjoyed spending winters in Venice Florida with her sisters Mary and Franny nearby. Helen had a passion for reading and was very proud of her Irish heritage. A private family funeral service will be held for Helen. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. For online pemmurrayfuneral.com, pemmurrayfuneral.com. Funeral arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

Obituary Policy

The Bulletin Newspapers and The Boston People's Voice publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@bulletinnewspapers.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. *This must be said for nine consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail.*

—S.G.H.

Novena to St. Clare

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

—S.G.H.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. *Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.*

—S.G.H.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—S.G.H.

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Although he has been active in politics his entire adult life, Consalvo never has referred to himself as a politician.

"I have always considered myself as a public servant," he explained. "Public service is the most important profession you can have. I am dedicated to every corner of the district."

He added that he had already called 1,000 people, and planned to be on the phone for six hours that day.

"Because of COVID-19, I have had to change my campaign strategy," he said. "I don't think I'll ever be able to go out and shake hands again. I'll just have to change to elbow bumps."

"But more importantly, in these phone calls, I want to see how people are doing and wish them well," Consalvo continued. "I am hearing from neighbors about what they want to see in the district."

In the post-COVID-19 world, Consalvo said, he has learned one thing from the residents he has polled – experience counts. He believes that is a factor that will vault him over any challenger.

"I really strongly believe that I can get the job done beginning on Day One," he said. "I have a proven track record where I have made a difference on all levels of government. In this race, I bring a wealth of experience as well as passion."

Consalvo began his career working for U. S. Senator Edward M. "Ted" Kennedy, first as an intern and later as a staff assistant and press assistant in both the Washington, DC and Boston offices. He then served as a Legislative Aide to Scaccia in the 1990s.

In 2002, Consalvo won a

special election to become the District 5 City Councilor, where he represented Hyde Park, Readville, Mattapan and Roslindale until 2013. He then became Deputy Director of the City's Boston Home Center, where he was instrumental in helping seniors keep their homes and prevent foreclosures.

From 2014 to 2017, Consalvo has worked for the Boston Public Schools as a Senior Adviser to the Superintendent. From 2017 to the present, he has served as the Chief of Staff in the Office of the BPS Superintendent, where he oversees School Committee relations and intergovernmental relations, among other roles. In his private life, he coaches little league baseball and basketball.

Consalvo said he feels his strengths are his political acumen and his life-long knowledge of the district. He has authored legislation and chaired the City Council's Ways and Means Committee, which oversees the budget.

"I can work with a very close level of familiarity with officials across sections of government and across communities," he said. "I can hit the ground running. I know every street, block by block."

Consalvo promises to be widely accessible to the public. He plans to have a district office, as he did when he was a councilor. He also will have social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook and an emailed newsletter.

"What makes the 14th Suffolk District special is its diversity, and we should celebrate that diversity," he said. "I wanted to get into this race,

even though I love my current job, because I saw an opportunity to make this district work for all of its residents."

He added that, as a Boston City Councilor, District 5 was a super-majority district of color, and has become even more so. In his other jobs, Consalvo has worked to improve access to opportunities for seniors and people with disabilities for housing opportunities as well as improve the educational advancement of Boston's public school students.

"I really understand the breadth and depth of the issues facing the district," Consalvo said. "I have lived in Hyde Park all my life. All three of my children attend the Boston Public Schools. I don't just talk the talk. I walk the walk."

One of his major goals is to create a master plan for development, similar to South Boston and East Boston.

"People are building out here because they have discovered what we already know," he said. "There are some wonderful and beautiful places in our district."

Similarly, Consalvo wants to work with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to create a master plan to protect Hyde Park's open space.

Other key issues Consalvo will address in the coming weeks include housing; resources for seniors; education; transportation; economic opportunities; and the opioid crisis.

"I intend to be a problem-solver," he said. "I will have a laser-like focus on the issues."

dent Helen Lee.

"The work these students put forward is not only in depth but it's profound," said co-instructor and program alumnus Matt Smith.

The students will make their proposals publicly available, according to Dutta-Koehler.

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trian access. It would involve making Hyde Park Ave. one-lane on each side, which is being considered by the City. In addition, student Angela Serville recommended putting meters there to discourage on-street parking.

"We see this as a missed opportunity for a more movable central business district," she said, noting the money could be used for storefront improvements.

The team also recommended making Fairmount Ave a pedestrian walkway. They talked about having festival days with food trucks and events that would encourage shopping.

Another project focused on River Street. Students sought to plant trees on the street and in people's yards to increase the tree canopy and reduce heat in this high-traffic area. Redesigning the crosswalks with curb

extensions at the intersections of Reddy Ave., Huntington Ave., Metropolitan Ave., and West St. would improve safety and slow speeds while adding aesthetic improvements, according to stu-

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO RELOCATE A BRANCH OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that Citizens Bank, National Association, One Citizens Plaza, Providence, RI 02903, has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on May 7, 2020, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to relocate the branch at 1377 Hyde Park Avenue Hyde Park, MA 02136 to 1025 Truman Parkway Hyde Park, MA 02136. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Director for Large Bank Licensing, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, Mail Stop 10E-2, Washington, DC 20219 within 30 days after the date of this publication.

Hyde Park Bulletin: 05/07/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. SU20P0466EA

Estate of: Gladys C. Morrison Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300 Date of Death: 07/15/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Susan E. Morrison of Brighton, MA

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

The Petitioner requests that:

Susan E. Morrison of Brighton, MA

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/21/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 09, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 05/07/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. SU20P0577EA

Estate of: Judith A. Keady Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300 Date of Death: 05/16/2012

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A- Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by:

Cheryl A. Daly of Wakefield, MA and Michael R. Keady of Brighton, MA

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

The Petitioner requests that:

Cheryl A. Daly of Wakefield, MA and Michael R. Keady of Brighton, MA

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

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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 06/04/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: April 29, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 05/07/2020

Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court Department SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20C0070CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Girolamo Goffredo A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Girolamo Goffredo of West Roxbury, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Angelo Patrick Goffredo

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Date: April 30, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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community Health, local restaurants and dropped some for the YMCA locations. Representative Honan has also purchased a case of masks to give to local residents." This is when the BAIA and other community members realized the dire need for food and personal hygiene products in the neighborhood.

"We partnered up with the Elks and Brighton Marine for a safe drop off location and storage, and the District 14 Boston Police Department is helping with pickup and storage," Gomes remarked.

The BAIA plans to donate the items to the four YMCA food distribution sites in Allston Brighton, the Westend House, AB Food Pantry, and the Kosher Food Bank.

"Hopefully, we will have enough to give to the ABCD food bank and the one on Harvard Ave," stated Gomes.

Items that are currently in high demand at food pantries

include canned beans, canned tomatoes, dry goods, peanut butter, or past. They are also requesting items like tooth brushes, deodorant and other personal hygiene items.

"There is a need for fresh lettuce and bread too but that would have to be purchased," Gomes explained.

The drive has just started, but Gomes has already seen a lot of donations from the community. "Warrior Rink donated all the food items they had for sale, which is a great start!" She stated.

The BAIA is a "community group dedicated to the betterment of the Brighton/Allston neighborhood. The goal is to obtain a greater degree of control for the residents of Brighton and Allston in the improvement and development of the community."

For more information, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BAIAonline/>.



Dozens of residents are helping to get more food to Allston Brighton residents with the BAIA's food drive.

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As of Apr. 30, there have been a total of 9,590 confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus) cases in Boston since the start of the pandemic. It was reported that 410 city residents have

died as of Friday, according to Boston's Public Health Commission. In Brighton/Allston, 1,807 residents have tested for the virus, 29.7 percent of which are positive cases.

For up to date information regarding COVID-19, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring> or <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

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Park again led the city in its COVID-19 infection rate, with 231.7 reported cases per 10,000 residents, and its total number of reported cases at 793.

East Boston ranked second, with 206.9 per 10,000 residents, and 971 total cases.

Despite this, Hyde Park is one of only two of the city's high infection rate neighborhoods currently without a testing facility. The nearest ones to it are the Greater Roslindale Medical and Dental Center (4199 Washington St.) and the Mattapan Community Health Center (1575 Blue Hill Ave.), with the latter offering tests to neighborhood residents only.

While Hyde Park did have a testing site, it was a temporary mobile unit provided by Brigham Health that set up from April 16 through April 25 (it was closed for two days due to weather) before moving to the Tobin Center in Mission Hill (1481 Tremont St.).

During the mobile unit's

eight days of active operation, 1748 symptomatic Hyde Park residents were tested, a total more than three times higher than the 50 patients per day that had originally been anticipated; the BPHC – as of its most recent COVID-19 website update on April 29 – counts 2,515 Hyde Park residents as having been tested for the virus.

The weekly COVID-19 data taking into account the majority of those eight days shows a skyrocketing testing rate for Hyde Park, while the BPHC's neighborhood data for the following week – the one after the mobile testing unit had left – notes the neighborhood as having one of the largest percentage decreases in positive cases from the prior week.

Throughout this pandemic, the Walsh Administration has been working closely with health partners to make COVID-19 testing easily accessible for residents of each city neighborhood. In these efforts,

it has been largely successful as it has expanded – and continues to expand – the number of testing sites throughout the city's neighborhoods by providing community health centers with funding, technical assistance, and other support.

This has been the case in nearly all of Boston's high incidence neighborhoods.

On City Hall's current list of 16 community testing sites, there are six in Dorchester, one in East Boston (which provides two testing sites), one in Mattapan, and one – a newly established testing site opened by Tufts Medical Center at the Josiah Quincy School (885 Washington St.) – located in Chinatown, but convenient to the South End.

Hyde Park – which, if it was a town, would currently place third in the Commonwealth behind Chelsea and Brockton on the Department of Public Health's COVID-19 incidence rate list (using the statistics from its April 29 list of confirmed cases by city/town and the number from the BPHC's

April 30 COVID-19 report) – is again without a free local testing site, as it has been for the vast majority of this public health crisis.

Mayor Walsh – during his COVID-19 press conference on Monday – commented on the progress of the City's expanding testing efforts. Mentioning the anticipated addition of community testing facilities that would bring the total to 19 by week's end, he noted the significant increase in testing from two weeks ago, when there were eight sites.

After giving his update, Walsh was asked about the situation in Hyde Park and brought up Health and Human Services Chief Marty Martinez – who is directly overseeing the ongoing testing expansion effort – to give details about any new site for the neighborhood.

Martinez spoke first of the departed mobile unit, and of the high percentage of positive COVID-19 test results that it had registered during its 10 days in Hyde Park.

He also spoke favorably of the dramatic increase in the number of people tested there – compared to other neighborhoods – because of the mobile unit's work, while adding that the City has been working with community health centers in the vicinity to “bring up a specific Hyde Park site.”

Martinez commented further on what is being done:

“In all of the neighborhoods, our goal has been to make sure that community health centers in every neighborhood can be lifted up and can be testing folks, and that's also our plan in Hyde Park. So we're working through it as we speak right now.”

When Martinez was asked about a specific timeline for a new Hyde Park site, Walsh returned to the podium and spoke in broad terms, as he had done earlier when first commenting on testing. “Our timeline is for the whole city – to get it out [universal COVID-19 testing for all residents],” the Mayor said. “But as quickly as possible.”

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