

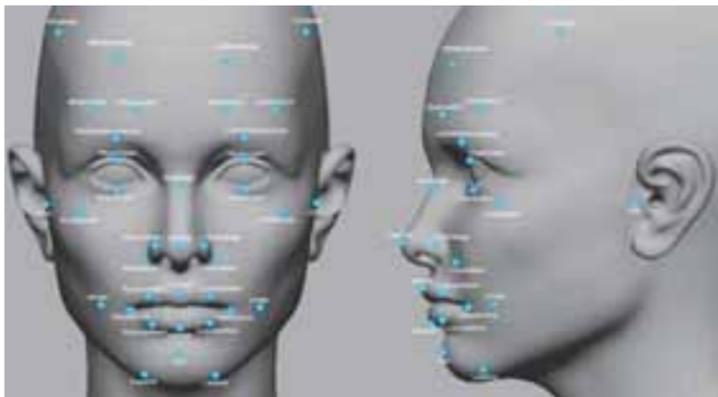
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Council discusses facial recognition ban



The City Council is looking to ban the use of facial recognition software by local law enforcement.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met virtually on May 6 and called for a hearing to institute an ordinance banning the use of facial recognition technology within the city limits.

District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu sponsored the hearing, stating that the unreliable aspect of the technology – especially when it comes to false positives for minority residents – is the most pressing reason for the ban.

“When we know that this particular type of technology is not only a potential risk for civil liberties and basic rights, but also has been documented to be racially biased, particularly against Asian and African-American faces, where we know there is a much higher rate of positive matches for people of color,” Wu said. “This is a technology that Boston is not using. Our police leadership has said they will not use it, until they feel that there is better accuracy for it,

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HPNA discusses range of topics at first Zoom meeting

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

More than 20 people attended the first Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) meeting on Zoom, which was held on Thursday, May 7 to update the community on a number of issues.

President Jim Kirker announced that the HPNA is considering going to court over the ongoing 11 Dana Ave. 24-unit development issue. Whether or not the association proceeds depends on the results of an appeal on the issue by an abutter, Ralph Rosati, filed at the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA).

“There were some issues where they (the construction team) started doing work without permits,” Kirker said, recapping the recent developments. “They were shut down.”

While Kirker was on a three-week ski vacation in Japan, he said, “the ISD decided to use that

time to issue the erect permits. But then the COVID-19 stuff hit and the Mayor shut down everything.”

When the crew was found doing some work, members called an inspector.

“The inspector had given them permission to do the work they had been doing,” Kirker continued, “which is basically covering up the rebar, filling in the ditches and that sort of thing, supposedly to protect the house next door from falling into the hole. One of the problems I had with that is that none of that would have been necessary if they hadn’t have been doing stuff they shouldn’t have been doing in the first place.”

Kirker said that he was in touch with “a lawyer and a non-lawyer who are very eager to help us out.”

“The developer has every right to build, even if it is under

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Residents gather to clean up West Roxbury Library



West Roxbury residents gathered on Saturday to help clean up the library on Centre Street. The spring cleaning was held by both the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library and the West Roxbury Evening Garden Club.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Getting fresh air these days is a premium, and even if it means picking up garbage, many residents in West Roxbury at least jumped at the opportunity recently and helped to make the neighborhood a brighter place.

Friends of the West

Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library member and member of the West Roxbury Evening Garden Club Barbara Van Dyke said a few dozen residents came out over the weekend and picked up 28 bags of yard waste and multiple bundles of branches on the, library branch, grounds.

“Because all kinds of branches came down during

the recent storms we’ve had,” she said. “We worked hard from about 9 a.m. to 12 p.m... Prior to that we’ve done some work on the Reading Garden, which we always kind of take care of – we don’t normally clean up the whole grounds – but that’s not our job.”

Van Dyke said the

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Harvard offering Allston Brighton non-profits \$5K Grants

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Harvard University announced recently that it has started a one-time grant program for local Allston and Brighton non-profit companies for emergency funds of up to \$5,000.

The so-called Harvard University Allston-Brighton Emergency Response Grant is said to be aimed at quick mobilization of community resources to help alleviate the problems

caused by the recent COVID-19 outbreak and the current lock down procedures have had on Boston residents.

The one-time payment is designed to help community groups that serve the Allston and Brighton neighborhoods, and applications will be available until Friday, May 21. According to Harvard, the grants will only be awarded to 501(c)(3) companies or those companies that work with a fiscal agent who can provide a recent 990 report.

“This new program will give much-needed support to groups and organizations that are responding to the needs of the Allston-Brighton community,” said Harvard President Larry Bacow. “We are grateful for our strong partnership with Mayor Walsh and the city of Boston, and we are eager to assist people on the front lines who are caring for their fellow citizens as we all continue to confront the challenges posed

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The **Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA")**, by its Chief Procurement Officer ("CPO"), requests the qualifications of an experienced, qualified, and professional architect/engineer design team (hereinafter, the "Designer") to produce the design and provide construction administration services for the China Trade Center Basement Waterproofing Project (hereinafter the "Design Services"), in conformance with M.G.L. c. 7C, §§ 44 – 58, as may be amended. The BPDA is seeking Design Services from a Designer with prior experience in basement waterproofing and structural concrete slab design and includes minor plumbing and electrical modifications. The anticipated duration of the Design Services is from July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021. There shall be a fee negotiation between the top ranked finalist and the BPDA to set a mutually agreed upon design fee. The BPDA may require the top ranked finalist with whom a fee is being negotiated to submit a fee proposal and include with it such information as the BPDA requires to provide current cost and pricing data on the basis of which the designer's fee proposal may be evaluated. For previous studies done, please refer to the RFQ.

RFQ Availability: Available starting at **9:00 A.M. on May 13, 2020** through download from the BPDA's website: <http://www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement> Click on the link China Trade Center Basement Waterproofing Project. The RFQ will also be available from the Office of the Secretary, Boston Planning & Development Agency, One City Hall Square, Room 910, Boston, MA 02201-1007.

Pre-Submission Respondent Conference: All interested designers are invited to attend a virtual pre-submission conference on May 15, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-submission conference is optional. Please email the BPDA Procurement office at CPO@boston.gov and include Peter Sun at peter.s.sun@boston.gov to participate in the pre-submission conference. Further notice regarding the virtual pre-submission conference will be emailed to all plan holders at a later date.

Submission Deadline: All responses to this RFQ must be returned no later than 12:00 P.M. (noon) on May 29, 2020, to: Teresa Polhemus, Secretary, Boston Planning & Development Agency, One City Hall Square, Room 910, Boston, MA 02201-1007. Absolutely no responses will be accepted after the due date and time. Contract Award: After evaluating and ranking the finalists in order of qualifications and documenting the rationale for rankings, a contract will be awarded to the top-ranked finalist. The BPDA reserves the right to reject any or all responses and to waive any minor informalities. The award of the resulting contract is subject to approval by the BPDA Board and is contingent on the availability of funds.

Brian Connolly, Director of Finance/Chief Procurement Officer

Get your family photo for the Home for Little Wanderers



Families in Boston and beyond have signed up to help local charities and get a nice family photo in the process.

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Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

Norwood resident Veronica Monterosso is the Senior Graphic and Web Designer at the Home for Little Wanderers, a local charity for young children.

Recently, many residents from all of over the country have been participating in a front porch or front steps program, for which participants put on their Sunday best and go out to their front steps or front porch to get their picture taken.

Monterosso read about the program and, as a freelance photographer herself, thought it might be a good idea to go out and brighten the lives of folks with family photos, help the Home with some extra donations, and give her a reason to get out of the house once in a while during the pandemic.

"I thought it was just a great way to connect photographers and their communities," she said. "I recently heard about the Front Steps Project through social media and discovered it was started by two local photographers in Needham."

And these two photographers created a program now trending across the globe, as more than \$1 million has been raised from the idea. Recipients of the funds include animal shelters, local hospitals, the United Way, front line workers, local businesses and more. The primary organizers of the group include Cara Soulia, Caitrin Dunphy, Topher Cox and Kristen Collins, who said they just wanted to help raise funds

for their local communities during the pandemic. They said they never expected the project to have such an impact. To check out the original project, go to thefrontstepsproject.com.

Monterosso said she chose the Home as her designated fundraising location not only because she works there, but because she believes in the work they do.

"I want our communities to know that their donations really makes a difference. The Home's programs and services continue to operate during the pandemic and are providing the critical services our youth and families need during this crisis," she said. "The Home is going above and beyond as the need for our services has become even more apparent and new needs are emerging every day related to the crisis. As we have always done throughout our 220-year history, we are responding and adapting to the current climate to ensure our children and families receive the uninterrupted care they depend on."

The Home serves young children from birth to age 22, and then even sometimes beyond. It was started in 1799, known then as the Boston Children's Services. Later, it morphed into an orphanage, the New England Home for Little Wanderers, after the Civil War and became part of the Orphan Train movement. While its services may have evolved over the years, the mission is still very much dedicated to helping children in need. The

LANA reviews wetlands, Centre Walter intersection

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) met virtually on Monday, May 11, and discussed two major issues facing residents.

Member Kathy McCabe said they are working with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to set up a meeting for the next phase of the planning process for the redesign of the Centre Street and Walter Street intersection near Sophia Snow House and the Arnold Arboretum.

McCabe said there is promising news on the planning side, but the public process has hit a snag.

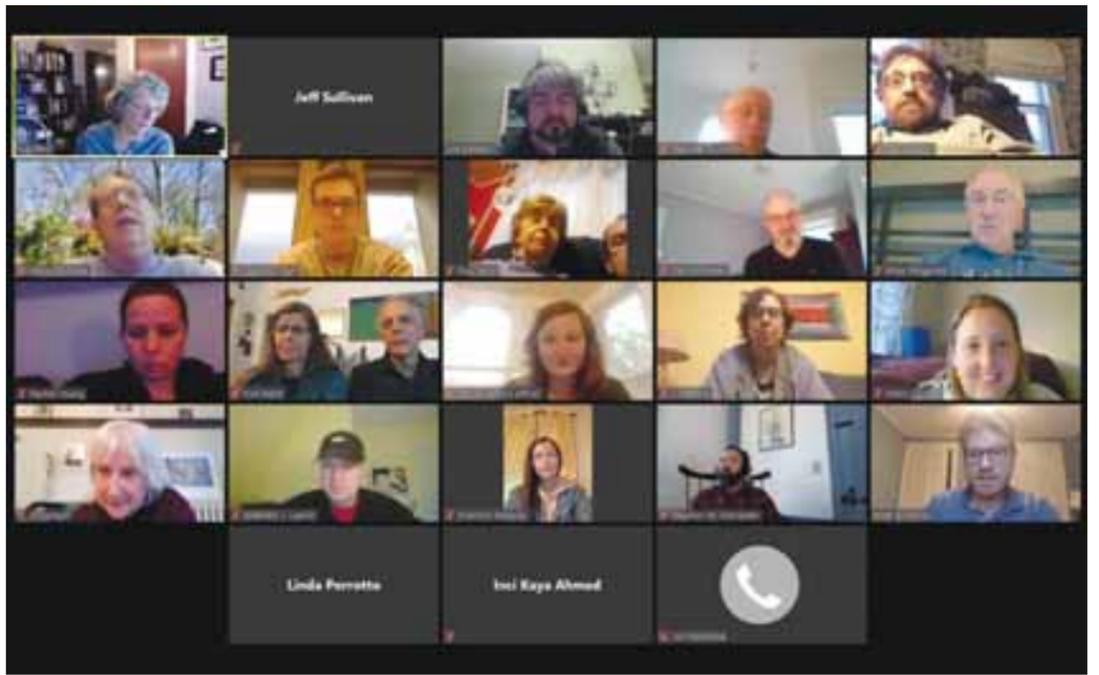
“I communicated with (Deputy Chief Engineer) Jeff Parenti at DCR, and he said they currently have eight projects on hold that all need public meetings,” she said, referring to the hold on public gatherings because of the COVID-19 outbreak. “He said they were ready to do a public meeting a month ago, and have done another iteration of the plans, but today he was saying he thought the project would have the most difficulty with

a virtual meeting because they’re worried about Sophia Snow.”

The Sophia Snow Place has a stake in the intersection redesign because it sits directly across from it, and residents have complained for years that entry into the nursing home’s parking area could be unsafe. McCabe said she’s been speaking with the Jamaica Hills Neighborhood Association, which sits on the Jamaica Plain border near the intersection, and said they are receptive to a virtual meeting, and she said she will follow up with residents and staff at Sophia Snow to see what could be done to include residents from the home.

“But I think we’re going to need a push from our elected officials to make that happen,” she said.

The major issues for the intersection, at least historically, have been severe traffic jams, unsafe crossing conditions for pedestrians, no sidewalks, and cyclist safety issues. A 2015 DCR report stated that between 2009 and 2013, there were 39 reported crashes, with a crash rate of .47 per million vehicles entering the intersection, which was much higher than counts at nearby intersec-



The Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association met on Monday and talked wetland protection.

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tions.

The intersection was originally supposed to be considered for improvements in 2006, but nothing ever came of it. Alternatives for the intersection included a rotary, a basic three-way intersection with a traffic signal and another with a traffic signal and a lane on Walter for right turn-only traffic. Residents and officials have been leaning towards the last mentioned alternative at recent meetings.

McCabe also discussed the issue of the Roslindale Wetlands, which was recently one of the driving forces behind Boston Mayor Marty Walsh’s recent Wetlands Protection Ordinance. The group has had issues with developers trying to build on or near the Roslindale Wetlands, located near Knoll Street and Hazelmere Road. Specifically, residents have been fighting a developer for decades at 108 Walter St., and have so far successfully been

able to preserve the wetlands at that address.

McCabe said a working group of the Roslindale Wetlands Task Force has been meeting in small groups to draft recommendations for keeping 108 Walter St. and other parcels as protected wetlands, as 108 Walter and several other small parcels are still privately-owned. She said the end goal is to get the city to

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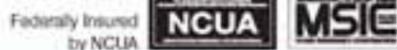
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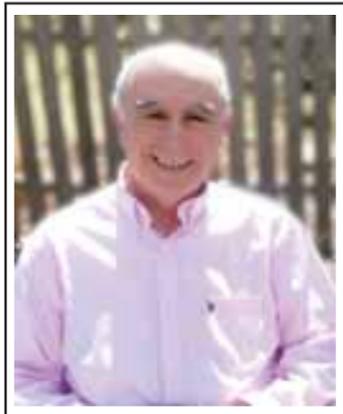
Doctors without . . . school loans

If this coronavirus has any silver lining, it is in the hope that we now appreciate nurses and doctors, among others, even more so—not just the risk factor but their grueling, on-their-feet 12-hour shifts. While one can become a full-fledged nurse by matriculating at a four-year institution - and with all the debt that such an education can incur - doctors are in a much more difficult financial position early in their careers because of all the time after graduating from college that they must spend in medical school and, if they specialize, in training after that.

A few years ago a wonderful philanthropist gave to New York University a huge amount of money such that all attendees in its medical school would incur no tuition charges. Anyone thinking of a medical career devoid of hefty tuition fees is no doubt thinking of plunking down an application to NYU.

This sets a wonderful precedent. Perhaps other medical schools with huge endowments should follow suit. Locally, it behooves Harvard, Tufts, and Boston University - as well as UMass Medical School in Worcester, some 50 miles away - to consider doing the same. Unless the institution has a huge endowment - Harvard comes quickly to mind - the idea of making medical school free will add significantly to those institutions' expenses.

It's regrettable to think that in this day and age some very talented college graduates might be tempted to eschew medical school because of the huge costs disguised as loans. Even in normal times, that is, before the COVID-19 laid claim to the American nation, scheduling a meeting



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Joe Galeota

with a doctor even here in Boston was not without problems: there just are not that many physicians of any specialty who were available for non-emergency appointments on short notice in our hospital-abundant city. The simple fact is that all of America needs more doctors.

There are a number of professions these days who members regularly pull in \$150,000 with minimal, if any overtime. These workers do not have huge college debts to pay off. Wouldn't it be nice if the federal government resolved to pay the medical school tuition of all our future doctors, so that they wouldn't have to wait until years into their practice that they have finally paid off all their prohibitively high college loans? This is not to lower the bar for acceptance into medical school but to encourage our best to consider joining this life-saving occupation. Good doctors are worth every penny, and every time one retires or dies in the prime of her/his career, the loss is terrible to existing, as well as future, patients because it takes so long to train and ultimately replace that doctor.

Mayor Walsh announces City of Boston to suspend large events in the City through Labor Day

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently in accordance with public health guidance around the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic announced that parades and festivals will not take place in the City of Boston this summer, up to and including Labor Day on September 7, 2020.

"While we're planning a healthy reopening and an equitable recovery process, I know this announcement will be disappointing to many residents and organizations that look forward to these events each year," said Mayor Walsh. "This is a

hard public health decision, but it's the right one. I encourage people to rethink their events, and thank them for their work to inspire us, and help our communities get through this difficult time."

The City of Boston has made the decision to continue to suspend events that bring crowds together in close contact, like a road race, concert, or flag raising. No event should be planned that would involve more than 10 people gathering or that could draw a crowd of any size.

The City of Boston encourages organizers to host events

through virtual means, such as the 24th Annual 2020 Mother's Day Walk for Peace, which has transitioned into a virtual walk-a-thon. The Boston Symphony Orchestra will not be holding a live performance of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on July 4. Instead it will present, on television and online, A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes, in honor of front-line workers and all those who have lost their lives to the health crisis. City of Boston events that will move to a virtual option include the Donna Summer Disco and Gospelfest.

Jamaica Plain Main Streets Relief Fund applications open May 11

JP Centre/South Main Streets has partnered with Egleston Square Main Street and Three Squares Main Street to launch and administer the Jamaica Plain Main Streets Relief Fund. The Relief Fund will distribute \$500 cash grants to residents and/or employees in Jamaica Plain who are otherwise unable or ineligible to receive financial assistance from other sources during the Coronavirus/COVID-19 shutdown. A GoFundMe campaign is currently underway to raise the funds for the grants. The limited application period started on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 12 noon, and close on Friday, May 15 at 12 noon.

We would like to place people of color, all genders, people without papers, people formerly incarcerated, and those facing housing instability at the front of the line for support. These are people who might find themselves locked out from other means of public assistance. The total number of grants will depend on the success of the

campaign. Representatives from each of the Main Streets organizations will help select the recipients. Recipients are also encouraged to take advantage of the Family Prosperity Financial Coaching program through the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, where they will learn of other sources of financial assistance and benefits.

The CARES Act has made possible a unique charitable tax deduction for 2020. For the 90% of US taxpayers who claim the standard deduction on their taxes, the Federal government is allowing a \$300 "above-the-line" charitable deduction in an effort to stimulate giving to charities in the time of COVID-19. We ask that community members donate their \$300 to this campaign through JP Centre/South Main Streets - a registered 501(c)3 organization.

The fund was initiated by a seed grant of \$5000 from the Grenier Family of Jamaica Plain. This crowdfunding campaign

will hopefully match and exceed their generous donation. We wish to thank the Grenier Family for their initiative. The crowdfunding campaign is ongoing on GoFundMe.

GoFundMe Campaign here: <https://charity.gofundme.com/en/campaign/jamaica-plain-main-streets-relief-fund>

English Application here: <https://forms.gle/eKjvTtqKibRs7zV8>

Spanish Application here: <https://forms.gle/h89ipw12ccgQg3Um9>

JP Centre/South Main Streets is a volunteer-driven, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that seeks to guide the growth of Jamaica Plain's Centre and South Streets' business district through the active collaboration of residents, business owners, and others committed to a community-led initiative. In partnership with Boston Main Streets, we provide a direct conduit to the City of Boston and can provide technical assistance to help new businesses succeed.

Letters to the Editor

KILMER KIDS LOVE AND MISS EVERYONE

To the Editor:

We are the Kilmer K-8 students and we want to let you know how much we appreciate our teachers at the upper and lower campuses. These teachers work very hard to provide us with special and engaging work as students and as a community. Due to the COVID-19 situation and being out of school for so long, our students from K to 8 miss all of our teachers. It is very hard for us students that are moving on next year. We will miss say-

ing bye to our friends, principal, assistant principal, support and climate staff, paras and our wonderful teachers face to face!

The students at both campuses are very grateful to have these hard-working people in their life, motivating us to be our better selves working as a community, and exploring more of our roots and giving us the core values of Empathy, Responsibility & Respect!

To our K - 5th Grade Teachers and Paras and Support Staff: We miss your hugs and getting to see you every day on the rug or circle. We like zooming with you but it's not the same as see-

ing you every day in our class!!!!

To our 6 - 8th Grade Teachers and Paras and Support: We miss every single one of you guys especially to our five main academic teachers - Ms. von der Luft - ELA, Mr. Mook - Math, Mr. Cleves - Science, Mr. Turicos - Social Studies and Mrs. Gallagher - ELA & Math Teacher.

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Mayor Walsh goes virtual at the JP Neighborhood Council Meeting

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Mayor Walsh is the first mayor to pay a call on the JP Neighborhood Council since it was formed in 1986; and he did it via Zoom.

Walsh was scheduled for an in-person appearance on March 24 and when that was cancelled, he asked to come to the April meeting.

Neighborhood Council chair Kevin Rainsford made history himself opening the first electronic meeting of the Council on April 28 by welcoming everyone including Councilors O'Malley and Essaibi-George, Natalie Kaufman from Rep Malia's office, Lindsey Santana of the mayors office and Alicia Payne from Councilor Flaherty's office.

After thanking the many people in his administration for, among other things, distributing 500,000 meals to families and seniors and 30,000 Chromebooks to stay-at-home students, Walsh laid out the facts.

"So far we've had 8,300 coronavirus cases in the City of Boston," he said, "and 330 deaths. In five days we set up a hospital at the Convention

Center that has housed 270 homeless men and women.

"We're seeing 32 percent to 36 percent of homeless men tested positive for the virus, but 50 percent of the women. Pine Street and St. Francis House have been amazing," Walsh said, "in their work with the homeless."

The mayor said that Emerson College is opening up one of its dorms on Friday [May 1] for homeless youths enrolled in Bridge over Troubled Waters.

"We have \$29 million in the Resiliency Fund," Walsh said, "and a part of that is going to a big food program for the homeless."

More than \$16 million has been allocated to support food distribution, health care services and remote learning tools.

He said homeowners and renters now have protection from the legislature [a moratorium on all stages of evictions and foreclosures was signed by Governor Baker on April 20].

Walsh gave Baker "a lot of credit" for signing the moratorium.

"We've worked with 10 different banks," Walsh said.



Mayor Walsh and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley virtually talk with the JP Neighborhood Council on April 28

"Santander, Citizens, Eastern; all the big ones and they've created programs for homeowners with a three month deferred payment. No penalties or interest.

"The Governor just said the state will be opening May 18," Walsh said. "It will be a phased approach. Different companies will open at dif-

ferent times. We want to re-open society for different populations. Over 60 years old are at the highest risk. Those who return to work will be probably be at a younger age.

"I'd rather move more slowly to avoid a resurgence in July and August," he said. Walsh added that he started

a program where restaurants can sell groceries and uncooked food. "Fourteen businesses have signed up. Curbside and delivery," he said. "I don't want Amazon to have the whole market."

The mayor also took time to explain his workday.

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Budget hearings cover DPW, BTD

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met virtually on May 7 to hear from local officials at the Public Works Department (DPW) and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD).

The hearing is part of the council's yearly duties to approve the annual budget, which is its one major function of oversight of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's administration. Chief of Streets Chris Osgood said the entire combined operating budget for both departments is at \$170 million (\$129 million for DPW, and \$41 million for BTB), with an additional \$80 million for capital improvements for a total of \$250 million.

The big projects for the capital budget side include \$5.5 million for resurfacing sidewalks on Blue Hill Avenue starting at Mattapan Square and \$14.3 million for dedicated bus lanes throughout the city, in conjunction with the MBTA.

The main hunk of the capital budget goes to 16 projects throughout the city, which include a Cummins Highway redesign, a redesign of Commonwealth Avenue near Harvard Avenue in Allston, and others throughout the city. Osgood said these projects were conceived because of what the city has designated the High Crash Network, or basically areas and corridors of the city that see the highest number of crashes.

"That's 7 percent of Boston's streets where you have the high-

est number of crashes, whether it's pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles. This has really guided our major corridor work," he said.

Another big improvement is the installation of bike lanes on Cambridge Street from Harvard Street (Regina's Pizza) all the way to Soldier's Field Road (the Charles River). Construction is scheduled for later this year.

While Osgood said they are hoping to get on with construction, he admitted it has been definitely slow to start because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are obviously having a little bit of a delay here in the city," he said. "Our typical construction moratorium in the city ends on April 15. The moratorium basically runs from Nov. 15 to April 15 to make sure the work that is done in the city is done in a way that will last long; the concrete will cure well, etc. We're having a little bit of a delayed start. Right now we're projecting that the construction will restart in the city on May 18. Any work that's happening in the city, whether it's our work or private or utility construction, has to follow COVID-19 safety plans."

Osgood said those plans are designed to make sure workers, their families and the communities in which they work are kept safe.

"There's a lot of onsite preparation," he said. "Then there may be some potential supply chain impacts, particularly as we look at our bridge projects, which are our most complicated projects."

Osgood added the market impacts of the epidemic, which aren't looking great to say the least, could have an impact on construction schedules.

BTD Commissioner Greg Rooney said despite the COVID-19 outbreak, the department is ready to move forward with its plans to increase safety, accessibility and traffic flow throughout the city, while still helping to ease the strain of the outbreak on residents as much as possible.

"I cannot say enough about the incredible efforts of the women and men at BTB who have worked through unprecedented circumstances," he said. "Collectively, we have worked tirelessly to help medical professionals with transportation parking as they care for our fellow Bostonians, assisted with food access and food banks as they scale up operations to meet the surging demand to serve those in need, aided with the set up of drive-thru testing facilities throughout the city, supported restaurants struggling to conduct business by implementing over 65-minute delivery pick up

zone and this number continues to increase."

Rooney said the goals for the next budget year include "making significant progress" on the 10 dedicated bus lanes in the design pipeline now, 25 new Blue Bikes stations (including a station in Hyde Park for the first time), continue the Neighborhood Slow Streets program with the start of construction on 10 existing approved projects, the Blue Hill Avenue Community Planning Process early action items due for the fall of 2020, the construction of 40 additional speed feedback signs, and the concept design completion for Columbus Avenue for the fall of 2020. He added they will continue the design and community outreach for street redesigns, like Centre Street in West Roxbury, Boylston Street and Harrison Avenue.

Rooney added construction on better bike lane corridors is expected to be completed on Cambridge Street in Allston, Beacon Street in Fenway, Mass Ave. in Roxbury/Dorchester, Dudley Square Phase 1 in Roxbury, Harrison Avenue in Chinatown and South Bay Harbor Trail in South Boston.

Osgood said the increase from last year's DPW operational budget, Fiscal Year 2020, to FY 21, will be an increase of \$600,000, with increases to the overall staff budget of \$400,000 (\$100.3 million to \$100.4 million), a \$300,000 increase for snow removal (\$24.8 million to \$25.1 million) and a decrease of \$100,000 for central fleet maintenance (\$3.1 million to \$3 million). For snow removal, Osgood said despite it being a relatively light winter in terms of snowfall, he said several nights of mixed precipitation required the department to send out its salt and sand trucks, necessitating more funds. He added he doesn't see that going away.

Osgood said the main component of the \$100 million operating budget consists of trash and recycling removal, known as the Waste Reduction Division at \$55.1 million.

"This is the division that handles all of the collection disposal and processing of trash, yard waste, recycling and composting for every single resident of the City of Boston," he said.

The next biggest part of the DPW budget is street lighting, which is seeing a \$900,000 decrease in funding request for the next budget cycle, down from \$11.6 million in FY 20 to \$10.7 million in FY 21. Osgood said that reduction is due to energy savings from efficiency investments made in previous years.



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Allston Civic not sitting on laurels

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) might have been a bit quiet during this most recent pandemic in the City of Boston, but President Tony D’Isidoro said the group has been working hard to be ready for when public meetings and development start up again in the neighborhood.

D’Isidoro said while the City Council and certain other Boards have been meeting regularly, the development process seems at a stand still. He said he sees other cities and towns in Massachusetts handling the process virtually, but for Boston, that can present a problem.

“Our big focus at the ACA is licensing and development, but those things are basically put to bed for a certain time,” D’Isidoro said.

D’Isidoro said he at least is thinking about pre and post COVID-19 development issues.

“To me, the community review process has evolved,” he said. “We started out with the basics; density and open space, parking etc., but then climate resiliency, energy efficiency and other climate change-re-

lated issues cropped up and you had that filter put on the community review process. Now projects are being reviewed for what kind of air system are you going to use, are you going to use solar? Will there be electric recharging stations and other things like that.”

He said he wouldn’t be surprised if there is an additional public health filter put on that side of development.

“We’re probably going to be looking at how much sunshine we’re allowing in, air circulation too,” he said. “Do we have a system that does a good job of picking up allergens and particulates in the air and things like that. It’s funny, because kitchens today have a lot of non-porous materials because they’re easier to clean and prevent germs and bacteria, but what they’re finding out now is that this COVID-19 tends to do better on non-porous surfaces. That might change things.”

D’Isidoro said he’s also thinking exterior design could be impacted too. He said if development continues in the city as it’s been going to some extent, then big projects could see more set back and wider sidewalks to accommodate more social distancing. Apartment and condo unit sizes could be

seeing increases. More proposals for open space and passive recreation could be in the pipeline.

“Now, especially now, everybody’s aware of the importance of public open space,” he said. “In Allston, we’re so dense, we need to encourage more public open space and this is something we’ve been fighting for in the past and something we’ll fight for even more now. Everybody says we need to have more open space and we also need to really look at this traffic congestion and air pollution, because people come with respiratory situations and they’re the prime candidates for viruses like COVID-19.”

He pointed out that in Boston, the lack of cars on the road has made the air about 30 percent cleaner, and that’s something the group has fought for in the past. He pointed to the I-90 Beacon Park Yards project, which originally the state wanted to use to layup trains.

“We don’t want these diesel trains parked and going back and forth,” he said.

D’Isidoro also said that this could precipitate a big change in how public comment is collected and used by city officials

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“Every morning at 8 a.m. I have call with all the departments [in city hall] to see where we are in the city,” he said. “At 10 am there’s a standing call with the city council.”

“I do a press conference on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.”

Neighborhood council member Max Glickman works at MassHousing that provides financing for affordable housing. He asked about how the construction moratorium was affecting the affordable housing schedule.

“I’m a housing guy,” the mayor said. “Housing is the cornerstone of my administration. I’m going to work on a streamline waiver for [affordable housing] construction. I know it’s hard for (Community Development Corporations). The shutdown, it’s hurting affordable housing. Tax credit deadlines. The city is setting up a process to help extend those deadlines.”

“Last week we talked about rules and regulations-safety regulations of construction sites. Portable johns. Hot water. Inspectional services will be on all the job sites next week. We want to start up construction sites.”

On May 5 Walsh announced that large housing activity could resume on May 26. This would mean, for example, that construction on Westminster House, supportive housing for women and their families at Egleston Square, could restart.

Walsh said he submitted a \$3.65 billion budget on April 6, and he foresees problems.

“It’s a very bad year for the state,” he said, referring to state aid. “Income and sales taxes have big losses. This is as bad if not worse than 2008.”

“Seventy-one percent of the city’s budget comes from property taxes,” Walsh said. “There will be budget issues and a hiring freeze but no layoffs.”

Walsh did not see any difference in capital projects with new libraries, parks or housing.

“The Columbus Avenue busway, that’s a state project but we have a lot to do with it,” he said. “That’s going to start. It will be easier because there’s not much traffic.” Walsh then signed off and went over to his own neighborhood and joined the Lower Mills Civic Association Zoom meeting already in progress.



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Maximizing Spousal Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband turns 68 next year, and I will be turning 66. He plans on continuing to work and retiring at age 70 to maximize his monthly Social Security benefits. I am retiring next year due to a spinal injury. Since my monthly maximum is based on his, we are trying to figure out when mine should be activated to earn the highest benefit amount. Do I need to wait until he reaches age 70 to maximize mine, or can I activate it next year at the lesser amount and would Social Security adjust it to the higher rate when he activates his? Signed: Timing is Everything



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social
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Dear Timing: Your eventual spousal benefit from your husband's Social Security record will be based upon his full retirement age benefit amount, not on the increased benefit he will get by waiting until he is age 70 to claim. Thus, you don't gain anything by waiting past your full retirement age and until he claims his at 70 to start your own benefits. If you will be 66 next year, I assume your year of birth is 1953, which means your full retirement age (FRA) is 66. That means at age 66 you will get 100% of the benefit you have earned from a lifetime of working. By starting your benefits at age 66, your husband can then file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" and collect 50% of the amount you are collecting, while allowing his own Social Security retirement benefit to continue to grow (it's already growing, but without him getting a spousal benefit from your record).

He can do this because he was born before the January 2, 1954 cutoff date after which that option was eliminated. By filing the restricted application after you start your benefits, your

husband can collect a spousal benefit from you while he is still earning delayed retirement credits (DRCs) for himself, which will mean his benefit at age 70 will be 32% more than it would have been at his FRA of 66. Then, when your husband claims his own benefit at age 70, you should apply for your spousal benefit, which will be 50% of his FRA benefit amount (you get that if it is more than you are getting from your own work record). And in the intervening months between when you apply at age 66 and when he claims his own benefits at age 70, your husband will have collected about 2 years worth of spousal benefits from your work record.

One final word of caution: should you decide to claim your own Social Security benefit before you reach your full retirement age next year, your eventual spousal benefit will be somewhat reduced. Waiting until you reach your FRA to apply for your own benefit will ensure you get the maximum spousal benefit you are entitled to when your husband switches to his own Social Security benefit at age 70. And at that time you will need to apply for your spousal benefit; it will not start automatically.

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BPD needs your help with Brighton B&E suspect

Detectives assigned to District D-14 (Brighton) are seeking the public's help to identify a suspect wanted in connection to a breaking and entering and resulting bicycle and property theft that occurred in the area of 446 Cambridge Street in Brighton. At about 11:30 PM on Thursday April 23, 2020, the unidentified male suspect forcibly entered the building through a rear door and proceeded to a bicycle storage room where he stole a bicycle. The suspect also took several packages belonging to other residents before fleeing the area on the stolen bike. The suspect, seen in the photographs above, was last seen wearing a "Etnies" hat and a sweatshirt with "Dreamville" written on the front.



Anyone with information is asked to contact District D-14 Detectives at (617) 343-4256. Community members wishing to assist anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at

1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help in an anonymous

manner. BPD Community Safety Reminder: Since April 1, 2020, officers assigned to District D-14 have taken eleven reports involving bicycle thefts in the Allston/Brighton area.

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purchase the land in some way shape or form.

"We did hear back from the Boston Conservation Commission and they are starting to have some internal discussions with the Parks Department about it, but there is no commitment at this time," she said.

Also, McCabe said the Parks Department has hired a landscape architect to look over the wetlands and survey what is there. At the same time, she said Parks has drafted a survey for residents to take,

which can be found at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-roslindale-wetlands, so that residents can give their input on what could be added to the area to make for more enjoyable passive recreation.

"Whether it's the addition of trails or other types of things people want to see," she said.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley also joined the meeting, and gave an update of his activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. He said

he's been helping to organize volunteers to do well-being checks on local seniors and provide them with resources or access to food they might not otherwise have had. He said more than 200 residents have volunteered for this program.

"I just really appreciate the community coming together, checking in on our neighbors and friends and making sure there are some resources," he said.

The next LANA meeting is set for July 13.



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.

2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio

Who would have thought that I would be driving an Alfa Romeo super performance AWD SUV called Stelvio Quadrifoglio? I never knew that Alfa was building an SUV. The Stelvio is the top of the line in every way possible. This Alfa will not only keep up with the competitors, it will pass them by. The Stelvio is built in Italy along with the engine and a lot of components, the transmission is built in Germany.

This is a real performance built SUV, not just an SUV with bolt on performance goodies. The body is well rounded, no sharp edges. Entry level is low enough for most drivers and passengers. The Stelvio seats 5. Front power seats are firm heated and ventilated. Power comes from a 2.9 liter 505 horse power twin turbo V/6 via an 8 speed multi mode automatic. The multi mode also includes engine management including a great sounding exhaust in performance and race mode. There are light weight carbon fiber parts in the SUV including the main drive shaft. A remote starter and push to start button on the steering wheel like a Ferrari. When you push the start button the engine comes to life and lets you know, I am alive and waiting your command. Wherever I parked the Alfa people asked, what is it and how did I like it? The large 20 inch alloy wheels are staggered in width and have a super large opening design allowing full view of the large braking system, and colored painted calipers. The large brakes took some time to get used to, a light touch was all that was needed at any speed to bring this Alfa to a stop. The large 7 inch display, interior lay out, and the design seemed to be built for American buyers. The ride can be soft and quiet or loud and firm, depending on the system control position. This is a multi purpose SUV for all occasions. Unlike other SUVs, the Stelvio is equipped with summer type tires that are very smooth and quiet. Like most manufactures they equip vehicles with most options and Alfa is included. EPA 17 city 23 hwy 19 combined. Base price starts \$80,245 destination \$1,595.00. The list of standard and safety equipment is long. The option list starts with the tri coat red paint, driver assistance, convenience package, Brembo ultra high performance brake package, dual-pane sunroof, heated rear seats, dark 20 inch alloy rims, gloss red brake calipers. Total MSRP with all options \$96,540.00.

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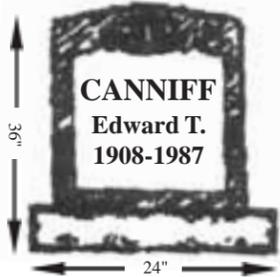
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Barbara A. (Peters) Of Dedham, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on May 3, 2020. Beloved wife of the late John Arancio. Devoted mother of John Arancio and his wife Ann of West Roxbury, and Richard Arancio and his wife Donna of Clinton, NY. Loving grandmother of Patrick, Caroline, Nora, and Erica Arancio. Dear sister of Gary Peters of Weymouth, and the late Ruth Meyer and Eleanor DiGiovanna. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Longtime telephone operator for New England Telephone. Member of the Telephone Pioneers. Due to the pandemic, Funeral Services will be private. Private Burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Barbara's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. For online guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

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Marshall A. Of Roslindale, formerly of Sharon on Friday, May 8, 2020. Loving brother of Rosalyn & Murray Smith of Medford. Dear uncle of Dr. Steven Smith of Chestnut Hill, Todd & Jill Smith of North Waterboro ME, and Gail Miller & Bruce Miller of Colchester CT. Beloved grand uncle of Gabriella, Adina, Lily & Ilon Smith and Aaron & Sam Miller. Due to the current health crisis, funeral services are private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Hebrew SeniorLife, 1200 Centre St., Boston, 02131. Levine Chapels, Brookline 617-277-8300 www.levinechapel.com

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 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 fam-

ily 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

CONNOLLY

Elenora "Regina" (Goode) Of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2020. Regina was born November 17, 1922 to the late Owen and Mary A. (O'Sullivan) Goode. Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Connolly, Sr. Loving mother of Thomas J. Connolly, Jr. and his wife Jean of Whitman, Matthew J. Connolly of Foxboro, Michael O. Connolly, Sr. and Peter D. Connolly, Sr., both of Walpole, and Marianne Kelly and her husband Declan of Dedham. Regina was the cherished grandmother of 18 loving grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her grandson Peter D. Connolly, Jr. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. She was the dear sister of the late Margaret, Mary, James, Rita and Gerry. Visiting Hours and Burial will be private due to state guidelines on public gatherings. In lieu of flowers, donations in Regina's memory may be made to St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street, Boston, MA 02132 or at sttheresaparishboston.com or Daughters of St. Paul, 50 St. Paul's Ave., Boston, MA 02130 daughtersofstpaul.com To leave a condolence message for Regina's family, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

DiTULLIO

Delia Regina (Feccia) Passed away on Easter Monday from covid related complications at the Armenian Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain. Regina was born in Filetto Chieti, Italy on October 08, 1928. She was the oldest daughter of Ruggiero and Angelina Feccia. Her younger sister, Lina and husband Tomaso Gioioso, both now deceased, raised 5 children in Braintree. Her older brother Francesco served in WWII and was killed while fleeing from the Germans. During wartime, as the Germans marched through the mountains of Italy, her family and fellow towns-

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people lived underground for months to avoid capture. Regina married Angelino DiTullio in Filetto on May 06, 1952. They immigrated to Boston in 1956. She is survived by her 3 children Giacomo, Donetta and Francesco, six grandsons and one great-granddaughter. She was a selfless, sacrificing and loving woman who always put her children first. Regina's talent and love for cooking and baking was legendary. Her radiant smile always filled the house with cheer and good tidings. She will be missed by all her family and friends. A private Graveside Service was held. For those that desire, please make any donations possible to the Armenian Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain to help them during these troubled times. Joseph Russo Funeral Home
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DYER
Ann C. (McAvoy) "Nancy" Of Hyde Park, May 6, 2020. Beloved wife of Leo S. Dyer. Loving mother of Kathryn Dyer of Hyde Park, Barbara and her husband John McCormack of Epping, NH and Robert Dyer and his wife Sandra of Reading. Devoted grandmother of Sean, Kellianne, Coleen, Ryan, Collin, Caitlin and Olivia. Great-grandmother of Caeden and Rowen. Sister of Edward Kelly of Franklin. A private family service will be held at the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby, Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., West Roxbury, followed by a private burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Remembrances in memory of Nancy may be made to Seasons Hospice Foundation, Donation Processing Center, 8537 Solution Center, Chicago, IL 60677. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby

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).



RAE
Mary M. "Marie" (Reardon) Longtime resident of West Roxbury passed away on May 10, 2020. Beloved wife of John L. Rae. Devoted mother of John C. Rae of West Roxbury, Mary Kapust and her husband Michael, Jean Hurley and her husband Brian, all of Tewksbury, and Joanne Cullen and her husband Patrick of Walpole. Loving grandmother to Michael, Kevin and Matthew Kapust, Timothy and Paul Hurley, John, Mary, and Brendan Reedy, and Grace Cullen. Great-grandmother to Benjamin Kapust. Dear sister of the late Theresa Kindregan. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Longtime faithful parishioner of St. John Chrysostom Church. Due to the pandemic, a private family Visitation and Funeral Service will take place at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury, MA 02132 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. For online guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

SAAB
Nadema Of of Brighton, formerly of West Roxbury, May 7, 2020. Loving mother of Lisa and her husband Tom Colby of Ashland, Melanie and her husband Rubin Vega of Georgetown, and Ann Marie and her husband Lenny Vienneau of Roslindale. Cherished grandmother of Sarah and her husband John Aprea, Robin Colby and her husband Jared Alperin, Cristian Colby and his girlfriend Shawna Smith, Gabriel Vega, Melia Vega and James and Rebecca Vienneau. Great-grandmother of Maya, Jackson and Jamie.

A Celebration of Nadema's Life will be held at a later date. A private family Burial will be held Friday, May 15, at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lowell.

SADA
Priscilla Of West Roxbury, May 4, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Adla and Richard Sada. She was preceded in death by her devoted brother Albert, sister Lorraine and brother Edward and his wife Magdalena Sada. Loving aunt of Barbara and Robert Dubiel of Wilton, Connecticut, and Elisa and Ole Christian Schroder of Weston, Connecticut. Loving great-aunt of Alexander Schroder and Maxwell Schroder also of Weston, Connecticut. Also survived by many dear and loving cousins. Funeral and interment to be scheduled at a later date in coordination with Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Cathedral and Kfoury Keefe Funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations are kindly requested to Our Lady of the Annunciation in the memory of the Sada Family. Priscilla's father was one of the many devoted and original founding members of the Cathedral. May her memory and all theirs be eternal. Guestbook available at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

VIGNAUX
Robert Leon Died January 31, 2020 in Israel. He was born February 4, 1946 and grew up in West Roxbury. He was the son of the late Leon Francis Vignaux and Mary Elizabeth Vignaux, and stepson of the late Dorothy Grace Vignaux. Bob attended St. Theresa's church in West Roxbury. He attended the Randall G. Morris elementary school, Boston Latin School, St. Sebastian's Country Day School and Tufts University. He was a Veteran of the United States Army and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. After his service time ended, he planned a trip to three different continents. His planned first stop was to spend two weeks in Kibbutz K'far Hanassi in Upper Galilee, Israel. He fell in love with the people and the land and lived and worked on the Kibbutz for the rest of his life. In the next 50 years his career(s) on the Kibbutz varied, at one time he managed the orange harvest, at another an aluminum foundry, and at another time he gave paddle boat tours on the Sea of Galilee; his signature m.o. was to find a project that was failing, make it successful, and then move on to

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something else. He was buried on the Kibbutz on February 3, 2020. He was known and loved by people living in all parts of the world. Bob was an avid traveler and once hiked to the base camp of Mt. Everest. He also travelled deep into China at a time when people in those regions had never seen any person not born and raised in their own villages. His journeys took him throughout Europe and Australia, as well as the United States. He is survived by his sister Claire Anne Khalil of NYC, and his brother Richard F.X. Vignaux and wife Mary Ann of Midlothian, TX. In addition he leaves his nieces and nephews; Medina Khalil and husband Chris Showers of Brooklyn, NY, Malik Khalil and wife Rachel of Pound Ridge, NY, Michael Vignaux, Maureen Vignaux, and Catherine Vignaux and husband Brandon Curry of Midlothian, TX, and Patricia Vignaux and husband Keith Ward of Chapel Hill, NC. He also is survived by many great-nieces and nephews.

YANCEY

Robert Richard Sr. Of Hyde Park, April 20, 2020. Beloved husband of Lieba Small Yancey. Dear father of Robert R. Yancey, Jr, Richard, Andre, Kamylla and Chaunessy Yancey. Son of the late Alice and Howell Yancey, Sr. Loving brother of Terrence Yancey, Sr., Ronald Yancey, Sr., Former Boston City Councillor Charles Yancey, Sr. and Rev. Vincent Yancey, Sr., Eleanor Fuller and the late Howell Yancey, Jr., Frederick Yancey, II and Linda Yancey. He is survived by a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. A private Funeral Service was held On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, followed by interment at Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain. Arrangements Davis Funeral Home of BOSTON.

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BFD fight blaze in Roslindale



The Boston Fire Department reported they responded to a fire at 3:10 a.m. at 260 Cummins Hwy. in Roslindale. The two-and-a-half story building took about two hours to fully knock down, and the damage was estimated at \$150,000. The Fire Investigation Unit stayed on scene to try to determine the cause of the fire.

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for development. He said the city has been moving toward more and more digital means of communication for public purposes, but this pandemic could give it a hard kick in the right direction.

“A few years ago, we co-hosted a city council debate when (Former District 9 City Councilor Mark) Ciommo was running for the last time at the Brighton Congregational,” he said. “I introduced the event and I’m walking by Jason (Desrosier) from the Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation and he tells me he’s live streaming the whole thing. He said he had about 300 hits, and I said, ‘wow that’s extraordinary.’ Then, of all people (Current District 9 City Councilor) Liz Breadon, a member of the progressives group then, also

live streamed it and over time they had about 3,000 to 4,000 hits. That’s what planted this seed in my head.”

D’Isidoro said while turnout at ACA meetings has been great, even to the point where sometimes they don’t have enough chairs for some people, there are always more people who want to have a voice in how their local politics are run. “That puts it on us and the city to expand and have a more robust social media and living streaming presence, which allows residents to participate remotely,” he said.

D’Isidoro said it’s something he hopes to have up and running for the ACA when the group returns.

One big issue D’Isidoro said he hopes continues when the stay-at-home order is lifted (at the time of publication, that

is set for May 18) is the Allston Brighton Mobility Study, put forth by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and many other local organizations.

“They were planning at least one more community meeting for North Allston when the pandemic hit, but obviously they canceled that,” D’Isidoro said. “But things are moving. The initial recommendations could very well be things that can be addressed immediately, that aren’t high cost and are basically low-hanging fruit kind of stuff. Public safety, pedestrian landings, crosswalks and bike paths and stuff like that. The more complicated and controversial recommendations, I think we’re still a little farther off.”

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by the pandemic.”

According to Harvard, the organization is looking to have the most local impact it can with each grant, and is aimed at meeting urgent community needs, like emergency food preparation and distribution, emergency response equipment purchasing, technology resources for emergency support and distribution, and educational programs.

“Harvard’s emergency response grant will help local or-

ganizations that are working to ensure our neighbors in Allston-Brighton are taken care of throughout this ongoing public health crisis,” said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. “This grant program will support the well-being of the neighborhood, and we’re grateful for the University’s assistance.”

According to Harvard, grants will also be awarded based on applicants’ readiness to carry out proposed work, as

well as the potential impact any proposed project would have. Applications are currently being accepted and funds will be awarded on a rolling basis every week until the end of the program. Applicants will also have to provide an after-action report that includes data on the program’s impacts and recipients.

For more information about how to apply for a grant, go to edportal.harvard.edu/economic-development.

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and so we want to join our neighbor municipalities who have already stood up and we just want to put it on the books that this is clear we're not going to be implementing face surveillance technology."

Arroyo cited a study from MIT researcher Joy Buolamwini that showed black women were, in the case of one leading software product, 35 percent more likely to be misidentified by facial recognition software than white men (news.mit.edu/2018/study-finds-gender-skin-type-bias-artificial-intelligence-systems-0212).

"This is one study out of many," he said. "According to the Massachusetts ACLU, one of the manufacturers promoting this technology in Massachusetts admitted it might work only 30 percent of the time... It's ineffective, it furthers inequity and this ban would really go further in ensuring that we don't take community consent for things like this for granted. The reality is that wanting to take part in our society and our federal buildings and our government and the things that you have to do day by day to go around does not mean you're also consenting to be surveilled in such an invasive way."

District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards pointed out that the reason the BPD doesn't use the technology is because it's unreliable, but not because of any moral imperative.

"It's not enough to use that as a reason not to use the technology because science does get better and there may be a point where it is more accurate or scientifically okay to use, and I think we need to stand here to say this is not about the scientific argument, this is about civil rights," she said. "This is about the impact on our communities not just of color, but all communities, if you can target one some way and somehow, and use science that overburdens one community, it impacts everyone else."

Edwards added that other technologies that seemed to be infallible at the time of their implementation have since been refined or even tossed out of criminal proceedings, and she feels this technology is no different.

"Fingerprint science had to be refined, and I don't know if you've recently watched some documentaries looking at bite mark science, there are all different sciences that have been used, then debunked or refined," she said.

At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said while he doesn't want to see people being wrongly accused now with a faulty piece of technology, he feels if the technology is proven sound, he doesn't think the city should ban it outright.

"Think about video surveillance in our city and most recently how it's led to a number of homicides solved or in the instance of that young woman from Charlestown, it arguably saved her life because of video surveillance," he said. "The facial recognition piece, dovetailing with video surveillance, and obviously we want to protect individual rights, and those are all intertwined into this discussion... In the event that it does get perfected, in the interest of public safety, we're going to take a long hard look at it. Particularly for some of our more vulnerable populations, in the homicide areas, women being assaulted etc., for those video surveillance has been a huge tool for our public safety personnel to be able to make an apprehension in and bring justice to families who have lost a loved one from a brutal murder, and it's a balance."

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The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association met last week and went over what's currently happening with the 11 Dana Ave. issue.

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appeal," Craig Martin said. "But, the City will tell him that he's doing it at his own risk."

He referenced a case on Melville Avenue in Dorchester, where an appeal was won.

"They built it while it was under appeal, and the court found in favor of the appellant," Martin said. "The court said, 'Tear it down.'"

One of the main contentions of the 11 Dana Ave. proposal is what the plans say is a basement. A basement must be more than 35 percent below grade, but the area is only four feet below grade. The HPNA asserts it is technically part of the first floor. First-floor parking is forbidden in a Neighborhood Shopping-2 district (NS-2). In an NS-2 district, only commercial development is allowed on the first floor.

Another concern Kirker expressed is that other proposed developments, such as the former Dempsey's site next to the community center are "using 11 Dana Ave. as a template."

Martin expressed concern that government meetings may still be going on using Zoom, and the HPNA may be caught unaware of any proceedings.

"I hope that everything is on standstill, with all of the development proposals that are going on here," Martin said. "I want to make sure that, with all of the Zoom meetings going on, that things aren't going on without our knowledge."

"I do know that there are standard comments on BPDA stuff, but nothing requiring a public

process is still going on," Hank Cohen from District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo's office said.

Martin also discussed the article in The Bulletin on the four capstone projects presented by Boston University graduate students. Members hoped that the students would come to the group and discuss their work.

Some people thought the presentations were plans that were going to be implemented, and not an educational exercise in order for students to graduate.

Participants also discussed the possibility of meeting either outdoors or a hybrid Zoom/location meeting held at a venue such as the Martini Hatch Shell on Truman Parkway or at the George Wright Golf Course, which was recently opened.

Martha McDonough requested help for the upkeep of the Barbara Baxter Memorial Garden on Truman Parkway near the Martini Hatch Shell. She asked that people bring bags and assist in picking up litter and in pruning the stems of the daffodils.

Kirker also asked those

present representing elected officials if it was possible to have a separate water meter put in for residents who have gardens. Lisa Consalvo, chief of staff to state Rep. Angelo Scaccia, said she would check with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission to look into the issue.

Turning to crime, Area E-18 Police Officer Paul Broderick said there has been an increase of motor vehicle racing on Truman Parkway as well as American Legion Highway. This has included the reckless operation of dirt bikes, four-wheelers and off-road vehicles on public streets.

The department encouraged community members to contact the Community Service Office at 617-343-5611 with information on where these vehicles are being stored in the neighborhood.

In the police report, there was an assault on Apr. 4 at 77 Harvard Ave. at 10:30 p.m., where the victim was found inside his motor vehicle with stab wounds to the chest and taken to the hospital. A possible suspect has been identified.

COVID TESTING

Brigham and Women's Hospital will conduct COVID testing in the Sportsmen's parking lot. Food and care-kit distribution started Monday, May 11, and will run through Saturday, May 16, while the testing service began Tuesday and will continue through Friday. from 9 AM to 5 PM each day. (950 Blue Hill Ave). Testing is free and open to everyone with or without symptoms, no insurance needed, immigration status irrelevant. In addition, the Food Truck will be distributing 25 pound boxes of food and signing families up for deliveries, and the Brigham will screen for housing insecurity, quarantine needs, and domestic violence.

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.

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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.

—M.W.

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Evening Garden Club usually helps with the Reading Garden and several other spots throughout the neighborhood, like near the Beethoven School, the Spring Street Rotary and others.

“Part of our mission is to do civic beautification,” she said.

While these efforts will continue, Van Dyke said they will not be doing their annual garden tour this year.

“We postponed it to June 12, 2021,” she said. “But it is very important, it’s how we raise money so we can do things like buy plants for the library and other sites we take care of. We also offer lectures and do those kinds of things, and now we’ve got a date for the tour. Cathy McGrath, who is co-president, also has talked to Roslindale Green and Clean to make sure we’re not going to have any conflict with them in 2021, as they do tours as

well.”

She added in the past they have also participated in the Boston Blooms initiative, for which the city distributes 20,000 daffodil bulbs to residents to bloom in the spring. Van Dyke said they use the bulbs to beautify the library space, and are hoping this year’s distribution can be done safely.

“We try to make it look like a more attractive place, make it look like a loved and cared-for place, which it is in West Roxbury, and we’re all very anxious for the library to open again,” she said. “I don’t know what lies ahead with the pandemic, but I do know some areas are starting to have the librarians in the building and people are able to order books and do curbside pick up without any contact, but the BPL hasn’t planned for anything of that sort but we’re



Volunteers were able to clean up about 18 bags of brush, branches and litter on Saturday during the clean up.

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hopeful. In the meantime, we’re raking and digging in the area and trying to make it look a little more attractive.”

She said now they’re focusing on upkeep and planning for plantings, which she said is coming. If you’re interested in donating to the Friends, go to

friendsofthewrlibrary.org/contact. If you’re interested in donating or volunteering with the Evening Garden Club, go to <https://www.gcfm.org/eveninggcwestroxbury>.

“Or you can just stop in and say hi when we’re working, I can always find something for people to do,” Van Dyke said. “There’s lots of little

projects around the library that can use some help. The pruning and things like that, we leave to people who are actually gardeners, but raking and pulling weeds and doing things of that sort are a no-brainer for people, and it’s a great opportunity to be outside and do something to make the community look better.”

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Home provides residential care, special education, transitional youth services, clinical support, family support and more.

“Every day, our staff is doing whatever they can to help children feel connected, to make them feel like they belong,” Monterosso said. “They help them to overcome trauma, abuse and neglect and I wanted to do something more, especially now when children need our services most. I decided to start The Front Steps Project in my hometown of Norwood, and surrounding towns with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting The Home’s Covid-19 Relief Fund.”

Monterosso said she has been asking Norwood to step up during this time of crisis, and get a nice family photo out of it in return.

“So far I have taken photos for seven families in and around Norwood, as well Rhode Island,” she said.



Residents can sign up for photos online and help those in need.

COURTESY PHOTO

Monterosso added that the whole idea of the Steps project is to stay safe, and so social distancing is definitely a must for any photo shoot.

“The Front Steps Projects documents how families are experiencing staying home together during the pandemic,” she said. “I take the photos from an appropriate distance away to ensure I am following social distance guidelines.”

To set up a photograph session, go to dancingfig.com/#contact. To donate directly to the Home, go to TheHome.org. For more information on the Front Steps Project, go to thefrontstepsproject.com/

Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Estate of: Kevin Martin Craven

DOCKET No. SU19P1603EA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Date of Death: 05/18/2019

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Kevin T. Craven of Pembroke, MA

Requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent’s real estate at a private sale.

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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 **06/01/2020**. 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 this return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: May 01, 2020

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