

# The Hyde Park Bulletin

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## Volunteers scour the Neponset River during Fall Cleanup



Dozens of residents did their part to clean the river. Shown here, a volunteer reaches for a scooter that washed on to the river bank.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday morning, September 22, the clouds hung overhead, and the water was higher than expected in the Neponset River. Andres Ripley, a fellow with the Neponset River Watershed Association (NEPWA) stood looking over the bridge at Glenwood Avenue off of Truman Parkway at a pair of canoes. Its occupants were

clawing debris out of the river, adding to their collection in trash bags.

“Wow,” one exclaimed. “Here’s a scooter. What a shame.”

Once it came up the banks to the bridge level, Gretchen Van Ness, a local activist and recent candidate for state representative, was helping collect trash with a team of 150 volun-

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## Readville addresses development, train issues

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

More than 35 people attended the Readville Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Readville Knights of Columbus Hall on Wednesday, September 19 to hear the latest on the development project at the site of 36-70 Sprague Street, a hotly contested issue since it was first proposed in late 2016.

“We finally have a meeting date,” said Roberta Johnene, who runs the group. The meeting she spoke of, which the association has been advocating for with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), will be held on Monday, October 1 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Blue Hills Collaborative building, formerly the St. Anne’s School, at 20 Como Road in Readville with the BPDA and the development team to answer neighborhood questions and concerns.

“They are bringing it down from 521 to 495 units,” she added.

“The net effect is not that large of a decrease. The FAR (floor area ratio) is 1.8 down from 1.9. If anyone is interested in a review meeting beforehand for a night or over a weekend, let me know.”

The focus of the October 1 meeting will be to discuss updates to the previous proposals for the project in response to the Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR). Lance Campbell is the BPDA project manager. The comment period on the project will end two weeks later, on October 15. People can schedule a tour of the site with the development team on Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to noon, by emailing [OMBSprague@gmail.com](mailto:OMBSprague@gmail.com).

The developer is Jordan Warshaw of Noanet Group. The building is on an approximately 6.62-acre site comprised of several parcels at 36-40 Sprague Street and 50-70 Sprague Street. There currently are several warehouse and maintenance

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## Trailer Park, WRNC, not thrilled with plan at 1507 VFW Parkway



Residents were concerned about the 4.6 acre development on VFW Parkway, which is already choked with traffic and congestion.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

**Ariane Komyati**  
**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporters

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) met on Wednesday, Sept. 19 and Tuesday, Sept. 25 respectively to go over the proposed project at 1507 VFW Pkwy.

The project was proposed at four stories with 258 rental units at the location, which sits directly in front of the Boston Trailer Park, and residents were not very happy about the move.

The proponent plans to develop a 351,000 square foot, 258 unit residential apartment community in two detached four-story buildings with 387 garage parking spaces. The units will include a mix of one and two bedroom apartments, 34 of which will be designated as affordable. Rent is estimated to be around \$2,200 a month for one bedroom, and \$2,800 (and up) a month for two bedrooms.

John Noone, the Executive Vice President of Lincoln Property Company, presented the proposed plans to the public at the Elks Lodge.

“It is unusual to find a 4.5 acre site anywhere in the city of

Boston,” Noone stated. “We are not seeking any variances, and we are below the limit for what is permitted to be built on the site.” He told the attendees of the meeting that he plans to work with the Boston Trailer Park community to make sure the plans are fair. At the WRNC meeting, he did say that they will be going before the Boston Zoning Board of appeals as the building will be a conditional use, which is technically a variance, as it is in a community commercial zone. The building would be completely as-of-right if it were an

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## Allston Civic Association hears proposal for 14-story, 353-unit development

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) met last week and heard from developers Partners Properties regarding a newly-proposed development at 20 Linden St.

Partners representative Johanna Schneider said they are very early in the process and most likely won’t even start the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) Article 80 Large Project Review process for about six months. She said they wanted to start working with the community as soon as possible.

“These are very preliminary plans,” she said. “This is the first time we’re out explaining what we would like to do.”

The site is on the corner of Linden Street and Cambridge



Partners Properties presented a proposal for a 14-story building at 20 Linden St. in Allston.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Street. Partners is looking to put in a backwards L shape set of buildings on the property, with 53 condo units facing Pratt Street and the remaining 300 rental units going on Linden.

Schneider said they want to step the buildings, starting with five stories to 14 stories, starting at the condos and then to the Cam-

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# Ed Walsh Foundation hosts fifth Wiffle Ball Tournament for local charities



Hundreds are currently working on their batting skills for the upcoming Ed Walsh Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament later in October.

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Staff Reporter

The fifth annual Ed Walsh Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament is coming back to Billings Field on Columbus Day this year at 8 a.m.

The event generally attracts hundreds if not thousands of players, onlookers and well-wishers to help raise money for local charities and celebrate Firefighter Lt. Ed Walsh's life.

Roslindale and Hyde Park resident Ed Walsh lost his life with West Roxbury resident and Firefighter Michael Kennedy in March of 2014 during a fire in the Back Bay. Walsh's wife Kristen said he had always loved working with and helping kids, and she thought it would be perfect to celebrate his life by

continuing his work by donating to causes he supported.

"For us at this moment, this tournament is a lot more about bringing people together and celebrating community and friends, which is something that Ed loved to do," she said.

Kristen Walsh said she's amazed at the turnout, which has grown every year since they started. She said it really warms her heart to see so many celebrating the life of her husband.

"It's been a great tournament and it's really nice, we

to support primarily teachers and all of the different specialists and coaches who work with children, but it also can be used by parents and anyone who has a focus working with kids and needs help with equipment resources and other things that budgets don't cover," Walsh said. "We do a lot with the Boston Public Schools, that's probably our biggest pool of applicants, their teachers, physical therapists, speech therapists and the like. Basically, anyone there who needs things to help children learn,



Many say the day is fun, but it is also designed to raise money for local charities to keep Ed Walsh's spirit alive.

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see the same people who back year after year after year and word spreads," she said. "It's been a real lot of fun."

The foundation has also created the Smile-On grant program, created to celebrate Walsh's upbeat attitude and penchant for always having a smile on his face. The program awards grant funds to parents, teachers, therapists, specialists, PACs, SPCs and coaches who work with children, with priority given to children who have learning disabilities, developmental delays or an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"Our Smile-On grant is

and our grant gives them that opportunity."

The group donates to the Franciscan Children's organization, the Greater Boston YMCA, Parkway Pop Warner, Parkway Little League, Parkway Girls Softball, the Jason Roberts Challenger League, Watertown Youth Baseball and Softball, the Watertown Challenger League, the Watertown Boys & Girls Club, after school programs, the Special Olympics, NEADS, the Boston Public Schools and local families in need. For more information, go to <http://edwalshfoundation.org>.

# Community meeting with City Realty takes place without City Realty

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

The much anticipated follow-up community meeting with City Realty (CRM) went ahead as scheduled on Sept. 17 despite the fact that City Realty wasn't there.

According to Carolyn Royce of Egleston Square Neighborhood Association (ESNA), CRM cancelled that morning over a dispute about videotaping the meeting; CRM wanted it filmed and ESNA refused.

"We wanted to continue with the meeting," Royce said to the 26 people who attended, "to see what people's issues are and what the solution is. We had hoped to talk directly to them, but that's not happening. City Realty owns and manages many properties in our area including apartment buildings and 2 and 3 family buildings. Their impact is significant."

Royce explained that at its Aug. 7 meeting, the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council zoning committee approved CRM's proposal to build a three family apartment building at 3347 Washington, contingent on this follow up community meeting.

CRM has been working with the Cornwall St and ESNA communities for over a year and reduced its building from four units to the allowed—use three-story, three-unit building.

A spokesman for CRM told the Bulletin the next day that they were surprised.

"Our team did not attend the meeting organized by city Life and ESNA because we were told they were refusing to meet as long as a videographer was present," he said. "This was surprising to us, as our previous meeting [on May 23] was recorded without issue and we were not given a reason why. We let them know repeatedly that we would not be comfortable attending that meeting without some sort of record and informed them well in advance that we would not be attending under those circumstances."

Dan Thomas of Chilcott Place was surprised too. "This is a wasted opportunity not to have them in the room," he said. "Helen [Matthews of City Life] videotapes every meeting. We need to have this conversation. We can't do it without them in the room."

Matthews said she never videotapes community meetings.

"I only videotape meetings called by the city," she said.

George Lee of KeepIt100Egleston, an arm of City Life, agreed with Thomas.

"Since the last meeting we've been trying to collaborate," Lee said. "City Realty is not going to be taking that step. Are we digging in our heels? We



Marie Turley of Union Avenue talks to an empty table after City Realty declined to attend the community meeting. PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

need to have these people in the room to do anything."

Kevin Rainsford chaired the meeting in May and he chaired again on Sept 17.

"We didn't allow city Realty to speak very much [in May]," he said. "We presented issues and concerns. I'm afraid if we escalate it they will walk away."

Alex Ponte-Capellan is a community organizer for City Life.

"Let's state our concerns, then have a follow-up meeting," he said. "We have to figure out the best way to make things work. Screaming demands doesn't often work."

Accusations flew around the room nevertheless.

Lisa Thompson of Forest Hills Street questioned CRM's tactics.

"What properties do they own?" She asked. "What negotiations are going on with their tenants? How many tenants are in their buildings?"

"They own properties under different names," she said. "Is Alan Sharaf [developer of 106 Forest Hills St] part of City Realty?"

Two residents of 435 Walnut Ave., a building owned by CRM since 2013, said that tenants are worried.

"Black and Latino people are really scared when they get a 14-day notice," one said. "Raising their rent \$300 is not doable for them even if they work two jobs. City Realty says they want to charge market rent. Then they rent to students who put three and four people in an apartment."

Ponte Capellan agreed. "My job is to follow people who are evicted," he said. "Black and Latino tenants and business are the most. It's a racial justice issue."

Audrey from Charlesgate West in the Fenway is a supporter

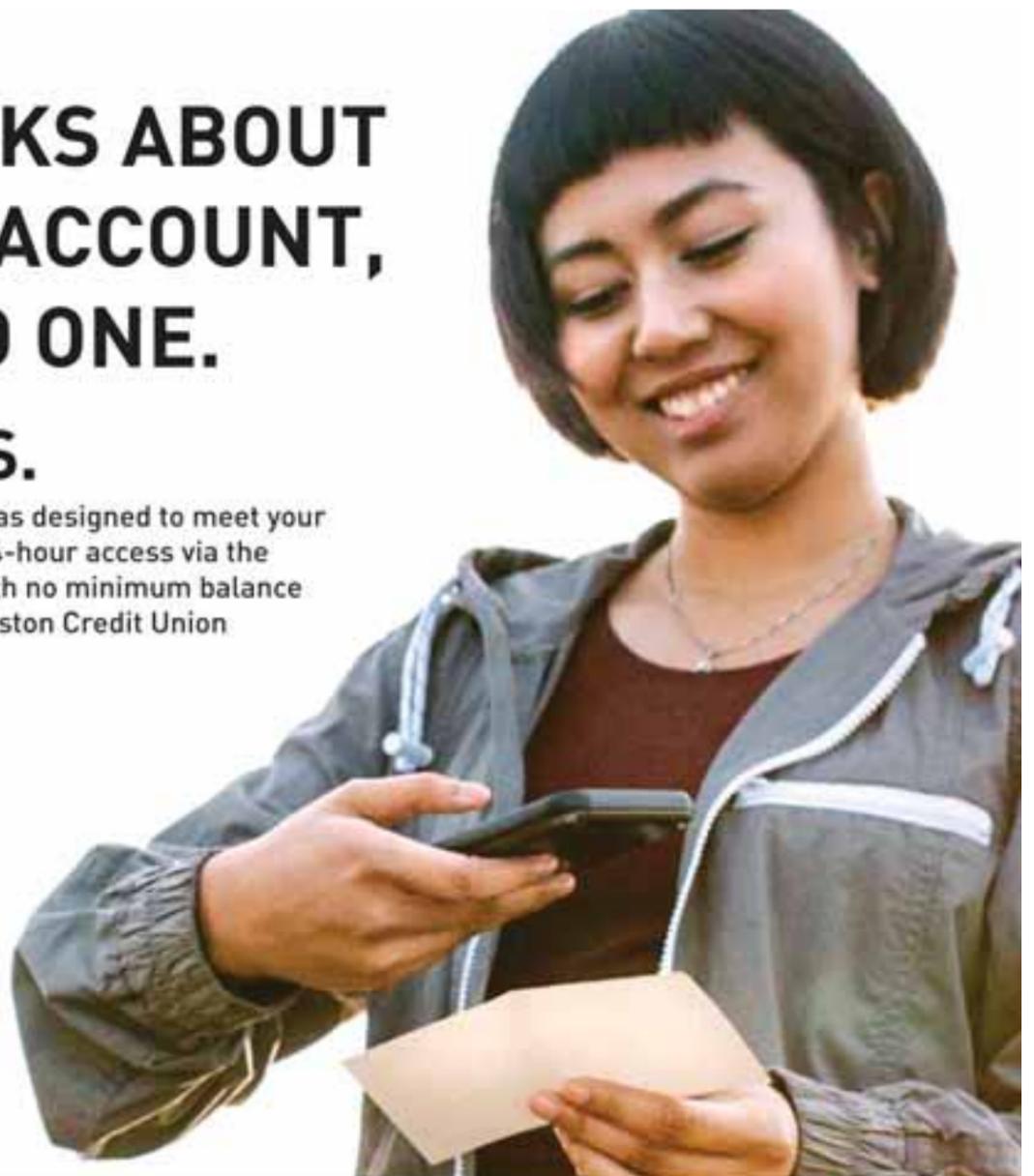
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## Editorial

# ORANGE IS THE NEW GENTRIFICATION?

We will come right out and say it, while we still can: We love Dunkin' Donuts.

We also happen to love visiting any number of other local shops for a relaxing break to enjoy, typically, a hot cup of tea. The donut chain that has done as much for the color orange as Halloween, however, is a well-chosen stop for a quick drive-thru grab-and-snack.

Alas, the times they-are-a-changing. It was announced this week that in January, with no doubt a non-stop lead-up of PR campaigns and media-based prodding, the iconic chain will undergo a name-change to just one word: Dunkin'.

The corporate announcement helpfully notes that many customers already use that very nomenclature. Left unsaid is the thick Southie accent or raspy, three-packs-of-Camels-a-day voice that usually invokes that shorthand.

The move, we are told, is to shift the focus away from food and back on to beverages. Frankly, that focus never really wavered. What are we supposed to be Dunkin' if not a donut? We digress...

There are certainly mixed emotions about the change, but first and foremost we must remind ourselves, and others that this is all just an exercise in corporate rebranding. It happens all the time, from the successful (KFC) to the career killing (New Coke and Clear Pepsi). Life will go on and people will call their chosen coffee chain whatever they so choose, even if it is in willful denial of what executives what them to.

At the end of the day, as Dunkin' goes, so goes Boston. Change is constant and inevitable. It is also, oftentimes, foolhardy and optimistic.

Boston, as we frequently lament, is continuing to brand itself as a welcoming environment for the 1 percent. If you have the money, we have just the right corners of once blue-collar neighborhoods to serve up. It doesn't even matter what type of money you have: old, new, trust fund, or in the man-purse of a millennial with generous parents. It is all good as long as the latest real estate boom can cling to life.

You cannot, however, just think that new buildings and the occasional bike lane can redefine a city. North Station is bursting with new, much of it upscale, housing and retail developments. In their shadows, are the same junkies, grifters and homeless folks who have always been there, and we suspect always will.

You cannot fix a foundation with a coat of paint.

None of this is to suggest that cities cannot balance multiple demographics. They can, and must. Drug addiction, overdoses, and chronic homelessness are all on the local "to-help" agenda and slow strides are being made. No one is claiming otherwise.

But here in Bostin' you cannot just conveniently wave away the past and redefine the future with a wave of a hand.

Folks here, we expect, will continue to drop their "Rs" and continue to say "donuts" until the last of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse gives up trying to find a parking spot on Hanover Street. The challenges of promoting a "new" city to "new" people will similarly persist.

We can build and brand all we want, but everything that has made this City what it is, good and bad, will surely bubble back up. We need to treat that as a reality.

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## Letters to the Editor

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

To Jeff Sullivan: author of *The Bulletin* article – "Roslindale resident restoring U.S.S. Constitution cannon":

Thank you for bringing to light this great Eagle Scout project by Mr. Chris Rice.

I am the U.S. Navy historian for USS Constitution and have researched the 1906 replica guns, made for Constitution's first 20th century restoration, since the mid-1990s.

In fact, I believe the carriage (not a "mount" as you call it several times in the article) that was removed by Chris Rice and his father is possibly the one that was restored to the gun barrel in 1994-95 by James Walsh and Lawrence Steer of Post 2902 VFW, West Roxbury. I attended the rededication ceremony on Memorial Day of 1995 (if I recall correctly). There was a small black and white plaque mounted to the gun's carriage that acknowledged the contributions of Walsh and Steer to the reconstruction of a new carriage. But, maybe the carriage had been replaced between 1995 and today...

You may wish to share with Chris Rice and your Bulletin read-

ers a link to the blog post I wrote about the 1906 replica guns from Constitution: <https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/2016/03/17/1906-guns/> - as you will read in the blog post, there are over 30 of these guns all across the country.

It's very nice to see that the USS Constitution gun is still being well cared for and properly displayed in Gethsemane Gardens! Again, thank you for sharing this story.

Margherita M. Desy

### PUTTING A SCHOOL THERE IS INSANE

To the Editor:

I've lived close to the West Roxbury Parkway/Belgrade Ave. intersection my entire life. I'm also a teacher in the Boston Public Schools. When I first heard the proposal to put a high school at that intersection, my head exploded. What on earth are they thinking?

The first and most important thing a teacher should think of is their responsibility to keep their children safe. Any dangerous situation should set off alarm bells in a teacher's head. You wouldn't be able to live with yourself if your actions or inactions caused a child

to die or to be seriously injured.

That intersection is a major route in and out of Boston on both streets with no room for error. Putting any type of a business on that lot which would entail more than 25 people leaving at the same time is a recipe for disaster; planning to put 800 high school kids there is grossly negligent and insane. All my life I've seen the remnants of accidents at that intersection, along with lots of road rage, cell phone junkies driving while staring at their screens, and drivers who make rash decisions without thinking them through. Unless the state is willing to put a major highway overpass there (anyone up for that?), that intersection will never be safe. Adding traffic-calming measures would be inane - there's too much volume going through that intersection, and there's no alternative route for the traffic. Just look at what it's been like for the past few weeks while utility work was being done there. Imagine 800 teenagers emptying out from that building all at once. Someone, probably a child, will definitely get hurt.

If they are to take the Commuter Rail, the students will have

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## Taking advantage

Recently, a Boston Public Works pick-up truck was photographed after it parked in a handicap spot at a Dunkin' Donuts in Cleveland Circle. Actually, the truck, seemingly devoid of a handicap placard, straddled not only the allotted spot but also an abutting access area. A local television channel made a big to-do about it, reporting that the driver was suspended for a few days without pay—and rightfully so. (Isn't it nice when public "servants" are suspended WITHOUT PAY after transgressions, although the more heinous the transgression, the better the chances that they will be suspended WITH PAY, allowing them to play golf or loll around in bed all day while waiting for their hefty "hard-earned" paycheck to arrive in the mail or to be direct-deposited?)

The television film clip also shows a thoughtful motorist walking briskly across the parking lot, as he proclaims the insensitivity of the PWD driver and reveals that he does not avail himself of the handicap parking space even though he has a placard: he says something to the effect that other handicapped motorists need the allotted space even more than he.

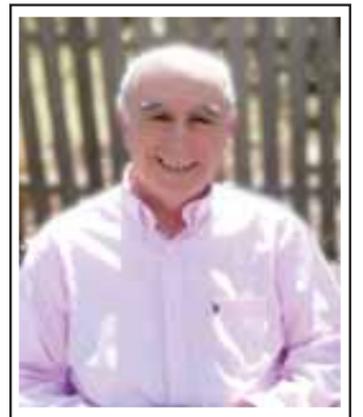
Here's the (possible) rub: the young man had no limp or

other visible disability. Judging by the spring in his steps, he does not suffer from COPD. Of course, he may have a serious cardiac condition that truly merits a placard. But we'll never know.

State Auditor Suzanne Bump recently revealed that the Registry of Motor Vehicles issued or renewed disabled parking placards for more than 10,000 dead motorists. I wonder how many were actually returned to the RMV, or more maddeningly, how many are being illegally—and dare I say, immorally—used by able-bodied motorists to avoid parking meter fees and to occupy handicap parking spaces.

The handicap placard keeps such a person's identity secret. I can't recall whether more than a decade ago my father's picture had to be face-up when I drove him and parked. Yes, he was indeed deserving of such a placard, but after his passing I never succumbed to using it—and it was mighty tempting—in order to avail myself of a convenient parking space or not having to pay at a meter.

Nobody from the Registry contacted me when he passed away. Anyways, how could the agency have known when he died, unless it crosschecked things with Social Security and/or a Retirement Board?



My Kind  
of Town/  
Joe Galeota

The history of handicap placard abuse begs for investigation. I suspect that when handicapped people die, a number of their regular drivers do not destroy the placards because the temptation to still drive with them is so powerful. Just look at the fraud with applicants to the Boston Marathon's One Fund Boston.

All of this having been said, it is a pleasant surprise to know that a 7-11 self-serve gas station in Eastham posts a sign indicating that an attendant will fill up a car belonging to a handicapped person or disabled POW at self-serve prices if a nearby buzzer is depressed. What a considerable idea! That's real thoughtfulness.

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bridge Linden intersection.

David Chilinski, President of PCA Architects, said they will start with 44 feet of height on Pratt Street, continue the L shape with a retail space and public realm improvements on the corner and then go to the rest of the construction.

“The total parking, is all underground essentially,” he said.

Chilinski said they have the parking ratio set up for one space per unit for the condos and .5 spaces per unit for the rentals, coming in at a total of about 200 spaces. He said this current plan, which he emphasized is not final, would most likely need zoning relief for floor-area-ratio, height, and setback. He said they’ve contracted Howard Stein Hudson to do a preliminary traffic study.

“In total, over the course of the whole day there are slightly more trips generated, but in peak morning and afternoon hours (rush hours), because of the change to residential, there is actually less traffic that will exist because of the change in use,” he said.

Allston Village Main Streets Executive Director Emma Walters summed up the initial feelings of the crowd.

“I’m all for density, but I think that 14 stories is quite

some density in that part of the neighborhood, which is historically one to two-family homes,” she said. “Even in the context to the new developments happening here, it’s just egregious in my mind.”

ACA Board Member Brendan Bowser asked about the affordability ratio, which is set by the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) at 13 percent. He said in a development like this, he would like to see more affordable units and workforce housing.

“I would like to see some deeply-affordable units if you’re going this dense,” he said, adding that traffic and construction vehicles are also a concern. “That bridge there is a disaster, and you’re talking about developing on that corner, and it’s a dangerous bridge... That’s something to think about, especially if you’re bringing heavy equipment over there.”

Walters added that pedestrians already have an issue with crossing Cambridge Street in that area, and that might be an improvement to discuss with the Boston Transportation Department in the future.

One resident said they are concerned with the additional parking and traffic from the development.

“It’s just too dense, and we don’t need more luxury housing here,” they said. “I can see this as luxury and unaffordable apartments. It’s too high and I think there’s going to be a problem with parking on Linden Street.”

The members of G Greene Construction Company also

came in to ask for support from the ACA on a redevelopment of its headquarters at 240 Lincoln St.

“This is a crappy building, and they want to erect a new building on that site,” said ACA President Anthony D’Isidoro.

“Well, my father built that building, and we’ve been at this location since 1979 or 1980 operating a construction company,” said President Bob Greene, who added with a laugh that the building is just old and they wanted to update it for its current use.

Greene said they originally had most of their trucks and vehicles serviced in this area and that’s what it was designed for, but since they have moved those operations to Hyde Park, they would be demolishing the current building to build a strict office building.

“We’re aiming for a more energy efficient building,” said G Greene representative Summer Tobin. “We have solar panels on the roof and we designed everything in respect to solar gains... All of our electronics are based on energy saving, and the lights turn off when there’s enough light and then turn back on automatically when it’s dark.”

Tobin added that they will be introducing more landscaping at the site and will be pushing the new building back 15 feet from the road. The only variance they expect to file with the Zoning Board of Appeals is for use, since it is technically in a residential district, but is surrounded by commercial and industrial uses. The ACA membership voted in favor of the proposal.

# Jason Roberts Challenger hosts charity golf tournament



The Jason Roberts Challenger League needs help to fix the field at the Ohrenberger School

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Jason Roberts Challenger League held its annual fundraiser at the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park over the weekend.

According to organizers Kerry Ann O’Shea and Bill Hubbard, the event went off without a hitch, which is unusual for them.

“For the first time in 16 years, we don’t have a fire going, and we don’t have rain,” she said. “It’s been awful; every year we come here there’s always something. But we’ve been going strong these past few years regardless of the weather or things going on at Stony Brook, so this is definitely nice.”

O’Shea said the full day of golf was very successful and so was the raffle afterwards. She

said that is definitely a morale boost for the group, as the Jason Roberts Memorial Field at the Ohrenberger School in West Roxbury has been having some issues.

“It went really well, we had 21 foursomes, which is tremendous and we’re hoping to raise a lot of money, because we have a lot of field repairs,” she said, referring to the heavy rains of the previous week. “We’re having drainage issues, which is not so good, especially going into hurricane season. We’ve been flooding a lot, we put in numerous French drains but, unfortunately, we’ve had too much rain this year and we need to put in a bigger pipe. We’re hopeful we can raise enough money to make that happen.”

O’Shea added the heavy rains of the previous week, which caused heavy flooding in many areas of Massachusetts, hit them especially hard.

“We’re still under water today and that was five days ago,” she said. “We’re going to have the drains put in.”

With the funds they raised over the weekend, O’Shea said she is hopeful that they can take care of the field and give their players a uniform update.

“We’re going to buy new uniforms for the kids, and we’re going to have Red Sox and Dodgers uniforms, red and blue,” she said. “We’re switching up the teams this year and, hopefully, all will go well.”

O’Shea said they’re looking forward to the group’s 25th season this year, which will start in May of 2019.

“I’m absolutely ecstatic,” she said. “We’re still trying to get everything together, I mean it’s early in the season right now, we’re just having our final fundraiser of the year.”

Founder Bill Hubbard said he originally started the league for his nephew, Jason Roberts, and said he was happy to see so

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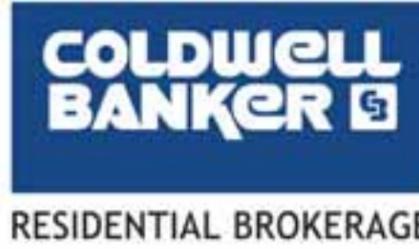
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Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018, rain or shine. 7:30 a.m.: registration - 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.: rolling start - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: stage entertainment. DCR Hatch Shell 47 David G Mugar Way, Boston

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Thursday, October 4, 6:30 pm.

The Great Boston Fire of 1872: A Slide lecture with Anthony Sammarco, Few events can be said to have changed the face of Boston forever. Eventually destroying 775 buildings and causing millions of dollars in damage to the commercial district, the Great Boston Fire of 1872 was a spectacular conflagration that destroyed "Old Boston" and allowed a phoenix to arise from its ashes. Renowned local historian, Anthony Sammarco, examines this awesome fire and its significance. The presentation is based on his pictorial history, The Great Boston Fire of 1872. All are welcome.

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New Balance Sunday, September 30, 2018 @ 12:00 pm The family-friendly run/walk will welcome everyone from competitive runners to friends of the beloved councilor onto a flat and fast USA Track and Field certified course for a sanctioned race that covers just over 3 miles of Allston-Brighton. Participants will start from Tavern Allston at 161 Brighton Avenue in Allston Village, pass through historic Union Square and onto Cambridge Street towards picturesque Brighton Center on Washington Street. The race continues past Brighton Center on Washington Street, U-turning at Fairbanks Street for the run back. After passing by Boston's District 14 police station, runners will begin the last leg and complete the 3.1 mile course at Tavern in the Square. Water and

timing stations dispersed along the course will provide runners with the edge needed to run a personal best, or the extra boost required to help in finishing off a good jog for a great cause. Tavern Allston Register On RaceWire 161 Brighton Ave, Allston

## HYDE PARK

### 50TH REUNION DEADLINE APPROACHING!

The Class of '68 is celebrating their 50th Reunion on Saturday, October 27, 2018, 7 pm, at the Brookmeadow Country Club, 100 Everendon Road, Canton, MA 02021. Graduates from the class of '67 and '69 are invited to join us. The deadline to register is Sunday, September 30th! Fifty years is a long time and locating members of our class is proving challenging. If you know anyone who graduated about that time, please help us spread the word. Tickets are \$80 and include dinner, music, dancing, and more. We've all experienced a lot over the years and we look forward to hearing each others' stories. To register send your check made payable to Hyde Park HS Class of 1968 and send to Amie Goodwin, PO Box 57, Canton, MA 02021. For further information contact [amgoodwin@comcast.net](mailto:amgoodwin@comcast.net) or [katz.carole@gmail.com](mailto:katz.carole@gmail.com). Go Blue Stars!

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## 50th Anniversary



Rev. Eugene Sullivan and Msgr. Frank Kelley get together for a photo after celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of their ordination this past Sunday at Sacred Heart Church. The two priests were ordained on May 29, 1968. Fr. Sullivan is senior priest at the parish and Msgr. Kelley has been pastor since June, 1991. A standing ovation for the two followed the homily and a reception followed in the school hall.

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## Ask The Doctor

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

### The New Volkswagen, Part 1

Volkswagen has gone through its problems over the last 18 months or so. But, the company seems to be going in the right direction with its new gas models including the Atlas, which I had not seen until a few weeks ago. What is the Atlas? It is a medium-size SUV that has a third-row seat. Power comes from either a turbo-charged 2.0 liter, 4-cylinder engine, pumping out 235 horsepower or a non-turbo 3.6 liter, V/6 with 276 horsepower. It also comes in many models with front drive or all wheel drive (4Motion). The base S FWD turbo 4 cylinder is \$30,750 (destination fee: \$925); the V/6 base FWD is \$32,150. The S 4Motion starts out at \$33,950 and the models go up from there to the top of the line SEL Premium 4Motion at \$48,740. The Atlas has a price model for all buyers. The basic warranty is 6 years/72,000 miles and anti-corrosion is 7 years/100,000 miles.

The Atlas does not look like any VW I have ever seen - it looks more like a domestic vehicle. An eight-speed multi-mode transmission transfers the power to either front or all four wheels. Even the base model Atlas has a smooth carlike ride and power from the 2.0 liter is ample. And, there is no problem for the younger generation to get into the third row seating. Vision is good at any angle, due to the design and large, rear side windows.

Enter into the front seats and again, you have to look for the VW emblem to see that it is a VW. The dash layout and style is well-thought out with a large, clear touchscreen display. All controls are in reach and simple to operate. The features vary by model and the top of the line V/6 comes with 20-inch tires and wheels, navigation, park assist, climate controlled front seating, second row outboard heated seats, panoramic sunroof, 12-speaker audio with subwoofer, electronic locking differential, plus more. This was a great SUV to drive, the seats were very supportive, and on the back roads, the suspension absorbed the bumps without any shaking or body roll. (Next time: the Jetta and the Beetle are reviewed.)

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

# Neponset Cleanup *continued from page 1*

teers along the river banks and held it up.

"It's a little rusty, but I am sure it is still usable," she said. "I will take it home, because I am sure a neighbor or someone could use it."

To prove it, she took a brief ride, which a volunteer captured on video, to the enjoyment of the group.

"This is just a great community event," Van Ness said. "It is an opportunity to make a huge difference in one of our area's major natural resources. We can make people more aware of the recreational opportunities available at the river right here in Hyde Park."

Ripley helped coordinate the three-hour volunteer project. The cleanup stretched through Hyde Park, Mattapan, Milton and Canton.

Not only does the semi-annual cleanup remove unsightly garbage, but it also protects the wildlife habitats of many aqueous species, according to Ripley.

"I love being here today," said Ripley, who graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in biology. "This will make the river more accessible to the community so that people can spend more time canoeing and learning about the natural resources that surround them."

He added that he also was coordinating efforts at the B Street and Fulton Street sites in

Hyde Park and the Edgewater Drive and Ryan Playground groups in Mattapan. There were more than 150 volunteers altogether. Dunkin' Donuts provided coffee, while My Grandma's of New England in Hyde Park provided individual coffee cakes.

Janet Smith and Andrew Lucia reported in from the B Street cleanup site as the Glenwood team started hauling out their trash bags.

"We had at least 13 big plastic bags filled," she said with enthusiasm. "There were two pieces of metal, two big spikes, a two-by-four that was 12 feet long, and a couple of syringes."

Lucia, a Northeastern University freshman and a member of the FIGI fraternity, said he decided to do this project because he cares about the environment and for the camaraderie.

"There were a bunch of us who were supposed to come out, but I was the only one at this site here who showed up," Lucia said. "I wanted to meet some new people because I just started school a couple of weeks ago."

The Andover resident said he was excited to pitch in and learn about the environment here while helping others.

"It's all for a good cause," he said. "I enjoy community service."

"A morning of effort like this may seem silly," added Hyde Park resident Jim Kaemmerlen as he looked at the haul of garbage in the canoes. "But we do it because we care."

Nancy Fyler, the Outreach and Education Director of NEPWA, said the high waters from the recent downpours made this year's effort particularly difficult.

"The current is also faster than usual, which makes it really hard to get really deep into the waters," she said.

"The first year, we found the most disgusting things you can imagine," she continued. "Tires. Shopping carts. I think there were 54, because my father was here keeping records. There was this special joy getting a shopping cart out of a river filled with nastiness."

While the cleanup is an integral event for the organization, the follow-up event on Saturday, September 29, she said, is a great way to celebrate a job well done.

"We are going to have a community celebration at Ryan Playground in Mattapan on the 29th," Fyler said. "I think this is an event where all of the community groups can get together and congratulate each other for all of the hard work they have done."

This event is actually a rescheduled event that was sup-

posed to be held this spring. The Mattapan Milton Neponset Community (MMNC) rescheduled their May 12th rained out celebration for 12-3 pm. The MMNC is celebrating the community around the long-awaited extension of the Neponset River Greenway trail from Central Avenue in Milton to the MBTA station in Mattapan.

There will be musicians, spoken word artists, arts and crafts, a family-friendly bike ride along the trail at the Harvest River Bridge. The festivities will take place at the field behind Ryan Playground at the spray deck park at 350 River Street in Mattapan. Neighborhood groups will have information tables.

Traveling up River Street to the Ryan Playground in Mattapan, Fyler joined a group of more than 20 volunteers from the Wentworth Institute

of Technology Civil Engineering Club.

"I found everything from water bottles to axles," said student Austin Hart of Marshfield as he caught his breath. "My waders are soaked through."

This is his third year participating in the cleanup, he added.

Mark Rosado of Brockton spent about two hours in the river, pulling out rubber tires and bottles.

"I'm new to all this," he said. "It's about protecting the environment, but it's also about building relationships."

"It was great to get out here and make a difference," added Brandon Talalai, a first-year volunteer. "We got at least 70 tires, a couple of bikes and a shopping cart. It's just amazing what people throw away. I got really wet, but I think it was worth it."



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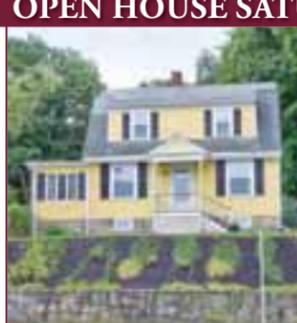
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**Ask Rusty – Changed my mind after claiming Social Security**

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 67 years old this September and have been receiving my Social Security benefits since September of last year (2017). I've found that I do not need the money now, and since I don't need the money, I'm wondering if can I repay what I've already collected and just wait until I'm 70 to get a larger benefit?  
Signed: Changed My Mind

**Dear Changed:** Situations such as yours are exactly why Social Security has a "do over" option, which allows those who claim benefits to withdraw that application within one year. Reality is that sometimes financial circumstances change. People who lost their job may react by claiming Social Security, and then later find other employment, which provides them the income they need. Or they may simply just change their mind and be sorry they applied for benefits. In any case, the do-over option can be used to fix that but exercising that option does have some important consequences.

The short answer to your questions is "Yes" - you can exercise the "do over" option and totally withdraw from Social Security if you do so within 1 year of the date your benefits originally started. But - and this is a big but - you will have to pay back everything that you have collected, including any withheld taxes, Medicare premiums, and any spousal or other dependent benefits that may have been paid on, to or from your account over the past year. Obviously if you wish to do that you should act with haste to sub-



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

mit Form SSA-521 (Request for Withdrawal of Application), because you're coming up on the one-year anniversary of your original application.

However, since you have already reached your full retirement age of 66, you have another less financially painful option available to you which you might want to consider - you can simply suspend your current benefits, which will allow you to earn delayed retirement credits equal to 2/3rds of 1% per month of suspension (8% per year) up until you reach 70 years of age. You will have lost that initial 8% benefit growth you would have otherwise realized for the 1st year after you reached age 66, but that may be less traumatic than repaying Social Security a very large lump sum for an entire year's worth of benefits paid. Then when you reinstate (unsuspend) your benefits at age 70, the benefit amount will be about 24% higher than it is now. Thus, you'll gain a significantly increased benefit without needing to repay all that money you collected for a whole year.

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### BOND

Sarah Elisabeth Of Baltimore, MD, formerly of East Boston and Newton, September 18, 2018. Sarah leaves her beloved children, Zaiden Bond, Adrien Bond, and Logan Grove and their devoted fathers, Edwin Cruz and Kevin Grove. She also leaves her loving parents Robert and Ann (Gilligan) Bond. Sarah is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins. Graduate of North Shore Community College. Funeral from the funeral home on Wednesday, September 26th at 9:15am, followed by a Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Newton Centre. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston. For guestbook [pemurrayfuneral.com](http://pemurrayfuneral.com). P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

### CASEY

Mary T. (Nee) Of West Roxbury, formerly of Brighton, died in the comfort of her sons on September 23, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John J. Casey. Loving mother of Jay and his wife Brenda Kierstead of Cambelton, New Brunswick Canada, Paul and his wife Joan Casey of Chestnut Hill, David and Doug Casey of West Roxbury, and Thomas Casey of Chicago, IL. Devoted grandmother of Brennan Casey, Hillary Casey, Ronan Casey, Garrett Casey and Kerian Jobczynski- Casey. Cherished great-grandmother of Caleb and Evan Casey. Dear sister of Eileen Taylor of Maine, John Nee of South Dennis, and the late Thomas Nee and Kathleen Moore. She was the daughter of the late John and Bridget (Brennan) Nee. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Name Church at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours Thurs-

### 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.  
*Grateful thanks. —A.E.P.*

## Deaths

day 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to Poor Clare Nuns Monastery, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For directions and guestbook, please visit: [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com). William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

### CLARKE

Mary E. Lifelong resident of West Roxbury most recently of Sophia Snow House, passed away on September 22, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late James and Catherine (Harney) Clarke. Dear sister of James Clarke and his wife Beverly of Walpole, and the late Catherine (Clarke) Cunningham and her late husband Thomas. Loving aunt of Patty Cunningham and her husband Sam Kennedy, Mary Lou Lynch and her husband Jimmy, Cathy Hussey and her husband Pat, Teri Holt and her husband Greg, Tom Cunningham and his wife Beth, Jim Clarke and his wife Aimee, Michael Clarke and his wife Sandy, and Barbara Clarke. Also survived by many grand nieces and nephews. Visiting hours at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Wednesday, September 26th from 4-8pm. Funeral from the funeral home on Thursday, September 27th at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Theresa Church, West Roxbury at 10am. Relatives and friends Kindly invited. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mary's memory to PWSAUSA.org or to Tufts University Medical Center. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

### CLIFFORD

Ann M. (Brennan) Of Quincy, formerly of Mission Hill and Jamaica Plain, September 22, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John F. Clifford. Loving sister of Mary Donnelly of

Jamaica Plain, James Brennan of West Roxbury, George Brennan of West Roxbury and the late John, Joseph and William Brennan. Also survived by fifteen nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 9:00 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Mission Church) at 10:00 am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours in the funeral home on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made, in Ann's name, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home [www.lawlerfuneralhome.org](http://www.lawlerfuneralhome.org) 617-323-5600

### FERRIS

Joseph W., Jr. Of West Roxbury, September 19, 2018. Beloved son of the late Alice J. (Sexton) and Joseph W. Ferris, Sr. Loving Brother of Jane Tracy and her husband Philip A., Jr. of Boston, Mary Kerrigan and her husband Philip of North Reading, James F. Ferris of CA and John E. Ferris and his wife Nancy of Westwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Joe was a graduate of Catholic Memorial High School and Boston College. He was a former teacher in Maryland and Braintree, MA and a long-time dedicated employee of New York life Insurance Company. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's name to , P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 - 5014 [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home [www.lawlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawlerfuneralhome.com) 617-323-5600

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**MCLAUGHLIN**



Rita A. of West Roxbury, formerly of Roslindale, and most recently of Sophia Snow Place, passed away on September 24, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Thomas J. and Grace F. (Connors) McLaughlin. Sister of late Edward McLaughlin (KIA, WWII) and Audrey M. Donahue. Sister-in-law of the late Francis X. Donahue. Loving Aunt of Linda A. Sabina and her husband Frank of Dedham and Carolyn D. McGrady and her husband William of Cumberland, Rhode Island. Great Aunt of Brian Sabina, Michael Popper and Gregory Sabina.

Rita proudly graduated from Girls Latin School in Boston. To date, she was the oldest living student from her class.

Rita was a graduate of Teachers College in Boston. She received her Masters Degree and continued with post-graduate courses. She was an energetic and passionate Boston Public School Teacher for 40 years. She taught Second Grade for 35 years at the G.H. Conley School in Roslindale. Often, she would be stopped in church, on the street or in stores by her former students who would recall memorable impressions of being in Miss McLaughlin's class.

Through her lifetime, Rita was an avid traveler, visiting over 50 countries and 6 continents. She made friends with travelers from all over the world and exchanged letters for many years. She enjoyed bringing souvenirs home to friends and family.

She belonged to the Holy Name Church Guild, the West Roxbury Garden Club, Parkway Club, and the VFW Club. Rita also enjoyed photography and reading.

During retirement, she was devoted to fund-raising and charity activities and was very involved with the social activities at Sophia Snow, where she made many friends.

Her family could always count on Rita to be the most enthusiastic supporter at Plays, Concerts, Birthday Parties, Weddings, Thanks-

giving and Christmas Holiday celebrations!

Visiting hours at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty and Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., West Roxbury on Thursday, September 27th from 4-7 p.m. funeral from the funeral home on Friday, September 28th at 10:30 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury at 11:30 a.m.

Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sophia Snow Place in honor of her memory. For online guestbook [pemurrayfuneral.com](http://www.pemurrayfuneral.com). Arrangements by P.E. Murray -

F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

**O'BRIEN**

Mary A. (Doherty) Long-time resident of Roslindale, passed away Sept. 19, 2018 at the age of 95. Mary loved her garden, the Red Sox, and The Pats. She will be remembered for her sassy love of life and youthful energy into her 90's. A funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Mary's memory to Sacred Heart Church. Guestbook at [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com) Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

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**Senior Club News**

**MIL-PAR NEWS LETTER**  
The Mil-Par Bowling team is looking for new members. If you would like to join come to Ron's Bowling Alley any Tuesday morning at 9:00 am.  
Our meetings will continue to be at the Blue Hills Collaborative Center until renovations are completed at St. Pius X Church Hall.

refreshments followed by a meeting, raffles and Bingo. Occasional day trips and dinners are planned. Our dues are \$10.00 per member paid annually.  
All inquiries, please call Diane Grallo at 617-323-8654 or Jean Parelli at 617-325-4695.

**COMMUNITY SENIORS**  
The Community Seniors meet the second Tuesday of the month at St. John's parish hall, 4740 Washington Street, West Roxbury, MA at 12:30 from March through December.  
**Senior Clubs**  
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**THE VILLAGERS**  
The Villagers of Roslindale meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 12-3 at St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 4740 Washington St West Roxbury.  
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Park Day and Time: Thursdays, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Class dates: October 25th – December 6th, 2018

For more information or to register contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglora@ethocare.org

## JAMAICA PLAIN

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONTRADANCE

September 29, potluck at 5:30, dancing at 7:30. First Church of JP. Boston Gender Free Contra Dancers are celebrating our 30th anniversary. LGBTQ, allies, and friends welcome to our community contra dance night. All dances taught. Details at <http://lcfid.org/jp>.

### SOCIEDAD LATINA

\* October 4, 11, 18, 25 (5:00-6:00 pm): Community Open Mic Nights at Sociedad Latina

\* October 8 (12:00 pm): Youth Artists performance at the Museum of Fine Arts Fall Open House

\* October 8 (2:30 pm): Youth Artists performance at the Christian Science Center

\* October 12 (3:00 pm): Youth Artists performance at the John Hancock building

### OCTOBERFEST; FIESTA! ISALMOST HERE

Octoberfest ¡Fiesta! is JPND's annual fundraising spectacular. Join us for a lively evening of celebrating community, enjoying local beer, eating dishes from top local restaurants, and dancing all while raising funds to support small businesses, family asset building and new leaders!

Thursday, October 11, 6-9 PM at the JPND Brewery Small Business Complex!

## WEST ROXBURY/ROSLINDALE

### WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY

DROP IN KNITTING - Tuesday, October 2 at 3:30 pm

### LOBSTER DINNER

Sponsored by the St. George Orthodox Church of Boston Adult Fellowship on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 5:00-7:00PM at the St. George Community Center, 55 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury. Menu: Two boiled lobsters, clam chowder, baked potato, dessert and coffee. Price: \$25.95. Children under 12, (1 lobster), \$15.95. Fish Dinner available, \$15.95. Take out orders will also be available. Reservations must be made by calling Michel/Evelyn Easa (617) 266-0065 or Pat Ayoub (781) 326-6755. (If a machine answers be sure to leave your name and number). Reservations are a must! Deadline for reservations Sept. 27, 2018. Friends, neighbors, parishioners, all are welcome!

### HEALTH CENTERS ANNUAL MEETING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center's Annual Meeting and Community Service Award will be held Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Boston Lodge of Elks, 1 Morrell St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. This year's Community

Service Award Recipient is Grace McMann. Please join us! A buffet supper will be served. Please RSVP by October 4th 617-323-4440 x196. A \$20 donation is appreciated.

### WRFORP HARVEST BRUNCH

The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place invite you to its 26th Annual Harvest Brunch and Raffle on Sunday, November 4th from 10:00-12:00 noon. This worthwhile fundraiser supports homeless and poor women, Rosie's Place Food Pantry, Roslindale Food Pantry and sends homeless and poor children to summer camp. It will be held at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury. Gift certificates from some of your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled-off. Join the fun and connect with your friends and neighbors over brunch while helping out a beneficial cause. Admission is \$20.00. You may pay at the door, by check to WRFORP, PO Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or by credit card on our website [westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org](http://westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org). If you need additional information, please call 617-331 7290 and be sure to check out our Facebook page and like us at [facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies](https://www.facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies).

### FRIENDS OF THE POOR 5K WALK

Make a positive difference in the lives of those in need in our community! The St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in the parishes of St. John Chrysostom, Holy Name, and Sacred Heart are sponsoring The Friends of the Poor 5K Walk on October 21st from 1:00-3:00. The Walk will begin and end at the traffic circle across from the Holy Name Church in West Roxbury. Walkers can register and financial contributions made to the St. Vincent de Paul conference in the parish of choice. We need your help to foster a life giving community. All contributions will be used to help the less fortunate. Questions and concerns can be voiced by contacting the St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. John Chrysostom, Holy Name, or Sacred Heart Parish Center.

### GOSPEL OF LUKE BIBLE STUDY

St John Chrysostom Parish, 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury invites adults to The Gospel of Luke Bible Study which will begin September 25. Sessions meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. For 6 weeks. No Bible Study experience is needed. The Gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission and the compassion of God. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers and access to recorded lectures are included. We hope you will join us because this is easy to do and it will be spiritually enriching, making a difference in your life. Contact Mary Campion 617-323-4410 or [marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org](mailto:marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org)

### ETHOS

#### AgeWell Memory Café

Day and Time: Tuesday, October 9th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A Memory

## The Bulletin

Café is a social gathering where people with memory loss and their caregivers can come together in a safe, supportive environment. Guests can share conversation over a cup of coffee in a relaxed atmosphere that sometimes includes music, art, or other forms of entertainment and provides families who are living with Dementia or Alzheimer's a support group to lean on and resources to share. Cafés are offered at no charge and anyone from any neighborhood may attend. Reservations are requested, but not required. For more information or to register, contact Ann Glora at [aglora@ethocare.org](mailto:aglora@ethocare.org) or 617-477-6616. Location: BCYF Roche Family Community Center, 1716 Centre St. in West Roxbury

### ROSARY RALLY

Please join us in praying the Rosary in memory of Our Lady of Fatima 101st Anniversary. Please bring your prayer, beads, family and friends. All parishioners in the area are welcome. Saturday October 13, please arrive at 11:30, Rosary will start at noon, St. John Chrysostom Church parking lot, corner of Washington St. and Lagrange St. West Roxbury.

### 42ND ANNUAL BAZAAR & FOOD FAIR PLANNED

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Boston is proud to announce their 42nd Annual Bazaar & Food Fair to be held at their community center located at 55 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury, MA, on Friday and Saturday, October 19th and 20th from 10:00AM to 9:00PM and Sunday, October 21st from 12PM – 3:00PM – FREE ADMISSION/WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. Full kitchen service and take-out available. Authentic Middle Eastern Cuisine and Pastry, American Foods and Pastry, Country Store, White Elephant Table and much more. Do your Christmas shopping here at St. George. Purchase Galaxy Raffle tickets to win fabulous prizes! There's something for everyone at the St. George Church Bazaar!

For more information, please call the church at (617)327-6500. Proceeds to benefit church projects.

### IRISH SOCIAL CLUB DANCE PARTY

Friday, September 28 called "Parkway After Dark." It's a dance party open to the public who are 21 years or over 8:00 pm – 12:00 Midnight. Cost \$15.00. DJ by Sean McCarty. Must have a valid I.D.

### MAYOR OF ROSLINDALE CONTEST FOR ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE

The 43rd Annual Roslindale Day Parade will take place on Sunday, October 14th, stepping off at 1:00 p.m. from Washington Street in Roslindale Village. The parade will proceed up South Street, to Belgrade Avenue, taking a right at West Roxbury Parkway, through Gottwald Rotary, to Centre Street, to South Street, and ending at Fallon Field. This year the Parade will honor as Grand Marshals the Families of John Morgan and Jack Lynch, co-owners of Roslindale's Pleasant Cafe, which just celebrated its 80th Anniversary last year.

In addition to parade participants, the Committee is seeking candidates to join in our 20th Annual "Mayor of Roslindale" Contest which will run through the end of September. The winner of the contest will be honored in the Parade on Sunday,

October 14th. For information about the contest, as well as Parade participation opportunities for your organization or business, please visit [www.roslindaleparade.com](http://www.roslindaleparade.com), email [info@roslindaleparade.com](mailto:info@roslindaleparade.com), or call 617-327-4886.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Stratford Street United Church hosts a Blessing of the Animals Service on Billings Field Billings Field West Roxbury, MA, Sunday, October 14th @ 10:00 am

The Stratford Street United Church invites all of our neighbors, including four legged friends, to celebrate and honor the animals in our lives, and beyond, in recognition of the life of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. There will be individual blessings of all animals and their human companions, honoring their sacred connection to one another. No matter what your faith background or practice you are welcome to this community event!

Join your neighbors for this special event. Hot Coffee and Treats for pets will be available in abundance!

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buildings there that would be demolished.

Plans for the site include four new residential buildings ranging from five to eight stories. There would also be a restaurant space, a pond side park for community access and approximately 2.53 acres of greenspace on the project site.

Many residents simmered about the new development coming into Readville, including George Perry. He interjected comments throughout the meeting.

"There should be no major development in Hyde Park and Readville," he said. "We have to be adamant. We have to be firm."

"The problem is that these developments are coming in piecemeal, without looking at the total impact on the community," added Johnene. "You have the Sprague Street development coming in, Readville Yard 5, the Father Hart bridge construction and the old Stop & Shop lot. Then you have the school buses and trains idling. No one looks at the impact on the area as a whole."

"I think the piecemeal quote is a little unfair," District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy said. He answered a variety of questions about development, traffic and noise issues throughout the meeting, which ran nearly 90 minutes.

"The MBTA is a huge issue. I can tell you that Rep. Scaccia and Sen. Rush are adamantly opposed to having the trains idling here. Why have the trains idling way out when they are coming out of downtown?"

Johnene asked if an MBTA representative could come to a Readville Neighborhood Watch meeting.

McCarthy said that he and Councilor at Large Michelle Wu had the MBTA director in Hyde Park three years ago to talk about issues with the T in the area.

"He quit right after," McCarthy said.

One question McCarthy did not answer was posed by Perry.

"Are you for or against the Sprague Street development," Perry asked McCarthy. "Answer the question."

"I will see you there," McCarthy said of the October 1 meeting. "There is a new scoping session. They are changing a lot of things. It will be interesting to see."

McCarthy also explained the issue of light industrial development coming into Readville "as of right."

"You can't just say you can't move in because you don't want it," McCarthy said. "As of right is a legal zoning term. I don't work for the BPDA, but we can extend an invitation to the BPDA to explain it."

He added that trucks go out of My Grandma's Coffee Cakes, so a business going into that site would be zoned to have trucks going in and out as well.

Member Martha McDonough raised environmental concerns ranging from idling trains and school buses to litter in the parks. This preceded Saturday's Neponset River cleanup on Saturday.

"The idling of the diesel trains that go out to the far suburbs and then come back here to idle here is not fair," she said. "A neighbor came out and showed me a dirty rag from the fumes. All that dirt and the noise should not be here. Between the state with the T and the city with the school buses, something needs to be done. The trains should at least be off at night."

"There are 10 trains that idle here now," Johnene added. "In the Boston 2030 plan, they talk about adding eight more in Readville. That's something we should be concerned about."

"Everything in that report is, 'That would be a good idea,'" McCarthy said, noting that nothing is set in stone.

Lisa Consalvo, chief of staff to Rep. Angelo Scaccia, said that she would try to find out the state law regarding the policy for idling MBTA trains.

In other news, McCarthy spoke of his upcoming trip to Vancouver to Insite, a safe injection facility for drugs. People can inject drugs there with clean needles under the supervision of medical professionals and then see a social worker, exchange needles, or get help for addiction, according to the website. They can also receive Narcan if they overdose. This facility helps prevent AIDS and overdose deaths, according to the Insite website.

"I will light myself on fire before that happens here," McCarthy said. "But I want to do the research."

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# Trailer Park

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office building, and the zoning actually would have allowed double the size of the proposed building, if it were an office building.

Noone explained that the developers did not want to put “one giant building” on the site, instead there will be two separate buildings at four stories each, but due to the elevation change, they will look like they are about 3.5 stories when viewing them from the VFW Parkway.

Noone said Lincoln Parkway will talk with Boston Trailer Park residents for their input on whether they would like to see a fence or landscaping on Second Street. One resident said she would like to see a large fence. “We do not want residents walking onto our property,” she firmly stated. “I think there should be some sort of separation.”

Traffic was another major issue raised by a number of community members. Noone called traffic “the elephant in the room”. One West Roxbury resident told Noone that traffic has increased dramatically on the VFW Parkway within the past few years. “And they have added those apartments next to Home Depot! That will make traffic even worse,” one resident remarked.

At the WRNC, member Rob Corley said he felt the traffic is already at terrible levels, and member Stephen Smith agreed, saying that the intersection of Spring Street and the VFW creates problems for everyone going whichever direction.

“Traffic is a major concern, I use the same intersection every day and it’s the 128 corridor right there,” Corley said. “It’s not as if we’re going to say this is the only 258-unit development proposed on the Parkway, but it seems to me like the appetite for apartment buildings is endless at this point, and I’m not sure when it’s going to stop, but at some point a neighborhood has to say, ‘I’ve had enough!’”

Noone said at the WRNC meeting that the City of Boston is under a housing crunch, and he is trying to fill the gaps.

“There’s a chronic housing shortage, that’s what it is,” he said.

Corley added he is concerned that this development, the largest he’s seen in his time at the WRNC, would create precedent for other developers to build even bigger on the VFW Parkway, which would in turn create more traffic.

“Granting this type of use on

this type of property, well there certainly is enough space and the design seems logical, but essentially this is opening up the floodgates for even more traffic problems,” he said. “There are several rumors of other large developments coming in around Home Depot and again, it’s the same thing. This is the greatest space for residential in my opinion. It’s zoned that way for a reason, and I feel like this wouldn’t be the last time we see something like this on the Parkway.”

Residents at the BPDA meeting complained that the timing is “too short” for the traffic lights on the VFW Parkway, which causes a lot of back up and congestion. Noone said he can discuss this issue with Mass DOT. He also explained that the city of Boston will be reviewing a traffic study done in the area.

A resident of the Boston Trailer Park at the WRNC meeting felt the proposal was unfair to say the least.

“You’re taking a project and you’re stuffing it down our throats,” she said.

Noone explained that in the lobby of the apartment complex, there are plans to have a large screen that displays when the next trains and buses are arriving. It will also let residents know where the nearest Lyfts and Ubers are.

“We will also have a shuttle that will take residents to the train station.”

Boston Trailer Park residents asked if they will get a pass on the shuttle as well, and Noone told them there can be a discussion of that idea.

One community member asked what materials the complex will be built out of.

“It will be a wood frame,” explained Noone. This alarmed many residents and community members, “Wood burns,” remarked a trailer park resident. “What are we gonna do if the building goes up in flames in front of us? Swim?”

If everything goes smoothly, Lincoln Parkway plans to break ground in late spring/early summer of 2019. The whole project will take 20-22 months to build.

Comments on this project can be sent to Boston Planning & Development Agency Project Manager, Michael Sinatra, at michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov. For more information on the project and to submit comments, visit [bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1507-vfw-parkway-\(parkway-apartments\)](http://bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1507-vfw-parkway-(parkway-apartments)). The comment period ends on Oct. 4, 2018.

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New members are welcome to join a friendly group of men and women.

Dues are \$7.00 and are collected on the second Tuesday during the June meeting.

From time to time trips and other activities are announced from other sources at the meet-

ings. Call Phyllis at 617-364-2280 Louise at 781-326-0086

## GO-GO SENIORS

Sept. 29 Foxwoods. Leave at 7:45 am from Shaws Parking Lot, Hyde Park. Cost \$27.00. Any questions call Joann 617-323-0071.

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of City Life.

“Have you made these demands?” She asked. “[City Realty] is not here. This has dissolved into rhetoric. Displacement is racism. What’s left to do? Shaming them? Let’s get the NAACP involved. The black churches.”

Will Poff-Webster, from District 6 City Councilor Matt O’Malley’s office, has been working all year to help El Embajador Restaurant at 3375 Washington St., a building CRM put up for sale on March 12.

“The owner of El Embajador is getting a relocation settlement,” Poff-Webster said. “They’ll move out. I don’t know if they have another site yet. But the community is losing a Dominican restaurant.”

Matthews said that City Realty should partner with a non profit housing organization to develop that property.

“It can go any day now,” she said.

Lee agreed.

“Would Urban Edge be willing to put up an offer for 3375 Washington St.?” he asked.

CRM retained the 12,000 square foot parcel of the Wash-

ington Street property that faced Green Street.

On Sept. 7, it filed a Project Notification Form for a four-story, 20-unit apartment building for the site designed by Embarc. Three units will be affordable. The small project review comment period ends on Oct 9.

At the same time, work has begun on the five story, forty-unit apartment building at 3193 Washington St. which CRM first proposed over two years ago; eight of those units will be affordable.

These two big projects were ignored; people instead were bothered about the practice of CRM to buy up two family houses and convert them to three units: 63 Sedgwick, 19 Walk Hill St., 8 Nira Ave., 140 Minden St/ and another proposed on West Walnut Park.

“They’re nickel and diming us to get away with affordability requirements,” said a Cornwall St resident. “They don’t contribute to affordability. They should add up all those units and combine them which would require them to make some affordable.”

There were four main recommendations. 1. A plan to reduce displacement. Protect the renters at

435 Walnut Avenue. 2. Combine all the units in the two -family houses being converted into three’s, add them up so CRM will participate in the city’s affordable requirements. 3. Partner with JPND or Urban Edge to develop 3375 Washington St. before it’s sold. 4. CRM to provide a list of all the properties it owns, the number of tenants in its housing portfolio and the number of contested leases.

Marie Turley and Helen Matthews would write a letter stating those and other recommendations to CRM.

In a statement to The Bulletin, the spokesman for CRM declined to comment on those recommendations.

“Those involve a lot of ongoing projects and discussions that we prefer to have directly with the stakeholders,” the statement read “We prefer to not comment until they’re fully resolved.”

Few at the meeting were fully resolved about what to do next. When Rainsford asked for a show of hands who wanted to meet with City Realty again, only two hands were raised.

# Jason Roberts *continued from page 6*

many people come out and support the league.

“We had a good turnout this year,” he said. “It’s our biggest fundraiser of the year.”

Hubbard said they’re looking to ramp up opening day this year with a marching band and other festivities.

Residents Kraig Gustafson and Brian Lynch said they came out to support their friend John Remus, who’s child plays in the league.

“We did the golf course and it was a good day out, the course is in great shape, I got to play with three people I like hanging out with,” Gustafson said. “We didn’t set a course record, or come close to it, but it was a lot of fun.”

For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/JasonRobertsChallengerLeague/>



## Public Meeting

# 139-149 Washington Street

**Tuesday, October 9**  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**77 Warren Street**  
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R.E. Hawes Medical Building,  
3rd Floor, Conference Room 1  
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**Project Proponent:**  
AvalonBay

**Project Description:**  
The public meeting will focus on the Map Amendment in connection to the proposed project located at 139-149 Washington Street in Brighton.

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to cross the tracks to board the train. Teenagers make dumb decisions all the time (trust me - I'm surrounded by them all day). One of those teenagers will think he can make it across the track before the oncoming train hits him. I guarantee it.

I've read the letters from the staff singing the praises of the students at Roxbury Prep. Guess what - everybody feels that way about their students, no matter where they teach. If you love your students as much as I love mine, do not put them in harm's way.

I have no problem at all with Roxbury Prep being somewhere in my neighborhood. But if the staff and administration are truly competent, why on earth do they feel comfortable putting these kids in such a dangerous situation? Is it lack of experience, or lack of empathy? Whatever the reason, you're risking your kids' lives. And if you're okay with that, or if you don't even recognize the danger, I would never ever send my kid to your school.

*Tim Casey  
Roslindale*

### EXCITED ABOUT PROSPECTS OF NEW SCHOOL

*To the Editor:*

I live in Roslindale and have had lots of conversations with friends and neighbors about the proposal to build a high school at 361 Belgrade Ave. I think the idea of bringing a high school to this area is a no-brainer. It would be a huge value-add for Roslindale because it would present residents with another high-quality school choice for their kids. There is no public high school in Roslindale right now so our young people have to travel all over the city to attend grades 9-12. While this is normal practice in Boston, wouldn't it be nice to have a contingent of Roslindale and West Roxbury kids who can walk to high school without the price tag that comes with private school?

The more I learn about the academics at Roxbury Prep, the more appealing the proposal becomes. This isn't just any public school—this school is delivering results for its students and deliv-

ering on its promise to get kids to and through college. Their curriculum and culture truly sets kids up for success—something not all schools are able to do.

After meeting some members of the Roxbury Prep team, I have to believe that their commitment to their students will transfer to the surrounding neighborhood. They are attentive, responsive and willing to put in the work to make this school a reality. I commute to work via public transportation and am always on the bus with students from other schools; I sometimes run into students from Roxbury Prep and I have silently witnessed them conduct themselves as respectful, kind students that are part of the community.

I love driving down my street and seeing all the "We Support Roxbury Prep" signs. I am a young adult who lives in this area, I plan to stay here for many years, and continuously be a part of the community; I would not be an advocate for something I did not truly believe in long term. Support is growing, momentum

is gaining and I encourage more of my neighbors to get involved in this positive addition to our neighborhood.

*Katherine Chousa  
Roslindale*

### THANKS PARKWAY, FROM GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

*To the Editor:*

This league started out as simply a way for West Roxbury middle school girls to play basketball and improve their skills over the summer. However, it quickly turned into an empowering event in response to the inequality between male and female athletics. With this came a realization surrounding a lack of visible female role models, thus each night of games a local business run by women was brought in to showcase what they do. The first night, Pam from Ria's Cafe up the stairs from Billings brought down a sundae bar for the players to enjoy. She was followed by Danielle Joseph of West Roxbury Main Streets, who set up a swag table and passed out sunglasses and water bottles while simultaneously running a food drive and raffle for Rose's Bounty, the West Roxbury Food Bank. Westzone Daycare Providers came next bringing popsicles, Gatorade, and water, headed by Christy Bortolotto and Mimi Largey. Top it Off, a local accessory store run by Elizabeth Hoenscheid, came another night bringing scarves for each player. The final night, the Rental Depot across from Star Market donated a grill for the realtor Cheryl Sullivan to grill burgers and chicken for 90+ people. That night Cryotherapy West Roxbury also sent down their new 'Normatec Compression Therapy Chair' for spectators to try out.

There were many other people as well who graciously helped in spreading the word about this event. The Head of Parkway Travel Basketball, whom I played for when I was younger, Mr. Jerry McDermott kindly sent a huge list of helpful information on permits, referees, insurance, recruitment, etc. He also sent out a blast email to everyone in the Parkway system, from which we got the first 20 players signed up. The YMCA directors Marian Kelly and Pamela Szalno were incredible in helping organize the finer legalities, such as getting a permit to play at Billings Field and organizing insurance payments. Meeting up with Representative Eddie Copping at the Corrib Road Race, he enthusiastically sup-

ported the league and offered to pay for the t-shirts for all players, volunteers, and referees through Superflash T-shirts on Centre St. (I just had to come up with a design). At that same 5k, I talked to Suzanne and Ryan Mason from Parkway in Motion who jumped on board and helped spread the word through their Facebook. Mike O'Brien of Parkway Hockey also kindly offered to send an email blast out to his players after I ran into him while running at Millenium Park. The Boston Elks, after reading my letter explaining this league and its purpose, also made a donation to the YMCA that went towards purchasing basketballs and scorebooks. Matt O'Malley's office also helped out a ton by power-washing the courts, as they get filthy from continual daily usage by the whole community.

As to the actual game nights, there were many people who helped keep the games running and the players focused on playing. Four teams meant we needed four coaches, and as of the first night we had only two confirmed coaches set - Amelia Teta, a former teammate, and The Rose Brothers, two older siblings of a player. That night, we found a rotating trio of fathers to help coach another team, and Mr. Bortolotto offered to coach his daughter's team. The scorekeepers and referees who I cannot thank enough for their help and services are Kyle Kelley, Anya Chachkes, Maddie Higgins, Grace Isberg, Yalini Manivasakam, Ava Baldassari, and Kerby Gillis. Without them the league surely would not have stayed as orderly as it did.

I'd like to thank the players and the community. I truly hope this basketball league, In Your Face, has made an impact on these players and helped nurture a love for this game. I know firsthand how frustrating it can be trying to find a summer league that isn't all the way across Boston, so hopefully this league sticks around and grows and continues providing opportunities for girls to play basketball over the summer.

Lastly, to my amazing troop leader Amy Kelly. Without her I would never have had this opportunity to pursue such an accomplishment, and she has been such a great support and motivate-or-throughtout this entire process. She has been my troop leader since 1st grade, making it 12 years of Girl Scouts, finally culminating in this basketball league. All that is left to completing this project is presenting it to the Gold Award Committee in October.

*Holland Gillis  
West Roxbury*

## First Graders, Families, Make their own Paper Violins on "Paper Violin Night"



*Jeremiah Caamano pictured with his mother, Maylin DeLeon, both of Roslindale.*

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Bridge Boston Charter School First Graders completed phase one of the school's Violin Project with the help of their families on "Paper Violin Night." After spending the first few weeks of school learning about the instrument and its different parts, the young scholars were tasked with creating a violin out of cardboard, tape, and paint to be used in their coursework throughout the rest of the fall.

They'll spend six weeks with the handmade violin learning different pieces of their instrument including strings and tuning pegs, among other parts. Each week they earn a new part to learn about until the instrument is finally



*Father and Son: Dario Teixeira-Pinto pictured with his father, Odair Pinto, both of Dorchester.*

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complete. After its completion, they will have a ceremony where the kids trade in their handmade violin, and it "magically" turns real. In reality, the

students are each gifted with their own violin, which they will use throughout their time at Bridge Boston, a public charter school in Roxbury.

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