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## McCarthy talks about goals and concerns at FHNA meeting



Outgoing District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy said he wants to focus on details for the city.

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

District Five City Councilor Tim McCarthy addressed more than 30 members of the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Boston Police Academy, noting neighborhood concerns he is addressing such as traffic, bridge repair and an illegal business picking up compost on Truman Parkway.

“As a City Councilor, I have been working in Hyde Park, Roslindale and Mattapan for years,” McCarthy said. “But when I leave the Council at the end of the year, I really want to focus on 02136. I feel like I can

continue to do what I love doing.”

He added that he will continue his lifelong commitment to Riverside Theatre Works, as well as efforts like Hyde Park Main Streets..

As for his potential successor, he said that he hoped that it would be someone with a history of community involvement.

“All I can say is that I hope it not someone who is just parachuting in,” he said. “Nobody is officially in the race yet, because no one has submitted papers.”

McCarthy said there will be a preliminary election in Sep-

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## Friends of Hyde Park Library gearing up for annual meeting

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Friends of the Hyde Park Library is planning to host its annual meeting on March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the local branch.

The meeting will include the Friend of the Year award, which will go to a non member this year, an uncommon occurrence for the Friends according to President Victoria Gall.

“Thien Simpson has sup-

ported Hyde Park, the Hyde Park Main Streets (HPMS) and the Friends in many ways for years now,” she said of the Executive Director of HPMS. “HPMS would always give us items for raffles or when we would have auctions they would always advertise our programs online and on Facebook.”

Gall said Simpson has always helped the Friends whenever and wherever she

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## Boston Firefighters, kids, residents and Mayor pitch in to clear hydrants



Dozens of photos swarmed social media on Monday after Sunday's snowstorm that dropped more than a foot onto the streets, sidewalks and fire hydrants in Boston. The Boston Fire Department wants to remind all residents to help them out and clear fire hydrants after a snowstorm, in case they need to be used to save a house, or a life.

COURTESY PHOTOS

## SWBCDC looking for new property, working on Neponset Path

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) is ramping up its efforts to improve Hyde Park after successfully opening the Residences at Fairmount late last year.

SWBCDC President Mimi Tuchinetz said the group does not want to just sit on its heels after the successful construction of the first fully-affordable building built in Hyde Park in over 10 years.

“We’re in the process of trying to do some strategic thinking and so we’re looking for new deals,” she said. “We’ve rented all the Residences at Fairmount, and we’re not sure everybody has moved in yet. So many people wanted to live there, and it’s pretty amazing and reflective of the need for housing in the neighborhood.”

Tuchinetz said they are focusing on locations around River Street to increase their property holdings to be able to offer new affordable housing, however the current real estate market is making it tough.

“Many people have been



The Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation is working to develop Doyle Playground.

COURTESY PHOTO

really interested to sustain some of those buildings there, and it’s always about site control,” she said. “It’s all the commodification of land, land that used to be affordable now has people trying to get a million dollars for it. There’s a lot of different ideas and we’re having informal conversations now around the Fairmount Line, but we don’t have anything hard and fast just yet.”

Tuchinetz said the group is also looking for a new permanent executive director. Former Dorchester Bay Eco-

nomic Development Corporation Director Jeanne DuBois has temporarily taken the helm.

“She’s got a long history at the Dorchester Bay,” Tuchinetz said. “She’s got a significant capacity to help us get deals...We’re trying now to stabilize the organization and are looking at a lot of different properties while we do that. We’re having conversations with different owners and

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FOOTPRINTS

Michael Cunningham  
Special to the Hyde Park Bulletin



Michael Cunningham

I visited the village of My Lai, Vietnam today, March 16, 2018, on the 50th commemoration of the massacre. At that site 50 years ago to the day, an American infantry company from the Americal Division, led by officers Lt. Calley and Captain Medina, entered the village and massacred everyone and everything living there. 504 deaths were confirmed. Pigs, chickens, water buffaloes were wasted.

Why? You ask.

Supposedly the Americans were frustrated by all the casualties they were taking without ever seeing the enemy. My Lai was to make up for their losses. 504 innocent, helpless, defense-

less, women (some pregnant), children and old men brutally massacred because the Americans were frustrated!

As I walked the grounds that were once a peaceful agricultural village along the coast of mid-South Vietnam, many sights haunted me. Whoever recreated this devastated village as a memorial did an excellent job. Most of the hooches {slang term for Vietnamese homes} were depicted as they looked after the Americans left, burned to the ground. However, the recreators built a hooch exactly as it looked 50 years ago, the day of the massacre. As I walked into the hooch, my mind flashed back 50 years, when I was a young 18 year old infantryman in Viet Nam.

Although I wasn't involved in the massacre, most Vietnamese hooches were built in the same fashion. Straw matted roofs held up by wooden poles, dirt floors, walls made of either dirt or bamboo, with a few pieces of wooden furniture and clay pots strewn about. On the outside, farming utensils hung from the side of the coop holding the cattle or water buffalo – if the family was lucky enough to own one.

But of all the sounds and sights and smells I encoun-

tered, one vision haunted me the most, indelibly etched in my brain – the footprints.

The recreator of My Lai village showed all the footprints in the muddy footpaths of the

these bare feet I could see the distinctive boot marks of the soldiers. The path along the canal was most revealing; the canal where 170 villagers were systematically gunned down. I

My eyes were riveted on these footprints – of the villagers and the soldiers. What could have been, if their lives weren't snuffed out at such a young age? What was going through



Impressions of hundreds of feet in the mud, mostly small bare feet, interspersed with the haunting boot marks of American soldiers.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

could see the impressions of hundreds of feet in the mud, mostly small bare feet, but then there were those haunting boot marks of the American soldiers.

their minds as they were dragged to the ditch and thrown in, to be slaughtered by such

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Editorial

A NEW CHAPTER

There are those who argue that the era of the public library is over. With the Internet making book and periodical buying and borrowing easy and ubiquitous, why have dedicated buildings on the taxpayer dime? Who needs a trip to a reference room to seek out an encyclopedia when all the world’s collected knowledge fits in the palm of your hand?

Plans to renovate the Roslindale Library should squash those naysayers.

We’ve recently seen the fruits of a beautiful, revitalizing renovation of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. The Roslindale plan is just as important for that neighborhood.

As reported in the Bulletin, the design phase will be completed in mid-spring. It will be put out to bid in mid-summer, with construction slated to begin in October and take approximately 14 months.

Let’s look at the features and improvements.

\* The new library will have a basement, providing working and meeting space for the Friends of the Roslindale Library, the Roslindale Historical Society as well as a room for the staff. This clears away additional first floor space that may house an early literacy center.

\* The renovated building will have an elevator and other features needed to make it more accessible.

\* There will be a new teen center.

\* There will be the addition of a terrace in the rear of the building with an outdoor seating area and landscaping. Additional greenspace will be provided for patrons to sit and read on the Poplar Street side of the building.

\* A defining detail of the \$10.2 million renovation is a new domed roof.

Some may argue that this is an awful lot of money for a handful of improvements. Our rebuttal is that the library was built in 1961, and lacking improvements, is at risk of just being another building that is walked by but never entered. If kids and teens start using the renovated building more, it becomes an adjunct of sorts to their schooling, and is worth every penny.

Most important of all is another intangible. The library will serve as a point of neighborhood identity and pride. Too often Roslindale, flanked by West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, is an overlooked neighborhood. This library is an important recognition of, and investment in, the neighborhood.

Are libraries a dying breed? Sadly, the writing may be on the wall. We can be thankful, however, that the City of Boston is willing to buck the trend and invest in these tremendous community resources.

Don’t think of these projects as investing in libraries. This is investing in neighborhoods. It is investing in families and giving them and their neighbors a place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city that surrounds them.

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Marilyn Wentworth’s legacy

Several hundred city residents jammed the Elks Hall on a frigid night in late February. They had come to the standing-room-only meeting orchestrated by City Councilor Matt O’Malley to ensure that what happened to Marilyn Wentworth would never happen to anyone else.

Marilyn was fatally killed crossing Centre Street in West Roxbury in the late afternoon of an early February weekday. Her husband was waiting in a parked car while the lifelong resident of the area utilized a crosswalk to approach a restaurant on the other side of the street for a cup of coffee. With the sun setting in the west, a motorist, blinded by solar glare, was unable to see this pedestrian.

The solemn meeting begun with her tearful husband Alton and similarly distraught son Matthew commenting about Marilyn and thanking the crowd for attending; the meeting closed with her disconsolate daughter Jennifer similarly thanking the outpouring of attendees and with St. John Chrysostom pastor, Father John Carroll, offering his heartfelt condolences.

The bulk of the hour-and-a-half meeting consisted of impassioned residents making suggestions for eliminating, as one speaker so aptly phrased it, the “Wild West” syndrome that characterizes motor vehicle activity in West Roxbury not only on Centre Street, but now on other major streets now referenced on the GPS navigation system Waze by harried motorists.

After the introduction of the Wentworth family, a police official from E-5 itemized the number of citations given since the New Year began. An official from the Boston Transportation Department listed some of the improvements that would take place. A Northeastern professor of traffic engineering mentioned that infrastructure improvements could be more readily accomplished by raising the gas tax.

The official held in highest esteem by the very large assemblage from Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury was not even in the hall: Cathy Gordon, among others, referenced a legendary Boston cop, Officer Kilduff. He was respectfully and fondly characterized as a police officer who did way more than his share to lasso in all the wild motorists in the area.

Some of the suggestions for improving Centre Street were to make it one lane in each direction (which one speaker said would turn the road into a Route 28 in Falmouth, presumably on a rainy summer day); electrified signage that would flash a driver’s illegal speed and automatically result in a ticket; more police presence/enforcement; an island in the middle of Centre Street; more pedestrian activated signals; and crosswalks painted more clearly. Interestingly enough, no one mentioned speed bumps, such as those on JP’s Eliot Street, or the slightly elevated crosswalks that neighboring Brookline has implemented on Pond Avenue and Walnut Street to slow down traffic.



My Kind of Town/  
Joe Galeota

Speaker after speaker told of close calls in trying to cross other streets, sometimes with small children in tow. They revealed how 40 mph signs, incredible to believe, are still present on Washington Street near the Beethoven School.

Hopefully, the state legislators in attendance, Senator Rush and Congressman Copping, will do more than ever before to quickly facilitate passage of laws banning distracted driving, whether pertaining to telephone usage or, as Florida is now envisioning, the presence of pets in the front seat.

Many attendees left with large purple signs, provided by Councilor O’Malley, saying “PLEASE SLOW DOWN BOSTON/Be a Good Neighbor.” When the warm weather returns, they’ll be planted in so many yards throughout the area you’d think it was election season again. Anything, yes anything, to prevent another Marilyn Wentworth tragedy.

Letters to the Editor

TRAFFIC SAFETY NOT A SIMPLE SOLUTION

To the Editor:  
It was encouraging to see on a snowy evening how many turned out to last week’s meeting about traffic safety in West Roxbury. I will say what was I am sure on many people’s minds. It should not have taken the death of a pedestrian at the Hastings Street crosswalk for the meeting to take place.

I commend the family of the person killed at that crosswalk for being the first to speak at the meeting. I believe their remarks helped set the proper tone for the

meeting. The last thing the meeting needed was for people to start pointing fingers at the Area E-5 police the Boston Traffic Department or the Department of Public Works.

There is the saying, “We have met the enemy and it is us”. In this case the speeding you see on streets, drivers going through red lights, not using their directional, ignoring crosswalks and double parking they are us for the most part. We are part of the problem so we need to be part of the solution.

A number of years ago I attended many of the meetings in

regards to the Centre Street reconstruction. It cost several millions of dollars and I said in my remarks last week that we failed. We may have given a better road for drivers but failed pedestrians and bicyclists.

At the meeting was an MIT professor who spoke about lane reductions. It is not a new idea, it was mentioned during the reconstruction of Centre Street. I was given the consideration of a New York minute. The people pushing the idea were a small minority. A tweak here and there won’t solve the issues on Centre Street. People seem far more willing this time to give the idea more consideration.

There are, what I call, the three Es that all must play a part regarding Centre Street; Education, Enforcement and Engineering. We can redo Centre Street, have police enforcement but if

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can, and has made that help a family affair.

“She has also helped me get more familiar with Facebook and other online stuff, like social media things that I just didn’t know about,” she said. “And when we’ve asked for volunteers to help us move our books, she has sent her son and his friends to help out with some of our more laborious tasks. Nothing ever seems to faze her.”

Gall said the announcement came as a shock to Simpson, which in turn shocked her a little bit.

“She does so much for the community, for all the different organizations and for the city and she was shocked when I said we wanted to give her the Friend of the Year Award,” she said. “It’s usually been a decision to give it to an active Friends member in the group, but sometimes it has been other people within the community who have been supportive and, for Thien, it’s long overdue.”

That won’t be the only focus of the annual meeting, however. Gall said they are going to update the community on what they’ve been able to accomplish for the community and what they’re looking to do in the future. They will also have President of the Boston Public Library, David Leonard, come to speak on the future of the BPL as a whole.

“I think he’s got a lot to say about the library and he will be a good draw,” she said. “There’s a lot going on in the BPL in infrastructure and improvements, just in general with all the other branch librarians. There is also a lot going on with collection development in the library, and they have wonderful digital online services for people and they offer a lot of programs.”

She said the BPL, for example, is currently partnering with the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, in which dozens of graphic works of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec will be on display, both institutions will be hosting more than 200 of Toulouse-Lautrec’s work, which include 100 pieces from the BPL.

“What’s great about this is for people who have a BPL card, they’re going to get into the museum for free during this time,” she said. “The show opens in April and there will probably be a lot more hoopla later on, and I want David Leonard to share some of those highlights. He’s a good



*Hyde Park Main Streets Executive Director Thien Simpson*

speaker and he knows so much about a lot of areas, and if a question is asked and he doesn’t know the answer, he’ll find someone to get back to you.”

Gall said they are also currently working on implementing the improvements recently announced with the allocation of \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Act fund. She said the funds will pay for new benches at the library garden and for some restoration work for the sculptures there. However, they feel they will have to raise more funds themselves to get more landscaping improvements to the garden. She said they are also trying to partner with Keep Hyde Park Beautiful to improve the garden.

For more info on the Friends, go to [friendshplibrary.org/](http://friendshplibrary.org/).

## Mayor Walsh appoints City’s first Chief Information Security Officer

Mayor Martin J. Walsh Recently announced the appointment of Gregory McCarthy as the City’s first Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to lead the Cybersecurity Team within the Department of Innovation and Technology. This appointment elevates the role previously held by McCarthy and marks a commitment to strengthening efforts to protect the City of Boston’s technology platforms and data from cyber threats.

Since joining the City of Boston’s Cybersecurity Team in 2010, McCarthy has managed the implementation of numerous information security solutions and helped develop the City’s first Cybersecurity Awareness Program for employees. In this role, McCarthy will continue to lead efforts to strengthen the cybersecurity capabilities across the City and further the team’s mission through modernizing technology, partnerships, and regular training.

“Cybersecurity is something we clearly have to take seriously, and there are always new challenges ahead; a humbling reminder that our work in this field is never done,” said McCarthy.

Prior to joining the City, McCarthy spent five years as a Principal Research Technician at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. McCarthy resides in Jamaica Plain with his husband and serves as a Board Member for the Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library.



*Gregory McCarthy*



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# Why School Counselors Matter

One of my graduate school professors once likened the role of a Licensed School Counselor to trying to catch students as they go over a waterfall. Adolescence (and pre-adolescence) is a turbulent time and for young people this time can often feel like the rapids are raging all around them. The challenge our professor gave us was to try to catch students before they went over the falls. Imagine the number of students in Boston right now slipping through because they don't have a School Counselor to help catch them and provide support.

Homelessness. Trauma. Finding and applying to high schools and colleges. Family challenges. Peer mediation. Conflict resolution. Family meetings. Home visits. Challenges with a teacher. Each student I work with as a Boston Public School Counselor has their own unique needs — and often they have many of them all at once. Supporting them is my job, and I love every minute of it. Advocating with and on behalf of young people is the job I was born to do.

At UP Academy Boston, I support 165 8th graders, each with unique and pressing needs, so my time with each of them is precious. If this sounds like a lot, my colleague who has 938 students to support would probably jump for joy at the chance to support this number of students. I cannot speak to her full experience except to say that she spends much of her time responding to crises. While responding to crisis situations is an important part of a School Counselor's job, it leaves little time for proactive planning, outreach to service providers, collaboration with teachers, and visits to students not in crises, to name only a few.

In BPS, we currently have

## Guest Columnist Dan Goldsbury

107 counselors serving a district that includes 27,300 students in grades 6-12. While there is a contractually mandated rate of 1:300 for high school and 1:400 for middle school, that number is averaged and does not always apply to every school. Since they are not covered by the language in the current contract, many K-5 and K-8 - more than 50% of the Boston Public School population - are currently without a Licensed School Counselor.

Our 107 current counselors are not equitably staffed in our highest need schools. There are some public schools in Boston that have as many as eight school counselors to support their student body. Let me be clear: I think this is a great phenomenon, and those students and their families are blessed to have those great educators supporting them every day. At the same time, there are many other schools in Boston that have no school counselors at all. Are these children in less need of support? Not at all. Are they less deserving than those who happen to be a better-resourced school? Of course not. Social-emotional support, as one of the district's stated priorities, should be given the same equitable staffing we would give core content.

We must take steps to provide support in ALL our Boston Public Schools. This starts with our next contract, currently being negotiated between the School Department and the Boston Teachers Union. Right now there are more than 40 schools that serve students between K-8, which are not subject to any of the contract provisions for

counselor:student ratios. With over 30,000 students in schools with these grade configurations, this leaves more than 50% of BPS students without a mandated School Counselor to support them. Are there committed service providers from the community in these schools? There surely are. There are also principals who have found a way to make School Counselors a budgeting priority, but without any mandate or accountability, we are leaving student support services to the whims of the next school administrator. The time is now to address this issue.

As the BuildBPS plan rolls out in the coming years, it seems likely that Interim Superintendent Perille and her team are set on transitioning to set grade configurations of K-6 and 7-12 while retaining some K-8 and 9-12. As the teacher's contract is currently written, neither of these configurations is subject to the counselor ratio requirements as written in the contract language. We must speak out, on behalf of our licensed School Counselors, but more importantly on behalf of our students. This new contract and the BuildBPS plan rollout that will follow will likely shape our schools for decades to come.

This problem is within our locus of control and the next teacher's contract represents a golden opportunity to address the inequitable distribution of support services for students in Boston. Thousands of young people in our city are approaching the waterfall every day — let's make sure we catch them.

*Dan Goldsbury is a BTU member and a School Counselor at UP Academy Boston. He's the proud parent of a 10-year-old and 8-year old.*

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are looking at what opportunities we can.”

Assistant Executive Director Patricia Alvarez said they are also looking at the areas around the Neponset River. She said there have been some significant gains in bringing a park resource to the people of River Street and nearby environs, but those gains are actually stepping stones to bring a riverfront path connecting Fairmount Station in Hyde Park to Edgewater Drive in Mattapan. She said the SWBCDC met with several community groups last week, including People of Hyde Park Wanting Equal Representation (POHWER), Livable Streets, the Boston Parks Department, Speak for the Trees and the Fairmount Greenway Task Force.

Specifically the group met to talk about the site formerly known as the Doyle Playground, which the group has been working on to create a new park.

“We met to talk about the Doyle Park and the West Street Urban Wild down the road,” she said. “That Urban Wild is a two-acre site of conservation land managed by the City Parks Department and where several years ago, you might remember, we hired goats there to eat the poison ivy. Parks removed a lot of heavy construction debris and the neighborhood volunteers planted 80 trees there.”

Alvarez said the plan is to have the path go from the Fairmount Station to the West Street Urban Wild, to Doyle, to the Shops at Riverwood to end at Edgewater in Mattapan.

“That will take some time, but in the short term we’re working on Doyle and a path that connects Riverwood and the West Street Urban Wild,” she said. “The obstacle now is access to the river bank where there are issues of ownership and whether there’s a right-of-way across from West Street where it’s unclear who owns it. It’s like a private way with public access, and we’re working to figure that out.”

Alvarez said they are also looking to use the path for education on two levels, firstly that of informing residents about their natural habitat and secondly, just to let them know its there.

“Most people who live on River Street don’t even know the river is there and there’s certainly very little access to it,” she said. “We hope this will enhance the community life for people and create a healthy, beautiful greenspace that people can enjoy. Everybody’s really excited about trying to make this happen.”

Alvarez added that, ideally, someday they hope to be able to clean the sediment contamination of PCBs from the riverbed of the Neponset as much as possible, but that’s very far off at this point.

For more information and to hear about upcoming meetings, go to [swbcdc.org](http://swbcdc.org)

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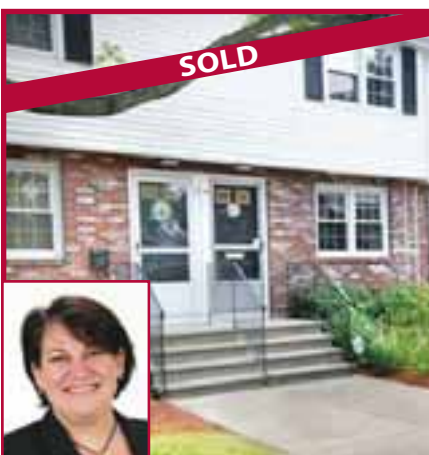
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# Around the Neighborhoods

## CITY

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT THE BERKSHIRE PARTNERS BLUE HILL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston (LLEGO Boston) presents a COMMUNITY BREAKFAST to benefit the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9am to 11am. The Blue Hill Club located at 15 Talbot Avenue in Dorchester services 300 children daily.

These children are from low income families that benefit from the Blue Hill Club’s commitment to transforming lives.

In partnership with the Boston Police District B-3 station, the proceeds from the breakfast benefits the many programs that the Blue Hill Club provides. Special guest speakers for the community breakfast include Boston Police Commissioner Willie Gross and Dan Lebowicz. Commissioner Gross is the first person of color to lead the Boston Police Department. In his tenure thus far, Boston has seen a steady decrease in crime. Mr. Dan Lebowicz is the Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Sports in Society at Northeastern University. Under his leadership, the Center has led discussion on Domestic Violence on a national level. He has appeared on ESPN and other major networks discussing many topics that affect our everyday lives.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$20.00 per person or \$200.00 per table. To purchase tickets, a table or to donate, please contact Ms. Shari Maestre at the Blue Hill Club (smaestre@bgcb.org) or Officer Pele James 617-343-4717.)

### BCYF FAMILY GYM IS BACK!

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) free Family Gym Program is back for the

spring season and Boston families are invited to join in! Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families.

Family Gym runs on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. More than 300 college students have volunteered for Family Gym contributing more than 8,000 volunteer hours!

Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. Families can jump rope, play on an obstacle course, do the limbo, or play parachute games or sports. No pre-registration required however caregivers must participate and remain in the gym with their children at all times. Thanks to a partnership with Northeastern University, student volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Family Gym is sponsored by The Foundation for BCYF, Boston Children’s Hospital, and Northeastern University.

This session of Family Gym will run through April 13. In the fall the program will expand to additional BCYF community centers. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.

### ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

#### ANNUAL DINNER

Save the Date for the 2019 Allston and Brighton Boards of Trade Annual Dinner. Wednesday, April 24, 2019 with special guest Dan Shaughnessy

### PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am.

The featured selection for March 27th will be Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate by Bryan Stevenson Copies of the book are available at the branch. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

#### BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS

Mystified by the net? Don’t know how to surf? Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for Alan. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032

#### ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Two ESL conversation groups meet at the Brighton Library:: One on Monday evening at 6:15 pm; The other on Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032.

#### EXHIBITION RECEPTION: PARTITION PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave, Allston

Join the Harvard Ed Portal for a reception to celebrate the latest Crossings Gallery exhibition, Partition Perspectives. The 1947 Partition of British India displaced millions of people along religious lines and led to the creation of two new countries: Pakistan and India. In this exhibition, Mahbub Jokhio and Krupa Makhija,

Spring 2019 Visiting Artist Fellows at Harvard’s Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, reflect on the impact of the partition. Their work explores the deeply personal issues of culture, language, and identity in the region. The exhibition is open from March 5 until March 28 <https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/exhibition-reception-partition-perspectives>

### WISE AND YOUNG

Thursday, March 7, 2019, 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave, Allston

Join the Harvard Ed Portal for the premiere of new music by violinist Jeffrey Young and percussionist Peter Wise. Inspired by jazz, electronic, and classical music, these collaborative creations were developed over two months through a process of improvisation, recording, and revision. Following the concert, the musicians will discuss their music and development process with the audience.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Boston Cultural Council.

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### HYDE PARK

#### FREE TAX SITE @ HYDE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to Blue Hills Bank, Jean Antoine, Hyde Park Librarian, and Mimi Turchinetz, Director of the program and Hyde Park resident, we are able to provide free tax services at Hyde Park Public Library. Located at 35 Harvard Ave, Hyde Park 02136. It is a walk-in site, no appointment needed. Days: Feb 23rd, Mar 9th, Mar 23rd and Apr 6th From 9 am - 1 pm. More info, please call 617-908-5246 or [www.bostontaxhelp.org](http://www.bostontaxhelp.org).

#### WINTER PROGRAMS AT THE BCYF HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Freelance Players: Calling all actors ages 8 -13 years old, the Freelance Players, a non-profit musical theatre company, is offering a spring session at the community center. They Hyde Park Troupe will meet on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00pm from

February 5th – May 10th. For more information contact Freelance Players at 617-274-6065 or [info@freelanceplayers.org](mailto:info@freelanceplayers.org).

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

#### PURIM BALL TO BE HELD AT TEMPLE BETH DAVID OF THE SOUTH SHORE

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

Tickets are \$25 per person, and reservations can be made by [emailinfo@templebethdavid.com](mailto:emailinfo@templebethdavid.com) or event1@templebethdavid.com. Please reserve by March 1. Temple Beth David is located at 1060 Randolph Street in Canton, MA.

For more information, please call the Temple office at 781-828-2275 or [emailinfo@templebethdavid.com](mailto:emailinfo@templebethdavid.com) or event1@templebethdavid.com.

### WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

#### PSA ROSLINDALE ARTS ALLIANCE FUNDRAISER

The Roslindale Arts Alliance (RAA) and CSz Boston announce an exciting upcoming event in Roslindale. On Saturday April 6, ComedySportz will perform at the Rozzie Theatre. The event is being planned to raise funds for the RAA and It’s All About Arts “Youth Art Scholarship” program. In addition to the performance there will be a silent art auction and raffles. A portion of the ticket sales will go to the fundraiser. Event takes place from 5-6:30pm and is located at the Rozzie Theatre, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale. ComedySportz is appropriate for all ages. For more info visit [roslindalearts.org](http://roslindalearts.org). For info about It’s All About Arts visit [facebook.com/TalkArts/](https://facebook.com/TalkArts/)

To purchase tickets and learn more about ComedySportz visit <https://www.cszboston.com/calendar-of-events/?edid=126570>

To donate to the fund or for silent art auction or raffle, call Janice at 617-710-3811. Thank You.

#### FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

The Highrock SW Boston Church is offering a series of free Free English Conversation Classes on Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Roslindale Community Center, 6 Cummins Hwy, Roslindale. Classes are for non-native speakers to practice

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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.*

**To the Doctor:** I read your response regarding the “Chevy Shake” issue with a 2015 Chevy Silverado. I would like to suggest that the Chevy Shake is simply caused by the factory standard for front-end alignment on all GM trucks. GM alignment standards are a fairly wide range for camber and toe-in, and if you take your vehicle to a generic front-end specialist, they will almost always find the vehicle to be “in alignment” according to factory specifications. But, GM ships all of their vehicles with at least a half-inch of front-end toe-in, and usually more than a full degree of positive camber. This causes the tires to be pushing against each other the entire time that the vehicle is rolling. It may cause the vehicle to track straight, but it also causes front-end vibration and premature tire wear. What do you think about fixing the “Chevy Shake” by taking the truck to a front-end expert who knows what he’s doing and have him align the tires much closer to the “Zero-Zero” alignment specifications – meaning zero inches of toe-in and zero degrees of camber? If the front end of the vehicle is in good condition, it won’t really increase road wander and it will end the shake that is caused by the tires continuously “slipping” on the pavement.

**From the Doctor:** Alignments usually will not have an effect of vibration. I see a lot of cars and trucks every week. If the alignment is way out of factory specs, unusual tire wear will occur. All vehicles have tolerances in alignment specs. As long as the alignment is in the specs, the vehicles will handle fine without experiencing abnormal tire wear. The common shake complaint can be caused by a number of drive-line problems including tires and wheels, as well as transmission and torque converter. A qualified technician will need to follow a trouble flow chart to determine the cause of the shake.

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

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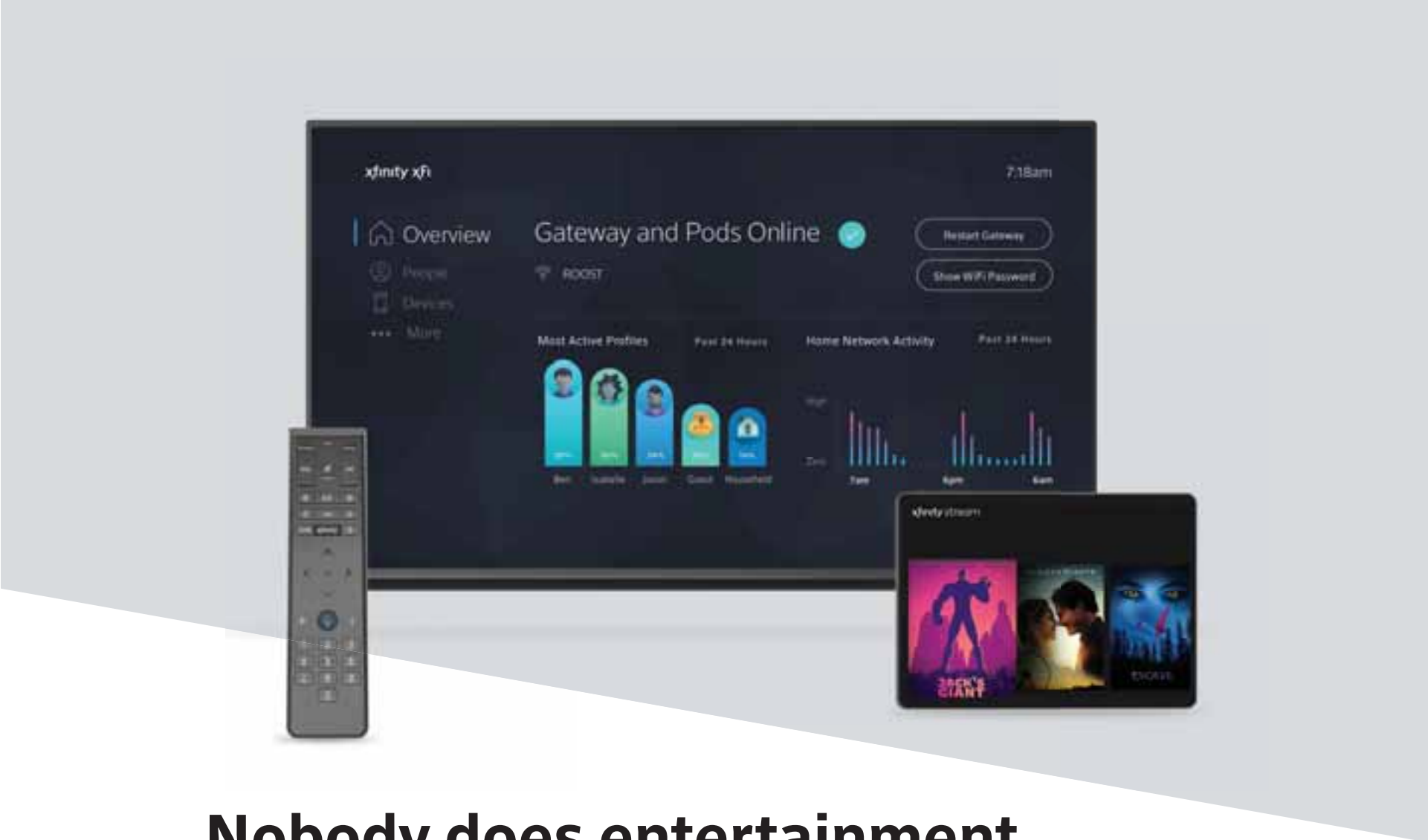
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# PSNW happier with dispositions of two Pierce properties

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

At the last Pierce Street Neighborhood Watch (PSNW) meeting on March 5, the group discussed two properties in the area, 100 Pierce St. and 88 Pierce St.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy sent his representative Maria Farrell to tell residents the problem property at 100 Pierce St. has been taken over by Chase Bank.

“And the house has been cleaned up and there’s no litter there,” she said. “The cleaning company and the bank said they’ll keep us updated on what’s going on.... It’s now the bank who has to assume responsibility to keep up with it.”

The property has been used as a rental, but did not have working heat or water. Tenants had been afraid to go to the police, but working with the neighborhood and community organizers, Farrell said they were able to get the issue noticed by the city, which had the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) condemn the property and get those living there to shelters.

Farrell said in a previous meeting that the residents had been using buckets for their restroom accommodations and showering either at work or at a gym. Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Representative for Hyde Park, Bryan Flynn, said he believes the owner of the property to be liable for the issues associated with the property.

For 88 Pierce St., owner Seth Tagete and architect Hezekia Pratt came back to the neigh-



Residents said they were happier with the plan for 88 Pierce, but still had a few nagging concerns.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

borhood with a brand new two-family concept for the property. Two years ago, Targete came before the group to present a two-family townhouse plan that was flatly rejected by neighbors and the PSNW. So he has now come back with a more traditional triple decker configuration.

“At that time we had a different project and we thought we had some community support,” said Pratt. “We found out there were some concerns I think a day or two before the (Zoning Board of Appeals) hearing, so we decided to start over again to see if we could come up with something that the community members and this group could agree to.”

Pratt said they have also been able to eliminate seven zoning code violations (to their estimate, they haven’t submitted to ISD yet so that assessment is not confirmed), including insufficient parking, townhouses are a forbidden use, insufficient lot size, insufficient open space and insufficient side, rear and front yard setback.

Pratt said they were not able to fix violations for the lot width, frontage and floor-to-area ratio


(FAR). “FAR is one of the main violations the ZBA actually has and they actually get passed most of the time,” he said.

Residents brought up a debate of parking versus open space. Pratt and Tagete both said that because of the setback, they would only have to do a little tree trimming and not have to cut any down. Residents at the meeting said they would not be averse to having fewer parking spaces if it meant more open space.

“If the community wants it and the abutters agree to it, we would do it,” Pratt said.

All those in attendance said they were concerned that since the meeting was not an official abutters meeting and abutters were not specifically notified, they should have another meeting presenting the idea before submitting to ISD.

In other news, the official ribbon cutting for the Coffee Break Shop on Truman Highway was postponed on Saturday due to weather concerns. Flynn said there is no date set at the current moment, but that it will be scheduled as soon as they can.



# Thank You Novenas

## For Favors or Prayers Answered

### 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. —K.B.*

### St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9<sup>th</sup> day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

*In gratitude for helping me. —J.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.

*—D.J.*

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St. Patrick's Celebration with The Fenian Sons to support the Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation

Saturday, March 30, 2019, 7:00 pm – 12:00 am at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury

Mark Bavis was on Flight 175 on September 11, 2001. The family and friends of Mark Bavis established a foundation in Mark's name to preserve his memory and to perpetuate the principles by which he lived every day. The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation was created to help deserving young men and women excel in their quest to improve themselves, their school or their community. Proceeds from this evening will be specifically designated for a scholarship for a student from the Parkway area. Live Music by The Fenian Sons and Nolan Donato. Irish Step Dance Performance by The Harney Pender Keady School Of Irish Dance. Door Prize, Raffles, and Silent Auction. Tickets \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. Mark (617) 438-2964 Dave (781) 771-3880

PARKWAY IN MOTION SCHOLARSHIPS

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Providing academic scholarships to students in the Parkway area has been a long-term goal of Parkway In Motion since their inception in 1998. Thanks to the generosity of the community, they have distributed \$70,000 in scholarships since 2014. On March 30th, Parkway In Motion will award the 5th Annual Michael Kennedy Memorial Scholarship valued at \$5,000 for students in grade 6-8 and Parkway pride scholarships for K-5 grade students, valued at \$1,000 each. If you are interested in sponsoring a Parkway Pride scholarship for 2019-2029 academic year, please email [info@parkwayinmotion.org](mailto:info@parkwayinmotion.org). In 2019, Parkway In Motion is introducing their Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program. This program provides financial resources to students entering grades 3-8 in the Parkway community so that they can participate in the summer enrichment learning experience of their choice. Students may apply for funding for camps in the areas of music, art, mathematics, dance, language, robotics, sports, science, and more. Learn more at [www.parkwayinmotion.org/scholarships](http://www.parkwayinmotion.org/scholarships).

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE WEST ROXBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEST ROXBURY BRANCH LIBRARY

Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ 2:00 - Mel Simons will be regaling us. He will do the audio clip trivia quiz: playing voices of famous Bostonians past and present. We will have to guess the owner of the voice! It's a lot of fun! Come one, Come all!

Bring a friend or two. Free and open to the public Please like us on Facebook: facebook/West Roxbury Historical Society QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? RSVP Sandi Serkess [serkessandra@rcn.com](mailto:serkessandra@rcn.com)

GARDENING LECTURE — "TRANSFORMING YOUR PERSONAL SPACE: FROM BACKYARD TO GARDEN"

Hosted by The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury. Please join us at the Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St., West Roxbury, on Wednesday evening, March 13th, for this informative talk by award-winning local landscape designer Sally Muspratt. "A private garden space," says Muspratt, "is one where you feel you can be your true self, whether others can see you or not." Attendees will learn ways to separate and join public and private spaces, as well as techniques for creating privacy in residential gardens. Doors open for sign-in and light refreshments at 6:30 PM on the 13th; the lecture runs approximately 7:00 – 8:30 PM. No reservations required – a \$7.00 donation is requested at the door.

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Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. @ Rozzie Square Theatre, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale (just off the square)

In partnership with the Boston Women's Heritage Trail, New Brook Farm will an updated edition of our engaging exploration of the extraordinary women who founded, joined, and visited Brook Farm. Come hear the words of Margaret Fuller, Elizabeth Peabody, Sophia Ripley, Amelia Russell (the Mistress of Revels) and others, drawn from their journals, letters, books, and interviews.

Through a generous grant from Mass Humanities, the performance will be followed by a community discussion on "Shaping the Social Contract: Insights from the Women of Brook Farm." Historian and writer Marilyn Richardson will guide the discussion, which will examine the interconnections of gender equality, abolitionism, and women's suffrage in the 19th century and current issues of racism and sexism. Marilyn has taught and lectured nationally and internationally on African-American cultural and intellectual history. A former Fellow of

Harvard's Bunting (now Radcliffe) Institute and the DuBois Institute, her publications include Black Women and Religion (G.K. Hall) and Maria W. Stewart: America's First Black Woman Political Writer (Indiana University Press).

The event is free. All are welcome. Please note that seating in the Rozzie Square Theater is limited, so come early to be sure you get a seat. More information: [info@newbrookfarm.org](mailto:info@newbrookfarm.org) or 617-694-6407.

PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2019 season. Games begin in April. There will be 2 seasons, spring and fall, played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the 'parkwaysoccerwestroxbury' site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at the Roche Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's Barber Shop in West Roxbury and Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale.

Parkway Youth Soccer is in its 41th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2004 and Dec. 31, 2014 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2001 and 2003 are eligible to play in the Senior Division. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-962-4271.

IRISH NIGHT

St. John Chrysostom Parish will host an Irish Night on Saturday, March 16 at 5:30 pm in the parish center. Dinner is corned beef and cabbage with entertainment from local Irish

dancers. All from the community are invited. Tickets are \$15 a person and \$25 a family. You can purchase tickets in the parish office. Please call 617-323-4410. 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury

FRIENDS OF THE WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY ANNOUNCES BOOK SELECTION FOR 2019 WEST ROXBURY READS

The Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library has selected These Truths, a History of the United States by Harvard historian Jill Lepore for its community-wide read event, "West Roxbury Reads." Dr. Lepore will discuss These Truths on April 11 at the West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury. The event starts at 6:30 pm with a reception and book sale followed by Lepore's talk and book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

The book examines American history through the lens of the "self-evident truths" as written in the Preamble of our Declaration of Independence. It has garnered praise from critics and readers alike. NPR's Michael Schaub wrote "Jill Lepore is an extraordinarily gifted writer, and These Truths is nothing short of a masterpiece of American history." The book was published in September 2018 and is available at the West Roxbury Library.

In announcing the selection of the book, Gwynne Morgan, co-chair of West Roxbury Reads stated, "We chose 'These Truths: A History of the United States' as the centerpiece of our 2019 West Roxbury Reads series because Dr. Lepore, besides being an eloquent writer, highlights themes which still challenge the U.S today: racism, immigration, technology, press and religious freedom, and the crucial need to understand civics and history."

In addition to the author talk, "West Roxbury Reads" will present a series of events throughout the month of April

related to the themes discussed in the book. A full schedule of these events will be announced in early February.

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While the Boston Public Schools canceled all events on Saturday, making the New Mission High School gym unavailable for the start of Foley Division playoffs, the Curran Division witnessed two great semi-final games. At the same time another set of hearty New Englanders braved the snow and cold weather to attend the Instructional Division’s pizza banquet and awards ceremony at the Ohrenberger Community Center. As the reader looks at this report, the Curran and Foley Divisions will have played their annual All Star games on Tuesday, March 5th.

Curran Division Results Form held as the two top seeds advanced to the championship game, but they really had to earn it.



Raptors 30 - Sonics 26

In the first of two amazing semi-final games the Raptors put together a string of passing in the last two minutes of the game to get the winning edge. The Sonics kept pace with the Raptors and were ahead going into the last two minutes of the game. Their offensive charge was led by Oscar Torres and Shamilah Bodden scoring 6 and 5 points respectively. They also had an outstanding offensive performance by Kamil Castillo who scored a season high 6 points. On defense for the Sonics it was the guards, Sojourner Madden-Fuoco and Jason Smith, who made it difficult for the Raptors to drive the ball, forcing them to take multiple long shots. Amir Mollineau deserves a huge amount of credit leaving it all on the floor scoring 4 points before eventually fouling out due to his tremendous defensive effort. Sadly for the Sonics, the end of this game belonged to the Raptors. Jeremy Araujo and Hijjah Allen-Paisley combined for 8 points in the final two minutes of the game. During this game, it was Feliciano Tavares and Deandre Figueroa who led the offensive charge for the Raptors scoring 6 and 4 points respectively. Defense on the top of the key by Tatianna Trotman forced the Sonics to go to the left side. The Raptors will advance to the finals against Duke next Saturday at 1pm at the Community Center.

Duke 30 - 3-Pointers 23

The second semi-final game was no let down this weekend. Duke pulled ahead in the first half and at one point were up by 11 points. That deficit, however, did not deter the 3-Pointers from making one great comeback. The 3-pointers made some great passes to get Carlos Feliciano and Armani Andujar to the basket scoring 5 and 8 points respectively. They were assisted by Alexander Jones and Tron Griffith who scored 4 each themselves. The defense of the 3-Pointers is what kept them in the game. Coach Winston set them up in a 3-2 defense making the top almost impenetrable. This made Duke players drive to the outside where they were able to find their shooters. These two shooters were Devaun Davis-Lodge and Destynée Everett who scored 6 and 8 points respectively. The two players who set these great plays up were Chandler Frederick and Keyona Raines who themselves scored 6 points each. Defensively it was difficult for the 3-Pointers to get around McKinnley Pierre who had 3 blocks in the game. He had help from Alyssa DeJesus who grabbed about six rebounds and Desmond Montiero who was able to poke away the ball on three different occasions. It is the team comradery of Duke that gave them this win. Duke looks to keep this momentum going as they face the Raptors next week at 1pm in the championship game.

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

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tember, with the final two contenders facing off in November.

While McCarthy came to speak about his accomplishments, he was confronted by a constituent issue regarding composting bins in front of a residence at 722 Truman Parkway.

“The stench is unbelievable,” Jane Dunning, a local resident, said. “There are 25 black plastic buckets outside, about three-quarters the size of the blue recycling barrels.”

“I took a ride out there after I received complaints,” McCarthy told the crowd. “The chicken bones were out in the gutter.”

“There have been coyotes,” Dunning said, noting the situation began about a month ago. He added that there was soap suds running down the streets, which is a safety hazard when frozen. Animals getting into the decomposing food also pose a threat.

The buckets were in the bus stop, making it an MBTA issue as well, according to the councilor.

The website name on the buckets was [www.cero.coop](http://www.cero.coop), McCarthy said.

According to the website, the company is based in Dorchester.

McCarthy promised to call William Christopher, Commissioner of the City’s Inspectional Services Department (ISD), the next day, to find out why the home was having a composting service.

“We’ve got all the pictures,” he said. “I’ve been down there, and it’s just gross.”

Hyde Park will benefit from \$19.6 million in capital projects this year, according to McCarthy. One of the major projects he championed was the renovation of the park at Reservation Road and the skate park.

“It’s going to have all new turf there now, and the skate park will be all fixed up,” he said of the more than \$4 million project. “I swear, I still have rocks in my knees from when I played there.”

Ross Field, McCarthy

# FHNA Meeting *continued from page 1*

noted, will receive a long needed overhaul, which will cost more than \$1.2 million.

“We will finally get a walking path around the park,” he said, adding that there will be a new tot lot and overall park resurfacing.

Amatucci Field will receive a \$500,000 tot lot, and Sherrin Woods will get \$600,000 for removal of invasive plants and maintenance.

Bridges and streets will receive serious overhauls, McCarthy said.

“The Dana Ave. bridge will undergo a \$5 million, rapid repair project,” he said. The six-week project will begin just after July 4 and open before school opens. It will be completely reconstructed and lit.

The Department of Transportation (Mass DOT) wanted to do a rapid repair on the River Street Bridge, but that was not feasible in that location.

“The problem with that is the Acela train,” McCarthy explained. “Everybody who drives over the bridge now is afraid they are going to fall on top of the Acela train. But a rapid repair would interfere with the operation of the train”

Mass DOT currently is working with the MBTA and Amtrak to figure out if the bridge should be replaced or refurbished with lights.

Traffic lights at Wolcott and Cleary Squares will be updated to communicate with each other and will be fiberoptic.

The meeting had several topics in addition to McCarthy. Victoria Gail, president of the Friends of the Hyde Park branch library, gave a presentation on the recent award of a \$20,000 Community Preservation Act grant.

“I got inspired when I was looking through some old Hyde Park Gazettes,” she said, recalling the town’s former newspaper.

Funds will be used to preserve artifacts from the historic Hyde Park train station, which was demolished in the 1970s, as well as a parochial school which had been at Fairmount.

In addition, Gail showed

renderings of a pocket garden that will be planted at the side of the library as well as a park with benches.

“We originally asked for 19 something thousand, but were asked to cut our proposal to \$15,000,” Gail said of the grant proposal, which was the one chosen out of 56. “But Councilor McCarthy wrote a letter of support, and we got the whole thing.”

She added that she is hoping to get information and pictures from residents for a local history project. Any resident who has memories or pictures of the train station or school should contact Vicky at [friendshplibrary.org](mailto:friendshplibrary.org).

Concerns of seniors also were a central focus. Eugenia Soiles from Boston Age Strong, formerly known as the Elderly Commission, gave a presentation on tax credits and other programs.

“The reason we did that (the name change) is because, for people in their 50s, 60s, and 70s, ‘elderly’ is not a word that felt close to them,” she said. “In Boston we go through strong weather, strong sports and strong experiences.”

Regarding taxes, there are several tax credits that income eligible seniors can take, such as the circuit breaker tax credit for those making under \$58,000 a year and owning real estate.

“The nice thing about that is you can go back for three years,” Soiles said.

FHNA president Joe Smith added that another credit seniors can get is for money paid on their water bills.

“It’s a really difficult world to navigate, so feel free to call our office,” Soiles said, adding that the department provides a free shuttle for seniors to medical appointments and other services and programs. The number is 617-635-4366, and the website is [www.boston.gov/agestrong](http://www.boston.gov/agestrong).

In other news, Smith said that Eversource is replacing gas lines in the Fairmount Hill neighborhood for the first time since the 1930s, noting the work on Albion and Beacon Streets.

“We hope everyone is doing the job right, in light of the recent explosions,” he said.

There was also the discussion of the possibility of the former Rogers Middle School becoming gay and lesbian friendly senior housing. This has been on the radar for some time, but the building has not been released by the School Department.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Boston Police Academy.

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# Mayor Walsh announces summer youth employment registration

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the opening of SuccessLink, the City of Boston’s online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. Boston teens between the ages of 15-18 can apply on the Department of Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE) website on youth.boston.gov. The SuccessLink application will be available through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 12th, 2019.

“The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program is a critical part of our effort to provide young people with chances to build lifelong skills, confidence and personal success through youth workforce opportunities,” said Mayor Walsh. “I encourage all Boston teens to register for the program, and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to get a head start in learning the workplace skills that will last a lifetime.”

In 2018, the City of Boston served over 10,600 young people through summer jobs, civic engagement, career development training, impact projects. Every year, the City of Boston partners with hundreds of community-based nonprofit organizations across the city to provide meaningful employment opportunities. Participants can work in various posi-

tions that include after-school program assistant, administrative assistants, mural painters, peer leaders, and more.

“The Mayor’s Youth Summer Jobs Program plays an integral role in positively shaping the future trajectory of Boston’s youth,” said Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services. “Through the program, youth are introduced to an array of professional development opportunities, mentoring, and work opportunities that can increase our youth’s social capital, all while giving them the hard and soft skills they need to thrive in their future career.”

The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment serves as a youth engagement resource center and works to advance the lives of Boston’s youth through employment opportunities, career development training, and youth engagement.

The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program advances youth workforce development and increases the impact of community-based organizations by employing almost 4,000 of Boston’s youth at local nonprofits.

“Creating more opportunities for Boston’s youth through workforce and civic engagement is central to our mission, and our

department has a unique opportunity to connect youth with organizations that see the value of their work, while moving Boston forward as an innovative and engaging city,” said Department of Youth Engagement & Employment, Director, Rashad Cope.

“During high school, youth jobs are important because they expose youth to future career interest while allowing you the opportunity to build relationships with employers. I’m currently employed as a Youth Director on the Mayor’s Youth Council”, said Mohamed Abannor, Senior at Horace Mann School for the Deaf. “As a deaf student, at first, I was not confident with public speaking and I only felt connected with deaf and hard of hearing people. Since being employed as a Youth Director on the Mayor’s Youth Council, I have gained skills in public speaking, networking, problem-solving, innovative thinking, empathy, and listening to different perspective and ideas. It’s made me feel more comfortable and accepted in the hearing community.”

Registering for SuccessLink is available online. Teens ages 15-18 interested in registering must meet the following requirements:

Must be a full-time resi-

dent of the City of Boston Must have been born between July 8, 2004, and August 16, 2000 Must be legally permitted to work in the United States

Registering for a summer position with SuccessLink does not guarantee a job. Applicants are welcome to register online at Youth Summer Jobs or visit Department of Youth Engagement & Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for registration assistance.

The City also invites youth to register for the 2019

City of Boston Youth Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 30th, 2019, from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center 1350 Tremont St, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120. This year’s theme, “Success Awaits, Come Find It,” aspires to connect Boston’s youth with onsite summer workforce development opportunities through engaging with employers, job placement, career development workshops, access to youth-serving organizations and more!

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: March 4, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Docket No. **SU19C0088CA**

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Date: February 25, 2019  
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Docket No. **SU11P2239GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION  
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**RESPONDENT**

**In the Interests of: Stephen J. Martinez** Incapacitated Person/Protected Person  
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To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of said Court**  
Date: February 28, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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# Footprints

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savagery? We’ll never know.

But, I also thought of the soldiers. What was going through their minds as they were committing these tragic acts? Were they just “following orders” or were they willing participants? Probably a bit of both.

But once again, Why? How could one human commit such savagery upon another?

One possible answer, Training. We were taught in basic training and advanced infantry training that we were being shipped off to fight a people that were sub-human; gooks, dinks and slope heads were terms often used by our cadre. The value of their lives was not comparable to ours. By devaluing the lives of our enemy, it would be easier to kill them.

Even General William Westmoreland, Commanding General of all American troops in Vietnam, conveys this demeaning attitude. He is quoted as saying,” The Oriental doesn’t put the same high price on life as does a West-erner. Life is plentiful. Life is cheap in the Orient.”

When I first heard General Westmoreland make this remark, something flashed through my mind. It was the well-publicized picture of a Vietnamese father holding the life-less body of his child in his arms, standing beside an armored personnel carrier (APC) and looking up at the GIs atop the APC, pleading, crying for help.

Somehow this image didn’t jive with General Westmoreland’s rather cavalier remarks.

But is there more? What happened to our “moral compass”? Did we leave it at home?

Leadership? Obviously there wasn’t any.

The tragedy of 504 lives wasted cannot be rectified. They are gone and nothing we do can bring them back. The long enduring tragedy is the impact these events had on the soldiers’ lives and on society. How do you live with yourself after committing such egregious acts?

When I walked through the front gate of My Lai vil-lage on this most solemn of days, I was shocked to see so many people; mostly Vietnamese with a few westerners. Though it was a sad, reflective day, I saw many smiles and witnessed many warm greetings amongst the attendees.

I was no more than 100 feet past the main gate when it first happened. An elderly Vietnamese gentleman about my age approached me, grabbed my hands in his, and while looking deep into my eyes, he mumbled a few words. Even though I didn’t know what he was saying, I did know. He was thanking me for attending this sad event and he was telling me he forgave me for this senseless act of violence. As this gentleman walked away, another man grabbed my hand and squeezed tightly, again muttering a few soft words.

I stayed at My Lai for only a few hours, but I was greeted by so many kind, gentle Vietnamese. All passionately holding my hand and saying gentle, soft words.

Ironically, I was greeted by the younger generation of Vietnamese in a totally different fashion. So many young Vietnamese approached me with a big smile on their face saying “Hello.” They wanted to speak English with me and have their picture taken with me. Initially, I was a little embarrassed. I didn’t want attention focused on me. We were here for a somber occasion. Respect was of high-est priority. But then I realized, time goes on and the young weren’t even around when My Lai happened. So I attempted to blend my presence with respect, reverence and a bit of good public relations by speaking with the kids and discreetly posing for their photographs.

After several hours, I left. My Lai was behind me. But the image of the footprints kept nagging me. The poor bare feet. What pain they must have suffered. What cru-elty. And the boot marks of the soldiers. Fifty years have passed but memories like these live forever. Just a few short hours of their lives will linger forever in the minds of these soldiers who left their boot marks on the village of My Lai.

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# Letters

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drivers ignore the rules of the road then we fail.

Of course, Centre Street is not the only traffic issue we have here. Other streets mentioned at last week’s meeting were Spring Street, Washington Street, Weld Street, West Boundary Road and Montview Streets in terms of speeding and/or congestion.

I thank Councilor Matt O’Malley for helping to put the meet-ing together. It was a good first step, but just that, a first step. I hope we continue to have the turnout and engagement that we had at future meetings

Stephen Smith  
West Roxbury

## EXCITEDABOUT ROXBURY PREP

*To the Editor:*

I live in West Roxbury on Belgrade Ave., and I am so excited to have Roxbury Prep High School be a part of our neighborhood and community. While I acknowledge my neighbors’ concerns of logistics and traffic, the benefits of having a high-quality school in our neighbor exceeds any minimal impact.

I’ve attended both BPDA hear-ings and was encouraged to see so many neighbors come out in sup-port of the school. However, the coverage in The Bulletin in the Feb. 21 issue would make one think that the 400+ person crowd on Feb. 13 was just made up of opponents. That could not be further from the truth. Just as many, if not more, people spoke up in favor of the high school project. There were so many posi-tive, welcoming sentiments made by my neighbors; there is certainly ro-bust community support for this project. I appreciated the develop-ment team’s ability to present solu-tions to concerns. Throughout the night, they clarified many misunder-standings and misinformation and emphasized their eagerness to con-tinue to work with the community.

There was a strong contingent of Roxbury Prep staff in attendance. I cannot begin to imagine working a full day only to continue their work into the night and fight for a home for their students. The students at Roxbury Prep are so lucky to have such dedicated school leadership and committed teachers, many of whom were grading papers in be-tween quick pauses. As a university administrator, I see how a high-qual-ity secondary education shapes stu-dents to become civic-minded, compassionate, and influential members of their communities. There is no doubt that Roxbury Prep is doing this for their students, who are the future leaders in our community.

I know that being an educator can sometimes feel like a thank-less job but I was so happy to see that I join many other neighbors who are appreciative of the work that they do and look forward to welcoming Roxbury Prep into the neighborhood.

Jimmy Doan  
West Roxbury



# Requests for proposals to support open spaces and community gardens

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) from the City of Boston Grassroots program, which supports the development of community gardens. Winning proposals must demonstrate how it will improve neighborhood open spaces, create new open space opportunities, or support urban agriculture designed to increase the availability of fresh food in Boston's neighborhoods.

Grassroots, a program of the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), promotes access to urban green space through the conveyance of city-owned land to non-profit organizations, and the provision of grant funding for garden design and construction. The Grassroots program has awarded more than \$20 million in competitive grants to more than 130 community gardens and food forests throughout

Boston, and has also funded a number of urban agriculture projects and open space initiatives. The new Grassroots Program Funding RFP was created to assist neighborhood-based groups which demonstrate the capacity to develop and maintain community gardens and open space within their neighborhood. To apply for this funding, groups must demonstrate the capacity to make permanent improvements that

provide a long-term public benefit to the neighborhood. In particular, improvements likely to be funded will be those that increase production capacity of already existing garden spaces, or add new features to existing gardens and open spaces. Community residents must be fully involved in the development of design proposals, and have a leadership role in the organization and management of garden activities.

Proposals for this funding round must be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Development no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019. The City of Boston's Grassroots Program has created more than 13,000 square feet of community garden space and preserved an additional 27,000 square feet greenspace in Boston. More information about the Grassroots program may be found on Grassroots program's webpage.

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