



HPNA digs deeper into development issues



Members of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association met and discussed the Railyard 5 Project, shown above, among other projects.

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Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

About 25 members of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association attended the meeting on Thursday, October 4 to discuss new development issues – one in the near future and the other on the radar.

The first focus was a recap of the meeting on October 1 on the Sprague Street development project at 36-70 Sprague Street in Readville. The project, which is currently in the final comment period with the Boston Development and Planning Agency (BPDA), is now being presented as a 492-unit, four-building, mixed-use development with condominiums and apartments.

“This is only a reduction of

about 20-something units,” HPNA president John Raymond said. “They tried to confuse us by lowering the square footage by about 7,500 square feet. But there wasn’t a big reduction in units.”

The developer, Jordan D. Warshaw, of the Noannet Group, eliminated 29 units from the final plan. There will be 364 for-rent apartments and 128 for-sale condos, according to the proposal.

“I have never seen a meeting that large in all my years of living here,” he continued. “A couple of people were for it, and a lot of union guys were there. Right now people are just going to have to watch and listen.”

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City Life hosts talk on displacement, corporate landlords

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

City Life Vida Urbana (CFVU) hosted a meeting last week with residents facing displacement and the press to highlight the issues currently facing residents in Boston.

The hearing focused on several residents in Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Dorchester, Roxbury and East Boston who have been experiencing rent hikes anywhere from 30 percent to 100 percent. CLVU stated during the meeting that the organization has been fighting to stop said displacements.

CLVU Communications Director Helen “Homefries” Matthews said one of the main campaigns they have been work-

ing on in the group involves the City Realty group, which owns dozens of buildings in Allston, Brighton, Jamaica Plain, Dorchester and Roslindale, among others.

Matthews said that City Realty is increasing rents to force out current tenants, both in residential and business properties.

“They’re this really bad actor in the Jamaica Plan/Roxbury area. They are a big corporate landlord who’s purchasing a lot of buildings,” she said. “During the foreclosure crisis, they bought up all these buildings when people were dealing with this really big crisis, and they took advantage of it by scooping

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Neponset Greenway talks bike paths in Hyde Park



The Neponset River Greenway Council met last Wednesday and discussed its progress in Hyde Park.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Neponset River Greenway Council (NRGC) met last week and discussed several items regarding the Greenway and Hyde Park.

The Greenway, it is hoped, will connect Milton to Dorchester on a fully-protected

bike lane on the streets and a nature bike path through protected areas of the Massachusetts Department of Recreation and Conservation (DCR). Currently, there are ways to bike the path, but some areas, particularly in Hyde Park, could use some work.

Most of the Hyde Park section deals with what was called in 2009 the Neponset Trail Phase II

project, which connected the Martini Shell to Mattapan between the Truman Parkway and the Neponset River. It opened in 2012 and was completed in 2015, spanning to the Neponset River Parkway in Readville at the southern edge of Boston.

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Fairmount Hill group talks about gas concerns with officials

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Despite the change of location to the Area E-18 police station, about 35 people came to the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) meeting on September 26, to discuss a possible zoning violation on Pond Street with a home that has created a parking lot on its front lawn for an Airbnb.

“The owner has taken a beautiful old Queen Anne Victorian house and tarred over the front lawn,” said the group’s zoning committee co-chair, Joe Smith. “The house is being used as an Airbnb. We have discussed this issue at previous meetings. Now they are at the point of painting lines for four parking spaces. We are annoyed.”

Bryan Flynn, Hyde Park’s liaison from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, said he has “double teamed” with Steven Maguire from City Councilor Tim McCarthy’s of-



The FHNA discussed several zoning issues at its most recent meeting in September.

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office to pursue the issue with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD).

“I have spoken with Lisa Coveny, who is an official with ISD,” Flynn said.

“But the community needs to

keep reporting this issue,” Flynn continued. “I cannot stress this enough. If you keep calling 311 or using the 311 app with pictures, they can potentially be put

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SWBCDC hosts Doyle Playground update and Block Party

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) recently hosted a block party and progress update for the proposed playground and park at the site which is currently known as the Doyle Playground.

The party, which was held on Saturday, Sept. 29, was to show the community what has been done on the planning for the playground. The SWBCDC gave out fliers, updated the community, provided free food and hosted a live DJ for the day.

SWBCDC Board Chair Mimi Turchinetz said it's been amazing to see the community rally around this project and throw their support into it.

"There's a lot of stuff going on here and this is great," she said. "We've been working really hard for a lot of months and years to get the playground where it is right now."

Currently, the group's hired landscape architect Offshoots Inc. and has put together several plans for the park, and though nothing is set in stone, residents said they're happy with the current look. The design places a concert stage perpendicular to the current brick wall on the east side of the parcel, which will be painted in a mural. The current design features park playground equipment in a naturalized design, as there is a traditional playground set up at Ross Playground nearby. Residents said at a July visioning session they also wanted to see some work-



Residents came out during the last week of September to celebrate the progress of the Doyle Playground and see what's on the docket for the future.

out equipment, as there is no option like that in the neighborhood.

Currently, the group has been able to clean up the area along the Neponset River and create mulch paths to and along the river.

SWBCDC Board Member Sheila Burke said it was good to see so many people come out to support the park and have a good time.

"Today is very beautiful, the weather has been good to us and I haven't seen the plans for the park in the last few months so it's been good to know what's been taking place," she said. "Everybody's enjoying the activities here and that's what we want, we want people to utilize this space."

Resident Lawrence Whyte and his friend Gabriel Spivey said they had come to the park when it had playground equipment years and years ago, and said they were glad to see one of their childhood memories coming back to life.

"We're all friends and we all grew up together, I mean Gabe and his family grew up in that house right over there," Whyte said, pointing to the house on the western border of the parcel. "So when I was younger, we used to play at this park when it still had the swings and all that stuff. When I was going around recruiting people for a cleanup day, we stopped at another friend's house and he saw the playground idea and they were able to come to that very first cleanup day."

Whyte said the group has narrowed down the artist at least for the mural on the east wall, but he said ideas for the mural are still welcome. The artist is known for portraits, but Whyte said all ideas are welcome. He pointed to a marker drawing from one of the younger participants, which showed a globe with people holding hands and celebrating community.

"If people want to draw up their ideas or just write them

down, that's awesome and that's what we're doing," he said. "Today's going really well, we're seeing a lot of people coming out of their homes and coming by and I'm excited about the progress that we've made and the progress we can make for the future... I was having kind of a rough morning, and when I came here and saw how open it was and the progress we've made with the pathing and mulching, that's like two years of work. It was refreshing and it just made me feel excited."

Resident Sophia Simeon said she also remembers what the site used to be like, and she's just amazed at how far it has come.

"I'm 34 and I been here since I was five years old.

We've been here in Hyde Park the whole time," she said. "The ground had just been left and it was just a waste. I used to see kids play here a little bit, I mean it was a little something for the kids around the neighborhood, and this addition to it would help a lot."

Simeon said it was amazing to see the community come together around this piece of land and the other playgrounds around the neighborhood.

"I mean before you had to go to other neighborhoods just to go to a playground," she said. "It's amazing, it feels like people want to stay here.

I mean this area was dying out and they've brought new life to it. There's the Ross Playground now and this playground... I used to go all the way to Jamaica Plain to go to a playground and now we have our own."

Resident and founder of New England Bike Life Maurice Thomas said he had no idea this was happening on that Saturday, but he was glad to see it.

"I live next door and I heard the music, and I just wanted to come out, check it out and support the community," he said. "It's just fantastic, this was nothing but concrete and dirt and nothing else and this just beautiful now."

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Ed Walsh Wiffle Ball Tournament hits straight into fifth year

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The fifth annual Ed Walsh Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament kicked off on Monday, Oct. 8, to the delight of hundreds of children and families.

The tournament was established to celebrate the life of Boston Fire Department Lieutenant Ed Walsh, who perished during a Back Bay fire in 2014 along with Firefighter Michael Kennedy. Walsh was a resident of both Hyde Park and Roslindale, and supported dozens of charities in his lifetime.

His wife, Kristen Walsh, said she wanted to keep his spirit alive by donating to those same charities, which included 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.

Walsh said though it was a bit chilly on Monday, it didn't stop any of the regulars from

coming out to support the event.

"Weather doesn't stop us," she said. "We're having a lot of fun. We have 44 teams, so about 200 people out here playing. We're on four different fields right now."

Walsh said they usually raise about \$10,000 for the event, and that's the goal. She said the organization of the event is hectic, but she loves the work.

"I'm running around, but it's a good day for all of us," she said. "We get to see family and friends and people from the community, it's just awesome."

Former roommates of Ed Walsh, Brian Donovan and Anthony Fallon, said this was something that Walsh himself would have loved.

"It's amazing, really what Kristen does," Donovan said. "I mean usually things lose steam over the years, but she's gaining steam and it's pretty impressive, especially as she's raising three kids."

They said they played a lot at Bridgewater State University, and that this was one of the things they always did to blow off steam during their time there.

"This is what we did," he said. "We played at his house in sophomore year, he had a



Hundreds came out to the annual Ed Walsh Wiffle Ball Tournament at Billings Field to celebrate the life and passions of Boston Fire Lt. Edward Walsh.

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house off campus and we wiffled all day. It was right up his alley, getting together with friends and having a good day."

"This is exactly what Ed loved to do," Fallon said.

Jaime Jones said she came out from Reading to support their friends, Kathy and Kevin Walsh who are Ed Walsh's cousins.

"It's an amazing event," she said. "We have so much fun. Usually my son puts together a

team, but this year another group of his friends were able to put one together and we've doubled out support. We're from Reading and we've doubled our players and it's just a great thing."

Cousins to Ed, Karen Buschini, Diane Fucci and Paul Kelly said this was one of the best ways to honor his legacy in the community.

"Rain or shine, people show up and Ed was all about fam-

ily, fun, sports, getting people together so it's a great way to honor his life," Buschini said.

Resident and Boston University Police Officer Bob McCarthy said, "Boston University is in the area of Engine 33 and Ladder 15, so we respond to similar calls with the firefighters from there so when Kennedy and Walsh perished in that tragedy, we bear the prob-

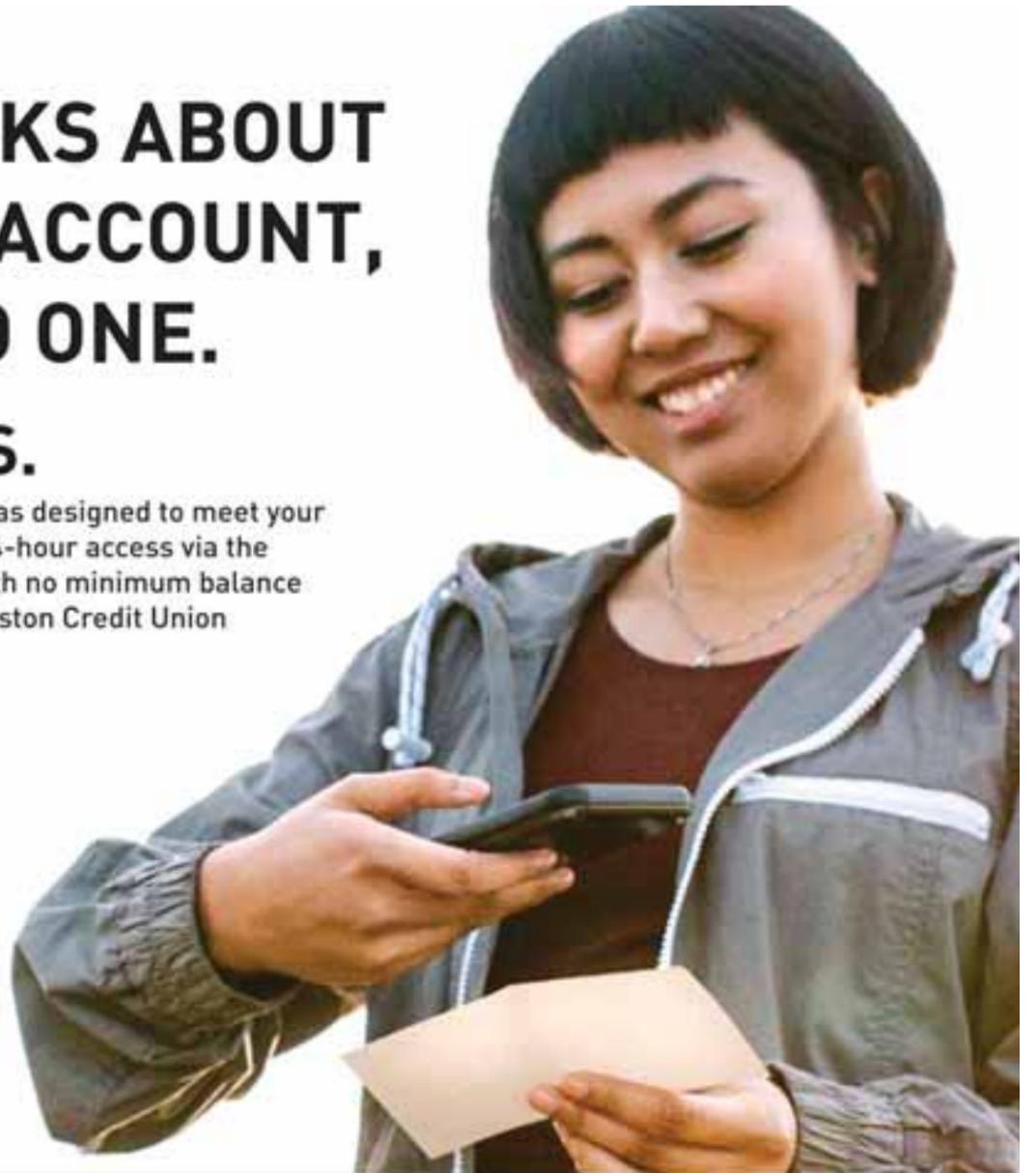
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Editorial

SHREDDDED?

One of the trickiest decisions in corporate America is not necessarily what to make, but when to destroy.

Over time, the paperwork (or digital files) associated with various operational and personnel matters become just so much bloat and wasted real estate. Do you really need payroll information for an employee from 25 years ago?

The problem, however, is not knowing when seemingly wasteful record retention becomes vital again or a legal obligation. A lawsuit may demand historical documentation as part of discovery. Tax audits can stretch back several years. There may also, in an era of cyber-attacks and data breaches, be the need to track back in time to assess the cause and scope of a hack.

With this backdrop, it is also perfectly reasonable that city and state agencies establish policies for what can be shredded, and how much time must pass before they can do so. It is still tricky, given the need to document history and satisfy public record requests, but a “spring cleaning” guided by established policies is hardly scandalous, at least not superficially.

None of that should be a shield for corruption. Yet, that is exactly what our embattled State Police are doing. Here is a snippet of reporting this week by radio station WBUR:

“In the months since the Massachusetts State Police has been rocked by overtime and payroll scandals, records show the agency sought to destroy more than 160 boxes of documents tracking payroll, detail assignments, attendance and personnel records — some dating back as far as 26 years. The day after the Boston Globe published a story in March exposing an entire division of the state police had payroll records hidden from the public, the agency requested permission to destroy 115 bankers boxes worth of records.”

The requests were submitted by the director of finance for the State Police to the state Records Conservation Board.

In a statement, a state police spokesman told WBUR that the requests were “in compliance with the Secretary of State’s retention schedule.”

That may be the case, but the optics and timing are still terrible. Thus far, six state troopers have been charged in federal court with collecting overtime for hours they didn’t work; three others face similar charges in Suffolk County. It remains unclear if others may also be charged.

Legal document destruction or not, this is the police equivalent of a drug dealer flushing his wares when cruisers pull up to his door.

During a payroll/overtime scandal, the most important records to accuse or exonerate suspects lies within those otherwise dull spreadsheets. Given that no one can say for sure how long overtime fraud has been a “tradition:” for certain members of the force, document trashing cannot merely follow the letter of retention policies. The Records Conservation Board apparently agreed, and at the very least delayed its approval of the request.

State Police play an important role in our public safety network, but they are not above the law. The force, now more than ever, must ensure that its actions are above reproach. It must restore any lost or diminished public faith. Carting away boxes of potential evidence amid a sweeping fraud investigation, even if legal, is no way to rebuild that trust.

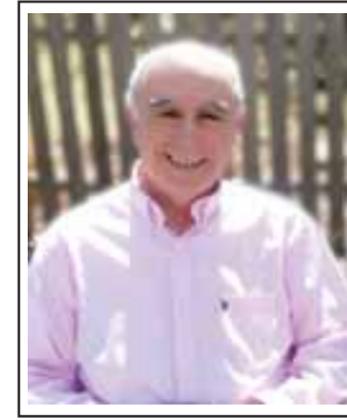
In 1964 “The Wedding,” sung by Julie Rogers, peaked at #10 in the pop charts across the United States. It rose much higher in the United Kingdom and Australia. What is unusual about this pop song is that its lyrics reference another song, a religious one at that, “Ave Maria.”

“The Wedding” is about an envisioned church ceremony—matrimony—as the singer anticipates “. . . hearing sweet voices singing the ‘Ave Maria’” being played on her big day.

So there, we have the “Ave Maria” being mentioned in thousands of public high school gyms across the states at teenage dances, the separation of church and state notwithstanding. Moreover, what is outstanding in this day and age, there is not the least amount of disrespect in the reference to the Marian hymn.

Let’s recall an episode of the television series “Blue Bloods.” Already in syndication, the series chronicles the activities of a New York City police family, the Reagans. The tight, Irish family encompasses four generations: the great grandfather, a former police commissioner himself; the grandfather, played by one of the show’s co-stars, Tom Selleck, as the current police commissioner; and two of his offspring, who are also police officers with the NYPD.

In one vignette, Tom Selleck meets his district attorney daughter for a drink after work: he opts for a non-alcoholic Bloody Mary, prompting the wise-cracking daughter to label it a Virgin Mary. The police commissioner objects, claiming that his Jesuit education taught



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him not to disrespect the mother of Jesus by referring to a drink with her name.

All of which leads to the name of Mary being used quite a lot in sports references particularly as a desperation effort commonly called a “Hail Mary” pass, effort, shot, etc.

The National Catholic Register differs with the secular media on the origin of the term. The NCR claims that the phrase originated in 1922, when two former members of Notre Dame’s Four Horsemen coined the term following a hard-fought victory against Georgia Tech.

The Fighting Irish players said actual Hail Mary prayers together before scoring each of their team’s touchdowns, as they defeated the vaunted Ramblin’ Wreck 13-3. After the game one of ND’s Four Horsemen is reputed to have said, “Say, that Hail Mary is the best play we’ve got!”

The most common version is that the phrase was coined by Roger Staubach, the Dallas

Cowboys quarterback, in a 1975 playoff game against Minnesota. As the game was about to expire, he heaved a long pass to wide receiver Drew Pearson. After the game the (Catholic) All-Pro quarterback stated, “I closed my eyes and said a Hail Mary.”

Within Jesuit tradition the “Hail Mary” pass seems to have originated with the game-winning 48-yard touchdown pass by Doug Flutie to Gerard Phelan to give Boston College a thrilling 47-45 last-second win over the University of Miami before a crowd of 30,235 at the Orange Bowl on Nov. 23, 1984. The last-second heave, highlighted on national television, cast Flutie into the national limelight, as the 10th ranked Eagles defeated the preceding year’s national champion.

The only misinformation about the game is that “The Pass,” as it is called around Chestnut Hill, enabled Flutie to win the 1984 Heisman Trophy: not so, as the voting was complete before the Miami game.

As we are fully into another football season, should some of us take offense at the constant, secular references to the mother of Jesus by television commentators? For some, perhaps. For others of us, we know that when death is imminent, we’ll be mumbling the sacred prayer, particularly with its mortal phrase, “. . .”pray for us now and at the hour of death.” Maybe, just maybe, the essence of that phrase, the Hail Mary pass, will proliferate even more so among countless sports fans from which we can draw strength before our final breath.

Letters to the Editor

THE THEME IS TROUBLING

To the Editor:

I was struck by the common theme between the opposition to the proposed charter high school at 361 Belgrade Avenue and the opposition to new housing on Sprague Street in Readville.

The theme is “no change in my neighborhood”, which left me wondering what world the opposition lives in. After all, most of the opponents have children and even grandchildren who need good schools to go to and homes to live in. The main com-

plaints center around traffic congestion. Yes, there are backs ups in both areas during peak commuting times, but they are minor and can be resolved by improved public transportation and road design.

The complaint that Roxbury Prep will make congestion worse on West Roxbury Parkway is spurious since the vast majority of the students will use public transportation. And, it is disingenuous when one considers how much congestion is created by the drop-offs for Holy Name School. The city could improve

traffic by rebuilding the Parkway/Centre rotary into a more efficient and safer modern roundabout design. It is pedestrian hell now and prevents parents from letting children walk to the school.

As for the Sprague Street development, how do the opponents plan to solve the housing shortage that is making it so expensive to live in Boston and, in particular, is harming lower income residents? Increasing housing supply is the only way to put a check on price increases. Not in my backyard attitudes harm other people and stopping development hurts the economic health of cities. Asking developers to provide additional benefits to the neighborhood in exchange for building is the better and smarter way to work with inevitable and necessary change.

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Boston City Council looks to go car free for a day

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Last week, the Boston City Council voted to hold a hearing regarding hosting a local iteration of the Car Free Day initiative.

The Car Free Day, Sept. 22, is a advocacy day in which drivers are encouraged to try to get around by any other means than their car. The genesis behind the event is to promote mass transit and renewable travel to help ease congestion. At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu said the city has seen street shut down events for the past few years experience great success in getting cars off those particular streets, but also encouraging residents to come together.

“We all can think of examples of times in our districts where we just shut down the street even for a block or two and how much it came alive with people coming outside, bringing their kids and food and just building a sense of community,” said Wu. “From the Bike and Brew Festival in Dorchester just a couple of weeks ago, Fall Fest in Rozzie and the Hyde Park 150 and all the little ones in between.”

Wu said 14 percent of the City of Boston’s total land



The City Council met and discussed a possible car-free day in the city. Newbury Street has already tried it for three days to some serious success

mass area is sidewalks and streets, and they should be leveraged to serve the public more. She also pointed out that the more car traffic you have in a city, the more dust, particulates and smog you’re going to have impacting the health of the population.

“They really should be thought of more as public community land, we could do more on that,” she said. “Then there’s the whole environmental sustainability aside, where we know that the emissions from cars are not just causing the acceleration of climate change but also really impacting people’s health. The studies have shown that Chinatown residents living by the highways have much

higher instances of asthma and diseases, and urban residents in general, due to not just living near roads, but also affected by the lack of parking due to people circling and trying to find a place to put that car, that creates even more pollution and emissions.”

Wu cited an ambitious example that Paris undertook in 2015, when they shut down the most urban downtown areas of the city to traffic. She said a full 30 percent of the city was closed to vehicular traffic, and she said the effect was amazing.

“They did some measurements and they found that the nitrogen dioxide levels dropped by 40 percent from

just that one car-free day and the noise levels in the city dropped by half,” she said. “So there’s lots of impacts that we don’t think about. They have done it every year since then, expanding it throughout the city. There’s a lot of details on how something like this would happen. Is it just a gentle encouragement, like some American cities have tried, or is it really that we’re going to shut down these streets to vehicular traffic except for emergency vehicles. It’s not just as simple as picking the day and saying we’re going to do it.”

District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim pointed out that as Boston is getting denser, more and more residents are being

encouraged or forced not to own a car.

“If we’re asking people to have less parking in the city and not use their cars in the city we do have to have a reliable public transit system,” he said. “It is vital for our city’s economic growth, environment and public health to have reliable, consistent and affordable public transit that we’re invested in. That’s obviously something the City of Boston can’t do on its own.”

The Council also went over issues discussed in a previous meeting on the possibility of reconstructing the Long Island Bridge and turning the facility there into an opioid treatment center. District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn said he supported the move and said during his time as a probationary officer of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office, he would go to the old Long Island Homeless shelter frequently.

“I think more than half of my clients’ probationers were outside of Boston and they came here to get healthcare. They came to Boston to get housing and they came to the probation department,” he said. “Most of these crimes happened outside the city and

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Beth Shalom donates to Milton Food Bank



The Annual Yom Kippur Food Donation from Cong. Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills to the Milton Food Bank was delivered recently by volunteers David Mabel and Lisa Sadler. The collection of about 50 bags of food coincides with the holiday fast, which reminds us of those who are hungry.

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Neponset River *continued from page 1*

Phase III was completed in 2017, when the construction of a 1.3-mile span between Mattapan Square and Central Avenue in Milton was completed and bridges were installed over the Neponset River and the Ashmont-Mattapan Trolley Line, most notably the Harvest River Bridge. According to the Greenway Council, there are still five more segments to go on the trail.

Segment 9 deals with the Paul's Bridge near Brush Hill Road, just over the Hyde Park/Milton line. Currently, cyclists have to cross the road from the



There are two remaining segments left for the Hyde Park areas of the Greenway, shown above as segmented lines.

FILE PHOTO

Truman Parkway section through the Neponset Valley Parkway, which can be dangerous, as the curve can make visibility of cyclists difficult for motorists. According to DCR Project Manager Stella Lensing, progress is being made.

"I've put it on the five-year capital plan," she said. "That is our facilities planning and design capital plan, but whether the costs get approved or not is another matter, but I've put money aside for all of these things and then, once approved, we'll be out here starting construction."

Members of the NRG said they were enthused about this project and hoped more could be done faster. The plan would be to create a bike and pedestrian path under the bridge to reduce chances of interaction with motorist traffic.

"The next step is to get it to Blue Hills around or under Paul's Bridge," said NRG member Joseph Finnigan.

Segment 7 deals with the connection from Fairmount Ave. to Dana Avenue. Lensing again said the connection, which runs along the Truman Parkway as an unprotected bike lane, is also on the five-year capital plan.

"We're looking at the whole are as to where we put that bike lane. When the funding is available we'll take a look at that... Hopefully it gets approved and we can get started."

The problem, Lensing said, is that the funding has to be approved by both DCR and the State Legislature, which means that representatives and senators from outside the district have to approve it.

"Whether it's in their district or not we have to show it serves their district and that's what we need them to know," said NRG member Jessica Mink.

The next NRG meeting is set for November 7 at 7 p.m. at the E-18 District Station of the Boston Police Department. For more information, go to neponsetgreenway.org.

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Around the Neighborhoods

FREE ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

The ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston launches their 2018-2019 free after-school hands-on educational program by hosting a Student Kick-Off event on October 17, 2018 at the Wentworth Institute of Technology.

The program gives high school students interested in industries such as architecture, construction and engineering, the opportunity to learn from real-life professionals. Throughout the program, high school students have the ability to gain tangible experience from working on a construction site, learning how to maneuver software programs and working hands-on with a mentor. The program is a great opportunity for students that want to build professional connections for potential jobs and internships in the future.

Although the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston is free for participating students, they offer scholarships ranging from \$4,000-\$12,000 to select students within the program and distribute the scholarships at the conclusion of the program (March 2019).

For all interested high school students, please attend the Student Kick-Off event on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 6-8 PM at Wentworth Institute of Technology, in the Watson Auditorium (550 Huntington Ave). For more information on how to sign up for the program, please visit the registration site <https://app.acementor.org/registration/student>

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Learn to Skate classes are ongoing at the Brookline/Cleveland Circle Reilly, Newton/Brighton Daly and Jim Roche Rinks. Classes are for children, ages 4 to 18. Separate skill classes are held at the beginner, intermediate and advanced lev-

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FALL FROLIC: A FREE "SHARE THE HARBOR" CRUISE TO SPECTACLE ISLAND ON OCTOBER 20TH

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in partnership with Boston Harbor Now, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the National Parks Service (NPS) will host a free "Share the Harbor" cruise to Spectacle Island on October 20th. This special trip will extend the season for the public to enjoy this unique piece of the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Reservations are required for this free cruise. Reserve your spot at <https://tinyurl.com/sharetheharbor-10-20-2018>

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VETS TO VETS SUPPORT GROUP

Vets to Vets Support Group By Vets For Vets UMass Boston, Brighton Marine Health Center Vets to Vets group meetings are held every 2 and 4 7:00 pm. UMass Boston in collaboration with Brighton Marine Health Center invites you to a Veterans Support Discussion Group, a safe and confidential space to discuss challenges and opportunities with other local veterans. Brighton Marine Health Center 77 Warren St, Brighton For more

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SAFEROUTES – WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Winship Elementary SPC Wednesday, October 10, 2018 @ 8:40 am Families gather at Rogers Park at 8:40, depart for the Winship at 8:55 am. Rogers Park 56 Rogers Park Ave, Brighton

VOTE EARLY BOSTON

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Honan-Allston Library (Vote in Community Room) 300 North Harvard St. Allston, MA 02134., Saturday & Sunday, October 27, & 28, 2018, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Jackson Mann School (Vote in Auditorium) 500 Cambridge St. Allston, MA 02134

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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 October 31st will be *No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

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HYDE PARK LIBRARY EVENTS

Thursday, October 11 @ 2:30 pm – Teen Anime Club

Saturday, October 13 @ 9:30 am – Morning Block Party

Saturday, October 13 @ 1:00 pm – Chess and Checkers with Charlie

Monday, October 14 @ 6:30 pm – Bedtime Stories

Tuesday, October 16 @ 10:30 am – Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, October 16 @ 2:30 pm – Teen Video Game Club

Wednesday, October 17 @ 10:30 am – Preschool Story Time

Wednesday, October 17 @ 11:30 am – Baby & Me Story Time

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The Jetta lineup starts at the S and goes up to the R line with a long list of standard equipment and a sticker price of only \$22,995. This is a lot of car for the money. VW wants to provide owners with a great car at a very reasonable price. A panoramic sunroof, leather trim, and a 400-watt Beats audio system are also available.

Driving on a winding road, the car drove like it was on rails. On the highway, the turbo-charged 1.4 liter engine accelerates more like a powerful V/6. Vision is good from all angles. Entry and exit is easy, as is the low-level trunk entry.

The Beetle has been around for years but its time could be very short. Available either in a coupe or convertible, 6-speed multi-mode transmission only. The model lineup, like other VWs, starts with the S at \$20,220 (plus \$850 destination). If you opt up to the top-of-the-line Dune convertible, pricing starts at \$32,090. Our test Beetle was the Coast convertible model with a 2.0 turbo, 4-cylinder engine rated at 184 horsepower. A push of a button and down goes the top, no latches – just a button. (There is a manual release and latch if one is ever needed.) The top folds down low enough in the rear well to not obstruct the driver's vision. Our test Beetle had a cloth interior, steering hub controls, and a push-to-start button. The cloth interior color matched the top and the dash. LED door speakers light up in three colors. Storage room and rear seat room are limited, but the ride and drive fun factor make up the difference. There is very little wind noise at highway speeds. The top is well-insulated and the windows seal against the top frame perfectly. VW has additional models with unusual duel color schemes. Whatever happens with the Beetle, it sure has had long lasting memories.

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Boston is supervising them and a lot of them are homeless. I proposed yesterday to ask for some type of financial assistance from wealthy towns across Massachusetts. This isn't just a Boston problem or a South Shore problem, but it's also a Wellesley problem and a Weston problem. Whether it's a voluntary tax or asking for their compassion in helping Boston and the Greater Boston Community deal with this crisis."

At-Large City Councilor Michael Flynn said he has asked the city to conduct a brief survey of homeless residents and those seeking treatment to find out where they're coming from so that they can push more pressure on the suburban communities.

"We really need to know who these individuals are and where they're coming from so we can put pressure on suburban communities and suburban legislators to really step up to the plate," he said. "This issue, along with affordable housing and so many others is always falling on Boston's shoulders. They need to step up and do their fair share."

CM Students Raise Over \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society

Canton's Aidan Gallery stood before a packed Ronald S. Perry Gymnasium on Sunday morning. He paused and took in the moment. At 7 AM, the morning felt different from most. No yawns. No groans.

Instead, an excitement hung in the air on 235 Baker Street.

Forgoing their day of rest, over 400 Catholic Memorial School students gathered at CM. One-by-one they picked up their bright red T-shirts and took their seat in the bleachers before boarding buses for the 2018 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at the Boston Esplanade. Together, they stood in solidarity as a "Red Sea," waiting for Aidan to begin the school's prayer service with a simple question.

"Why do we do what we do?" he asked the crowd.

Aidan needed no response. The back of his classmates' shirts spelled the answer in Latin.

Vince in bono malum. To conquer evil by doing good.

"Seeing my friends and other students at CM come together to work and to fight for this cause is something that reminds me why I'm here," said Aidan, whose mother fought metastatic breast cancer on seven different occasions and continues fighting the disease to this day.

"That, right there, is what makes being a part of this community one of the best things I have done in my life. I am confident that CM will continue doing good through the community and make a difference."

Faculty and students hung to his every word. They listened in silence as Aidan, a senior, reflected on his mother's battle with breast cancer and its impact on his family. He reminded the CM community that, when they walked that day, they walked for a cause greater than themselves. They walked for something they truly cared about.

That morning, Aidan knew just how much his fellow classmates cared. CM students raised over \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society during the school's "Olympic Day" the week before. CM's Campus Ministry and Peer Ministry programs fundraise for the walk and coordinate the school's annual walk team known as the Red Sea.

The CM prayer service ended with a final plea for more donations. Faculty members passed collection baskets after CM Vice Principal Ms. Gloria

Riley challenged the Red Sea to match her \$100 donation. Students emptied their pockets, offering whatever spare change possible if it meant adding to the \$5,000 already raised in 2018.

The students boarded nine yellow buses and arrived at the Esplanade's Hatch Shell. On the Hatch Shell stage, The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer organization presented Dr. Folan and five student representatives with a plaque recognizing the \$12,000 that CM raised for the American Cancer Society in 2017. CM earned fifth place honors amongst all participating teams fundraising for the event last year.

"Personally, my life hasn't been affected in a monumental way by breast cancer, but I have lots of friends whose lives have been," said senior Peer Minister Matthew Freitas, who joined Dr. Folan on stage.

"Fundraising for the walk is an amazing way for the entire CM community to join together in order to focus on a specific goal, and it just so happens it's for such an important cause. Every dollar raised isn't just going to a random, meaningless cause, but it goes to something that means a lot to the entire student body."

On stage, Dr. Folan led the Red Sea in a rendition of the school's fight song. The students below huddled together and sang in chorus. Their voices echoed to the walk's start line. Upperclassmen, underclassmen, and middle schoolers alike began the two-mile trail on the Charles River in unison.

Over the course of the hour-long trek, the group extended into a united red line. Students stopped every now-and-then for a photo. Others lost themselves in a conversation with a new friend. It seemed impossible not to with such a warm community of neighboring schools gathered together for a noble cause. They exchanged stories, sharing with one another why they gathered on the Esplanade that day.

While the walk ended at 10:30 that morning, its spirit stayed in the hearts of every student.

"Having this as a part of the school's tradition is, to me, one of the best things we do as a community," said Aidan, after returning from the walk.

"It really shows that we, as an all-boys school, are there for women who are dealing with so much and we understand that something needs to be done in order to make a real difference."

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Residents shared their stories regarding what they saw as unfair rent increases across the city.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

up all these houses.”

She said the rent increases are only part of the problem, as she said during the meeting that City Realty has been accused of leaving properties in unsafe and unsanitary conditions. One couple at the meeting, Freezia and Victor Herrera, said they have been fighting City Realty for the past six years to stay in their home. Freezia said they have finally agreed to leave in July 2019. She said they have raised her rent over that time to \$2,600 for a single bedroom, which has forced all the original tenants out and students have come in.

“They said they don’t want me there anymore, they’ve told me many times,” she said. “The sewer on the first floor floods and it comes up in my kitchen, which is full of sewage. It takes them eight to 10 hours to fix it, and this has happened three times before. I call five or six times and it took them eight hours to come out and fix the pipe. To prevent flooding, every half hour I had to empty out my kitchen with a bucket and throw it from the porch because they would not come.”

Matthews said CLVU originally worked on the Just Cause Eviction City Ordinance, which she said became the “watered down” version in the Jim Brooks Stabilization Act. She said the Act is currently sitting in committee in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

“It hasn’t been finally negated at the state level, but it’s effectively killed,” she said. “It required that a landlord has a reason to evict a tenant, which seems like a pretty straightforward thing and there are many just cause eviction ordinances in place in many cities in the United States.”

Matthews said that political pressure caused the watered down version of the ordinance, which then just required that landlords notify the city any time there’s an eviction and that residents are apprised of their rights. It would also allow a foreclosed property to be bought by a non-profit to rent out to the original homeowner.

“Lawmakers just wouldn’t stand up to the displacement crisis and that was a real wake up call,” she said. “We have to circle back and think about what is the next move we want to make.

We’re not just going to take this lying down.”

Matthews said that they can only estimate how many residents are being evicted from court cases involving those who wish to fight their evictions. She said they estimate that for every one resident who tries to fight an eviction, there are five to six more that do not.

“We see so many people who get a notice to quit and they just pack their bags,” she said. “It’s very hard to understand that moment unless you’re in it.”

Many CLVU organizers joined the group after facing eviction themselves, like resident Ronel Remy. Remy said he fought with landlords from 1992 to 1999, and has moved from Somerville, to Dorchester and Hyde Park. He said many residents now have to move much farther and leave behind their communities and, sometimes, their families.

“There are not too many places that are cheaper now,” he said.

“Basically, now if you move from here you have to go to Brockton, Randolph, Braintree, Quincy, Chicopee, Fall River and now even New Bedford. That is where folks are going, further away from the city and the economic engine of the state... It’s like the Earth was made for a few people and not for all of us. Imagine if these people were in charge of oxygen, they’d have us for sure.”

CLVU has helped many residents fight to stay in their homes. CLVU organizer Antonio Ennis brought up the example of the Mason family, who were almost forced out of their home in Dorchester because of foreclosure. Ponte-Capellan said they worked closely with the Coalition for Occupied Homes in Foreclosure (soon to be renamed the Boston Community Land Trust) and the Mason family to allow a local non-profit to buy the house from the family and let them stay at affordable rent from Wells Fargo.

“The nonprofit offered to buy it, and they’ve refused all these years to sell to this nonprofit so they could sell to investors,” he said. “The bank obviously wants top dollar, but

the nonprofit has to buy low to keep the rents low.”

Ennis said they’ve been trying to shame Wells Fargo into selling the property, and since the recent scandal at the company, which involved many employees creating bank accounts for customers they did not want, the company has relented.

“They’ve been spending a lot of money to try to change their image,” he said.

Mason family members Chandra Bridges and Eillen Spencer said they were amazed at the help they got after years of protesting and fighting Wells Fargo.

“Without all the efforts they put in we don’t know where we would be right now. We didn’t know where to go and where to turn to to get this house back, and finally we have reached that point of having our house back to ourselves,” said Bridges.

Matthews also related the current fight he and many other tenants are going through with Advanced Property Management in Hyde Park and Mattapan. According to the group, they are working with residents in six buildings, representing more than 400 units in the area. According to CLVU, APM and its associated company, the Mayo Group, began raising rents in the area in 2014, and, in 2017, CLVU set up meetings with about 11 tenants to negotiate with APM. Each tenant had an average tenure of about 20 years in their buildings. The negotiations broke down when APM set a clause that would increase rents much more than any of the residents could afford in four years (with a \$200 rent increase in year one and 3.5 percent increases for years two and three). Initially, before knowing of the year four increases, those tenants agreed to APM, but when that year four clause was discovered, CLVU said tenants could not accept what would have been “a de facto move-out agreement.”

CLVU stated it is currently working on a response. For more information on CLVU campaigns, go to <http://www.clvu.org/>.

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Ask Rusty – A “Surprise” Medicare Premium Increase

Dear Rusty: I don’t know if my situation is unique but here it is. Years ago, I bought savings bonds to add to my retirement and now that I have cashed some in, I not only must pay income tax on the interest, but the added income has put me above an established allowable income, so my Medicare premiums have increased, and that increase is taken out of my social security benefits. It seems I am being punished for being someone who planned ahead for retirement. It’s bad enough that I am taxed on 85% of my social security payments but with this added surprise my benefits are declining each year. There seems to be a lack of information on Social Security and Medicare benefits and penalties. Thanks for providing a forum to air my situation. Signed: Surprised and Frustrated



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Surprised: I fully understand your dilemma, and I agree that some of the risks to Social Security benefits from changing income levels aren’t widely publicized. From what you’ve told me, it appears that you are being affected by a Medicare provision referred to as “IRMAA”, or the Income-Related Medicare Adjustment Amount. The IRMAA provision provides that if a beneficiary’s annual Modified Adjusted Gross Income exceeds certain levels, they must pay a higher Medicare Part B premium and a supplemental amount for their Part D premium for prescription drug coverage. And since the Part B premium is deducted from your Social Security benefit, IRMAA can, indeed, lower your net Social Security benefit payment. The base Part B premium for 2018 is \$134 but exceeding the base income amount of \$85,000 filing “single” (or \$170,000 filing “Married-Jointly”) will mean a higher Part B premium - anywhere from \$187.50 to \$428.60 (instead of \$134) depending upon the level of annual income.

Since you told me you cashed in some savings bonds, which pushed you “above an established allowable income,” there may be something you can do to ease the impact. Medicare recognizes that situations sometimes occur which temporarily boost one’s income into the IRMAA range, and so provides for a way you can prove that your normal annual income isn’t truly as high as recently reported to the IRS. You can do this by submitting Form SSA-44 and claiming a “life changing event” which will allow you to explain that your annual income was artificially high for just one year. Here is a link to that form: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-44.pdf>. If approved, this could result in your Medicare premium in subsequent years being returned to the amount it was before cashing in those savings bonds. You will have to pay the higher premium for the year in question and if your income in subsequent years continues to exceed the IRMAA level your Medicare premium will not be adjusted. But since you’re now aware of IRMAA you may be able to better manage redeeming any investments you may have. I recently published another article on this topic, which you may find of interest. Here is a link to that article: <http://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-irmaa-and-medicare-premiums/>.

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City, Red Sox, celebrate BPD Officer Horgan at Fenway



On Saturday, October 6, 2018, Boston Police Officer Steve Horgan, joined by Mayor Walsh, friends, family, and coworkers, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Boston Red Sox vs New York Yankees ALDS Game 2 at Fenway Park. In honor of Officer Horgan's final season with the Red Sox, he was awarded with an "Officer Horgan Way" commemorative street sign and memories to last him a lifetime. The men and women of the BPD, along with all of Red Sox Nation, wish Officer Horgan the best in his retirement.

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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.

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.

—F.R.

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Grateful thanks. —K.A.D.

Fairmount Hill

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on a 'problem property list.' Or you can call 911."

Once there are more than four calls, Flynn added, it increases concern within ISD, as well as the potential for fines, which would increase in value of anywhere from \$25 to a figure he estimated of "between up to \$1,500 to \$2,000," depending upon the number of complaints and the severity of the issue.

"We want to know the consequences," Smith said. "We don't know if there is a fine for each incident reported."

Flynn said he would check on the specifics and report back to the committee. However, he added that the more complaints the City receives, "the stronger the case will be. Then I can create a file."

If people do not report issues such as these, "I feel like a lot of times, it's more likely to fall through the cracks," Flynn said.

To contact Flynn directly, email him at bryan.flynn@boston.gov.

"Everyone knows that paving a lawn is a violation," Gretchen Van Ness, the other zoning committee co-chair, added. "If you see anything happening, call 311. If you are afraid of being identified, call 911."

Also, in response to the recent gas explosions in Merrimack Valley, District Five City Councilor Tim McCarthy opened up about his own experiences about a gas explosion near his father's home in Readville in 2010. Although it was neither the same company nor the same cause, he said he knows the fear and horror that those people are experiencing.

"It was right in the middle of our homes," McCarthy said. "A lot of memories came stirring back."

He described how, in the situation in Readville, a backhoe hit a gas line.

"Immediate protocol would tell you to tie off the pipe," McCarthy said of the house on Reynolds Road. "But they didn't. The gas went seeping into the home. It just blew up."

McCarthy said that gas leaks are a problem that need to be addressed in Boston, and because of this recent incident, the problem has been brought to light.

"There are over 3,000 leaks every single day," McCarthy said. "We are working with the State House now. I don't want this problem to happen again. We spend \$90 million on gas leaks every year."

"If you smell gas, get out," he warned.

Smith and Rita Walsh, who ran the meeting, asked if McCarthy could get a representative from Nstar to come to the next FHNA meeting to explain the gas concerns. McCarthy said there has been "a big demand" since the explosion, but he would put in the request.

Another environmental concern of McCarthy, which he co-proposed in the Boston City Council that day with District Six City Councilor Matt O'Malley, was the planting of trees when new houses are built that cut down trees on the property.

"I've had enough," McCarthy said of developers who tear down neighborhood trees to put up driveways, and other similar concerns. He mentioned towns such as Newton and Wellesley that have similar statutes.

"They will be requested to put more trees up," McCarthy added. "We will work with the Parks Department and environmental groups."

Van Ness asked if fines or penalties could be added to the proposal for developers who remove trees, to which McCarthy replied, "Absolutely."

"This is a good rundown of your priorities," said Smith. "I have smelled gas on Milton Avenue and Fairmount Ave."

Walsh told McCarthy and Flynn that resident parking stickers might help with the traffic problem caused by illegal parking on Beacon Street.

"The bus tries to get up the street," Walsh said. "Cars try to come down, but there are cars parked on Beacon Street that shouldn't be. The bus can't get by, and the cars aren't going to back up."

Resident success stories included the recent neighborhood yard sale held on September 15, and the Neponset River Cleanup on September 22. Money raised may be used toward a holiday party in December.

In other news, on September 25 at 8:45 p.m., there was a robbery at the Hyde Park Mobil station at 264 Neponset Valley Parkway, according to Officer Paul Broderick, who gave the police report. "A black male, 6'2", wearing black clothing robbed the gas station of about \$200. He did show a firearm."

The next FHNA meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. at the police academy at 85 Williams Avenue.

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After hearing so many people protest so vocally about the traffic and other ramifications on the neighborhood, Raymond said the meeting had one good outcome.

"It is putting the bear back into Readville," he said.

Another proposed development mentioned at that meeting which has been in the works for some time is the Readville Yard 5 project near the Fr. Hart Bridge. That development, in its current form, will add 305 housing units to the area.

"Can we go forward with our motion that we have no new development in Readville and Hyde Park," asked Hyde Park resident George Perry. "Every time the people voice their opinion against a project, it gets railroaded in."

Stephen Maguire, aide to District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy, presented a written letter from the councilor stating his opposition to the Sprague Street development as it was presented.

"During this process, I have been under great pressure to make a statement on where I stand on this project," McCarthy said in the letter. "I always felt that grandstanding or making a premature decision during the process for headlines is not professional and doesn't serve my neighborhood. My role is to provide an opportunity for voices to be heard, on both sides of an issue."

"I refused to weigh in because I believe that we should all have an opportunity to state our case," McCarthy continued. "As a Readville resident, this project would affect my family as much as anyone reading this today. But after the meeting on October 1, it is clear to me that the development team failed to make a case to Readville and our Dedham neighbors that the plan would benefit our community."

Raymond stressed the importance of other legislators

joining McCarthy's stance would help the neighborhood in defeating the proposal.

"The only thing I can say is that having Dedham come into it, as well as our at-large City Councilors, would really give us some leverage," Raymond explained. A couple of Dedham residents did testify at the meeting.

Jessica Rodriguez, chief of staff to at-large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George, said she would bring the issue back to the councilor.

"Councilor Michael Flaherty has been a big 'no' from the beginning," said community activist Craig Martin. "He is a steadfast 'no' now."

The Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) also voiced its opposition to the project because of a lack of affordable housing.

Bryan Flynn, Hyde Park's liaison to the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, told the attendees to call their councilors, himself and Mayor Martin J. Walsh's office to voice their opinions.

"I have said to the Mayor that the community is vehemently against it," Flynn said.

"I do believe there was a discrepancy with notification," he continued. "There was inadequate notification from the BPDA. I told the Mayor that myself."

Another issue of concern was the potential development of the former William Barton Rogers Middle School on Everett Street. There had been discussions at one point to convert it into housing that is LGBTQ friendly, several people in attendance said.

Philadelphia-based developer Pennrose is the company involved with the project, according to Flynn.

"We have no dates or anything," Flynn said. "It's basically what the plan was when I inherited the job a year and

a half ago."

"First of all, labeling it as LGBTQ is just to have a title on it, like a 'gay Animal House,'" said Martin. "They, meaning the developer."

Flynn noted that the building should incorporate "positive inclusivity, as it should be."

"I have had two conversations with the Mayor myself," said Joe Smith of the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association. "It has never been marketed as such."

"It only needs a transference of paperwork," he added. "He (Walsh) told me as recently as May that it was in the works."

Smith said that the HPNA should modify the proposal to allow for the development of senior housing, which is desperately needed.

Hyacinth Clarke gave an example of this need she witnessed his winter right near the Rogers.

"There was an 85-year-old woman living in her car," she said. "I brought her blankets and food. We do need housing in Hyde Park."

In a conversation with The Bulletin Saturday, October 6, McCarthy said "it would be a great project as presented two years ago."

"From my last update, BPS (Boston Public Schools) was not comfortable enough to surplus the building until the Build BPS report was completed," he said.

Build BPS is the 10-year education and facilities masterplan issued by BPS on March 1, 2017.

However, to go from an initial proposal to the final construction would take an average of five years.

"Make sure you take responsibility," Raymond told the audience. "We are a unit. We are Hyde Park."

Wiffle Ball

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Lord Mayor Richie Gormley (left) joined Boston Fire Department Commissioner Joseph Finn (right) and organizer Kristen Walsh.

PHOTO BY BFD

lem too and we see those guys all the time."

McCarthy said the event also has a unique ability to allow young children and older folks to compete on similar footing.

"It's a great fundraiser and a fun day out, but I especially like to see a group of 10-year-old kids beating up on a group of 40-year-old guys, it's just the best and it brings me back each year," he said.

Resident Siobhan Pacino said she is a family friend of the Walsh's and she's heartened to see the community come together and support each other.

"It is really nice, every year it's such a great event," she said. "It's great to see so many people come out and have a good time together and remember Ed."

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT
OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of: **Martin Vincent Lynch, Jr.** Suffolk Probate and Family Court
Date of Death: **01/07/2005** 24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:
A petition has been filed by:
Edward J. Callahan of Easthampton, MA
Requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that
Edward J. Callahan of Easthampton, MA
Be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 A.M. on **11/01/2018**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by and Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
October 3, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. SU18P1844EA

Estate of: **Fuad Ozone** Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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WEST ROXBURY/ROSLINDALE

MHCM Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month)

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WARD 20 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Ward 20 Democratic Committee will be having its fall breakfast Saturday October 13th from 9:30-11:30 AM at the Corrib Pub & Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be former Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley

WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING - On Thursday, October 18, Boston Globe advice columnist Meredith Goldstein will talk about her book, *Can't Help Myself: Lessons and Confessions from a Modern Advice Columnist*. The best-selling book is a disarmingly honest memoir about giving advice when you're not sure what you're doing yourself. For over nine years Meredith has provided guidance and sympathy to many people through her Love Letters column in the Globe.

Can't Help Myself is the extraordinary (and often hilarious) story of a single woman navigating her mercurial love life, and a moving and poignant portrait of an amazing community of big-hearted, love-seeking allies. While Meredith gives advice to readers, they in turn provide her with insights that enrich her life.

The program will run between 6 and 8 PM on Thursday, October 18, at the West Roxbury Branch Library on Centre Street. The meet-and-greet session begins at 6 and the presentation starts at 6:30. The event is free and open to the public and re-

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Tuesday, October 16 – 3:30 pm – Drop In Knitting

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Friday, October 19, 8:00 p.m. at Theodore Parker Church, 1859 Centre Street, West Roxbury "Music to cure what ails you." For the past four decades, Mustard's Retreat has been entertaining audiences with their special brand of folk music. Highly acclaimed not only as songwriters, but as interpreters of traditional and contemporary songs and stories, their show is full of enthusiasm, good humor, and fine musicianship. Multi-instrumentalists (guitar, electric bass, dulcimer, mandolin, harmonica, and penny whistle), the trio's large repertoire draws on the dual influences of the folk revival of the '60s and the explosive singer-songwriter movement. Their latest album, "Make Your Own Luck," released in summer 2018, recently reached #6 on the national Folk DJ chart.

Marcia Feldman is an accomplished guitarist and singer from Westwood. In addition to her versatile, elegant vocal style, she plays soothing classical guitar music at the bedside for people at the end of life and runs a palliative care program in a retirement village. She also performs in churches and coffeehouses. Tickets \$20; \$10 under 18; \$40 maximum per family.

Reserve your tickets at musiccentre@gmail.com or purchase at the door from 7 pm on the evening of the show. Call 617-327-0542 for more information. Plenty of free parking nearby.

WRFORP HARVEST BRUNCH

The West Roxbury Friend's 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. If you need additional information, please call 617-331 7290 and be sure to check out our Facebook page and like us at [@WRFriendsRosies](http://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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Stratford Street United Church hosts a Blessing of the Animals Service on 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!

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.

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