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## Neighbors embroiled in debate over Burger King on River Street



Residents speak with the owner of the Shops at Riverwood Todd Finard, right, at a recent meeting regarding the installation of a new Burger King at the location.

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**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

It was standing room only on Thurs., Feb. 6, as more than 100 residents jammed into the community room at 912 River St. to hear about plans for a proposed Burger King and other businesses at the Shops at Riverwood on River St.

Todd Finard of Finard Properties, the developer/owner of the Shops at Riverwood, explained that he wanted to reach out to multiple neighborhood groups about plans for the shopping center, particularly the Burger King. At a Jan. 15 Licensing Board

hearing, the application for Burger King's opening until 2 a.m. was deferred so that there could be further community outreach and the closing time could be pushed back to midnight.

Finard prefaced the two-hour meeting by saying that, while the Burger King may have appeared on some neighbors' radar screens only recently, he began his investment in the neighborhood 13 years prior and discussed the Burger King with the East River Street Neighborhood Association (ERNA) in 2016.

Members from ERNA, the Belbel Family Neighborhood

Association (BFNA), the Edgewater Drive Neighborhood Association (EDNA) and the Ruskindale/Roseberry Road Neighborhood Association (RRRNA) all came to voice their opinions, most clearly opposed to the Burger King. The associations stretch down River Street toward Cummins Hwy.

Also in attendance were representatives from several local political offices. Bryan Flynn, the Hyde Park liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), ran the meeting with

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## HPAA-MAC hosting two exhibits in February



Juror Robert Siegelman stands by the artwork of Gail Bos.

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**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Art Association at the Menino Arts Center (HPAA-MAC) held an opening reception for two exhibits on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The dual exhibits, The Body Landscapes and the Curry College Senior Art Exhibition will be on display at the MAC until March 1. Body Landscapes, according to HPAA Representative Sashja Lucas, was originally put together because she and other HPAA members wanted to do something a bit different from what they were doing before.

"I think we've had so many

abstract and drawing shows, we just wanted something that really stood out, something different, where our artists are being really creative with the concept of body landscape," she said. "I sent them four phrases: 'celebrate the natural curves and shapes while embracing how the light wraps around them, abstract representations of the body with a distinct focus on form, shape and negative space. A body looking like a mountain; an example of two different realities existing together, and to use your own body as a means of expressing the relationship to nature."

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## HPNA talks 11 Dana, Crane Ledge

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) met on Thursday, Feb. 6 and discussed the ongoing plan at 11 Dana Ave.

The project, which proposes 24 units and 24 parking spaces, has come under fire once again. Originally, neighbors fought the City on which Neighborhood Shopping 2 District the property fell within. Specifically, NS-2 district residents believe the property requires a parking ratio of two spaces for each housing unit. The developer believed the zoning required a one-to-one ratio, making the project an as-of-right



About 30 residents came to the most recent Hyde Park Neighborhood Association meeting and discussed the ongoing 11 Dana Ave. saga.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

project with no variances or oversight from the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals required.

While the city agreed with

developers on the first issue, now the Inspectional Services

HPNA

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## Neponset River Greenway Council plans Hyde Park trail walk

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The Neponset River Greenway Council (NRGC) held its monthly meeting, this time in Hyde Park at the Area E 18 police station, on Wed. Feb. 5 to discuss upcoming events and goals.

The NRGC is comprised of four towns: Hyde Park, Mattapan, Milton and Dorchester. Monthly meetings rotate among these communities.

Discussion about Hyde Park topics was encouraged because of the attendance of members from the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) and Cathy Horn, the founder of Keep Hyde Park Beautiful (KHPB).

Chair Jessica Mink, a Roslindale resident, proposed and scheduled a trail walk beginning at Paul's Bridge at 10 a.m. through to Fowl Meadow

**Trail Walk**

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# HP Ave. meeting talks resident concerns safety, congestion

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Transportation Department's (BTD) Transit Team met with about 40 residents on Feb. 11 at the District E-18 Station of the Boston Police Department on Hyde Park Avenue.

The open house was designed to illicit feedback from residents concerning the 4-plus mile stretch of Hyde Park Avenue, between Wollcott Square and Forest Hills. Residents walked through several informational stations at the meeting where about a dozen city workers and transportation officials provided the current conditions of Hyde Park Avenue and asked residents where they see the most problems.

Historically, Hyde Park Avenue has had severe congestion problems in several key choke points. Wollcott Square, for instance has had problems that the BTD is looking to address with the synchronized signalization of the Father Hart Bridge, but other problem areas have yet to be addressed. The whole corridor runs parallel to the MBTA Com-

muter Rail on the tracks' eastern side, which creates these choke points. In fact, from Wollcott Square to Forest Hills, there are only seven crossovers to the west of the city. That's fewer than two per mile.

Despite these issues, BTD Transit Director Matt Moran says he's hopeful that residents and the city can work together, along with state agencies and the MBTA, to make the corridor more transit friendly.

"We're still collecting data, we're just in the exploration phase," Moran said. "We don't have any preconceived notions about what Hyde Park Ave. should have. We're just really listening to what people say and getting feedback. Basically, ideas and concepts people have about what could be improved, delays for buses, vehicles and bikes and just try to collect all of that before we start the process of design."

And he said the BTD still wants your input after the meeting. Moran said the survey online now at [boston.gov/departments/transportation/hyde-park-avenue-multimodal-corridor](http://boston.gov/departments/transportation/hyde-park-avenue-multimodal-corridor), does not have an end



Residents filtered in and out of the police station in Hyde Park to discuss what they see as problems on Hyde Park Avenue.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

date. He said residents should go and share their thoughts there if they couldn't make it to Tuesday's meeting.

"We'll continue to get results on that," he said. "We've gotten a good response, more than 300 people, and that number has gone up a bit in the last few days. It's fantastic for a local community survey. It shows people want some-

thing to change."

The stations outlined current conditions and possible improvements that the BTD's team said were in their "toolbox." Those improvements include adding more crosswalks in areas where they are more than 1,000 feet from each other, adding curb extensions to improve vehicle line of sight on pedestrians, adding

accessibility improvements and the possible addition of bike lanes. While it would be somewhat problematic to add a full dedicated bus lane to Hyde Park Avenue, as the street is different widths throughout its length, the BTD stated it is a tool they could use. The other tool is that they can install queue

**Hyde Park Ave.**  
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# Communication process grilled as BK discussed at ERNA meeting

**Mary Ellen Gampon**  
Staff Reporter

More than 40 residents attended the East River Street Neighborhood Association (ERNA), mainly to hear the latest on the Burger King that is one step away from going into the Shops at Riverwood retail plaza.

There was a two-hour meeting among plaza owner and developer Todd Finard and three neighborhood groups on Thurs., Feb. 6 (see related article). At this meeting, Finard talked about how he was willing to work with the community on the three remaining parcels to be developed to see what options they would like.

"What I'm hoping is that the conversation creates more opportunity," Finard said. "It creates an opportunity in terms of what can we do with the community directly in terms of things that the community does want to see."

Finard said that Burger King was neither his first choice nor ERNA's, but he needed to bring it in to spur further development in the plaza.

"My argument was and continues to be that BK generates energy and traffic that will get the rest of the shopping center to built," he said,

noting that he talked to "every conceivable retailer."

"I asked for permission, and I want to be really clear on that," Finard said, "by coming to a series of East River Street group meetings."

In an effort to be a good neighbor, Finard has offered to help the Boston Preparatory Charter School across the street raise \$100,000 to finish the work needed on their kitchen to allow them to serve three healthful meals to their 700 students each day.

"I hope that the kids eat at the school and they walk right past the Burger King and they do not go there," he said. "But that's not going to happen."

Helena Tonge, president of the Belnel Family Neighborhood Association, questioned the number of parking spaces that would be allowed, asking how many off-street would be "out into the community."

Finard said that he complied with every City ordinance and has been "completely transparent."

"I think there is a broken City system," he said. "I get assigned to an Impact Advisory Group. If there are five different neighborhood groups, let's make damn sure that the next time a developer's developing that they know exactly who the neighborhood is."



Todd Finard presented his plan for Shops at Riverwood once again at the East River Street Neighborhood Association.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMPOON

Several people in the crowd said they did not fault Finard, and they applauded some of the improvements, such as the Price Rite and the Goodwill.

Bryan Flynn, the Hyde Park liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), said he did not know how many groups there were in Hyde Park because not all of them meet monthly.

"If you have a beef, have a beef with us, the zoning, the way things are set up," Flynn

said. "I feel like people aren't always adequately notified, but that's not Todd's fault. He's done everything by the book."

"By virtue of structure, folks felt left out," Finard said. "There is a communication problem that can be solved."

Valerie Almeida, the chair of the Roseberry Road-Ruskindale Road Neighborhood Association, said that information should have been dispersed better by the ERNA

to other neighborhood groups, as it was when the ZIP code was changed back from 02126 to 02136 in her neighborhood.

ERNA chair Barbara Hamilton took offense to that statement.

"There was a time when they were all coming to this meeting, as well as Belnel," Hamilton said, noting the ERNA emails go out to all group members. "I used to flier the neighborhood. So as

**ERNA Meeting**  
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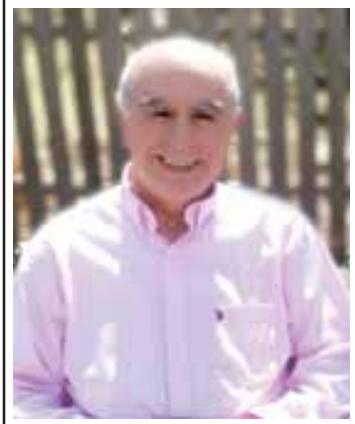
The specifics of the story have been partially forgotten, but the punchline has not: it is verbatim.

It seems that a number of years ago the Mayor was at a tree-lighting in Roslindale at the beginning of the Christmas season. Many people and institutions were being thanked for making the lighting memorable: politicians, commissioners, a choral group, and probably whoever provided the hot cocoa. Even though the aging Burnside Street resident was not a particularly avid Celtic fan, at the end of the Mayor's speech thanking so many he took a page from the late, leather-lunged "Snuffy" Dillon of South Boston.

For those of you unfamiliar with this Boston Public Works employee's pronouncement on March 17, 1963, he was the fan who bellowed a "We love ya, Cooz!" from the rafters during a very awkward silence when Bob Cousy became verklempt as he made a thank-you speech during his retirement festivities at the Garden. Dillon's four words broke the tension and reflected the sentiments of the other 13,908 fans in attendance.

Back to the (almost) present. At the conclusion of the mayor's oration expressing appreciation to so many people for making the lighting ceremony happen, the old man piped up for all to hear and applaud, "And don't forget to thank the taxpayers!"

Over the years I've attended dedications of various "things" by the city. And he's right: there is a whole litany of people who are thanked at the dedication of playgrounds, firehouses, schools, ballfields, and swimming pools ranging from state reps to architects to construction companies but seldom, if ever, are you and I taxpayers thanked. On a national level it seems certain that when dams are built and laws are passed, a litany of "thank-ees" are articulated, but never the taxpayers who provide for the federal funding.



## My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

Even at those press conferences following the arrest of the Marathon bombers, when various law enforcement agencies were acknowledged and thanked for their participation in the capture, there is no memory of taxpayers being thanked for providing the vehicles and the huge amounts of overtime pay.

Perhaps that Vietnam Navy veteran from the U.S.S. Wasp and U.S.S. Boston, struggling on Social Security to maintain a way of life for himself and his wife of almost half a century, should be chauffeured to every dedication, whether on the city, state, or national level, so that his brief sentence can be heard loudly and clearly.

As the enrollment in the city public schools declines, perhaps he should be brought to the city council chambers, where the council is poised to pass a bloated 1.26 billion dollar budget, up 80 million dollars from last year, making the cost of educating each child on average more than a whopping \$20,000. (Granted, it costs more to educate a child not proficient in English or a child with special needs, but . . .) His presence in that storied chamber might cause the City Council to ask for noticeable belt tightening by the School Department before he can bellow, "And thanks to Boston taxpayers, both commercial and residential, for providing the fun

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## Two Roslindale Homeowners Receive Checks from HIC Guaranty Fund



Left to right: Representative Angelo M. Scaccia, Roslindale homeowner Doreet Goldhaber, Roslindale homeowner Guedra Conserve, and Undersecretary of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Edward A. Palleschi.

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Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Edward A. Palleschi to present Roslindale residents Guedra Conserve and Doreet Goldhaber with checks from the Commonwealth's Home Improvement Contractor (HIC) Guaranty Fund. The homeowners received checks for \$7,000, and \$10,000 respectively.

The Guaranty Fund program compensates consumers up to \$10,000 for unpaid judgments against contractors for poor workmanship and failure to adhere to the terms of their contract (<https://www.mass.gov/home-improvement-contractor-arbitration-and-guaranty-fund>).

## Mayor Walsh announces working group to study broker fees in Boston

Building on his commitment to expanding access and removing barriers to housing for residents, Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced that he is launching a working group to study broker fees in Boston, and how they impact renters across the City of Boston. Mayor Walsh will name members of the working group by the end of February, which will include a wide range of stakeholders. This working group builds on the Walsh Administration's work to ensure all those who live in Boston have access to equitable, affordable housing choices.

"The housing crisis in our city requires a comprehensive, and multi-pronged approach to achieve our goal of creating and preserving new housing, while also ensuring that our housing is accessible to all residents," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud to pull together this working group to move us forward in determining how broker fees are impacting our renters and our housing market in Boston. This is another tool we are putting forward to tackle the un-

derlying challenges of housing affordability in Boston."

The state of New York recently passed state law in 2019 intended to stabilize housing and protect tenants, which has led to a change in brokerage fees in New York City.

In his State of the City address last month, Mayor Walsh pledged to dedicate \$500 million over the next five years to create thousands of homes across Boston affordable to households with low and middle incomes. These new investments will support the City's goals of creating rental and homeownership opportunities, preserving public housing units, and establishing the first city-funded voucher program.

Through increases in the City's operating and capital budgets, the investment will double the City's current funding in affordable housing to \$100 million. Additional revenue will be generated by selling the Lafayette Garage, as well as working with the Massachusetts Legislature to approve a transfer fee of up to 2 percent on private real estate sales over \$2 million in the City of Boston. These combined investments will increase the available funds for affordable housing to five times current funding levels over the next five years.

Since Mayor Walsh took office, the City of Boston has built over 65 percent of the new homes in Greater Boston, with 20 percent of new homes being affordable housing, according to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Boston has surpassed 32,000 units permitted under the administration's housing plan, including over 6,200 affordable housing units and over 500 units for senior housing. More than 1,000 BHA units have been renovated and the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) has assisted over 600 homebuyers in purchasing their homes.

Boston's strategy of increasing overall supply of housing units is beginning to show a stabilizing effect on the housing market. Year over year rental listing data from 2017 and 2018 in Boston shows rents increasing by 2.7 percent in older housing stock, and 3.3 percent in all housing, including newly-built stock.

Boston has been trending away from large year-over-year increases in rent costs for several quarters as development catches up with demand, creating more rental opportunities across the City. This trend continued in 2019: a year-over-year comparison of the first two quarters in 2018 and 2019 show rent prices incrementally increasing by 1.7 percent in older housing stock, with a 1.5 percent increase in all housing stock.



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# Six proposals for ten acres on former Boston State Hospital land

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

The last 10 acres in the development of the sprawling campus of Boston State Hospital was put out to bid by the Dept. of Capital Asset Management (DAMM) in May 2019 and six proposals were received in October.

The sloping, wooded, bowtie shaped parcel has a Harvard Street frontage and is adjacent to the UMass Biological Laboratories on the Roslindale edge of the property. The nearest address to the parcel is 460 Walk Hill St.

Those six, ranging in scope from 60 townhouses to 375 units of cluster housing and a Green New Deal Innovation Center - were reviewed at two public meetings hosted by DCAAM on Feb 4 and 6 at the Brooke Charter High School.

The Brooke School itself was built on hospital land in 2018.

Four of the proposals - Cruz Development, Lena New Boston, Primary Corporation and Thomas F Welch - have past experience in the 24-year endeavor to redevelop the surplus state hospital land.

Demolition of its 23 buildings began in Nov. 1996.

On Feb. 4, 2020 three proposals were presented. The first, Cruz Development plans

to build 60 town houses called Audubon Estates on the land that slopes down to a narrow boundary with the Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center.

Fifty-one houses would be for sale and nine would be reserved as rental for Dept. Mental Health clients. Micheal Washington is the architect.

Cruz was one of the original developers of the Boston State land; designated in Sept. 1997. After a row of century-old, lead paint-contaminated buildings were removed; Cruz built 99 subsidized rental and ownership homes on the land between 2004 and 2019.

The second, Lena New Boston/2Life Communities submitted "Audubon Necklace", 200-units of housing clusters for seniors, foster housing, supportive housing and homeownership designed by Prellwitz-Chillinski architects.

Lena New Boston already has invested \$150 million in the development of 319 units of rental and ownership housing since it was designated developer of 50 acres by DCAMM in 2004.

Collectively called "Olmsted Green," work began in 2008 on the parcel next to the Brooke School; the final phase, adjacent to the advertised ten acres, of 80 owned homes is under construction.



Jerry Rappaport (center) of Lena New Boston describes his plan to DCAMM Commissioner Carol Gladstone (right).

PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

In its proposal, Lena New Boston states it will utilize its approved Article 80 agreement and expand its 40R zoning district approval.

The third, The Planning Office of Urban Affairs with its principal partner Caribbean Integration Community Development, plans to build 197 units of mixed income housing including affordable assisted rental, supportive housing with a health care clinic and 32

homes for first time buyers in three to four-story residential buildings and scattered townhouses. Jason Szyminski of The Architectural Team is the lead architect.

More than a hundred people came to see the first three plans on Feb 4.

Steven Andrews Director of Real Estate for DCAMM coordinated the meeting and DACAMM Commissioner Carol Gladstone introduced

him.

In the front row were six members of the nine member Boston State Citizens Advisory Committee that has been overseeing Boston State development since 1985. As they did with the first round of development, they will select the developer for the last ten acres.

The numbers flew fast and furious as Lena New Boston

**Six Proposals**  
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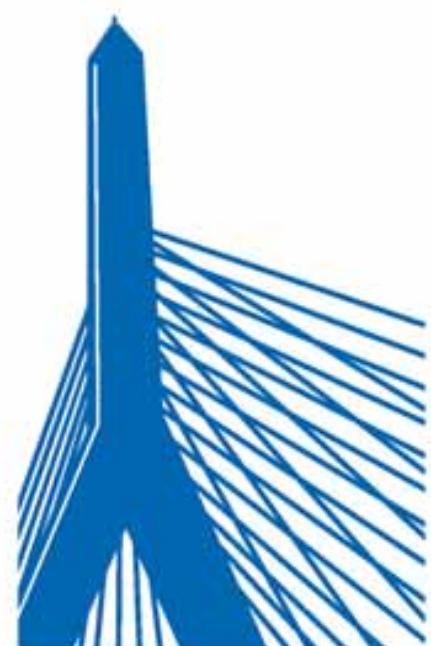
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## The Bulletin

# Council to look at high rise safety following suicides

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

District 8 City Councilor and Council President Kim Janey and District 2 City Councilor Edward Flynn called for a hearing to discuss possible regulations to high rise garages after three separate incidents of suicide at the Renaissance Parking Garage.

The call comes after the deaths of Erin Pascal, her two children Allison and Andrew, Boston College student Alexander Urtula and another unnamed person on Dec. 9.

"Over a period of the last seven months, there were many incidents involving deaths, earlier this month, another person tried to jump from a six-story garage," he said. "These tragic incidents call attention to the security measures at high rise garages, as well as a lack of measure at garages that prevent people in distress from jumping, and helping them find resources."

Flynn was referring to an incident reported earlier on Jan. 19 when several Brighton District D-14 Boston Police Officers responded to a call reporting a suicidal person at the parking garage at 5 Guest St. Officers were able to grab the

person from the ledge and secured them without incident. This prompted District Attorney for Suffolk County Rachel Rollins to speak on the issue.

"Garages are unique structures. Unlike the majority of tall buildings and skyscrapers, where the public does not have access to the top floor, some garages allow parking and public access on their roof or top floors. Signage and obstructions are easy fixes. Many bridges throughout the Commonwealth have made such alterations and enhancements. A simple sign directing those in emotional pain to resources could save a life. I don't think that is asking too much."

Flynn echoed Rollins' statement, saying that most tall buildings have barriers and fencing to prevent people from jumping with the exception of garages that are accessible to the public with little security or barriers. He also added that signage to direct distressed individuals to resources could be employed at garages.

"Installing cameras at top levels, putting in landscaping to block an open landing area and training parking garage staff on suicide prevention; we should work with parking garage operators to prevent tragedies like

those that have occurred from happening," he said. "We should also have a broad conversation to discuss access to mental health resources and counseling, as well as how high rise facilities, such as parking garages, can employ measures that help prevent suicides."

At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George said she wholeheartedly supports access to mental health services.

"That's critically important to this conversation," she said.

The Boston Renaissance Parking Garage stated, after the most recent incident, cameras have been installed at the building and security has been upgraded to 24-hour shifts.

For more information on suicide prevention resources, visit the Massachusetts Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention web site at <https://afsp.org/chapter/afsp-massachusetts/>.

At the time of this publication, more than \$130,000 has been raised for Pascal's husband Adam. For more information on how to donate, go to [gofundme.com/f/2jra3-adam-pascal](https://gofundme.com/f/2jra3-adam-pascal?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=unknown&utm_campaign=comms_wxpb2ja3-adam-pascal).

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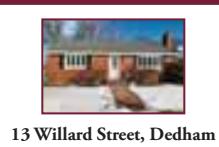
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# Trail Walk *continued from page 1*



The Neponset River Greenway Council discussed several upcoming trail walks to boost residents' awareness of what the Neponset River has to offer.

on Sat. Feb. 29. The two-mile walk on the Burma Road Trail will end at Truman Parkway. The rain-snow date will be the following day.

"We will meet at the parking lot at Paul's Bridge, which is on the Milton side of the river," explained Mink, a former president of the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition (Mass Bike). "We're going to walk up into the Fowl Meadow Marsh on Burma Rd., which is a two-mile-long trail. "We will not go all two miles, but we will do some of it, turn around and come back."

For those who are inclined to become trailblazers, Mink said the walk will continue to cross the Neponset Valley Parkway.

"We are going to look at routes back from that Paul's Bridge area to the trail on Truman Parkway that don't go through the intersection with the traffic lights and don't run parallel to Neponset Valley Parkway," she said, noting that the sidewalk is narrow and the traffic is heavy.

Mink's personal vision, she said, would be to put a crossing at Truman Parkway, create a path on the land, which is owned by the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and then create a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge at Paul's Bridge.

"I think that some people think we've done so much in this area, that it's time to put DCR funding somewhere else," she said, stressing that more can be achieved.

Horn said she has been doing a walking tour series and had hoped to do one along Burma Rd., so this dovetailed nicely with her idea.

FHNA members Joe and Janet Smith added that this is the perfect time of the year to do the walk because issues with ticks, mosquitoes and flooding are so low.

"It's about an hour and fifteen minutes, maybe," Joe Smith said of the walk. "It's all flat and it's really walkable, and it's delightful."

Another important issue for Hyde Park is that Crane Ledge is

on the market. The property, which is owned by Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan, has put the land on the Hyde Park-Roslindale border near American Legion Highway up for sale.

"Right now, my heart is at Crane Ledge," Mink said. "We want the City to buy it. We are talking to the presidents of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) and the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) seeking letters of support to be sent to the church."

Former names for the land include Sally's Rock and Pine Garden.

Mink added that she hopes to see the land preserved as open space, as the area has incredible vistas of southwest Boston. In addition, any development would disturb the ledge, impacting the housing down below.

Also discussed was the recent signing of the Wetlands Ordinance.

"That's only the ordinance, but it doesn't implement it into the zoning regulations," Mink said. "But it could give the Conservation Commission more teeth in controlling development than they have now, because this is stronger than the state law."

She added that "zoning regulations are historic," meaning that they don't take into account future conditions and climate change.

One issue that illustrates Mink's point and impacts the greenway is the delayed construction of Morrissey Blvd. because of the rising tides and the bomb cyclone. The work that was supposed to be done by 2021 has not yet commenced.

"You can no longer say that dry land will always be dry," she said.

Another issue Mink raised was that, in the past, representatives from the DCR and the various police districts would attend the meetings.

Lisa Consalvo, chief of staff to state Rep. Angelo Scaccia, said that she would put a request in to DCR that a representative attend. She also said she would reach out

to Sen. Mike Rush's office.

Mink said it is important to have DCR at the table, especially since four of its roads – Storrow Dr., Soldiers Field Rd., Day Blvd. and Morrissey Blvd. would be transferred to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) under Gov. Charlie Baker's proposed budget.

Future events include the Spring Neponset Trial Bike Ride from Castle Island to Paul's Bridge and back, which will take place on Sat., March 21. The 50th anniversary of Earth Day is Wed., Apr. 22. The Neponset RiverFest will be held Sat., June 20 at the DCR Neponset Park in Dorchester.

"This is the best Hyde Park attendance we've had for a really long time," Mink said, encouraging more people from Hyde Park to attend meetings.

The next NRG meeting in Hyde Park will be on Wed., June 3. For more information, visit neponsetgreenway.org.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

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- Celebrate Little Joe's 27th birthday on February 17! Sign a birthday card for Little Joe and enjoy cake from Montilio's Baking Company before exploring the rest of the Tropical Forest! Bring an old phone or tablet to recycle in honor of Little Joe.

- Solve the case at Franklin Park Zoo's ZOOdunnit event during February school vacation week February 17-23rd.

- Get ready for a wild party! Lion brothers, Dinari and Kamaia, are celebrating their 11th birthday on March 7 and you're invited to join in on the fun.

- On March 14 join the St. Patrick's Day celebration, complete with green-themed animal enrichment.

- Dance and limbo your way through the Tropical Forest at the 21+ event on March 21!

### ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

#### ICE SKATING

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### PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

#### POETRY PRESENTATION

February 13, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Local author Ric Calleja will share his poetry and discuss the importance of writing accessible poetry. Feel free to bring a poem of your own to share. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. Courtesy - Friends of the Brighton Branch Library.

#### NATIONAL PARKS DEPARTMENT

February 27 at 6:00 p.m. National Parks Department presents, "I Give to my Mullato Women Margaret" - Female Independence and African American Dependency in a Colonial Massachusetts Household. Two extraordinary women lived in the same Charlestown household as the beginning of the 18th century. This program will explore the unusual legal measures that widow Elizabeth Thomas Inscribed in her will. It will also delve as deeply as possible into Margaret's world, following her to the end of her life.

#### PLAYGROUPS

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. - Parent-child playgroup for Allston and Brighton families! Allston-Brighton Family Support Network weekly playgroup for caregivers and their children 1-4 years old. Enjoy structured free play, stories, circle time songs, and parachute play. For

more information, please contact Elayne Baskin at 617-474-1143. Ext. 404.

### FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

All About Anansi-On Wednesday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. please join storyteller, Valerie Stephens, as we learn all about Anansi the spider, who was born amongst the Ashanti oral culture of the people of Ghana and become one of the more famous characters in folklore. We will celebrate the much-beloved trickster spider who has brought joy to many generations through interactive stories, games, and songs. The Highland Street Foundation made funding for this program possible. Ages 6-13.

### 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 January 29th at 11:15 am. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

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Location: Springhouse Senior Living, 44 Allendale Street in Jamaica Plain Day and Time: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Class Dates: March 5th – April 23rd, 2020 For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or [aglora@ethocare.org](mailto:aglora@ethocare.org)

### WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

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### WARD 20 MEETING

Boston's Ward 20 Democratic Caucus will be Saturday, February 15th at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street. Door open at 8:30 am, caucus starts at 9:30 am

The caucus is being held to elected delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention on May 30th in Lowell

If you have any questions please email [W20Boston@gmail.com](mailto:W20Boston@gmail.com)

## WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY

### Poetry Contest for All Ages

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library presents the 31st Annual Poetry Contest for All Ages. Submissions are due by Friday, March 20.

This year's theme is "Space." Awards ceremony to be held on April 30 at 6:30 pm at the West Roxbury Library. Poems can be submitted either by email to [FriendsWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com); by mail to Poetry Contest, West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre St, West Roxbury, MA 02132; or delivered by hand to the poem drop box in the West Roxbury Library. Learn more about the contest at [www.friendsofthewrlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthewrlibrary.org)

### POETRY READING

Saturday, February 15, 2020

- Poetry Reading from 1 – 3 pm On Saturday, February 8, 10 am – 11:30 am, the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library will sponsor a poetry workshop led by poet Mary Pinard at the West Roxbury Branch Library at 1961 Centre Street. On Saturday, February 15, 1 – 3 PM workshop participants will have the opportunity to share their poems with fellow poets.

The program is free and open to all high schoolers and adults. To register by email, send your name, and phone number or email address to: [FriendsWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com) or register at the front desk of the library.

### READ IT AND MEET!

Book discussion on Stories from the Shadows by Dr. Jim O'Connell on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm at the West on Centre, 1732 Centre St, West Roxbury. (author will not be present) Sponsored by the Catholic communities of West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park. Adults of all faiths invited to share thoughts on this collection of stories from Dr. O'Connell's 30 years of caring for the homeless in Boston. Book available from amazon.com and is also in the Boston Public Library system. Registration is required to reserve a seat at West on Centre. Contact Mary Campion at 617-323-4410 x13 [marycampion@sjohnhrysostom02132.org](mailto:marycampion@sjohnhrysostom02132.org) No registration fee but we ask that you bring a \$5 gift card to Dunkin Donuts on the day of the event to support Dr. O'Connell's ministry.

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Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - The Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St, West Roxbury, MA. We request a non-member donation of \$7.00. Doors open at 6:30 PM. We welcome all and hope to greet you there.

For those interested in gar-

### Calendar

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## Ask The Doctor

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## HPNA Meeting *continued from page 1*

Department is siding with residents. The plan originally called for the first floor to be considered a basement, but ISD has agreed with residents that it is the first floor with parking, and may be a zoning code violation requiring a variance and approval from the ZBA (which is all residents wanted in the first place).

The city stated it would require the developer to halt progress on the project, but according to a notification issued by the city, foundation construction was found to be in progress. While demolition was approved, construction was ordered to be paused.

"It's a \$350 fine to stop this because there is no building permit, so they must cease," said HPNA Vice President Ralph Contellesso.

"Three-hundred-and-fifty dollars is not the right amount of money to tell people this isn't the right thing to do," said resident Joe Smith. "It should be \$350 a day. We have parking tickets more than \$350 I think."

Resident Craig Martin elaborated on the issue, and said they will be appealing the original ruling for the NS-2 issue as well. He also pointed out that this could be a big future issue, as a developer is

proposing housing near Cleary Square with no first floor businesses either.

"We spent a year-and-a-half zoning this as a Neighborhood Shopping District, and there's no way we're going to say yes to no retail," he said. "Months later (after the 11 Dana Ave. issue) precedent was exemplified by this group saying 'we're going to do it just like that.'"

In other news, Smith also came to represent the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) on a meeting they have coming up on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Boston Police Academy on Williams Street. He said while they will still have their regular meeting, they will also be hosting local author Michael Boudreau to talk about his novel "Last Ride to Readville."

"This is a local author who went to Hyde Park High School and written a book loaded with stuff about Hyde Park," he said. "We're going to have this meeting just to hear about his journey and to hear more about Hyde Park and how he got interested in writing a book about it. We invite everybody in Readville and Hyde Park to this presen-

tation, and there are 100 seats at the Police Academy so we'd love to have you come."

Neponset River Greenway Council representative Jessica Mink informed the HPNA membership that the Greenway Council is organizing several walks in the coming months. The first and only concretely-scheduled walk is on Feb. 29 at Paul's Bridge, off of Brush Hill Road.

"We're doing our first walk in the Fowl Meadow Marshes and we're to walk north a little ways," she said.

Mink also discussed an upcoming walk at Crane Ledge, which is the path behind the Walgreens/Stop and Shop Plaza on American Legion Highway.

"This is at the very northern edge of Hyde Park," she said. "If you go up the hill, it's about a 60-foot rock outcropping. It's the eastern edge of the Stonybrook Valley, and the Stony Brook River runs under all of Hyde Park."

She said they will be organizing a walk in the near future. For more information, reach out to Mink at [Jessica@masspaths.net](mailto:Jessica@masspaths.net) or check out [MassPaths.net](http://MassPaths.net).

## ERNA Meeting

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far as I'm concerned, I didn't drop the ball."

Annette Thierren, a teacher who has lived in Hyde Park for the past five years, learned about the group through the newspaper.

"I come here and I love being a part of this group and the sense of community you have instilled," she said. "However, I do realize that the communication process is broken. No matter how active these associations are, they are still associations."

Although Thierren said she is not for the Burger King, there are a number of platforms available for people to be in contact with each other via social media and Google Docs.

"I think you have done a good job in reaching out to the community," Ledum Nardee said to Finard. "I also recognize that folks appreciate you developing parts of this neighborhood. But the fact remains that we can't live in true harmony with Burger King."

"The community is not just saying no without trying to provide a solution," Tonge said, noting she wanted to put together an advisory committee to help find other opportunities.

"That ship, unfortunately, has sailed," Finard said. He said Burger King has a 10-year lease with two five-year options.

"No, it hasn't," Tonge replied.

"We have to move forward," another woman shouted.

Other business options mentioned by Finard were a rehab facility, a cell phone operation and a dry cleaners.

Almeida announced that she, Hamilton and Tonge agreed to hold a joint neighborhood meeting.

In another neighborhood communications issue, residents complained about the constant speeding on Wood Ave. and the impact on nearby streets.

Flynn encouraged people to contact his office, as well as the City Council, with calls and emails to demonstrate their concern. He also said complaints should be addressed to Chief of Streets Chris Osgood.

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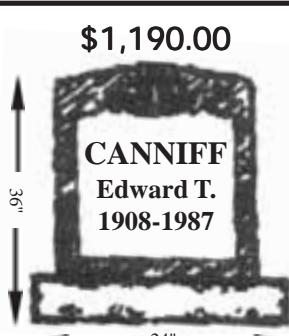
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### MURPHY

Doris E. (Butler) Of Dedham, formerly of Readville, passed peacefully of Feb. 4 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 94. Beloved wife of the late Richard F. Devoted mother of Audrey Kelly and her husband Robert of Tewksbury, Laurie Kelly and her husband William of Foxboro, James and his wife Sandra of Dedham, and the late Richard Murphy, Jr. and Lisa J. Donoghue. Mother-in-law of Karen Murphy of Hyannis. Loving "Nana" of 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, February 11th at St. Mary's church, Dedham. Interment at The Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury. Please, In lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to The Julia Ruth House, 199 Canton St., Westwood, MA 02090. For guestbook, please visit [Thomasfuneralhomes.com](http://thomasfuneralhomes.com)

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—S.G.H.

## Art Exhibits *continued from page 1*



About a dozen Curry College seniors also listened to Siegelman, looking for tips on how to improve their craft.

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And so dozens of artists submitted work for the exhibition, which was curated by Museum of Fine Arts School at Tufts Robert Siegelman.

"I really wanted to keep it lively since it's the Body Landscape, but make sure it had a little bit of an edge to it," he said.

"It's to celebrate the human body and also transform the way you're looking at it," Lucas said. "But I left it up to Seigelman. He said, 'what are the parameters, you know how far can you go in terms of what is allowed to be shown here?' I said, 'just no pornography, obscenity,' and so this is what we have."

Seigelman said he went through a large number of pieces before settling on the 17 shown at MAC.

"It was quite a long list that I went over many times," he said. "I didn't have a list of the artists, I had a list of information about the work but I didn't have the artists' names. Even so, there were a few people I recognized, and a few people I know, so that was kind of the hardest part of jurying this. But then I had people I knew who I didn't recognize. But I kept focusing on how to make this a really good show, and I hope that it is."

Seigelman added that of the many pieces that didn't make it in, he said that artists should not be discouraged or feel their pieces were not good. He said he tried to consider every piece with every other one to create, hopefully, a coherent exhibit.

"Sometimes it just doesn't fit," he said.

Lucas said while some of the pieces were a bit abstract, like Christina Hajosy's Trophy Wife photography piece, the idea was to take something known to the viewer and transform it to look at it another way.

"So you're taking something, obviously it represents the body, but you're forcing it into another way of looking at it into a landscape," she said.

Artist and South End resident Michael Costelloe said he applied to the show specifically because Seigelman was curating it.

"The figurative art community in Boston is not large," he said with a laugh. "I've met him before over the years, looked at his work and I was thrilled that he invited me. My pieces are kind of inspired by the work of John Coplans, the photographer. He mostly did self portraits where he zeroed in on his own body or a body part and kind of filled the rectangle with flesh, which is kind of what I was going for."

Hajosy said her pieces were inspired by hunters she knew growing up in Georgia. The idea was to mount fashion manikins (and they were real manikins) to trees in the same fashion a hunter might mount a deer or moose. She said the piece near her house in Canton always invite comments when she has people come work on the house.

"I don't mutilate them, I just give them space to be themselves," she said. "it's kind of a whole lot of different feelings that I see in them. But they're starting to clothe themselves again with lichen and mold, and some of them have fallen from their original positions."

This is the third year the HPAA has teamed up with Curry College for their senior art exhibition, and students Dalymar Ruiz-King and Emmanuel Cazeau said they were excited to be a part of it.

"We have exhibitions at school but not public like this," Ruiz-King said. "It feels like the gateway to graduate from being a student artist to a professional artist and having your work out there."

"Just looking around, it's all really interesting," Cazeau said. "I want to see that next step for me, because I'm a photographer and I want to see that detail and next step in my creativity that I want to pursue and I see some of it here."

For more information, go to [HPAA-MAC.org](http://HPAA-MAC.org).

# Burger King *continued from page 1*



Suffice to say, residents had serious concerns about Burger King moving into the neighborhood. Here, Belbel Family Neighborhood Association President Helena Tonge said she and the association would oppose the restaurant "vehemently."

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ERNA co-chair Barbara Hamilton. Representatives from Rep. Angelo Scaccia's office, Rep. Dan Cullinane's office, and City Councilor at-Large Annissa Essaibi-George, City Councilor at-Large Michelle Wu, Councilor at-Large Michael Flaherty and District Five City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.

Before addressing the Burger King, Finard explained that he originally purchased the former Bay State Paper Company paper mill in 2006 because he saw a retail vacuum. Since then, he has worked to transform the site. Finard brought in the anchor grocery store Price Rite. In addition, the plaza includes Santander Bank, Perfect Dental, Dollar Tree, Iora Health Care and Goodwill.

"When the world kind of woke back up around 2012 and 2013, we wanted to build again, and finding retailers to come open anywhere in this world of Amazon ... was a very, very difficult thing," Finard continued. That was when he met Zo Dhanani, the owner and operator of the proposed Burger King. His company owns and operates more than 400 Burger King and Popeye's franchises around the country. Dhanani came from Dallas to attend the meeting.

In 2016, Dhanani and Finard met with ERNA at the Area E 18 police station to propose the Burger King to the group.

"In that conversation, I said to Barbara and the others, 'With all due respect to Burger King, it isn't my very, very first choice,'" Finard said. "I want outdoor umbrellas with seating on the river. But unless I start developing back up again and get this thing going, it's not coming."

In January 2017 Finard met again with ERNA, and ERNA

wrote a letter of support for the Burger King with a drive-through. A copy of the letter is available on the website link Finard gave at the meeting on the project named [courbanize.com/projects/shops-at-riverwood/information](http://courbanize.com/projects/shops-at-riverwood/information). This led to City support, the Burger King being built for \$1.2 million, and Dhanani going for a common victualers license to open until 2 a.m. Finard stressed he followed the City's protocol to the letter.

"That's when, for lack of a better term, all heck broke loose," Finard said. "It really started this larger conversation about Burger King."

For Finard, the Burger King is the spark for two other plots on the site, plus what is referred to as the "smokestack building" to be developed. But without his meeting his financial obligations to Dhanani, he will be sued, and he in turn will be tied up in litigations with the City, forestalling any economic development in the plaza.

Residents also questioned whether alternative restaurants were sought. They also questioned whether fast food options such as Burger King and Popeye's (which wanted to come but was not allowed) were targeted because the neighborhood is primarily people of color.

Finard mentioned two options discussed were a 99 and an IHOP. However, during the recession, the only restauranteur who would come to the table was Dhanani. IHOP pulled out "in the 11th hour," according to Finard.

"I assure you that we looked far and wide," Finard said, noting that Starbucks toured the property that day.

When a woman said she found out about Burger King "after the fact," Hamilton spoke out.

"The East River Street Neighborhood Association has been meeting for the last 25 years," she said. "It's been open to any community. We've had many, many people from the Belbel community here. We've had people from the Roseberry/Ruskindale community who have been welcomed to our meetings."

Helena Tonge, the president of the BFNA, said Finard was directed to ERNA, Hyde Park Main Streets and the Hyde Park Board of Trade initially. However, she believes that, because of the impact of the Burger King, and the number of neighborhood associations in the vicinity, including her own, more voices should have been included in the conversation before it came to a head now.

"You're marketing to 95,000 people in two miles," she said. "I'm looking at the crème de la crème here. If you can get a Burger King here, then get a nail salon or a Verizon Wireless."

Her biggest concern, echoed by much of the crowd, was for the hundreds of students at Boston Prep in grades six through 12.

"There's 700 children across the street and 500 children three blocks away," Tonge continued. "The majority of those students are students of color. Above 50 percent are receiving free or reduced lunch. That basically tells you what their pocket value is."

"As a community, we're here to run that interference," she stressed, noting the school is trying to provide healthy meals. "These are our kids, and we are taking ownership."

Finard said he was directed by the City and an Impact Advisory Group was formed. Flynn noted it was before he

had the position.

"Since Helena's been on board, she's been very tenacious," Flynn said, noting he didn't know the organization existed because it meets quarterly.

"It's like you're keeping your information in a silo," Annissa Lane said to Finard. "If you had done your due diligence, we wouldn't be here."

Sharon Liszanzkie, the Executive Director of Boston Prep, said that she "will do everything in (her) power" to keep her students out of the Burger King. The school has built a kitchen to provide healthful meals. However, she would like to partner with the Burger King.

"We're going to do everything that we can to make the food that we serve healthy and attractive and free," she said.

Joy Oliver, a long-time resident and teacher, said local officials should be held accountable for bringing quality development to Hyde Park.

"My question is what are you doing to bring businesses to Hyde Park in general?" she asked. "Right now the best thing about Hyde Park is that you can get in your car, and in 10 minutes you can drive to Dedham. If we want better choices, we need to hold the fire to the feet to our representatives."

Many residents advocated for higher-end establishments, such as a Panera Bread.

"Panera won't come to Hyde Park for one reason and one reason only, and that's called daytime population," Finard said.

Other issues included trash, the restaurant being open until midnight and pollution of the river.

"I totally hear your concerns about the kids coming into Burger King," Dhanani said. "Not everyone is a fan of Burger King. My feelings are not hurt. I'm willing to do what it takes. The menu is evolving."

He said he is willing to work with the community by potentially shutting down the dining room before 8:30 a.m.

Flynn said he spoke with Mayor Marty Walsh the night before the meeting.

"This came from the Mayor's mouth: 'Let me know what the community wants,'" Flynn said. "So I'm glad that everybody came tonight ... I'm going to go to the Mayor and say this was a very contentious meeting."

After the meeting, Finard said he and Dhanani are willing to work with the community by offering preference for local employment. They will also be helping the school fundraise for the kitchen and are willing to partner.

"I want you to understand that this is not too late," Lane said. "Our kids aren't up for auction."

Finard also said he intends to proceed with the Licensing Board application, but the community outreach process will not end. There will be another community meeting at the Match Charter School cafeteria, 2nd building, 100 Poydras St. on Thurs., March 19 at 7 p.m.

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Members of the New Mission High School boys basketball team from the 2009-2010 school year were honored at half time last Saturday, Feb. 1 during a home game with Hope, RI at the school in Hyde Park. The team won the Division 4 state title and reunited with Coach Cory McCarthy for a ten year reunion celebration.

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## Hyde Park Youth Basketball Week 8

The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association (HPYBA) season is turning the corner to the end of the season. The standings have not moved much and if the games keep on the path they are on, the playoff seedings may not change. The players of the Instructional Division for 6-9 year olds at the Ohrenberger Community Center have been looking more and more like young stars. The Ray Foley and Craig Curran divisions had another exciting week of games filled with drive, passion, and intensity. Each of the teams has come a long way from the start of the season and with only three games left, it should be one of the more exciting season finales yet.

### Foley Division Results Darkside 49 - Hoyas 34

This game was off to a slow start but the Darkside picked up the pace in the second half to seal the deal on yet another win in their streak. The Darkside saw a week of scoring from everyone on the team. Jay Jackson and Marvin Egbon led the team in scoring with 19 and 10 points respectively. On the defensive side, it was Phalen Brown leading the team in rebounds as well as having a handful of blocked shots. The Hoyas put up a great fight behind the defensive skills of MacKenley Pierre who was strong in the paint and Timothy Trotman who was ready to pick up the ball carrier as soon as they crossed half court. On offense, Louis Gerrado was able to find lanes and find his way to the basket, and when that would not work, he found Jerry Langston for a short range jumper. Both of these players were able to score 7 points leading their team this week. The difference in this game was the Darkside's Justin Elow who was able to turn on the gas in the second half scoring 8 important points helping

his team get the victory. The Darkside hope they can keep this train rolling next week against the 3-Pointers and the Hoyas look to make the last few games turn their season around starting next week against the Cowboys.

### 3-Pointers 2 - Cowboys 0

Unfortunately the Cowboys were not able to get enough players to the game this week and had to forfeit against the 3-Pointers. This gave the 3-Pointers a chance to prepare for their game against the Darkside next week, and the Cowboys hope to get all of the players together this week as they prepare for their game against the Hoyas.

### Foley Division Standings

	W	L	T
Darkside	7	1	0
3-Pointers	6	1	1
Cowboys	1	6	1
Hoyas	1	7	0

### Curran Division Results

### 3-Pointers 26 - Raptors 21

The first half of this game made fans believe that it was going to be back and forth but the 3-Pointers had something else in mind. The 3-Pointers were led by Jayden Raymond on offense scoring 12 points by driving through the lane to the hoop and Jeremiah Andrade who scored 6 put-back points. Defensively, it was Joshua Torres who led the team and showed them how to play with heart locking down his man the whole game. For the Raptors, it was Alex Dias who stepped up on offense moving the ball quickly up the court, distributing it well, and scoring 10 points. He was assisted by the layup skills of BJ O'Neil who scored 8 points himself. On defense, Marvin Egbon was able to get big and block some shots and Feliciano Tavares was able to get a few steals at the top of the key. The 3-Pointers will work hard this week as they prepare for their game against the Raptors.

### Curran Division Standings

	W	L	T
3-Pointers	6	1	1
Sonic	5	3	0
Blue Devils	2	5	1
Raptors	2	6	0

## Project to Recognize a FIRST in Hyde Park

The Friends of the Hyde Park Library and the Hyde Park Historical Society would like your help to raise funds for a simple gravestone for Rebecca and Arthur Crumpler. The significance of Dr. Rebecca Crumpler (1831-1895)

- The first African - America women who earned a medical degree in the US.

- 1864 - Graduated from the New England Female Medical College which later became Boston University School of Medicine.

- Worked in the Boston area and in post Civil War Virginia and Delaware.

- 1882 - Wrote A Book of Medical Discourses – In Two Part, ‘dedicated to mothers, nurses, and all who may desire to mitigate the afflictions of the human race’.

- Included on the Boston Women’s Heritage Trail. · Owned property in Hyde Park with her husband who was a former slave.

- Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park WITHOUT a marker of recognition.

Please go to <http://www.friendshplibary.org/> for details on how to contribute and to learn more about this remarkable couple. The website will be updated regularly with historical details. You are invited to a presentation about Dr. Crumpler, Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 1:30pm, at the Hyde Park Historical Society/ Hyde Park Library.

## Hyde Park Ave.

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jumps, which would allow buses to go around on the right of congested intersections and jump to the front, essentially.

Residents' initial reactions were mixed, to say the least.

"Living in Roslindale and seeing what has happened in the morning at Roslindale Square down Washington Street during the morning hours for the bikes and the buses has been huge, because that keeps the traffic moving," said Neponset Avenue resident Dan DiSangro. "That was huge, but I don't know if it would make a huge difference in Hyde Park in the morning. The houses are different too, not everybody has driveway parking. I don't know, I don't have any quick answer solutions, but I would like to see a lot of the median on Hyde Park Ave. looked at, because there's a lot of openings for illegal U-turns."

Resident Janet Smith said she would like to see pedestrian improvements right outside the Police Station and the intersection of Hyde Park Avenue and River Street, as drivers just don't seem to stop for folks crossing the street.

"I have to cross the street a lot, and this intersection right here must be one of the most dangerous intersections in the city," she said. "Nobody stops for pedestrians, and people complain about them and bus service is always very crowded."

Resident Craig Martin said promises of decreased congestion had been made to Boston residents before, most famously during the Big Dig, and that turned out not to be the case. He said he's wary about improvements, just to put it mildly.

"Quite frankly I don't trust them for a second," he said. "All of a sudden they're out for road improvements, but at the same time they're out trying to put an apartment complex on every friggin' parcel on Hyde Park Ave. That's their vision; build it and they will come. The bottom line is that roadway can't handle more volume."

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# Six Proposals *continued from page 5*



*Joe Savage (right) architect David Lee and Thomas Welch (right).*

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and The Planning Office listed the unit count for specific demographics and income levels; seniors, supportive, affordable, market rate and foster care.

Because with the exception of Cruz, each development team are joint ventures with a wide variety of providers for specific types of housing: senior, workforce, ownership and supportive as well as providers of social and health care services, day care, intergenerational and foster care, wellness, craft centers, and restaurants.

David Lopes of Wellington Hill was critical of that new approach.

"We don't need charity," he said. "We need jobs. This is just another dynamic of 'we thought about you and this is what we think you need.'"

Fatimah Ali Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, noted that the developments were all isolated.

"They're all little gated communities," she said.

Both Cruz and Lena New Boston stressed their prior experience with Boston State Hospital.

Daniel Cruz said that what Cruz has already built on the 18 acres on the east campus would be duplicated on the ten acres

"Affordable for sale housing," he said. "That's the way you bridge the wealth gap. That's how you build equity."

He said 15 percent would be rental units for DMH clients.

Architect Micheal Washington said that the 60 units would be spread out over 18 buildings in three to four clusters.

"We want as much greenspace as possible," he said. "Six units per acre. It's not overbuilt. It's all about the greenspace. A lot more private space around the homes." Cruz said the development would take about five years to complete.

Julie Brandlen is director of the Mass Audubon Nature Center that immediately abuts one four town house cluster.

"I'm confused about the name, 'Audubon Estates.' It might imply a partnership that doesn't exist," she said.

Jerry Rappaport of Lena New Boston emphasized social equity for workforce housing and a shuttle service to Forest Hill Station.

Lena New Boston is a joint venture of four different companies, but Rappaport wanted the audience to know what Lena New Boston has done investment at Boston State land.

"We've put in \$150 million already," he said. "And we're going to add another \$40 million in the next two years."

"Allow us to complete the job we started. Let us build Audubon Necklace. We have a proven 15 year track record."

The Planning Office of Urban Affairs is affiliated with the Archdiocese and was established in 1969.

It was the only team to tell The Bulletin its development costs. It will give \$500,000 to the Boston State Hospital Trust administered by the Citizens Advisory Committee and its build-out of 197 units of housing is estimated at \$70 million.

Architect Jason Syzminski said the site is a difficult steep slope and to minimize site work costs, the three mid-rise buildings and two clusters of 12 town houses will follow the contours of the land.

Thursday Feb. 6 the three proposals included the sole economic development plan called The Green New Deal Innovation Center offered by Neponset Cooperative Trust. Westland Gate Capital is one trust member and another, City Fresh Foods, is one of four anchors tenant; another member is Commonwealth Kitchen.

City Fresh will distribute the food grown in the one-acre Mattapan Harvest Greenhouse.

Green New Deal describes itself as a business park and operating space for small businesses at risk of being dislocated in Boston.

It will have a work force

training and learning center with programs including culinary training, food service management for hotels and restaurants and heavy equipment operation.

Co-op member Joyce Tremblay is the principal architect.

Primary and Accordia Partners, of which Sykes is president and managing partner respectively, have joined with the Pennsylvania company Toll Brothers Apartment Living to create what it calls "The Campus", 375 units of cluster housing in three story buildings built over podium parking.

Primary calls it a "self sustaining community that will grow its own food."

The homes will be provided with a "24/7/365" growing community with food grown on the Clark-Cooper community gardens at the Boston Nature Center and from the

Freight Farm.

Stantec will do the master planning and is project architect; DREAM Collaborative is design architect.

Thomas Welch of Roxbury is proposing 140-units of workforce and ownership housing he and his partner Joseph Savage call "Orchard Village."

Designed by Stull and Lee (who also designed the biologic labs in 2003), the development will be a cluster of "villages" with a "local village center" adjacent to the biologic lab grounds.

The Feb 6 meeting was again coordinated by Andrews; also in the audience, as she was on Feb 4, was Muge Undemir, BPDA senior planner and director of Plan Mattapan (the JP/ Rox of Mattapan).

Green Innovation partner Lorel Holmes said the "crown jewel" of the development is the learning center which will have certificate programs awarded by area colleges.

Holmes stressed that their plan will preserve all trees.

"There are very few buildings," she said.

Partner Sheldon Lloyd of City Fresh Foods put their proposal in a dark context.

"The looming threat is gentrification," he said. "What you're seeing now in Chinatown [unaffordable commercial rents] is coming to Mattapan."

Primary's Kirk Sykes called his proposal "smart local living".

His development is largely large buildings grouped around an oval courtyard, which he described as the signature urban planning element.

"We called it 'campus' for a reason," he said. "It will be a

campus as a place, the glue to bring everyone together. People will want to come here to eat in our four different eating experiences."

One Mattapan resident stood up to question who those people would be.

"Don't just show me black and brown people in the pictures," he said. "This is the kind of living for who? Show me the black and brown people who will be living here. Who will manage this?"

Thomas Welch, like Cruz, is proposing low-density workforce housing for moderate-income families and residents.

"These would be affordable for nurses and teachers," he said.

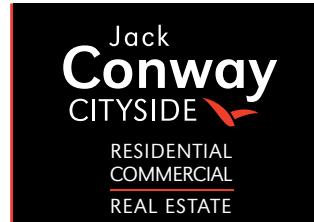
He and his construction manager Patrick O'Donnell spent most of their time talking about how their "Orchard Village" will be unique.

"There will be no carbon at all in this development," said O'Donnell. "Heating and cooling will be strictly geothermal. This is very important to us. The first ever geothermal community built in New England."

Andrews said that the designated developer would file with the BPDA for the Article 80 Large Project Review and an Impact Advisory Group would be formed.

According to the BPDA, "Muge Undemire has been engaged in the process as part of the Plan Mattapan and is on the selection committee" the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee.

The committee's next public meeting is March 19 at The Foley Building, 249 River Street at 6 pm when the proposals will be discussed.



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John, a garden historian, ethnobotanist and garden writer, is the Executive Director of the 37-acre Bedrock Gardens in New Hampshire. Facebook audiences worldwide follow his posts as The Heirloom Gardener - John Forti. Learn more about John Forti and his garden interests at [www.JForti.com](http://www.JForti.com)

## PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2020 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

February 13, 2020

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 42nd season. Children born between Jan 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2015 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2002 and 2004 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.

## PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA - MARCH 8

Parkway Concert Orchestra continues its 75th anniversary season with 'Sounds of the Symphony Orchestra' on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Name Parish Upper Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Music Director Thomas Kociela will conduct a lively program including the first movement of Schubert's Symphony in C major, selections from Elgar's Enigma Variations, music from 'Hamilton' and 'The Sound of Music' and the finale from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. The program will feature Moises Carrasco in Giovanni Bottesini's Double Bass Concerto No. 2 in B minor.

To enhance your concert experience, the performance features a pre-concert talk (from 2:35 to 2:50) with Resident Conductor Brian Bell.

This concert is presented by Holy Name Enrichment Program and is sponsored by Vogt Realty Group in memory of Gene and Ann Vogt. During intermission, the audience will have a chance to meet and learn about the orchestra instruments at an instrument petting zoo. Concert admission is free. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 617-792-4277, visit the orchestra's web site at <http://www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org/content/2019Season/19-20> or visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra](http://www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra).

## MARDI GRAS PARTY

The Stratford Street United Church & Grace Community Boston hosts a Mardi Gras Party with full brass band

Pastor Rev. Abigail A. Henrich, along with lead musician David Leach, will lead a Mardi Gras service, complete with a full brass band. They will combine the traditions of Fat Tuesday with Ash Wednesday, exploring the intersection of music and the sacred. New traditions will be offered, including sacred donuts. If you wonder just what a sacred donut is, come and find out! Everyone, regardless of religious identity, is welcome to enjoy the great music.

West Roxbury, MA, March 5th @ 7:00 pm

The service is free and open to the public. Children are welcome. There will be a child friendly activity.

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Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/27/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: February 4, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*Boston Bulletin: 02/13/2020*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court  
**DOCKET No. SU19D2628DR**

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**Galicia Nazaret Escarfullery vs. Wilmer Jimenez**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Galicia Nazaret Escarfullery, 220 Harold Street #2, Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before **04/02/2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
February 7, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: February 13, 2020*

**Hyde Park Bulletin: 02/13/2020**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
January 31, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court  
**DOCKET No. SU19P1083EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:** Helen Photis

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon St.  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:  
**James Photis of West Roxbury, MA**

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

The Petitioner requests that:  
**Catherine Pappas of Boston, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00A.M. on the return day of **03/19/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
January 31, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 02/13/2020*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court  
**DOCKET No. SU20P0073EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:** Marjorie Isabella Walsh

**Date of Death:** 09/18/2019

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:  
**Marie Baker of Brockton, MA**

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

The Petitioner requests that:  
**Marie Baker of Brockton, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00A.M. on the return day of **03/09/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
January 28, 2020  
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