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Hyde Park Library celebrates Earth Day



Residents came out on a dreary Monday evening to talk about saving the environment.

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Ricardo Guillaume
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park Library patrons weathered a downpour on the evening of Earth Day to attend a presentation on living efficiently for homeowners. Cathy Horn, founder of Keep Hyde Park Beautiful and executive board member of Hyde Park Main Streets introduced keynote speaker, Dan Ruben. Ruben is the executive director of Boston Green Tourism, the Chair of Green Newton, and serves on the board of the Green Energy Consumers Alliance (GECA).

"We have to reduce our carbon footprint by 45% by 2030," Ruben said. "And if we don't do that, we'll just have worse storms and droughts, climate refugees, terrible heat waves, and crazier weather."

Ruben admitted to being "frugal by nature" before diving into his presentation titled "Cut Your Carbon Footprint by 100% and be Happier Than Ever" a PowerPoint slide presentation on what homeowners can do to help the planet and save money at the same time. For example, in the winter Ruben wears six layers of Under Armour thermals so he can begin the day with the thermostat set at 62 degrees, before gradually migrating to a crisp 58 degrees, and eventually going to bed at a cool 48 degrees. He accommodates guests in his home with a manageable 65 degrees.

"Am I uncomfortable? Yeah, maybe 2% of the time but I can live with that," Ruben said.

In the dog days of summer
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Readville Watch discusses proposed development

Mary Ellen Gamber
Staff Reporter

Ten people attended the Readville Watch meeting, held on Thursday, Apr. 18 at the Readville Knights of Columbus Hall, to express their opinions about the proposed development near the Readville commuter rail station.

Turnout may have been low because the group is alternating locations every month between the Sunset Bocce Club and the K of C Hall to reach neighbors from both sides of Readville for the next few months.

The project, called the Residences at Readville Station, proposed 305 units between two buildings, with a mix of rental and ownership opportunities. There would be stacked parking for 221 vehicles and room for a restaurant or other retail opportunity. It would be located at 1711 to 1725 Hyde Park Ave.

"Overall, the developers presented their vision for the development," said Roberta Johnnene, who chaired the meeting on Apr. 16. "It will be seven stories tall with 439 bedrooms."

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54th Regiment legacy continues



Members of the 54th Regiment came to the Mattapan Library, along with members of the Buffalo Soldiers reenactors, to teach residents the history of African Americans in the U.S. Armed Forces.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 54th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Company A came to the Mattapan Library on Saturday, April 13, to teach about 20 residents how the 54th was able to drive a path forward for African Americans in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"I've seen this army become what it should have been many many years ago," said Buffalo Soldiers Heritage founder Napoleon DePina. "Europeans said a man of color could not lead or be a soldier. The 54th and all the people in the Civil War proved them wrong. I've lived to see a four-star



Members of the 54th went through their armament, most of which included working firearms.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

general, I've lived to see the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff lead the biggest Army in the world, a man of color. At the same time, when that general was made a colonel, the newspapers asked him if he wanted to be known as the 'Colored Colonel.' He said, 'well don't

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Library Flooding a concern

Ricardo Guillaume
Staff Reporter

Residents braved a downpour Monday night to attend an Earth Day celebration at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL), but there was inclement weather inside as well. Thomas M. Menino Hall on the ground level was the original setting for the event but that room succumbed to 25 inches of water that leaked onto the floor.

In the closet of Menino
Library Flooding
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While there was no reported damage to books, the leaks in the library are growing and residents are worried.

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Hyde Park resident announces her candidacy to become the next Boston City Councilor for District 5

30 years old Cecily Graham, a resident of Hyde Park announced her candidacy to become the next Boston City Councilor for District 5, which includes the neighborhoods Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roslindale.

Cecily is a first generation American, born of Haitian and Jamaican parents and Cecily is currently working as a school teacher and has been actively involved in many political campaigns. Cecily Graham, earned a degree from College of Humanities and Fine Arts with a major in African Diaspora Studies and a minor in Women's Studies at

the University of Amherst. She is also one year away from completing her Master's degree with a focus in Public Administration.

Her previous experiences include: community organizing with the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance to rally support to the Community Preservation Act in 2016, organizing with WGBH to save PBS, and interned with former City Councilor At-Large Ayanna Pressley, Cecily is ready to bring a fresh voice for District 5 to the Council.

"As a community advocate, I've seen so much injus-

tice and I want to fight for us [residents of District 5] and keep our district as beautiful as it's always been while exploring new opportunities that will improve the lives of many and help families thrive," Cecily stated. "I'm taking a stand because it's necessary that we fight against what divides the communities racially, socially and economically."

Cecily Graham is a leader who is connected to the community, concerned about the unaddressed community needs, and is committed to improvement and empowerment. She will hold her campaign kick-off on Saturday, April 20th from 10-1 at ZaZ Restaurant in Hyde Park. For further information or to volunteer with the campaign, please contact Cecily Graham at (857)-312-3263 or via email at cecilyfordistrict5@gmail.com.

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HP wrestlers compete in NC tournament



Roode Jeannot 18 yrs old of Hyde Park and Aiden Feeney 14 yrs old of Walpole recently traveled to Wilmington N.C. to compete in the 41st Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival's Boxing Tournament. Roode and Aiden Won their respective classes and brought home to Gentlemen's Gym Boxing Club of Hyde Park two Championship Belts.

Senior Club News

Mil Par Seniors

We meet the third Thursday of each month. 11:30 am at St. Pius X Church, Hyde Park. New members are always welcome. Lunch and Super Bingo and elevator access.

Go Go Seniors

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Any questions Call Joanne 617-323-0071

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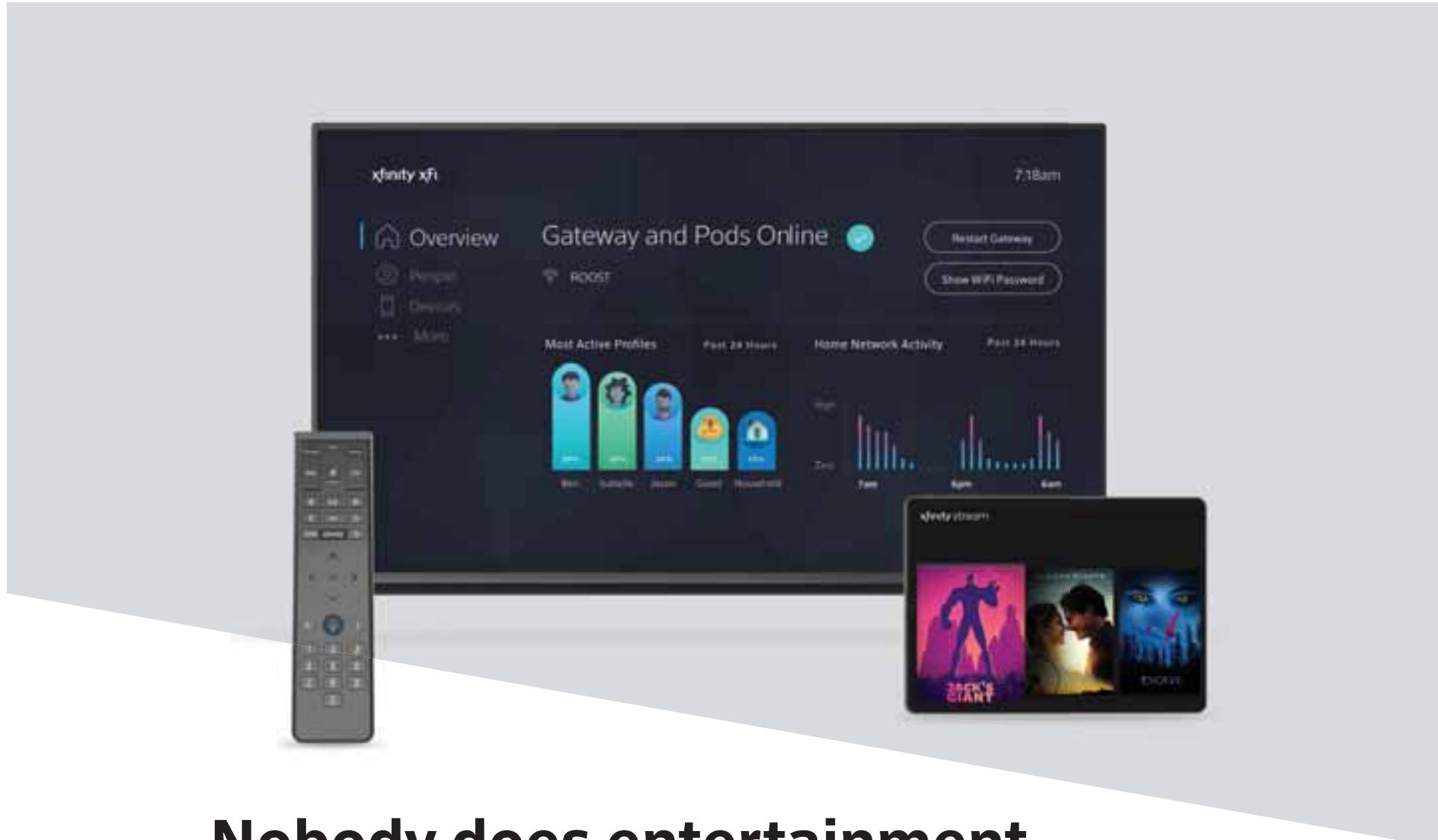
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Widow Asks About Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away 7 years ago at the age of 64, at which time he was receiving SS Disability. I was 58 at the time he passed and could not apply for his Social Security. I was still working but let SS know he was deceased, so his check was no longer deposited. I am now 65 and my age to reach full benefits without penalty is 66. I plan to work three more years before applying for Social Security. My question is: Can I apply for my deceased husband's SS benefits now and not my own without any penalties? And if so, what is the process? Thank you for your time and the information and resources you provide.

Signed: Widowed Wife

Dear Widowed: Yes, as a widow you have the choice of claiming either your survivor's benefit or your own benefit but claiming either before your full retirement age will reduce it. If you claim your survivor's benefit before you reach age 66 it will be somewhat reduced from 100% of what your husband was receiving when he passed. Since you're now 65, the reduction won't be too severe (about 0.4% for each month before your full retirement age of 66). Your own benefit would be reduced by about 0.69% for each month before your full retirement age.

I suggest you evaluate which of your future benefits will be greater – the survivor benefit at maximum or your own benefit at maximum. Your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age of 66, but your own SS benefit can continue to grow until age 70 when it would be 32% more than it would be at age 66. You may want to set a goal to claim in such a way that you can get the highest benefit for the rest of your life. If you know what your own benefit will be at your full retirement age, add

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32% to that, and compare that number to the benefit your husband was receiving at his death. If your own at age 70 is more than he was receiving, then it would be wise to take the survivor benefit first and let your own grow by 8% per year until 70 and then switch from the survivor benefit to your own. If your survivor benefit at your FRA will be greater than your own at age 70, then it would be wise to let the survivor benefit grow to maximum at your full retirement age and claim it then.

In any case, to answer your question – yes, you can apply for your reduced benefits as a widow now or wait until you're 66 to get the full benefit, and the way to do that is to contact Social Security directly and request your benefit as your husband's widow. Survivor's benefit cannot be applied for online, so you should call Social Security (find your local office at www.ssa.gov/locator) and request an appointment to apply for survivor benefits. When you make your appointment, Social Security will advise you if they'll require any additional documentation. And if you wish to let your own benefit grow to age 70, then be sure to specify you are applying only for your survivor benefit, not your Social Security retirement benefit. Both survivor benefits and your own Social Security retirement benefit.

The Bulletin

The demise of two classrooms

Usually in education when one hears the word "demise," it usually precedes discussion of an entire school, possibly because of changes. But today the word is used in talking about two public school classrooms, perhaps 100 miles apart.

The first is taking place in a comfortable suburb of a big city. There a fifth-grade class is constantly on pins and needles because one of its students is, for want of a better word, uncontrollable, and not because of teacher inability to address the problem. Frequent class interruptions plus physical outbreaks, such as knocking over dozens of art projects, make it difficult for learning to occur. When the tantrum is full blown, the teacher and the rest of the students have to evacuate the classroom to enable the school psychologist and administrators to converse with him one-on-one. This is the school's policy: protect the rights of the misbehaving pupil while his peers wait out in the corridor for resolution.

Then there is a Boston Public Schools fourth grade where a couple of obstreperous students stand up on desks, drop F-bombs, and other such activities, thereby rendering learning v-e-r-y difficult. This is just a follow-up to their third-grade behavior. This is no reflection on the teacher; it's just the way things are in some classrooms, as suspensions from school are now viewed, sadly, with a jaundiced eye.

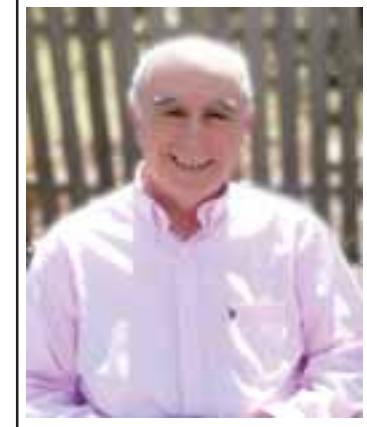
It is interesting to note that Massachusetts state education

officials are casting a nasty eye on Roxbury Preparatory School because of its suspension rate—21.1% versus the state average of 2.9%. Frequently, suspension is the only way to go, although some think that keeping troublemakers out of school for a day or two is jeopardizing their frequently precarious academic success. Admittedly, at least one of the suspensions enacted by Roxbury Prep seemed flimsy, but when dastardly deeds are done against classmates or teachers, serious consequences are due.

The bases of suspension should be spelled out in a handbook, with little, if no room, for subjectivity. Strong care should be taken to avoid having students placed near and ultimately cross such a threshold, but if so, then as the adage says, "If the shoe fits, . . ." Hopefully, the number of suspended left-handed students or those wearing glasses does not exceed the proportion of those within a school.

Detractors of that charter school will be quick to mention that 38% of the suspensions were levied against pupils with disabilities. Hmm. Does this mean students in wheelchairs, on crutches, with impaired hearing? Probably not. It would not be surprising if disabilities in this case means behaviorally impaired, extremely hot-tempered.

State education officials always have a tender space in their heart for students with disabilities, and right that they should, in many but far from all



My Kind
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Joe Galeota

circumstances. Because they are always ready to levy sanctions on a school with suspensions of students needing behavior modification (a type of disability), one Boston Public school in which I was privileged to teach had a way of circumventing the suspensions of volatile students with a special ed plan: "Don't come back to school until your mother comes up." This way the voluminous amount of paperwork incurred by suspending such students—no matter how flagrant their hostile act was—was avoided. And, more importantly, the classmates were able to learn for a day or two without fear and without traumatic interruption.

If the purpose of schooling is to prepare one for life, then a student who threatens a teacher or a classmate has to learn that later on life, the threatening of a police officer or a judge has dire consequences.

Letters to the Editor

EXAM SCHOOLS MORE DIVERSE THAN REPORTED

To the Editor:

An April 11 Boston Bulletin story on education inequity in Boston schools asserts that Boston's three exam schools are not racially or culturally diverse. This widely reported misperception is not supported by the facts.

Of the 1787 students at Boston Latin Academy, no racial group makes up 30% of the school population. African-American and Asian students each represent 21% of the student body. Hispanics represent 25%. Whites represent 29%, and many of them are im-

grants or children of immigrants from non-English speaking countries in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, living in immigrant gateway neighborhoods such as East Boston, Dorchester and Allston. The percentage of students at Latin Academy for whom English is not their first language is 42%.

As a member of the Parents Committee of the Friends of Boston Latin Academy, I recently hand addressed invitations to our spring fundraiser to all of the 300 or so first-year families at Latin Academy. Only a handful of invitations went to addresses in West Roxbury or South Boston. The vast majority went to addresses

in Dorchester and Roxbury. Latin Academy may be the most broadly and evenly diverse school in the district. Boston should celebrate the diverse enrollment we have achieved at Latin Academy that has been so elusive at non-exam schools.

Furthermore, of the 1535 students at another exam school, the John D. O'Bryant School for Math & Science, the largest percentage of students are African-Americans, who comprise 34% of the school's enrollment, a share higher than the percentage of African-Americans in the district overall, 31%. Hispanics at the O'Bryant School make up another third of the student body, 32%. Whites account for less than 11% of the student body even though whites represent approximately half of Boston's population. These statistics are published on the Massachusetts Department of Education's website.

Diversity is well established

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Boston Police apprehend Hyde Park woman in connection to cemetery vandalism

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Last week, on April 18 at around 4:45 p.m., the Boston Police Department (BPD) reported that officers assigned to the District E-18 arrested a Hyde Park woman in connection to a series of vandalism at the Mount Hope Cemetery.

According to the BPD, Deborah Gideon, 53, of Hyde Park has been arrested and charged with attempting to commit a crime to wit: vandalism of a gravestone and malicious destruction of property over \$1,200. Gideon was later charged with six other counts of vandalism, including damage to the Boston Police Relief Association Memorial located at the Mount Hope Cemetery. The BPD has not stated whether they are charging Gideon with other instances of vandalism in the neighborhood.

According to police, District E-18 officers observed Gideon in the area of 19 Millstone St., and apparently saw her toss what appeared to be red powder in the air and into the street. They followed her to the area of the Mount Hope Cemetery where they observed her exit her motor vehicle, approach some head-



Deborah Gideon

stones and make a tossing motion with her hand.

After Gideon entered her motor vehicle and continued traveling, officers state they initiated a traffic stop. Officers state they observed a spray bottle in the front passenger side of her vehicle, a gallon of "reddish liquid," containers of various colored salts, powdered juice mixes and olive oil.

BPD has not connected Gideon with a spate of other vandalized churches and statues in Hyde Park and Dorchester re-

spectively. According to police, on Monday, March 11, officers assigned to District E-18 responded to a radio call for vandalism in the area of 25 Maple St. around the Most Precious Blood Church. Officers stated on arrival they spoke to a witness who stated he observed an unknown red substance on a statue on the church's property. The witness also stated that he observed the same red substance on a bench in front of 90 West Milton St. in Hyde Park at Saint Anne's Church.

On Wednesday, March 13, District E-18 officers responded to a radio call at St. Anne's for vandalism. On arrival, officers stated they spoke to the same witness, who stated he found the same red substance on a statue in front of the church, similar to the incident at Most Precious Blood. The witness relayed a story he said was from another parishioner in a previously unreported incident in which a black female entered the Most Precious Blood Church during closing and reportedly attempted to spray an unknown substance on the statues inside the church. When confronted, the witness states, the un-

known female said she was "just praying," before exiting the church and leaving the scene in a white sedan.

On Wednesday, April 10, officers assigned to BPD District C-11 in Dorchester responded to a radio call for vandalism at 2223 Dorchester Ave. at the site of St. Gregory's Church. The caller stated that an unknown individual had defaced a statue on the church's property, covering the statue in an unknown red substance. The caller stated this was the fourth incident in which the statue had been vandalized in the past month with the same substance.

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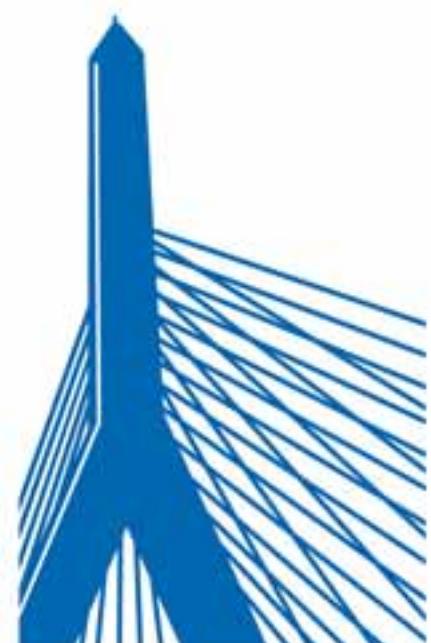
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BCYF Clougherty Pool rates for the entire season: Adults (20 - 54): \$15; Youth and teens ages 12 - 19 Free; Adults (55 and older) and Active Military (with ID): Free. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the water at all times. Memberships are available now at the BCYF Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford Street, Charlestown or at the pool beginning June 22.

BCYF Mirabella rates for the entire season: Adults (20-61): \$20; Teens (13-19): \$10; Youth and Seniors (ages 6-12, adults 62+): \$5; Youth under 6 and Active Military (with ID): Free. The rates are double for non-Boston residents. There are no day or



guest passes. Memberships will be available beginning on May 13 at the BCYF Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street in the North End or at the pool beginning June 22. Money orders are the only accepted method of payment.

Also opening June 22 is the City's "Family Friendly Beach" at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston. The beach will also be open seven days a week and offers families access to an enclosed stretch of beach on Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game

equipment, and wifi. Membership for the beach for the entire season is \$5 and are available June 1 at the "K" Street entrance of the center.

The outdoor pools and beach will remain open seven days a week until Labor Day. All locations will have experienced, certified lifeguards on duty. BCYF Curley facilities are accessible for people with disabilities and both outdoor pools are equipped with lifts from the deck into the water.

For programming information, the membership application, and hours of operation, visit Boston.Gov/BCYF.

HPHS talks HP connection to Gettysburg



Worcester Art Museum Curator Erin Corrales-Diaz discussed the history of the painting 'The Battle of Gettysburg' recently at the Hyde Park Historical Society.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

who were the soldiers and things like that."

Brown added because of his tireless work, Bachelder is remembered fondly in Gettysburg.

"The residents of Gettysburg were so enamored by the work that he did, they presented him with this cannon we have over here, that was made from the spent shot found on the battlefield," he said.

Last Saturday, April 13, Ph.D. Assistant Curator of American Art at the Worcester Art Museum Erin Corrales-Diaz presented her lecture, A Great National Painting: James Walker's the Battle of Gettysburg to the Hyde Park Historical Society (HPS). The piece was a monumental undertaking, which took Walker, an English painter, six years to complete. The 20-foot long panoramic piece was first commissioned by Hyde Park resident John Badger Bachelder.

"Colonel Bachelder was a Hyde Park resident, and he was noted as the historian at the Battle of Gettysburg," said HPS Corresponding Secretary Peter Brown. "His work was very profound to the way that we now view the Civil War and that Battle."

Brown said Bachelder first tried drawing the battlefield himself, and then tried to get more precise details from those who were there.

"He was very precise and what he did was he created an isometric map of the battlefield, and he went around and talked to all the soldiers, the colonels and people who were there and got very detailed accounts. He sketched the battlefield himself, and then he'd go to the colonels and soldiers and troops and get their perspective of it to build an even more accurate account of the battle."

Brown added he also capitalized upon the creation of the painting.

"He was like the P.T. Barnum of the Civil War, he was very much responsible for commercializing the Civil War and he toured the painting around the country," he said. "He had souvenirs to the painting as well, like a key to the painting telling

"It was pretty common for panoramic, cycloramic paintings of the time to travel," she said. "It was that immerse experience people gravitated towards."

Corrales-Diaz has done several of these talks with local historical societies in New England, but she said it was fitting she came to the hometown of the man who commissioned the painting.

"There's enormous interest in this particular talk, and so I gave the first iteration of it last May at the Boston Athenaeum, and then the New Hampshire Historical Society asked me to give the talk too," she said. "It was at the Athenaeum that a number of the members of the HPS asked me to come and speak."

Corrales-Diaz specializes in art of the Civil War and Reconstruction, and said added she has more talks scheduled in other locations. A video of her full talk at the Boston Athenaeum can be found <https://vimeo.com/>

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Aerial spraying will take place in select neighborhoods in Hyde Park and West Roxbury

April 19, 2019 - The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) would like to advise residents and community members in Hyde Park and West Roxbury of upcoming sprayings to help control mosquito populations in selected neighborhood areas. BPHC partners with the Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project (SCMCP) to protect Boston residents from mosquito-borne disease transmission. SCMCP will be conducting a helicopter application of the biological larvicide, Bti, to control mosquito larvae over large wetlands.

* Wetlands currently being evaluated include the Fowl Meadow area of Hyde Park, the Hancock Woods area near VFW Parkway and Corey Street and wetlands near Millennium Park in West Roxbury.

* * The application will be conducted between April 22 and April 26.

* * The larvicide will be applied in a granular formulation by a helicopter flying low directly over the wetlands. Residents do not need to take any special precau-



West Roxbury and Hyde Park will be sprayed to reduce populations of mosquitos throughout the week.

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tions for this application.

Mosquito species have different breeding habits, but most want to lay their eggs near water – usually in vegetation or in still water. To help prevent mosquitoes from breeding, BPHC advises residents to limit places around the home where standing water can collect. People should turn over unused flower pots, buckets, wheelbarrows and garbage cans; remove leaves and other debris that can clog gutters and trap water; dispose of or cover old tires; and cover swimming pools when not in use.

About Bti: The material to be applied, Bti (*Bacillus*

thuringiensis var. *israelensis*), is a natural bacterium found in soil. The EPA classifies Bti as a relatively non-toxic pesticide. Bti is considered a target selective and environmentally compatible pesticide that affects mosquito larvae and a few closely related aquatic insects in the fly family. Once applied Bti stays suspended in water for 24 to 48 hours and then biodegrades as it settles to the bottom.

The product name of the Bti is VectoBac GR (EPA Reg. #73049-486). For further information contact the Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project at 781-899-5730.

Mayor Walsh Announces 2019 BCYF Summer Grants Now Available

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) have announced the release of the 2019 BCYF Summer Grants RFP, inviting nonprofit youth-serving groups to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to support fun, safe, enriching youth programming this summer. These grants will increase both the number and variety of programs serving youth and will ensure that youth across the City have access to activities and opportunities this summer.

The grants will support summer programs in Boston neighborhoods. Ages to must range from 6-18 and may include young adults up to age 21. Programs must operate between July 8 and August 31. Last year, of the 58 programs that were awarded funding, 60% were art-based, educational or community and civic engagement opportunities and the remaining 40% had a sports, recreation, fitness or health-related focus. Over 80% of grantees provided specialized programs that incorporated educational components to youth about substance abuse, provided a therapeutic approach to accommodate youth impacted by trauma and provided an opportunity for meaningful youth summer employment.

"This grant is so meaningful to Learn 2 Teach, Teach 2 Learn," said Dr. Susan Klimczak, Education Organizer at Learn 2 Teach, Teach 2 Learn. "The funds help us to provide STEAM activities that require special and more expensive components. This year, we encountered a price increase in some of the supplies we need to offer our STEAM activities. The increase would have put popular activities like our Solar Bobble Activity out of the reach of L2TT2L, which provides all our STEAM camps free of charge to the children and community organizations we serve. Thanks to the support from BCYF through the BCYF Summer Grant, we were able to offer this popular activity without interruption."

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3. For more information including the RFP, please visit Boston.Gov/BCYF-Summer-Grant.

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- ◆ Any child age 12 and older may be a buddy. Adults 18 and older must sign a CORI/SORI Form.
- ◆ There are Two (2) teams:
Red Sox – Ages 7 and older
Athletics – Ages 7 and older
- ◆ The Red Sox & Athletics play Tuesdays & Thursdays



Opening Day – Bring your family & friends!

Opening Day Ceremonies for the 25th Season will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 beginning at 5:45 p.m. We ask all Buddys to be present at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Game on Opening Day!

All games are played from 5:45 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Spring Season ends on Thursday, June 27th.

Registration fee for the 2019 Season is \$90.00 per family, which includes Spring & Summer play and two Banquet tickets.

Summer League begins on Wednesday, July 10th & ends on Wednesday, August 28th. Summer registration: \$50.00 per player.

All Games are played at The Jason Roberts Challenger League Field located at the Ohrenberger School on West Boundary Road in West Roxbury. Bathrooms and ample parking available.



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Around the Neighborhood

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8. BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under. Encompassing recreation, sports, and community engagement, BNBL's real value is in helping make Boston happier and safer in the summer months by providing a physical outlet for youngsters throughout the city.

Over 1,500 players on 150 teams will participate in this year's league at 20 sites throughout the city. BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August.

To register online for BNBL go to <https://>

Deadline

The deadline for all press releases for The Bulletin is Friday.

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Ask The Doctor

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

To the Doctor: I have a 2013 Toyota RAV4 with 4WD, but I have never actually put it into the 4WD mode. Would it be safe to use it now, after six years of non-use? Or should I have it checked out by Toyota first?

From the Doctor: I would switch it into the 4WD mode without a trip to the dealer. If the 4WD system works, I would suggest having the drive line fluids changed using the factory Toyota fluid.

To the Doctor: I have a 2014 Nissan Altima. I'm just one of the thousands of Nissan owners with a faulty CVT manufactured by Jatco of which Nissan is the parent company. Nissan extended the warranty from 60,000 to 120,000 miles, but I've read that some owners are on their third transmission. My Altima's transmission vibrates at 2,000 RPMs. The dealer says that's normal. Why wasn't a recall ever issued for such a vital part of the vehicle's drive train?

From the Doctor: The early CVT transmissions had major failure rates – Nissan was not alone with this problem. Generally, manufacturers want to extend the warranty versus a recall because of the expense involved. Today's CVTs have been redesigned and are much better. With the older CVT transmissions, going from a dead stop to full acceleration, the engine would stay at the full RPM until the driver lifted up on the gas pedal. Under full acceleration, today's CVT transmissions shift similar to a regular automatic transmission. In fact, the new CVT transmissions can actually be manually shifted. Just a note: I suggest a transmission fluid change every two years with these troublesome CVTs and the use of Nissan fluid only.

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

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apm.activecommunities.com/cob parks and rec department/Activity_Search. BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations.

For more information, please email Charlie Connors at Charles.Conners@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3093.

FREE SPRING ART WORKSHOP SERIES

The Power of our Stories – What Does Clay Have to Say? With teaching artist Wendy Ellertson on May 1 with optional field trip from 5 – 7 pm with light, healthy dinner at 5pm. Dinner and workshop provided FREE OF CHARGE by Jamaica Plain-based Families Creating Together at Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam St., Roxbury.

Join us for this FREE disability-inclusive series of art workshops for children ages 5-13 accompanied by an adult family member/guardian.

Create clay artwork to be fired in a kiln, then glaze it with bright colors and watch creatures and objects emerge from the clay...inspiring children to develop stories about them! Build backdrops out of mixed materials to help display and perform those stories. Presented in English, Spanish and American Sign Language upon request. Wheelchair accessible.

FCT is a program of Com-

munity Service Care/Tree of Life Coalition in Jamaica Plain. This is not a drop-in program. Please enroll if you can commit to at least three workshops. To register and for more information call 617-522-4832 or 617-372-3022 (cell, text, Espanol) or email familiescreating@gmail.com.

SPACE IS LIMITED so register today! Additional information at www.familiescreatingtogether.org.

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THE POLAR VORTEX ENSEMBLE

Polar Vortex is a 7 piece instrumental ensemble playing music ranging from classic swing to soul and R&B. Join us for an afternoon of lively and delightful sound. May 4 Saturday afternoon 2 pm. Brighton Library/ 40 Academy Hill Road/(617) 782-6032

This program is brought to you by Music Maker Studios directed by Bob Brenner. All are welcome.

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ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Two ESL conversation groups meet at the Brighton Library: One on Monday evening at 6:15 pm; The other on Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm. Come and practice your language

skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617) 782-6032.

JAMAIC PLAIN

GODDARD HOUSE HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE YOU MAKE: LESSONS FROM A YEAR AMONG THE OLD

Thursday, April 25th | 6:00 - 7:45 pm - Brookline Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street, Brookline, MA

What's the secret to living a fuller, more content life? For John Leland, best-selling author and award-winning reporter at the New York Times, the answer came from an unexpected place: from the lives of six people age 85 and up. He expected them to educate him in the hardships of old age. Instead, they taught him lessons of resilience, gratitude, purpose and perspective that apply to us all. The good news is that we can all learn from the wisdom and experience of older adults. View full event flyer>>

Refreshments will be served from 6-6:30 pm, followed by a talk with discussion & book sales from 6:30-7:45 pm. Please call 617-730-2770 to register.

OPENING MINDS THROUGH ART ARTISTS' RECEPTION & ART SALE

Saturday, April 27th | 3:00 - 4:30 pm - Goddard House Assisted Living, 165 Chestnut St, Brookline

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is an intergenerational art program that is founded on the principle that people who are living with dementia are highly capable of creative expression. This exhibit will be on display in Gallery M at Goddard House from April 8th to May 6th. For more information, contact Patti Barrows at 617-731-8500 or pbarrows@goddardhouse.org. All are welcome!!

HYDE PARK

THE GREAT GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL

The Great Grilled Cheese Festival takes place at The Thomas M. Menino YMCA gymnasium in Hyde Park on Sunday May 19 from 11:30am-2pm. Enjoy "all you can eat" classic grilled cheese sandwiches, chips and dessert. There will be fun kid activities with Davey the Clown, raffles, live music by Luis Avila and Natalia Popovska, leader of song at St. Anne's Church, Hyde Park. Located at 1137 River Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136.

This foodie-family fundraiser benefits the Chefs Table Foundation, a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization that provides scholarships to veterans and youths in need who have a passion for the culinary arts.

Tickets: \$8 per child (12 years and younger). Babies under one-years old – complimentary admission. \$10 per adult

Thank you to our sponsors: YMCA, Commonwealth Bank, Tierney Realty Group and Carroll-Thomas Funeral. Tickets: <http://www.chefstablefoundation.org>

BOSTON WARD 18 TO ELECT DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:00am at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA to elect delegates and alternates to the 2019 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year's state convention will be held September 14, 2019 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for upcoming elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by May 11, 2019 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Boston's Ward 18 can elect 53 delegates and 8 alternates to the Convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org.

Those interested in getting involved with Boston's Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.

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Deaths

COLLINS

Marie E. (Gibson) Of Dedham, formerly of Cedarville and Newport Richey, FL, passed away on April 20, 2019 while surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the late John E. Collins. Loving mother of John P. Collins and his wife Donna of Dedham. Loving grandmother of John Jr., Robert, Jacquelyn, Theresa, and Andrew Collins all of Dedham. Sister of the late Frederick, Esther, Robert, and Philip Gibson. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Longtime faithful parishioner of St. Anne's Church Readville. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, April 25th at St. Anne's Church, Readville Interment Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marie's memory to Seasons Hospice, 1 Edgewater Dr., Norwood, MA 02062. Guestbook gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781 326 0500

DOMOHOSKI

Francis P. Jr. Age 78, of Hyde Park, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2019. "Uncle Frank" as he was commonly known, always had a smile on his face or something nice to say. He was a wealth of knowledge and, he was never wrong about anything! Frank traveled the world but loved to summer in Provincetown. A Boston Latin School Key Club Member class of 1958, Frank was also a graduate of Tufts University. Fluent in several languages including Latin, German and Greek, he was an international banker and jet setter before teaching liberal arts and languages



at Newman Prep School. Frank's genius and knack for crunching numbers led to an unblemished career as a G-Man, where he retired as an Agent for the Internal Revenue Service. Frank was very modest, especially about his young movie star looks. He was often stopped on the street because he bore a striking resemblance to actor Leonardo DiCaprio. Ironically, though Frank thanked his admirers for their mistaken praise, he had never even heard of his much younger doppelganger! Frank's passion for reading and learning inspired many minds, and he was encouraged to enter as a contestant on Jeopardy!, but he always declined because he thought the questions were far too easy. Frank will reunite with his loving mother, the late Ina Florence (Blomquist) Domohoski and his father, the late Francis P. Sr., as well as his late sister, Jean Donovan. Frank is survived by his nephews Timothy and Thomas Donovan of Plymouth and his very dear longtime friend, Peggy Donaruma from Hyde Park. Frank was waked at Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Thursday, April 18, 2019, followed by Interment at Fairview Cemetery. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

WARD

Audrey (Sales) Of Readville, passed unexpectedly on April 14th at the age of 50. Beloved wife of Kevin M. Ward of Readville. Loving daughter of Luis A. and Diana (Lecuna) Sales. Devoted mother of of Ashley D. and her husband Chris Hogan of Somerville, Ryan L., Trevor A. and Gabriel A. Ward, all of Hyde Park. Cherished sister of Clifford Sales of Holbrook and Jessica S. Cohen of Sudbury. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours were held Tuesday, April 16th at the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak Street, HYDE PARK. For guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com

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PHPS President Michael King said in his more than 40 years in the society, he's never heard a more interesting story about a painting.

"I've never seen one like this, the closest one I've ever seen was at the U.S. Capitol, Benjamin West's the Death of General Wolfe," he said. "It really brings the immediacy of death on the battlefield down to the individual, but this brings it to a whole new level."

Resident Donna Sullivan said she was amazed at the scope

of work and level of detail that went into the painting.

"I didn't know these types of pictures existed," she said. "Just to know the history about how much work and detail went behind that in connection to an actual event and his connection to Hyde Park, I thought that was just amazing. We were really fortunate to have somebody like Corrales-Diaz with her knowledge and skill come here and present it."

Resident Janet Smith said she was aware of cycloramic paintings, but never one to this scale.

"It was fascinating, I didn't know anything about it until this was advertised," she said. "I had seen some cycloramic paintings before, and they always seem to be about wars, but I had never heard of Bachelder."

If you're willing to make the trip, the painting is now on display at the Spartanburg County Public Libraries Headquarters, Spartanburg, South Carolina. For a digital look, head over to thejohnsoncollection.org/james-walker-the-battle-of-gettysburg-repulse-of-longstreet-assault-july-3-1863/

The HPHS is meeting on May 18 at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library at 1:30 in Weld Hall on the Second Floor.

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.

—M.P.

St. Jude's Novena

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

Thank you for answering my prayer. —J.D.

Obituary Policy

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Library Flooding *continued from page 1*



According to officials, the flooding appears to be coming from this pipe.

PHOTO BY RICARDO GUILLAUME

Hall a half-full trash bucket contained a steady drip from the exposed ceiling pipe. Adjacent to the hall, a couple hundred books were in danger of getting wet in a storage closet. Because of the leak, the Earth Day event was moved to Bill Weld Hall on the second floor.

David Joseph Vieira has been president of the board of the Friends of the Hyde Park library for four years and was formerly president of the City-Wide Friends of the Hyde Park library for 14 years. He said that this has been an ongoing issue.

"I can't count how many times (I've sent a complaint)," Vieira said. "(Menino Hall) was designed to be the public meeting space for the library, not upstairs in Weld Hall. And while we have the flexibility to use Weld Hall, (Menino Hall) is where tonight's program should be and we cannot bring the public into a room that's in this condition."

To resolve the issue, Vieira said he has been in constant contact with BPL officials including President David Leonard, Director of

Capital Projects, Eamon Shelton and Director of Neighborhood Services, Priscilla Foley. Vieira sent those three what he described as "a really nasty note" where he wrote about having to move the Earth Day event at the last minute.

"We have had to relocate tonight's speaking program to Weld Hall due to the fact that Menino Hall in the lower level of the library has turned into a wading pool. We can't wait any longer," Vieira said in the email to BPL officials. "There must be an immediate remediation response to these conditions. This is beyond the point of just sitting around talking about it. If I don't get an acceptable response I'll be talking about it at the BPL budget hearing. Count on it."

"The Boston Public Library has been working closely with outside contractors and the City of Boston Public Facilities Department on the analysis and remediation plan for water infiltration in the lower level of the Hyde Park Branch," a BPL official said in a statement. "The BPL submitted a draft scope of work and

preliminary estimate for consideration in the COB FY20 capital budget. This project has been included in Mayor Walsh's recommended budget and we expect that the funds to perform this work will be available in July."

For now the plan is to close Menino Hall to all programming until further notice. Vieira remained frustrated but hopeful that something will be done soon.

"You can't keep talking about a problem that's causing this kind of damage. You have to fix the damage and find a way to pay for it afterwards," Vieira said. "Because if you don't take care of it, it's only going to get worse and it's only going to get more expensive."

Earth Day *continued from page 1*

he forgoes air conditioning systems and utilizes ceiling and stationary fans. Ruben hand-washes dishes with cold water, his home is powered by carbon-wind electricity – which he pays about 5% more for – and he convinced his condominium to stop using pesticides so he's now responsible for plucking dandelions around the building by hand.

"Is that crazy or is letting the world fall apart crazy?" Ruben asked.

Ruben said that when he first moved into his home in 1995 he used over 1,000 gallons of gasoline. In 2016 he cut his total use down by 83%. He also changed jobs, allowing his commute to dwindle from 25,000 miles to 1,000 miles a year, and he ditched his Toyota Corolla at 35 miles per gallon in favor of the Prius at 50 miles per gallon. Ruben estimated that since making the switch he's saved about \$4,125 a year.

Other major steps Ruben took to go green included consuming as little red meat, milk, and cheese as possible and turning off his boiler most of the time.

"I don't have hot water now. If somebody broke into my house and wanted to have a hot shower they couldn't have one," Ruben said. "I shower a couple of times a week and the other days I hand wash. That saves about 100 gallons a year."

Ruben admitted that he lives comfortably in a 6-room condo but said that all of us can do three things to reduce our footprints: Become more efficient in our own daily lives by turning the lights off and recycling, electrify everything, and work towards making all energy renewable with wind and solar power.

"I dedicate this to my great nephews," Ruben said before showing a slide of the two baby boys. "Whom if we do everything well, will see the year 2100."

Legals

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court Date: April 10, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate	

Boston Bulletin, 04/25/19



Public Meeting

IDP Update Information Session

Tuesday, May 7

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

5 Mildred Avenue

Mildred Avenue Community Center
Mattapan, MA 02126

Project Description:

The Inclusionary Development Policy (the "IDP"), first created in 2000, requires that market-rate housing developments with ten or more units and in need of zoning relief support the creation of income-restricted housing. Over the life of the program, developers have directly created 2,599 income-restricted units, and IDP funds have created 1,414 income restricted units.

The Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") is currently reviewing the policy and will be making recommendations for changes to the policy. As part of this process, the BPDA is reaching out to housing advocates, non-profit housing agencies, private housing developers, and Boston residents to get input not just on how much we should require of developers, but how the program should be implemented.

If you cannot attend this event, you can submit comments to the BPDA. Go to www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/inclusionary-development-policy-2019-update for more information.

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locally and internationally. She is, also, an accomplished artist and very proud Mom of twins. After her performance we welcome others to share their works or read a favorite poem or two. ADMISSION INFO: <http://artistsatlargeinc.org/> Additional time info: all ages family friendly Dates and Time: April 25th, 6:00 pm at Boston Public Library, Hyde Park LOCATION: Boston Public Library, 35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136

ETHOS CONVERSATIONS ON AGING SERIES:

Senior Services Expo - Boston offers many benefits and services for our senior residents. Find out what they are! Join Ethos and the City of Boston Age Strong Commission for a Senior Services Expo. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the Blue Hills Collaborative, 20 Como Road, in Hyde Park. Stop in any time between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and meet with city, state and private agencies as well as, human services organizations, to learn about their respective programs and services. Information for seniors from all neighborhoods will be available. Refreshments will be served. Call 617-477-6616 with questions. The event is offered at no charge and pre-registration is not required.

BCYF PROGRAMS SUMMER CAMP 2019

The BCYF Hyde Park Community Center is currently accepting applications for our summer camp. Our summer camp is for 7 – 12 year olds and runs from July 8th through August 16th. Hours are 8:30-am-

4:30pm with extended hours available. Stop by the community center to pick up your application!

The programs are being offered at the BCYF Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136. Call for more information 617-635-5178.

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

BELLEVUE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Bellevue Hill, GBANA and West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Associations will co-host a community meeting on April 25 at St. John Chrisostom Parish hall, 4750 Washington St., 7 PM. Join BPD Area E-5, elected officials and special guests in a discussion about 361 Belgrade, MWRA and new development projects. All neighbors and neighborhoods are invited! See you on the 25th.

WARD 20 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Boston's Ward 20 Democratic Caucus will be Saturday, May 11th, at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury. Doors for the caucus open at 8:30 AM, the caucus starts at 9:30 AM

The purpose for the caucus is to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention on September 14th in Springfield

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats residing in Ward 20

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To purchase tickets or more information, visit www.roslindalegreenandclean.org

Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Roslindale Farmers' Market on June 8, 15, 22, and at Joanne Rossman-Purveyor of the unnecessary & the irresistible, 6 Birch St, Roslindale

Tour begins at Adams Park, Farmers' Market (Washington Street at Cummins Highway, Roslindale Village). The Garden Tour benefits the continued improvements to the public green space in Roslindale.

Current Sponsors: Golden Oak Sponsor: Linda Burnett, Realtor/Insight Realty Group, Copper Beech Sponsor: Christie Dustman & Company, Inc. For Information about becoming a Roslindale Garden Tour Sponsor and the benefits, please contact: Joan Linden, joanlinden@verizon.net

ROXBURY LATIN GIANT YARD SALE

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Roxbury Latin Gymnasium

Treasures abound at R.L.'s Annual Giant Yard Sale! Purchase games and toys, furniture, jewelry, appliances, linens, books, home and holiday decor, sporting goods, computers and electronics, clothing and boutique items—and the best baked goods around! Entry is free and open to the public; Roxbury Latin boys will help you bring your purchases to your car.

ROSLINDALE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

A reunion for all who attended Roslindale High School and the Class of 1969 takes place on Saturday, June 22 at the West Roxbury Elks Club, 1 Morrell Street from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Send a check for \$40. To Roslindale High School Reunion c/o Maria Bennett P.O. Box 365858 Hyde Park, MA 02136. Include an e-mail address and year of graduation. Updates can be found at roslindalehighschool.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Anna's Pals 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament is right around the corner. Monday June 24th at George Wright Golf Course. 8am Shotgun Start. Raffles ~ Closest to the Pin ~ Fun. Register now at www.annaspals.org/events

SPRING BENEFIT DINNER FOR ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE

The Roslindale Day Parade Committee will host our Annual Spring Benefit Dinner on Friday evening, May 3rd, 2019 from

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Nectarios Hall in Roslindale Village. This traditional annual event will feature a dinner courtesy of Delfino Restaurant, music with DJ Glenn Williams, performances, raffles, award presentations, and a silent auction, and a half hour show by ComedySportz Boston. Tickets to this event are \$30 each and may be purchased on-line at www.roslindaleparade.com, or through our mailing address at Roslindale Day Parade Committee, Inc., P.O. Box 324, Roslindale, MA 02131-0003.

The proceeds from our Annual Spring Benefit Dinner will go toward the bands, floats, and expenses for our 44th Annual Roslindale Day Parade on Sunday, October 6th, 2019. For more information about the dinner or the parade, call 617-327-4886 or e-mail to info@roslindaleparade.com.

TASTE OF WEST ROXBURY

Our 8th Annual Taste of West Roxbury will be on Thursday, May 16th 2019 from 6-9pm at the Irish Social Club.

Buy Tickets - \$30 each (Opens new window). Actually, why not buy a whole table! - \$240 for Table of 8 (Also opens a new window). Sign Up for Free Childcare at the Parkway YMCA (Available 6-9pm on May 16th; must show ticket or payment receipt).

Become a Sponsor (Download Sponsorship Form for additional information)

Meet your neighbors and local business owners for a night of delicious food from over 20 local restaurants as well as cocktails, raffles, music, and dancing. It's the event of the year!

April 25, 2019

Other great reasons to attend:

* Help WRMS build our community. Proceeds benefit our work in supporting small businesses and improving the economic vitality and physical appearance of the district.

* Free designated driver. Thanks to event sponsor, Lyft, you can get a free ride to or from the event. Have a great time and get home safely. Details in our next newsletter.

* Free Childcare! Make it a date night—drop the little ones off at the YMCA for their own pizza party during the event. Sign up here or at the YMCA (ticket receipt required).

Please reach out to us at director@wrms.org if you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities or participating as a restaurant.

LOVE YOUR BLOCK - SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

This year's Love Your Block spring cleanup in West Roxbury will be held on Friday, May 3rd, for corporate groups and Saturday, May 11th, for residents.

YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Healthy Kids Day is an annual event that inspires parents and kids to stay moving and learning all summer long. On April 27 the Parkway YMCA will celebrate Healthy Kids Day with fun and free activities that promote the health and well-being of children. 10:30am-1:30pm. Saturday, April 27th.

PARKWAY IN MOTION SCHOLARSHIPS - MAY 15 DEADLINE TO APPLY

Providing academic scholarships to students in the Parkway area has been a long-term goal of Parkway In Motion since their inception in 1998. Thanks to the generosity of the community, they have distributed \$70,000 in scholarships since 2014.

On March 30th, Parkway In Motion will award the 5th Annual Michael Kennedy Memorial Scholarship valued at \$5,000 for students in grade 6-8 and Parkway pride scholarships for K-5 grade students, valued at \$1,0000 each. If you are interested in sponsoring a Parkway pride scholarship for 2019-2029 academic year, please email info@parkwayinmotion.org.

In 2019, Parkway In Motion is introducing their Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program. This program provides financial resources to students entering grades 3-8 in the Parkway community so that they can participate in the summer enrichment learning experience of their choice. Students may apply for funding for camps in the areas of music, art, mathematics, dance, language, robotics, sports, science, and more. Learn more at www.parkwayinmotion.org/scholarships.

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54th Regiment

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stop calling me colored because I am.' That man was Colin Powell."

DePina's organization joined the 54th for the two-hour talk, one of a half dozen the regiment is holding this spring in conjunction with the Hyde Park Main Streets (HPMS) through a grant HPMS Executive Director Thien Simpson was able to pull together. The talk features breakdowns of each soldier's uniform and armament, which included the rifles, muskets, swords and insignia used on the battlefield.

DePina talked more about modern history of African Americans in the U.S. Armed Forces, and how the 54th made it all possible. He served during the Korean War, and saw the Army integrate its forces over that time.

"I was there when it was segregated, and it was hell," he said. "I was there when it was integrated; beautiful! But there was a problem. The army was 80 percent European, and 20 percent African. How many guys do you think are in a company? If there were four or five, that was great. Usually it was around two or three. I was in one of the two or three companies. When the guys came in, they told me point blank range: 'I don't like you.' One year later they were loving me to death. I treated them fair and square, and that was the name of the game."

Corporal of the 54th, Steven Paschal explained that as a member of the organization, a re-enactor would choose a particular historical person to base their character. He based his character on Cpl. James Gooding, who died in Andersonville Prison during the war.

"So today I stand here representing Cpl. James Henry Gooding," he said. "He was a member of the 54th of Massachusetts and he petitioned President Lincoln about the unfair pay black soldiers were getting. Black soldiers were getting \$10 and white soldiers were getting \$13, but they all agreed they would not accept any pay until they all got the same pay. One of the things members of the 54th liked to do was to live in the spirituality of the moment, and I found being a reenactor, that there's many ways to express the characteristics. There was a song the men working on the railroads would sing in about 1860, right before the Civil War, and every time I hear it it brings back the feeling of those men at that time."

Paschal then went into a skillfully-sung rendition of This Old Hammer, a song about John Henry and how he challenged a steam hammer on a railroad dig in West Virginia. Paschal sang the refrain, 'this old hammer killed John Henry, but it won't kill me. Lord, no, it won't kill me.'

Civilian member Bob Vance said he's grown up in Hyde Park and the fact that the 54th started out in Camp Meigs but was never in any of his history books troubled him, which is why he got involved.

"I mean they were training right there and I never knew about it," he said.

Vance also told the residents of the civilian side of procuring essentials for the army and his character's involvement in the regiment.

"This is a big part of history," he said. "I'm dressed as a settler, this is period piece clothing and basically I was the 'white guy' who would be their supply chain. They weren't necessarily welcome to the local merchants so I was the guy who would go into town and procure necessary items, and since they weren't accepting any pay, I wasn't really going to cheat them. I did my best to get a good deal for them. I'm a God-fearing man too."

Resident D'Anthony Clark II said he and his family were just coming in to return some books and saw something interesting happening in the auditorium.

"I guess the manager of the library jumped in front of us and said 'Hey, where are you going? Get in there! It's something really cool,'" he said. "You know, it's a free Saturday event. We figured why not check it out and it was really cool. I was really surprised to learn some unexpected history."

Clark said like many, he had very little prior knowledge of the regiment, mostly what he learned from school and what he's seen at the Downtown memorial.

"It was really great to learn more about something I knew very little bit about," he said. "A lot of history gets forgotten, and I think with the way technology is, there's a lot that falls through the cracks and, to have people be present and actually reenacting right in front of you, tangible history almost, I think that's amazing."

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She called this stage of the project "round one," noting that another development had been proposed in the same area last year.

"This is clearly my opinion" Johnnene said. "I found him less arrogant than (the previous developer). I found him willing to truly listen to our concerns, especially about the number of units and the height, and to work with the community."

Concerns were raised by several residents over the building overshadowing their properties, as well as increased traffic.

"The developer got it loud and clear that we do not want on-street parking," Johnnene said.

Johnnene said she hoped that after the comment period, which ended on April 22, that they would decrease the number of floors and "shrink the sides."

When a discussion came up about rents, member Craig Martin noted that there were condominiums proposed as well as apartments so rent was a "moot point."

"We always ask them what they are doing," Martin said. "But the question should be, 'What are they doing for us?'"

"That's what mitigation is for," Johnnene explained.

"They want a development near a commuter rail station," she added. "But we are not a rapid transit line. It's a joke."

Several residents complained that the train often



Readville residents talked development and crime at the last meeting, as well as a plan to dedicate a local park to the 54th Regiment.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBOON

passes them by, and the ride can take up to 40 minutes on a crowded train.

Johnnene put forth ideas for mitigation, if the project is eventually approved.

"We should ask for a park that is twice the size they proposed," she said. "We should ask for a memorial for the park dedicated to the 54th Regiment."

Johnnene added that road improvements need to be done now because the current traffic situation is bad, let alone with the additional cars from the new development.

"Just this morning, there was a huge pothole by the Fr. Hart Bridge, and a metal bar popped through," she said. "I just drove over here, and it's open again."

Another concern was the River Street Bridge in Cleary Sq. It is slated for repairs next year.

Johnnene also noted the condition of the Fr. Hart Bridge and the bottleneck of traffic in the area.

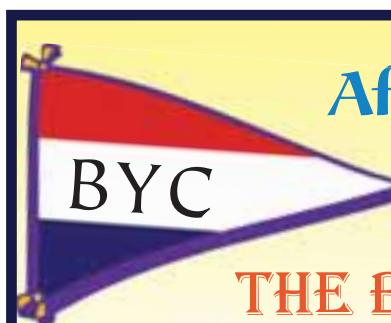
"You can't put a new bridge there because you're hopping over the tracks," she said. "You'd have to go further down to Dedham. But it's environmentally protected land, and you have a pond."

In other news, Lisa Consalvo, chief of staff to Rep. Angelo Scaccia, announced that the dedication of the memorial to longtime community and environmental activist Barbara Baxter will take place on Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m. at the Martini Shell on Truman Parkway.

Consalvo also mentioned that the traffic light keeps getting knocked down in Wolcott Sq. The City quickly came out to repair it three times in the past two weeks.

Johnnene said she had observed Amazon tractor trailers "crossing back into both lanes."

The next Readville Watch meeting will be on Thursday, May 16, at the Sunset Bocce Club at 65 Danny Road.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

DOCKET No.SU18P1173EA

Estate of: Brian J. Foppiano
Also Known As:
Date of Death: 09/01/2016

Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: Frederick J. Foppiano of Hyde Park, MA
Frederick J. Foppiano of Hyde Park, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve
without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

DOCKET No.SU19P0461EA

Estate of: Robert P. Donovan, Jr
Also Known As: Robert Paul Donovan
Date of Death: January 17, 2019

Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: Donald Chin of Charlestown, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Donald Chin of Charlestown, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve
without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No.SU19P0327EA

Estate of: Geraldine O'Brien
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Patricia A. Shagoury of Dover, NH and Stephen Joyce of Braintree, 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:

Patricia A. Shagoury of Dover, NH and Stephen Joyce of Braintree, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 05/15/2019. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Date: April 11, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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at two of Boston's three exam schools. Boston Latin School, the one exception, became less diverse 20 years ago when the school district removed racial quotas before the courts could overturn the district's racial quotas as unconstitutional.

The most equitable way to achieve broader diversity at Boston Latin School is not to bring back quotas or move the goal posts for one tribe of students over another. Instead, Boston should look at ways to make admission fair and open to all, regardless of racial background or where students live. This could include replacing the current entrance exam with one that is fair to everyone who takes it, as school equity advocates have suggested.

Changing an admissions exam, however, will have little impact without marketing Boston's exam school opportunities more vigorously to families who do not apply, including African-American families who send their children out of Boston to suburban schools via Metco. Some 300 African-American students leave Boston for Metco every school year. Boston Latin School admits 400 students annually. If just a fraction of these students were to choose Boston Latin over suburban schools, enrollment at Boston Latin would shift in a meaningful way.

*Carter Wilkie
Roslindale*

AWASH IN FEAR OF INEVITABLE AND NECESSARY CHANGE

To the Editor:

Reading the Bulletin last week left me puzzling over why some people are so fearful of and resistant to the unavoidable and necessary changes occurring around us. It started with reading about the NIMBY resistance to needed housing in Jamaica Plain, proceeded to the Editor's confused swipes at the changes in people's transportation choices, and ended with reading Frank O'Brien's screed against the essential changes the community overwhelmingly wants to the exceedingly dangerous conditions on Centre Street.

I'll start with the latter; I'm the bicycle advocate "who doesn't live in the neighborhood" Frank took issue with. I was not aware that there was a restriction on advocating for safety based on residence; while I live in Roslindale I routinely shop in and pass through West Roxbury. I am like the many dozens who spoke at the meeting wanting drastic changes to the road. I was particularly struck by the comment from a mother with young children that she will not cross the street to patronize other businesses because of the danger. Centre Street merchants, who often complain about not enough foot traffic, should be alarmed by that. We

have pushed the City to place aggressive traffic calming measures in Rozzie Square and it has greatly benefited the business community.

The Editor's comment that "bike lanes are bad enough" reflects a profound ignorance of all the problems that have been created by a car centric culture. People who would like to walk or bicycle don't because of dangerous street designs like the high speed four lane highway that is Centre Street. We have traffic congestion because of bad road design (e.g., street lights create bunching) and the fear that results. A visit to the Netherlands, Denmark, Portland Oregon, Montreal or even Cambridge will show how these problems can be reduced and eliminated. Frank's complaint about Dr. Furth's evidence based point that other advanced countries prioritize pedestrian safety using scientific methods reflects his parochial and uninformed thinking.

Indeed, a major source of the resistance to all the new and proposed housing developments is fears about traffic congestion. The solution is to encourage people to use other means of getting around including supporting improved public transportation through a small increase in taxes that we can easily afford. We need this just as we need more housing for all the young and lower income people who need affordable places to live. It is a simple function of supply and demand - more housing will slow down the increases in price. In Roslindale we have worked closely with many of the developers to make certain their designs fit and do not promote more unnecessary driving along with encouraging the developers to make contributions to improving the community. It works.

Finally, if the Bulletin and Mr. O'Brien think that their perspectives have a chance of prevailing they should think again. Climate change is going to transform our lives as a result of the excess CO₂ we are daily dumping into the atmosphere. Denser housing and promoting alternatives to driving (transportation accounts for 40% of CO₂ emissions nationwide) are some of the ways we can protect the future for our children.

*Alan Wright
Roslindale*

SCHOOL CAN BE A REAL ASSET

To the Editor:

Welcoming Roxbury Prep to our neighborhood will add value to our community and benefit the city as a whole.

A well-designed school with publicly accessible space can become a civic asset for the entire neighborhood. It can foster public life in a corridor that is currently car-oriented. This school will offer much more value than

the current use of the site.

Additionally, transit-oriented development is critical if we, as a city, are serious about addressing climate change. Creating a more resilient neighborhood means building for a future that makes walking, biking and public transit the convenient choice. This school is a great example of building to this future as it's served by the commuter rail and multiple bus lines. Boston's high school students aren't provided yellow buses, so access to public transportation is critical as well as environmentally sustainable.

Finally, I believe in the importance of socioeconomic mixing and equity. Diversity and inclusion benefit the entire city. We need more mixed income, racially diverse schools and neighborhoods throughout Boston. This school will attract a diverse student body and staff to the West Roxbury/Roslindale neighborhood. This is something we should celebrate.

I have two elementary-school-aged children who, without this school, will not have any opportunity to attend a public high school in our neighborhood.

It is disappointing to see other neighbors put traffic woes over just about everything else. Cars don't build community, people do. We must build toward the future we want for our neighborhoods and I believe Roxbury Prep is a great example of that.

*Bridget Marquis
Boston*

LET'S MAINTAIN THIS POSITIVE TRAJECTORY

To the Editor:

Thanks so much to the Bulletin for your detailed coverage re: "Dismantling Education Inequity in Boston," the April 9 forum of the Boston Coalition for Education Equity, considering especially that your print deadline was the next morning! Also want to thank the Corey St. Temple Hillel B'nai Torah for offering their community room to welcome the large crowd of 80+ people.

It struck me that a common thread thru each of the three addressed topics began to emerge. A vicious cycle becomes clear as the District implements policies that decrease confidence in their schools, thus fostering an increased market for charter schools ... which then cause fewer dollars to be allocated to District schools. No wonder families begin to look elsewhere.

Boston is an improving district - and statistically one of the best - urban districts in the country. Let's support policies and administrators who will continue that positive trajectory.

*Andrea Doremus
West Roxbury*

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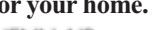
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