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HP getting \$2.2 million for affordable housing



The Barton Rogers School is getting a transfusion of \$2 million from the City.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Recently, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh announced that the city will be funding \$69.2 million for affordable projects in the Boston area, \$2.2 million of which will be going to two Hyde Park developments.

About \$2 million of that funding will go to the Barton Rogers School Development, which is slated for income-restricted and LGBTQ-friendly

senior housing. The project, slated to cost a full \$33 million, will have 74 housing units for rental apartments serving residents 62 or older. The plan, put forward by Penrose Development, won out over two other bids in the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) process for selling and developing the land.

Penrose President Aileen Montour said the area needs

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Hyde Park Main Streets gearing up for 2020

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park needs small businesses, and Hyde Park Main Streets (HPMS) Executive Director Thien Simpson said her mission this year is to keep existing ones in the neighborhood by raising their profiles and seeking new ones to expand the business district.

One way to do that is the installation of one or more digital billboards happening in the next couple of months.

“We’re looking to have one in Logan Square and Cleary Square and possibly Wolcott Square, who knows,” she said.

Simpson said the Boston Main Streets organization has already helped local Main Streets put these billboards in other districts, like the Seaport and the Financial District.

“They have these very



(HPMS) Executive Director Thien Simpson

sleek looking bulletin boards that looks like a TV,” she said. “So instead of me running around and passing out flyers to every single business, we could have the digital bulletin boards flash flyers, community information and meetings and other information constantly to

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Neponset River PCB project closer to reality Superfund proposal anticipated in 2020



Cathy Horn gestures as she asks a question at Monday night's EPA meeting on Feb. 24, 2020.

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Monday night, Feb. 24, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a public informational meeting regarding its plans to propose a section of the Lower Neponset River for inclusion on its National Priorities List (NPL).

More than 50 Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester, and Milton residents attended the two hour meeting (divided into a half hour presentation and an hour and a half question and answer period) held in the auditorium of the Mildred Av-

enue Middle School in Mattapan.

This NPL is made up of sites across the country that the EPA has concluded require investigation and potential cleanup under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), better known as the Superfund program.

The stretch of the Neponset in question runs from its confluence with Mother Brook at the Grimké Sisters Bridge at Dana Avenue in Hyde Park approximately 3.7 miles downstream to the Walter Baker Dam at Adams Street on the Dorchester/Milton line.

This portion of the river has long contained sediment contaminated with elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a broad group of chemicals domestically manufactured from 1929 until their ban in 1979 that – because of their stability – were used in hundreds of industrial and commercial applications.

The EPA’s evaluation of PCBs has determined that they have been shown to cause serious adverse health effects – including cancer – in animals, and that studies

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Finard explains expansion plans and history of Riverwood

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Shops at Riverwood developer Todd Finard came by the Hyde Park Board of Trade on Tuesday, Feb. 25 to discuss the biggest issue at his property: Burger King.

Neighbors expressed concerns and opposition to the development in the past, so much so that at a January Licensing Board hearing, the project was halted for a bit so that neighbors could express concerns and Finard could, in his words, work with the com-



About 20 business owners and residents came to the February Board of Trade Meeting in Hyde Park.

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Hyde Park residents return from Puerto Rico after delivering supplies



Hyde Park residents went to Puerto Rico recently to distribute donations from local residents.

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"We arrived Friday night to news of recent tremors of 3.1 and 3.4 in the Ponce region. And many more homes continue to collapse - 50 last week," said Marcia Kimm Jackson. "We are clear the need is still great. After the news media and many others have "moved on", we know-

the need is still great. So, we are energized to give support. After we (Ventaja Boston and Georgia duo), arrived, we traveled to the church where a group of volunteers from Inglesia Pentecostal in Bayamon had already collected many items. Our 15 suitcases full of material goods added to their stash and we continued to pack items in Ziplog bags and recycled bags for distribution. We packed just under 300 bags — in addition to bags of clothing by size and gender, books and crayons, packs of toilet paper, baby and sanitizing wipes and cases of bottled water or drinks. We loaded the rented van and cars and on Saturday we met at 6:00am to make the 2 ½ hour drive to the Ponce Region, making breakfast and bathroom stops along the way. There was a caravan of 6 cars and 1 van. In the truck with 2 others we asked 'What do the people most need — outside of physical restoration and safety?' We were told 'The people need love and care — they are scared and feel abandoned and forgotten.'"

Kimm said their first stop was at a church in Guanica (in the region of Ponce) that was also damaged by the earthquake. She said the congregation was worshipping outside and there were tents and cots in the yard. She said they joined them as they moved in a caravan up to the more remote mountain regions.

"When we got to the area to distribute items we broke off into teams. Our team went to an area where there were many abandoned homes," she said. "Those who could leave or

move have left. Many others stayed and in the front or back of the homes there were tents — makeshift ones and store bought ones. We walked door to door in teams greeting, talking and offering help. Many of the people we met were elderly and several had young children living in the homes. We were told that the school collapsed and they were having kids meet for "school" in a tent, which floods each time it rains. You can imagine in a tropical climate how many times that is. People were so glad to see us and many openly wept - not sure if it was out of gratitude, fear, or relief. We gave what we had — each person got a bag with food, toiletries and personal care items, paper goods, and water. Those who requested it got blankets, adult diapers, clothing and children's items. Many wondered what would happen to them, and still they were able to smile with us. There were a couple of families with bedridden members who were terrified. They held on to our hands tightly. We hugged everyone, prayed for everyone and told everyone they were loved and cared for, and we- Boston, Bethel AME Church, Hyde Park - remember them."

Videos and photos of our visits are posted on the website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

"We also stopped at the Government/FEMA site — with a posted sign that said it is a 'refugee center,'" she said. We were curious about that label. We shared the donations with them as we learned that many

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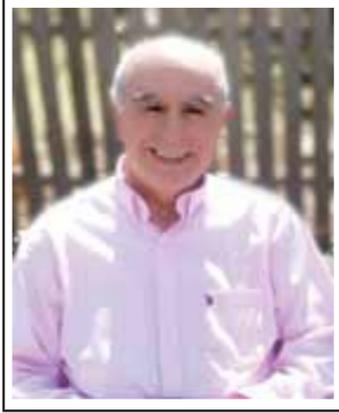
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Not one Boston Public School student

When the winners/honorable mention recipients of the state science and art fairs are published—always in the smallest news print possible—I scrutinize them carefully to see how many BPS names are published. And the searches are not in vain, as I see the names of the students and their schools in print. When the results of the recent MIAA All-State Championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center were published, I did similar scrutinizing, but this time all to no avail.



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The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association hosts track meets, both winter and spring, by class, that is, by the size of the schools. Thus the larger schools are competing only against larger schools, the medium-sized schools against similarly populated schools, and so on.

The All-State track meet is the culmination of these competitions, as it merges athletes from the smallest of schools with those hailing from the larger schools. From this track meet emerge the best participants in various events who will compete in the New England's and the Nationals.

The recent MIAA All-States contained no BPS names in the top three finishers (they may have come in a close fourth). There may even have been Boston students competing for Xaverian or Ursuline or for METCO schools, but there were no students from BPS schools who finished in the top three, whether in dashes, intermediate runs, mile and 2-mile, field events, and relays.

This failure to have any is in sharp contrast to the days when Boston English, Boston Tech (now O'Bryant), and Boston Trade (now Madison Park) as well as some of the district high schools such as Brighton High could boast of top performers in the All-State and well as the statewide division meets by school size.

This is not intended as an

indictment of BPS track coaches. Students must have satisfactory physical exams and have a certain grade-point status before they can compete in interscholastic sports; thus the coaches lose a number of potential competitors because of these demands. But what is more intrusive is the current state of the economy: with poverty levels as they are and with many part-time job openings in the burgeoning food-service industry, students from low-income families are trying to support their families and themselves by working after school, thus depriving themselves of this extracurricular activity.

Students forced to work by their family's economic needs after school not only deprive their high school athletic teams of their participation but, much worse, jeopardize their own academic standing. They are not able to do homework as well as their peers. Moreover, student workers, being more tired naturally, may be more fatigued in class and do not reap the full benefits of classroom instruction, which result in lower grades and in their not being considered for honors and advanced placement courses.

Ah, yes. Maslow's hierarchy of needs has physiological needs on the most basic level, with love/belonging and esteem much higher up.



Residents packed about 300 bags of items to give out to residents in Puerto Rico, who are still experiencing aftershocks.

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people who are able to travel, go to the Center for material assistance. The staff requested more articles of clothing for residents who are staying there."

She said they then drove through the town - the Pueblo of Guanica - and saw what she had seen online and from media outlets, collapsed buildings and many more abandoned homes.

"It made us wonder: Why almost two months after the earthquakes the sites still looked like the earthquakes just happened a day ago?" she said. "There was debris in the same places, very few caution tapes, and no fencing off of destroyed buildings that posed a danger

to the public, and no sign of heavy machinery to begin clearing stuff or starting the rebuilding process. We were sad to see this."

She said they were able to do a lot of good, but just not enough.

"Many of us ended the day with heavy hearts and a sense that we had only scratched the surface in helping," she said. "For about 300 people we made a difference. We are grateful for that. While there is material lack, the observed deepest need is for emotional and mental support. We were asked 'when will you come back?' We didn't have an answer - only desire and hope to help again."

Kimm Jackson said the lo-

cal community really stepped up for this endeavor.

Thank you so much for your support. Your donations allowed us to bring 60 blankets, 12 cases of water, countless items of food, toiletries (including bug spray and medical items) and clothing. When we landed in Puerto Rico, we went to Walmart to purchase 35 blankets and 10 cases of water, 5 more cases of adult diapers and other items. We were unable to buy additional sunscreen or bug spray because the costs were so high. We gave what we had and all we could at this time. We are grateful that we were able to serve. Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you.

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the community. And not just HPMS information, but businesses and residents can submit ideas for me and I can help promote them on the bulletin board."

Simpson said the City of Boston is currently in negotiations with the bulletin board company, and once that's done she will be able to submit a grant application for the new boards.

Simpson said she is also working to continue the current small business sign program, called ReStore, which allows applicable businesses to apply for funds and work to install new awnings and signs.

"We had eight storefronts redone last year, which included Cappy's Pizza, for which we helped them get a new sign and awnings," she said. "We help the businesses get up to \$2,000 towards new signage. We helped Cappy's, Lovely Nails, the Boston Acupuncture Project Rincon, Richie's and right now we're working with Seasons Catering, who bought out Cappy's

at Wolcott Square. They fixed it up on the inside with a new beautiful kitchen and everything and we're going to help them get new awnings and a sign."

She added they are also working with Coffee Break to get a second sign or new sign. She said interested businesses should reach out to her if they're interested.

"There's certain criteria you have to follow with the signs, the signs for example have to be 3D, and follow certain required guidelines from the city," she said. "We're also helping businesses with marketing, legal and financial resources too. I'm going to be scheduling a meeting with a local hairdresser on marketing, for which the city brings in a consultant to map out ideas and create a plan to help the business grow and also save them a couple of thousand dollars in the process. I also offer marketing suggestions too."

Simpson said they are also working to expand the HPMS

Cash Mob program, which gives shoppers rewards for shopping local at certain times and drum up awareness of local and new businesses.

"We do one at least every quarter," she said. "We pick a business and let them pick a day they want to have a cash mob, which we advertise, and we ask residents to come eat at a restaurant or shop at a local business and if they spend \$10 to \$20 at a location and say they're there for the mob, they get a ticket for a raffle or something similar."

She said last year's mobs were very successful.

"We did one for the Coffee Break, the River Grill and the Fairmount before they closed," she said. "We also did one around the time of the Tru Value grand opening. The businesses really like it and sometimes businesses reach out to use and ask for one."

For more information on HPMS programming and to reach out to Simpson on any of these programs, go to HydeParkMainStreets.com.

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Mayor Walsh Announces Reforms to Zoning Board of Appeal

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today signed an Executive Order to establish new, rigorous ethical standards for the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and institute strong policies and procedures that will bring a significantly increased level of transparency, accountability and integrity to the ZBA. These important changes are informed, in part, by the findings of the Sullivan & Worcester report and initiate both immediate and long-term changes needed to ensure that best practices, strong internal protocols and policies are in place at the ZBA.

“The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility,” said Mayor Walsh. “The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their concerns. I want to assure the

residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city.”

Through these reforms, Mayor Walsh is spearheading the changes necessary to strengthen public confidence in the board, improve their functions and efficiencies, and create a more understandable and transparent process. The changes will include strict standards around conflict of interest, financial and ethical disclosures for both board members and certain applicants seeking project approvals, rules governing business dealings before, during and after projects are considered and approved, enhanced ethical training for board members, as well as technological improvements to bring greater access to the board and its process for the public.

Specifically, the Executive Order bolsters the ethics and transparency expectations of its board members by implementing new disclosure requirements, prohibiting members from participating in any project in which they have an interest and prohibiting members from having any subsequent business dealings with

any project on which they voted. In addition, the order establishes new standards for board members, requiring each member to submit annual statements of financial interest and undergo comprehensive ethics training.

In addition, because changes to the Zoning Board of Appeal require state approval, Mayor Walsh continues to work with Councilor Lydia Edwards to craft a home rule petition to the Massachusetts state legislature to change the composition of the board to bring added perspective and expertise.

“It is critical that residents trust and have full and indiscriminate access to 21st century government. Today’s executive order takes critical steps by modernizing the Zoning Board of Appeal, promoting transparency and strengthening ethical standards,” said Councilor Lydia Edwards. “As the council moves forward with legislation regarding the Board of Appeal, I look forward to continued partnership with Mayor Walsh.”

In addressing the need to modernize the functionality and efficiency of the Board, the Executive Order introduces for the first time elec-

tronic submissions in order to streamline operations, including enabling online applications and payments for permits and petitions, electronic submission of plans, email notification of hearings, deferrals and new hearing dates, online subscription list for interested residents and parties, and a search database of all pending applications and decided petitions.

As part of the Mayor’s commitment to making the ZBA more accessible to residents, the Executive Order calls for the designation of an ombudsperson to notify the public of their rights during and outside of ZBA meetings and guide residents or appel-

lants through basic procedural steps of appeal. In addition, the Board will be required to work with the Mayor’s Office of Language and Communications Access to ensure the provision of translation services is available to residents.

The reforms announced today build on steps that Mayor Walsh took immediately after learning about the allegations of bribery that are currently under investigation, which include ordering a comprehensive, independent review of the practices and procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeal, and a separate review conducted by Attorney Brian Kelly to focus on allegations regarding a specific project.



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support evidence for their potential carcinogenic and adverse non-carcinogenic effects in humans.

Meghan Cassidy – of the EPA's New England office – updated the audience on the preliminary evaluation of the site after first inviting Stephen Johnson, Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to give background on how the EPA became involved.

About 10 years earlier the DEP had helped identify the sources of the PCB sediment that had built up behind the two dams on the Lower Neponset and – after conducting a survey of the area – had identified a high condensation level of PCBs in Mother Brook and the waste sites located there, after which it had tried to identify the responsible parties and have them pay for the assessment and cleanup.

Cassidy confirmed that the DEP had, in fact, worked with a responsible party over several years (which Johnson later added had been privately funded in the amount of \$14 million), but had stopped at the confluence of the Neponset when the state was unable to compel it to continue further.

However, having found high levels of PCBs throughout the lower portion of the Neponset, the DEP asked the EPA to evaluate it for Superfund consideration in 2017.

“Due to the complications and complexities, we thought that this would be a good move, and I'm glad that they stepped in,” Johnson said of the decision to involve the EPA.

Cassidy continued by saying that the EPA's preliminary investigation had relied heavily on prior information and research that had been gathered on PCB contamination, that it had done its own limited sampling in order to confirm those earlier results, and that its work – should the site be added to the NPL – is only just beginning.

“I think it's important for folks to note that the work we have done to date is by no means an effort to fully evaluate the extent of contamination,” Cassidy said. “The EPA cannot do that until after we place the site on the National Priorities List.” She added that the EPA's project goals will be to determine exactly what its contamination is, where it is, what risk it presents, and the best options to mitigate those risks and to do a cleanup.

She spelled out the EPA's immediate goal: to be ready to present the Lower Neponset site project for the NPL by late 2020 and to add it onto the list in 2021, reiterating – both during her presentation and the Q&A – that the project itself would be lengthy.

“If we are working with responsible parties, there are legal issues. They have to enter into agreements. If they are not willing to do the work voluntarily, we have to get involved in the court systems. It takes time.” Cassidy commented in response to a ques-

tion. “It's not unusual to say a decade. I'm not going to sugarcoat it. This is a long process.”

Of the many questions asked during the discussion session, the two main points that were returned to several times concerned funding and responsible parties' liability, and the concern that the contaminated area of the Lower Neponset may be larger than the current parameters of the proposed project.

Speaking of the funding guidelines for a Superfund project, Cassidy said that “these regulations are premised on the belief that the polluter pays, so our first effort is to try to identify liable and viable” responsible parties, acknowledging that some industrial/commercial Neponset offenders are likely no longer in existence.

She went on to add that Superfund money is used only after that initial effort has been made to deal with potential responsible parties and that EPA funding would be based on annual budget appropriations that would then be winnowed down to individual projects.

Regarding repeatedly stated concerns that a greater area than the 3.7 mile section of river may be contaminated, Cassidy explained that a defined area based on available data has to be submitted with the proposal, but that – once the site is on the NPL – the EPA's investigation will determine how large the project will become based on what is found.

There are 40 NPL sites underway in Massachusetts and 123 across New England. The Lower Neponset site is the only proposal currently on the table in New England.

Cassidy and other EPA officials present at the meeting seemed confident of the proposal's success, and encouraged community involvement both individually and through the neighborhood associations that they will be in communication with.

For more information regarding the Lower Neponset EPA project, contact Public Affairs Specialist ZaNetta Purnell at 617-918-1306 or at purnell.zanetta@epa.gov.

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munity and Burger King to make it right for everyone.

He said one of the major issues is that he originally started the Boston Planning and Development Agency process for the project in 2016, and provided a timeline of both the review process and his letters of support from the East River Neighborhood Association, then District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy, approval from Neighborhood Services and BPDA approvals.

Finard said he is working with neighbors and the Boston Preparatory School across the street to ease concerns from parents that the fast food options would be too enticing for young students. He said Burger King has now agreed that it will not open the dining room in the morning hours and be drive thru only. But this issue, he said, is not as large of a concern to him personally as the development and enrichment of the River Street area. He said he first came here in 2006 because he saw a hole in retail servicing the neighborhood. He said the local supermarkets were not providing the services he felt he could provide with a better supermarket, and so he opened Price Right working with then Mayor Thomas Menino. He said he had Homegoods and CVS lined up as tenants, but then the 2008 recession hit and they quickly disappeared.

"In 2011 or 2012 we came back to life and opened the Dollar Tree

and a dental office and then, and I say this candidly, we hit a slow down," he said. "In 2016 I had the lease in my hand for Burger King. I said the same thing to the East River Street Neighborhood Association then as I say now; it was not my first choice."

Finard said nothing attracts a crowd like a crowd, and that leasing activity would put Riverwood on the radar of other brokers. He said, for example, the site has generated interest from three different franchise owners of Starbucks, but corporate swooped in and said the location would cannibalize too many customers of existing franchises. There is currently interest again from Starbucks, and corporate representatives will be touring the area next week.

"I would prefer to have a local operator, someone who feels and breathes Hyde Park," he said, adding he would help however he could with rent negotiations to help the business get on its feet. He said the idea now is for businesses to create a space separate from both work and home, a third space, so that residents can come in, have a coffee, hang out or work. He said he's also trying to spruce up and get rented/redeveloped the large mill building to the south of Price Rite, which he feels would lend itself perfectly to a performance space, function hall and restaurant.

Finard said he wants to talk to as many detractors as possible and create understanding in the community. He said he is now posting everything he does for Riverwood at <https://courbanize.com/projects/shops-at-riverwood/information>, so as to have better community outreach before any more development is proposed or started. He encouraged residents opposed to the Burger King to leave any comments on that website.

In other news, District E-18 of the Boston Police Department Community Service Sgt. Daniel Keane gave an update to the Board regarding recent shootings in the neighborhood. Keane reported that a man was apparently shot at 27 Bow St. near the Fairmount Development and managed to get down to the gas station at the intersection of Truman Parkway and Dana Avenue.

"At this time nobody's quite sure what's happened, but not long after an additional report of shots fired occurred," he said. "We don't know if those were connected. That was Saturday night. On Sunday, a gentleman on Garfield Street reported he was robbed at gunpoint. He reported his cell phone was taken by a black female wearing a mask. These all could be related, but we can't say for sure at this point. We'll have extra patrol cars this weekend on Garfield, and also there was a shooting off of Wood Avenue, and we'll have an extra car patrolling Wood Avenue

too on Friday and Saturday night."

Keane added the BPD does not yet know if all those shootings were connected.

Also discussed at the meeting, residents Stephanie Duque, Arlette Perez and Karla Yearwood are planning to open a new smoothie shop at 57 Fairmount Ave. called Fair Nutrition. Yearwood said the idea is to create a space where residents can come grab lunch or breakfast quickly and go to work or sit and sip and work there or talk. They said the plans are still in the very early stages, but hope to open in the fall.

Hyde Park Main Streets Executive Director Thien Simpson said Zaz's is currently undergoing a renovation and expansion.

"We are also helping to get a new sign for Gourmet Wings, which will be replacing Wings and Tings once they're up and running," she said.

Former City Council Candidate and member of the Southwest Boston Community development Corporation Board Mimi Turchinetz also spoke during the meeting and talked about a project she's working on with the city to offer free tax help to residents. She said the help will be available in a variety of languages, including Chinese, Haitian Creole, Spanish, English and Cape Verdean among others. The tax help is from the Boston Mayor's Office of Financial Empowerment, and locations for tax prep can be found at BostonTaxHelp.org.

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ART CONTEST SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO BOSTON STUDENTS

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Join our global community of 13,000+ young people who are using their creative voices to speak up for the blue planet! The deadline to participate in the Contest is June 15, 2020. For more information about the Contest and Hometown Awards eligibility, visit www.bowseat.org/contest.

BOSTON WOMEN, INC. 10TH ANNUAL 'WOMEN AMONGST US' TEA AND AWARD CEREMONY

On Saturday, March 21st, Boston Women, Inc. will honor four prominent women at its 10th annual Women Amongst Us Tea and Award Ceremony. This year's recipients are Freddie Kay - Founder and President of Suffrage 100MA, Alice Palumbo - World War II Marine, Sally Glora - former City of Boston Auditor, and Monalisa Smith - President of Mothers for Justice and Equality.

The event will feature high tea, guest speakers, and musical entertainment from Riverside Theater Work's Sweet Harmony. Join the 'Women Amongst Us Tea' on Saturday, March 21st, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., at Granite Links Golf Course, 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy, MA 02169. Tickets are \$50 and must

be purchased in advance. Reserved tables of eight and sponsorships are available. For tickets and information, visit www.BostonWomen.org, call 617-968-6577 or email tea@bostonwomen.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

- 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

New Learn-To-Skate classes for children, ages 4 to 18. Classes at Brookline/Cleveland Circle Reilly Memorial Rink, 355 Chestnut Hill Avenue, are also available. Classes are held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., Fridays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

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PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON 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.

HYDE PARK

FHNA'S LITERARY EVENT

The Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association's next meeting on February 27 at 7 PM at the Boston Police Academy will spotlight local author, Michael Boudreau, author of "Last Ride into Readville." Michael is a graduate of Hyde Park High School and has lived in various sections of Hyde Park including Readville, cited in the book's title. The book contains many, many, many references to sites, streets, businesses while it chronicles a dysfunctional local family. It's an interesting must read for all Hyde Parkers and available at the Hyde Park

branch library. The FHNA would like to invite all Hyde Parkers to this presentation and meet and greet. See you then!

BOSTON WARD 18 TO ELECT DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Saturday, March 7, 2010 at 10:00am at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year's state convention will be held May 30, 2020 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, 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 February 15, 2020 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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Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Classes run for 8 weeks and include fun videos, group discussion, a safe surroundings survey, and mild exercise to increase strength and flexibility. It is offered at no charge. Those using a cane or walker will also benefit from this program - it is a great class to help improve your

balance and self-confidence.

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

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

WR FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE MARCH 28 COMMUNITY DINNER

Save the Date!

The Community Dinner benefits Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women, the Roslindale Food Pantry, and provides summer camperships for homeless and needy children. Michael Oliver, Director of Fundraising at Rosie's Place, will join us and share how your support makes a difference. Gift certificates, gift baskets, sports items, and more will be raffled during silent and live auctions. You can also try your luck at a 50/50 auction. Wonderful items for reasonably priced bids will be yours to take home. Our friend and neighbor, Beth Germano, will be the Emcee for the evening. As many of you know, Beth is an Emmy award winning reporter with WBZ-TV.

The dinner will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and includes dinner and beverages.

To reserve your place, make checks payable to WRFORP and return to WRFORP, P.O. Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or go to our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. Questions? Contact Doris Corbo (617) 327-5902.

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 FriendsOfTheWestRoxburyLibrary@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

READ IT AND MEET!

Book discussion on Stories from the Shadows by Dr. Jim O'Connell on Tuesday, March 24

Calendar

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Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

2019 Toyota Sienna SE Prem AWD

The new Sienna still looks similar to its predecessor on the outside, but that's where the similarity ends. The interior redesign is all new and very modern. Our test Sienna is AWD and seats 7, others seat 8.

Starting with the leather seating and easy access into the 3rd row. Storage is everywhere. All the controls are in reach as well as the steering hub controls. Power comes from a bullet proof 3.5 liter 296 horse power via an 8 speed automatic. The touch screen Entune audio system has great sound with navigation. 18 inch alloy wheels with AWD 19 inch on front drive models. AWD models are equipped with run flat tires, front drive has regular tires. The Sienna rides and handles more like a car than a van. The 296 horse power makes for great acceleration without any torque steer or tire spin, due in part to the AWD.

Toyota makes many models of the Sienna starting with the front drive 7 passenger L starting at \$31,115.00, all the way up to the AWD LTD Premium at \$48,890.00, destination is \$1045.00. The list of standard features grows from the base to the top of the line. Our test Sienna had an MSRP of \$44,885.00 with only 2 options paint protection film \$395.00, all weather floor liners \$295.00. EPA 18 city 24 highway combined average 20 MPG. I still service a lot of older Sienna vans with over 100,000 miles that just keep on running.

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Boston City Council mulls BPS Transportation budget increases

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met on Monday, Feb. 24 and discussed the reasons for the myriad of increases at the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Transportation Department.

Readers may remember in 2017 when the BPS rolled out a new transportation plan based on an algorithm to increase bus transportation efficiency. At the time, the BPS spent 10 percent of its budget on transportation, \$2,000 per student per year, with increasing costs despite falling ridership. While the program had some growing pains, a total of \$5 million was saved for fiscal year 2019.

At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-Gorge filed a hearing order last fall to try to figure out why the budget requests are still increasing.

During the hearing, BPS Transportation Assistant Director of Finance Edward Pesce pointed out that \$26 million of the most recent budget (FY 2019), one dollar in every five spent, is going to non BPS schools, like private schools and charters. He also said that the total number of sites the BPS transports students to is increasing, while the number of students transported (and the per pupil expenditure funds given to BPS through State Chapter 70 funding) is decreasing.

He compared fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2020, and showed that BPS transported 25,276 students in 2015, while in 2020 that number is down to 18,648 (a decrease of 30,232 to 24,269 of total students, private, parochial and charter, transported). He said that 22 percent of students transported are going to non-BPS sites, a total of 5,621 students. He said that accounts for 48 percent of sites served. He added that half of the Transportation Department's bus stops are door-to-door transportation, ie, students getting picked up and dropped off at their houses, which increases time spent and fuel consumption.

Pesce also said that the expense of transporting homeless students and those in transition is especially high, at \$24,000 per student per year.

"The reason this is so expensive is that these students and the service we provide is so temporary, because we have students hopping from homeless shelter to homeless shelter or from foster family to foster family," he said. "It does push up the cost when you compare the students we're delivering to

and from home day in and day out. There are different mandates and laws that cover the different types of students too."

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley asked Pesce why BPS doesn't use smaller buses, especially for some groups of buses that can sometimes only have four or five students on them – more than 300 trips a day.

"Can we look at vans, can we look at cars, you know for the environmental impact, the cost impact and the traffic impact, of which I could go on and on and on," O'Malley said.

Pesce said the BPS fleet is now at 721 buses total, 154 of which are Mini Safety Vans.

"Your average yellow school bus has a capacity of 71 students and those MS Vans have 12, and so from a cost perspective, they cost about the same," he said. "The real cost here is in the body. We would be spending the same on salary on a person driving a big bus than a smaller bus."

O'Malley said he disagreed.

"I would respectfully like to push back on that, I think if we've got opportunities of three or four kids going to one school, I think a sedan would work, and I'd like to see a fleet of electric vehicles from our municipal departments, like BPS, is that something we can do?" he asked. "If we have several hundred trips per day with four students or fewer, why wouldn't we look at having sedans for that?"

O'Malley added that the overall cost to the city's budget could be somewhat decreased as well with smaller vehicles.

"The environmental impact is significantly less, the wear and tear on the roads is significantly less, the efficiency of the vehicle is significantly more, so can we do that?" he said.

Representative of Superintendent Brenda Cassellius Charlene Briner said that nothing is off the table.

"I think that nothing is off the table, including there are other districts that will look at opportunities for parents, so you get some sort of subsidy for a parent to do transportation, and there are multiple creative solutions that we can consider, but I think the larger question is going to be how we engage with the community," she said. "Safety is first, on time is second, and then we get to cost drivers."

Pesce was asked what comparable school districts spend on transportation per pupil, and while he said he did not have a full list of data, the only comparable city is that of Buffalo, New York, and

that's because, he said, they have more charter schools than Boston.

"Buffalo is the only district I think that spends more on a per pupil basis and they have full school choice," he said. "As we've seen a lot of themes here come down to school choice and the placement of programs. The only district spending more than us is the one with more school choice than us."



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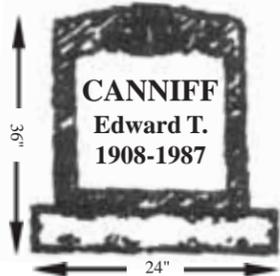
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HENNESSEY

Michael J. Of Hyde Park, Feb 17. Beloved father of Michael J., II of Hyde Park, and proud grandfather of Michael J., III. Dear brother of the late Jerry Hennessey, and Daniel Hennessey of Denver, Colorado. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, February 22nd in St. Pius X Church, 101 Wolcott St., Milton. Interment will be private. For guestbook, please visit Funeral Home website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

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—S.G.H.

Purim Events at Beth Shalom of The Blue Hills

The festive Jewish holiday of Purim will be celebrated at Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills this year with two special events in March.

On Sunday, March 8th, the synagogue's Rabbi Weistrop Religious School will sponsor its Annual Purim Carnival from 11:00 – 12:30 at the synagogue at 18 Shoolman Way in Milton. The Purim Carnival will feature games, booths, prizes, raffles, food and fun for all ages, and prizes for costumes. It is open to the entire community with free admission, and tickets for booths and snacks will be available for purchase (costumed children and adults get extra tickets!). Everyone is welcome, especially costumed children, who can participate in the costume parade and win prizes.

On Tuesday evening, March 10th, the synagogue will hold a Community Purim Celebration & Passover Wine Tasting. For school-age children pre-K - 7th grade, there will be Purim educational activities starting at 4:15 p.m., followed by a light dairy dinner from 5:30-5:50. Adults may enjoy tasty hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and Passover wine tasting from 5:45–6:15, all free. RSVP's are appreciated from those in the wider community by Friday, March 6th.

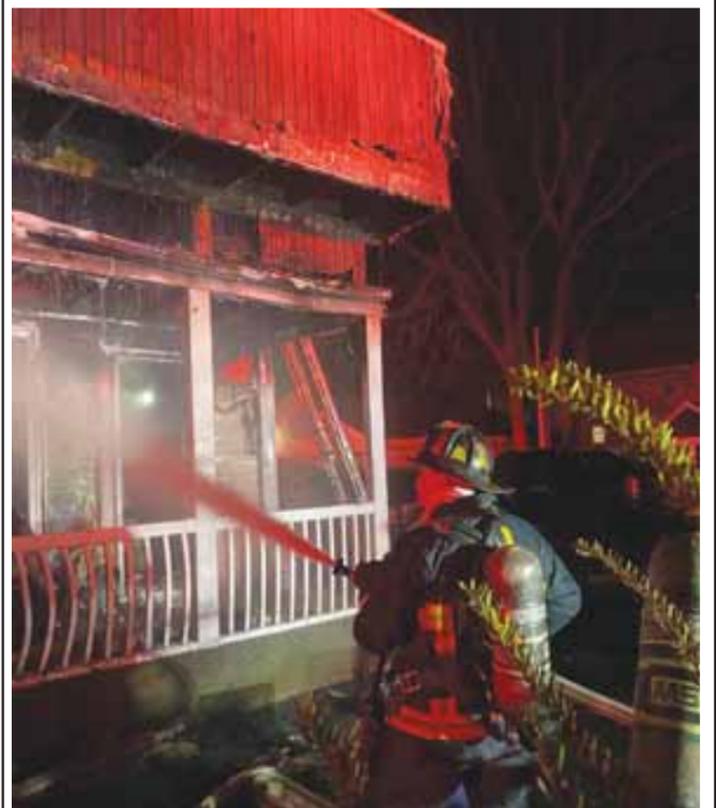
The entire congregation will join together at 5:50 – 6:45 for the Megillah reading, songs and a costume parade, followed by Hamantashen for all and more wine tasting! The public is invited and costumes are encouraged for everyone.

The Megillah mentioned above tells the Purim story of Esther and her uncle Mordecai, who saved their Jewish brethren in ancient Shushan from the evil designs of the wicked Haman. Children and adults wear costumes and listen carefully to the Hebrew text so they can use noisemakers to drown out the name of Haman every time it is uttered.

Cong. Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills conducts a full schedule of religious, cultural, educational and social events and services throughout the year. It also operates a religious school for Jewish children of all grade levels. It is located at 18 Shoolman Way (off Lodge Street) in Milton. There is limited parking at the synagogue, with overflow parking on nearby Pleasant Street. There is no parking allowed on Lodge or Maitland Streets.

For further information about Purim or other temple activities, call the temple office at 617-698-3394, email: office@BethShalomBlueHills.org, or visit www.BethShalomBlueHills.org.

Fire on Neponset injures one, displaces six



Boston Firefighters responded to a call on Feb. 20 at 42 Neponset Ave. in Hyde Park with heavy fire. The chief on scene felt a second alarm was necessary to deal with the fire, which reached all floors of the two-and-a-half story building. One adult was reported injured, four adults and two children have been displaced. The chief on scene estimated the damage to exceed \$300,000. BFD Fire Investigation Units will be looking into the cause of the fire.

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Hundreds are once again expected for this year's Spring Community Dinner for the West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place.

PHOTO BY TRENESSE HALL

WRFORP hosting 18th annual Community Dinner

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place (WRFORP) is hosting its 18th annual Community Dinner on March 28 at St. George's Orthodox Church in West Roxbury, starting at 6 p.m.

WRFORP President Doris Corbo said the event has a deep history in the neighborhood and raises funds for Rosie's Place, a women's shelter in Boston that has been in operation since the 1970s.

"Over the past 18 years, money raised at the dinner helped to fund meals at Rosie's Place, provide food for the food pantries at Rosie's Place and the Roslindale Food Pantry and to send homeless and poor children to summer camp programs," Corbo said. None of this would be possible without the generosity of the Roslindale and West Roxbury business and residential communities."

Corbo said Rosie's Place does not accept city, state or federal housing.

"It relies solely on the support of individuals, foundations and corporations," she said. "As time went on, the number of volunteers who supported WRFORP's mission to assist neighbors in need grew and the organization's commitment to providing meals to Rosie's Place expanded beyond meals."

Corbo said they get a lot of support from all over the Parkway Community and beyond.

WRFORP is very happy that many of our supporters have been with us since the group's founding in 1981," she said. "We are equally proud that we count as our supporters an increasing number of adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s. Our supporters span several generations and WRFORP is all the stronger because of it."

Corbo said WRFORP was founded as a support structure for the shelter. She said the Spring Community Dinner started in 2002 as a way to bring residents and volunteers together to help those who use the services at the shelter.

"The Spring Community Dinner is a lot of work and requires a substantial commitment from our Board members and our wonderful force of active volunteers," she said. "What makes it all worthwhile is that the Spring Community Dinner is truly a community event. Community members come together to help plan and attend the event. That's what I personally like - community members helping others in our community."

Corbo said the organization is now branching out to other endeavors. She said while WRFORP started as a group dedicated to serving meals at the shelter, they are now serving the population in many other ways.

"We expanded our mission to include sending children, who might not have the opportunity, to summer camp," she said. "All the children we support are from Boston, with the majority living in Roslindale, West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. We are always looking out for camp programs that support our mission. Recently, we have been lending our support to Sibling Connections, a program that brings children separated by foster care placements together for a short but meaningful time. Summer camp can expand a child's view of the world. And, importantly, will give them a chance to be kids and have fun with other children their age. The positive impact of sending homeless and needy children to summer camp cannot be underestimated."

Corbo said the event is a good way for residents to lay back and give back, and everyone always has a good time while they're there. The night will feature a 50/50 raffle, charity auction, stuffed shells, meatballs, dessert, speakers and emcee and West Roxbury native and WBZ anchor Beth Germano. Tickets can be purchased at WestRoxburyFriendsofRosiesPlace.org.

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.

—R.O.R.

Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. This must be said for nine consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail.

—S.G.H.

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.

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Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information on the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit www.massport.com/scholarships.



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HP Hockey takes big wins at Cape Cod Tundra Tournament



Hyde Park Hockey came back from the Cape Cod Tundra Tournament with some of what they call "hardware," as the Mite team (above) won their division and the Pee wee team came in second (pictured below). The Tournament saw two days of heavy play on which the two Hyde Park teams played their best to bring home both titles. The Hyde Park Mites also took home the win for the City of Boston's recent Swagger Tournament as well.

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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@stjohnchrysostom02132.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.

FRIDAY NIGHT JUSTICE FILM SERIES

Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America examines the role of the U.S. economic and military intervention in triggering an unprecedented wave of Latino migration that continues to transform the U.S. socio-economic and cultural landscape. Be advised that there are some disturbing scenes in this film.

Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30) Free admission, popcorn, and beverages. Appropriate for high school age and older

For other films in this series, go to www.tparkerchurch.org.

ICE SKATING

New WINTER Learn-to-Skate classes for children, ages 4 to 18 start soon at the ice rink in West Roxbury.

Classes at the Jim Roche Arena, 1255 VFW Pkwy, start Sunday, March 1st for 5 weeks, at 4:00 p.m. Classes are also available at 10 area rinks. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes taught. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating Over 50 years!

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 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 42th 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.

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.

THE VILLAGERS

The Villagers of Roslindale meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 12-3 at St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 4740 Washington Street, West Roxbury.

Social hour is 12-12:45 with refreshments followed by a meeting, raffles and bingo. Occasional day trips and dinners are planned. Our dues are \$10.00 per member paid annually. All inquiries, please call Diane Gallo at 617-323-8654 or Jean Parrelli at 617-325-4695.

PARKWAY LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION AND OPENING DAY PARADE

Calling your future All Stars! Registration is currently underway for the 2020 Parkway Little League spring season, which will kick off with the 68th annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, April 11th. Players aged 4-12 who live or attend school within the Parkway area are eligible to participate. Early registration is encouraged to avoid late fees and to guarantee your spot. For more information and to register online please visit <https://www.parkwaylittleleague.org> today. Additional questions can be emailed to playball@parkwaylittleleague.org. Register now for another exciting and fun season down at the complex!

PARKWAY BABE RUTH REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS

Parkway Babe Ruth is looking forward to their 51st Season with Babe Ruth in the Parkway area. Players age 13-16 are eligible to continue their baseball after completing Little League. Final tryouts for the upcoming 2020 Season will be held on March 28th and 29th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at West Roxbury High. Anyone interested in playing must register at <https://www.leaguelineup.com/invite/8136220&url=https://www.parkwaylittleleague.org> Additional information can reach us at parkwaybaberuth@gmail.com or via our website <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=pburl>

TERRY KITCHEN JOINS RIOT IMPROV FOR SONGS TO SCENES

Saturday February 29 at The Rozzie Square Theater

Award-winning singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen will join Riot Improv for 'Songs to Scenes' on Saturday February 29 at the Rozzie Square Theater, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale. Kitchen will be performing songs from his new CD Next Time We Meet, which will then be turned into scenes by Riot Improv. The show begins at 8 PM and admission is \$15 (\$10 students). Tickets are available at www.theriottheater.com or at the door. Riot Improv is a hilarious improv comedy group produced by the Riot Theater Company, one of the co-owners of the Rozzie Square Theater in Roslindale. The veteran comedians of Riot Improv perform

weekly shows at the Rozzie Square Theater and present Songs to Scenes the last Saturday of each month. This month, Riot Improv is teaming up with award-winning singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen to create improv comedy inspired by the emotions, images, lyrics, and rhythms of Terry's musical performance. Called "one of New England's best songwriters" by The Boston Globe, Terry Kitchen creates songs that are portraits of ordinary people and emotions, captured with extraordinary compassion, honesty and humor. He's been performing on folk stages across the country since the 1990s, releasing 12 CDs, including his latest, Next Time We Meet, which is already being heard across the US and Canada on folk radio. His songs have won the Mid-Atlantic and USA Song Contests and been runner-up in the John Lennon Song Contest, and have appeared in numerous films. In the 1980s he was the leader of the groundbreaking Boston band Loose Ties, whose experiences he recounts in his novel Next Big Thing, called "a great debut novel" by The San Francisco Book Review. More on Terry at www.terrykitchen.com For more information on RIOT IMPROV call 617-942-0294 or visit www.theriottheater.com.

"THE UNIQUENESS OF THE IRISH GARDEN" WITH KARIN STANLEY.

The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury - Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7 PM at The Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St, West Roxbury, MA. We request a non-member donation of \$7.00.

Join us for an exploration of the Irish garden through the centuries. Warm currents of the Gulf Stream create a broad palette of zones nurturing an extraordinary range of plants and historic gardens for which Ireland is famous. Ms. Stanley illustrates beautifully how Ireland claims its place on the world gardening stage. Join us and share an evening enjoying this stunning visual and informative tour.

About Our Speaker: Ms. Stanley, an Irish-born artist, sculptor, poet and writer has lived in the United States for over thirty years now. Originally a knitwear designer interested in textures, fibers, patterns and symbolism. A passionate observer of the changing landscape in Ireland and Scotland, her interest in Celtic archaeology, Megalithic art, the influence of the Arts and Crafts Period naturally expanded to include garden design and its history. She is a graduate of the Landscape design program at Radcliffe College. Learn more about Karin Stanley and her interests at KarinStanley.com.

Doors open for meeting, sign-in & light refreshments at 6:30 PM We welcome all and hope to greet you there.

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FREE PRESENTATION AT THE DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM

Deutsches Altenheim will be hosting two free presentations in March. The community is invited to join us.

• Tuesday, March 10 @ 12:00 noon: **ELDER SCAM AWARENESS** – Seniors all too often fall victim to exploitation. This workshop is designed to help you recognize scams and schemes directed at seniors today. Join us to learn how we can work together to create a blanket of protection for ourselves and those we love. This is a can't miss presentation with (free!) lunch. RSVP Required: 617-325-1230 or info@germancentre.org.

• Thursday, March 26 @ 5:30 pm: **MEDICAL MARIJUANA-HEALTH RISKS & BENEFITS** – Medical marijuana is in the news daily with many claims about what it can do for people with all types of illnesses and symptoms. Dr. John Halpornof Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital will share his perspective on the use of marijuana as a medication and review methods of use, benefits, harms, and future developments. A light dinner will be served.

Deutsches Altenheim is located at 2222 Centre Street, West Roxbury.

ROSLINDALE GREEN & CLEAN

Roslindale Green & Clean, the organization that maintains several of the green spaces around Roslindale Square, is sponsoring an Armchair Gardening session on Thursday, March 12, at 7 PM at Roslindale House at 120 Poplar Street.

The event, which we call "a breath of summer near the end of winter", is a presentation and discussion of images from the beautiful Azore Islands. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Estate of: June E. Giddings
Also Known As:
Date of Death: November 29, 2019

DOCKET No. SU20P0025EA
Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: Karen A. Giddings of Buzzards Bay, MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate

Karen A. Giddings of Buzzards Bay, 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
Estate of: Diane M. McLaughlin
Also Known As:
Date of Death: October 10, 2019

DOCKET No. SU20P0026EA
Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: **Joanne Lowre of West Roxbury, MA**
A Will has been admitted to informal probate

Joanne Lowre of West Roxbury, 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.

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 02/27/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK DIVISION DOCKET NO. SU67378 1/2

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Estate of: **Frances August Eckley**
Late of: **Boston, MA 02210**

Date of Death: **01/02/1882**

To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will or a certain instrument dated 01/01/1900 of the above named decedent of Boston in the County of Suffolk for the benefit of
Family Service of Greater Boston/Poor of Boston

A petition has been presented requesting that:
John F. Francini of Boston, MA
Justin E Oates of Boston, MA
Or some other suitable person be appointed trustee of said estate to serve

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST
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ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON:
03/26/2020

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

Date: February 20, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20D0132DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Sumeiry Garcia vs. Hiram Gonzalez
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown. 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: **Sumeiry Garcia, 2000 Columbus Ave., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02119** 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 6, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20C0084CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Charles M. Johnson

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Charles M Johnson of Hyde Park, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Michael C. Bowden

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 03/26/2020. 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 13, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 02/27/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20W0290
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Sugeily Lake Plaintiff(s)
V
Fernando De La Rosa Defendant (s)

To the above named Defendant: Fernando De La Rosa

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Sugeily Lake seeking a Complaint for Custody-Support –Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Sugeily Lake- or attorney for the plaintiff(s) – whose address is 50 Annafran St., Roslindale, MA 02131, phone 857-350-2159, your answer on or before 9th day of April, 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, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston .

Witness, **Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 20th day of February , 2020**

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20D0221DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Geordith Joseph vs. Carole Polinice Joseph
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown. 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: **Geordith Joseph, 220 Georgetown Dr., Hyde Park, MA 02136**, 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 13, 2020

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Housing

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more senior housing as Boston's population gets older. Hyde Park has seen a lot of development lately, but most of it, like in most of Boston, is geared toward young working professionals, not seniors. Montour said they hope to improve that situation with this project.

Another \$236,000 will be set aside for 23-25 Rosebury Rd. for two new affordable home ownership units in Hyde Park. The community has been concerned that the property would languish and said in the past they are glad the site is being redeveloped.

Deputy Director for Neighborhood Housing Development at DND Jessica Boatright said all the projects chosen for the funds were both due to where they were in the design and development process and also how much affordable housing the funding could help provide. The funds are coming from the Department of Neighborhood Development, the Neighborhood Housing Trust, and the Community Preservation Fund to create and preserve a total of 1,097 affordable units.

"We fund affordable housing every year, but this is the most we've ever done in the City of Boston," said Walsh. "We are harnessing our City's incredible economic strength to invest in all the things working people need. This will help build a strong middle class, and will make a difference for years and generations to come."

The majority of those units will be serving households with incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), which amounts to \$71,000 for a family of four. To make sure those units stay that way, developers are required to agree to long-term affordability for all income-restricted units. All rental projects are also restricted for 50 years.

"Recognizing the housing crisis facing Boston, the Community Preservation Committee chose to allocate 65 percent of available CPA funds to affordable housing," said Madeligne Tena, a member of the Community Preservation Committee. "In thinking about how to best serve those most in need, our priorities included rental housing for the lowest-income residents and affordable homeownership for households earning under 100% of Area Median Income."

For a full list of housing the funding will be providing for this year, go to Boston.gov/news/692-million-funding-announced-affordable-housing

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Insight Realty Group is thrilled to announce they are joining forces with Tierney Realty Group. Michael McGuire, President of Insight Realty Group, Kris MacDonald, Managing Partner and Pat Tierney, President of Tierney Realty Group are excited for this new venture. Mike, says "It's an honor to work with a legendary real estate pioneer and leader in the Boston Real estate scene".

The powerhouse offices who dominate their markets (Insight commanding #1 market share in West Roxbury & Roslindale while Tierney Realty Group is leading sales in Hyde Park) share strong core values & clear vision for the future. Pat Tierney added "We are thrilled to join the Insight Team and their culture of collaboration and community support which has always been important to us. We see this as an opportunity to grow and expand the services we provide to our team and our clients."

Insight will now have two market centers located at 1429 Centre Street, West Roxbury and 9 Fairmount Avenue in Hyde Park. Kris MacDonald "can't wait to drive new attention to the Hyde Park market". This successful/new partnership will further establish their leadership role in the market.

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