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HP150 ramps up for April Kickoff

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

HP150 – the group organizing Hyde Park’s 150th anniversary celebration – is ramping up as 2018 gets underway. Having officially kicked off at November’s Anderson Tree Lighting Celebration, activities and events will be ongoing in the neighborhood throughout the year.

As Hyde Park approaches its 150th on April 22, HP150 – the group organizing the celebration that officially kicked off at November’s Anderson Tree Lighting – has moved from the ideas stage, to the planning stage, and then to the ramping-up stage as 2018 has gotten underway.

HP150 – a volunteer committee-based group – has been working with neighborhood organizations and businesses in an effort to not only make an enjoyable and memorable sesqui-



centennial celebration for Hyde Park, but also to create a stronger community that will last well after the party’s over.

Co-chaired by Scott Smith and Michele Consalvo of the Smith and Consalvo (SC) Group – a local consulting company that specializes in assisting non-profit organizations, including the Menino Arts Center and the Switch – HP150 began to take shape early last summer when

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Council grills BPS Transportation

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George headed a hearing on Tuesday to find out why the cost savings promised by the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Transportation Department have not been realized this year.

Last fall, the BPS promised a cost savings of around \$10 million from new efficiency programs, most famously an algorithm-driven bus route mapping program.

“During the fiscal year 2017 BPS budget process, the BPS Transportation promised a savings of \$10 million for fiscal year ’18 through implementation of efficiency strategies,” she said. “Unfortunately those savings were not realized in the fiscal year ’18 budget; instead we saw a cost overrun. My hope is that by the end of today’s hearing we will have a clear understanding of the current school year spending to date so we have a more accurate picture of the transportation budget for the current school and fiscal year as we approach the fiscal year ’19 budget season.”

Chief of BPS Operations John Hamlin said that one of the biggest issues facing the BPS half of students served by BPS Transportation are not BPS school students. For the BPS, the department transports 33,545 BPS students to 133 sites every day, 166 students

to 63 sites for private special education, 1,853 students to 43 sites for private or parochial schools and 7,406 students to 29 charter sites. In total, the BPS transports 42,970 students to and from 268 sites every day.

“It shouldn’t be lost on you that roughly half of the sites we serve are BPS students, which means half of them are non-BPS schools, but only about a fourth are non-BPS students and what that means is that we’re much less efficient in the transportation we need to provide to students who go to school outside of BPS,” he said. “That’s because those schools tend to have a broader range of choice than BPS schools do, that also means that we’re transporting students to out-of-district placements for Special Education, which means in some cases we’re often putting only one or two students on a bus.”

Chief of Operations for the Superintendent’s Office Rob Consalvo did point out, however, that BPS enrollment vs. charter schools has been actually going up in the earlier grades.

“Anecdotally, at particular lower grades, parents are now more than ever are choosing BPS to speak to some of the great successes we’ve had like added 1,100 new school students in those early grades,” he said. “Parents want

Transportation

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Boston Renaissance participates in Arts-Filled Celebration of Chinese New Year



Students at Boston Renaissance Charter Public School in Hyde Park participated in an arts-filled program on Feb. 15 in celebration of Chinese New Year. In photo #image5.jpg, Yuning Song (center), the winner of a nationally-broadcast music competition TV show in China, performs for Renaissance students and faculty with Berklee College of Music students Linan Li (left) and Runyu Qian (right).

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Digging up a buried part of Hyde Park’s history... with a watercolor

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Staff Reporter

This Saturday, March 3, the Menino Arts Center (MAC), in conjunction with the Blake Estates and the Paul Nolan Group, will open an exhibit of their art at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library which will run for two months.

Harold Foppiano, a Nolan Group member and lifelong Hyde Park resident, was one of those invited to hang a painting and, during a recent Nolan Group session at the MAC, he gave a sneak peak at his watercolor “Tuckers Pond, Dana Avenue, Hyde Park, circa 1900” while going into some background regarding his rendering of the nearly forgotten neighborhood landmark.

“I wanted to paint the Pond, which was taken away, I would say, during the early 1950s,” the longtime Dana Avenue resident explained.



Harold Foppiano poses with his watercolor of “Tuckers Pond, Dana Avenue, Hyde Park, circa 1900”.

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The Pond, which was located where the Dana Avenue section of the Fairmount Public Housing Development is today, was filled in order to build those projects that border the town of Milton and the property that would become the site of the St. Pius X rectory.

“I only had one photo to

give me an idea of what it looked like, but it was not that good, and I had to really work on it to try to get it as authentic as I could,” Foppiano said.

Not old enough to remember the Pond, Foppiano was able to speak with a few people from the neighborhood

Tuckers Pond

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McCarthy talks traffic changes at Board of Trade

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Board of Trade (HPBT) gathered on Monday night, Feb. 27 at Cappy's Tavern, located at 11 Wolcott Ct. About 25 people attended the dinner meeting, which ran about an hour and a half.

Hosted by HPBT President Scott Batey, the featured guest speaker was District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy, who spoke after dinner.

In his remarks, McCarthy shared some big news regarding traffic in both the Wolcott Square area and the Cleary Square area, announcing that the former is going to be completely redesigned to benefit traffic flow, with the current traffic lights to be removed and replaced with mast arm lights that hang over the intersection, "so you know exactly what you're supposed to be looking at," McCarthy said in reference to the sometimes confusing current layout of the lights.

Additionally, traffic lights will be installed on either side of Father Hart Bridge, which will communicate and synchronize with the lights in Wolcott Square. Aside from that, McCarthy announced that he would be seeking additional funding "to make sure that the Sprague Street/West Milton Street Bridge is also lit and contained in the same package."

In addition to the installation of the



Hyde Park Board of Trade President Scott Batey makes remarks to the audience at the Tuesday meeting held at Cappy's Tavern.

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lights, McCarthy announced that the Wolcott Square bus stop would be moved from its current location to Prescott Street opposite Jerry Hurley Park, and that the sidewalk would be expanded to make room for the bus stop shelter.

Wolcott Street will also be turned into a one way, which the Councilor informed the group that the business owners on the block agreed to before referring to an all too common problem in Wolcott Square.

"Now the bus cannot take an illegal left turn across three lanes of traffic and block everyone. It will now take a left when the light signal turns left."

McCarthy estimated a July start time for the project with an estimated completion time in the fall.

Sidewalks will also be reconstructed

and made handicapped accessible, "unlike now, where – if you happen to be in a wheelchair or even pushing a stroller – good luck. Now you'll be able to move successfully around, clearly helping out the businesses in the Square."

Additionally, the "cobra head" streetlights in Wolcott Square will be removed and replaced with the same style of light used in Jerry Hurley Park.

"They're going to be LED acorn ornamental lights, so the Square will really start to pop and it's going to look great when it's all done. All new roadway, all new sidewalks, all new crosswalks."

McCarthy estimated the completion time for this project to be sometime in the spring.

He also mentioned upcoming traffic work for Cleary Square as well, with a

traffic light scheduled to be installed at the intersection of Dana Avenue and Hyde Park Avenue.

"We'll have, again, mast arms hanging out over the street so you can see the signal lights clearly. They will then tie into the signal lights in Cleary Square and – more importantly – the signal lights on Gordon and Business, where everybody gets caught because you can't get through that intersection."

The new lights will synchronize with the River Street Bridge lights. While this is being done in an effort to alleviate two Cleary Square traffic problems, McCarthy was realistically optimistic.

"Is it a silver bullet so you fly through Hyde Park without ever stopping? Not a chance. But it will help."

McCarthy estimated that the Wolcott Square project would cost about \$1.8 million (including the lights) and that Cleary Square might be in the \$1.5 million range.

"I talk about traffic because it's important for businesses," McCarthy explained. "If people can't go to the Square to park... they don't go there. And if you need flowers and you're not stopping at Pure Joy because you don't want to get into the traffic, that's an issue. So we're trying to move that traffic along and we're hoping to do that."

The next Hyde Park Board of Trade meeting for March 27 – the fourth Tuesday of the month – at the Fairmount Grille. Mayor Marty Walsh is the scheduled speaker.



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Jerry Joseph's Rich Bumz exhibit



Exhibiting artist Jerry Joseph poses with one of his "Rich Bumz". Joseph began work on five of six acrylic on canvas paintings in the second half of 2017 and finished them the week before the exhibit.

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Staff Reporter

To be rich is...

So ends lifelong Hyde Park resident Jerry Joseph's one page artist statement for his one night only showing of six themed acrylic on canvas paintings that he presented for the first time in February.

These half dozen paintings comprising Joseph's "Rich Bumz" exhibition marked the realization of an idea that took shape for the artist last spring as the result of an encounter he had had

with a homeless man to whom he had been giving money for years.

Shocked to walk by the man one day and see that he was wearing a \$250 pair of sneakers, Joseph described what happened next.

"I was, like, 'Whoa! Nice sneakers.' And then he looked at me and had this cheerfulness. He was so happy about it. This was what he was waiting to hear," Joseph said.

The experience, which had upset Joseph because the man had chosen to spend the money

he had collected on designer sneakers rather than food or other necessities, also brought him to a revelation.

"You know what? That's all of us," Joseph said. "That's all of us. This is just an extreme version of that. Why don't I just create that?"

Five of the six paintings were the result of Joseph's "A ha!" moment and looking at a few of them after hearing the story that led to their creation, the inspira-

Art Exhibit

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<p>Saturday, March 3, 2-4 pm</p> <p>"The Grimke Sisters in Their Hyde Park Years" Presented by Author and Historian Louise W. Knight MENINO ART CENTER, 26 Central Ave., Hyde Park</p>	<p>Starting March 15th!</p> <p>Mass 54th Regiment "In Camp InReadville" 3D Exhibit Opening Night Reception, Friday, March 16 at 7pm MENINO ART CENTER, 26 Central Ave., Hyde Park</p>
<p>Saturday, March 10, 2-4 pm</p> <p>"Women Amongst Us" Tea Celebrate and Honor Inspirational Boston Women - Presentation of the "Grimke Award" GRANITE LINKS GOLF COURSE 100 Quarry Hills Dr., Quincy</p> 	<p>Saturday, March 25, 12:30-2 pm</p> <p>Boston Police E-18/ Hyde Park Community Center Egg Hunt HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 1179 River St., Hyde Park</p> 
<p>Wednesday, March 21, 6:30pm</p> <p>HP150 Paint Night at THE SWITCH GALLERY Join us for a fun night of art and Hyde Park 21 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park</p> 	<p>All Month Long in March!</p> <p>HP150 Floral Arrangement with Commemorative Vase PURE JOY FLOWERS, 84 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park</p> 
<p>Starting March 14th!</p> <p>HP150 Ice Cream Naming Contest Ron's Ice Cream is creating the official HP150 Ice Cream and we want you to name it! Watch the HP150 Facebook page for more details.</p> 	<p>HP150 Ale on Tap Stop in for the HP150 Ale and watch for \$18.68 dinner specials FAIRMOUNT GRILLE 81 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park</p>  <p>HP150 "Grimke Gimlet" Stop in and try a "Grimke Gimlet" and watch for monthly dinner specials ANTONIO'S BACARO 5 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park</p> 

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Editorial

PARK, RIDE, AND STOP

Here is the latest, greatest scheme to fix public transportation: combining the MBTA and its sorta-sister Commuter Rail.

A public transit advocacy group, Transit Matters, has released a report calling for modernization of the MBTA Commuter Rail network and an updated business model as part of a larger reimagining of the service. "Massachusetts should commit to transitioning from its current Commuter Rail system to a Regional Rail system that offers frequent all day intercity rail service provided by clean electric-powered locomotives," it states.

TransitMatters identified five critical components to the Regional Rail business plan: system-wide electrification; high platforms allowing faster and accessible boarding; strategic infrastructure investments to maximize speed and reliability; frequent all-day service – every half hour in the suburbs, every fifteen minutes in denser urban neighborhoods; and fare rationalization, including free transfers between regional trains, subways and buses.

The plan, on surface is a good one. We have plenty of fears, however, about taking a system that more-or-less works and dumping it into a steaming cauldron of incompetence.

The "good" will never fix the "bad." That's basic entropy kids, and the MBTA is the very model of entropy.

According to the TransitMatters, Regional Rail can begin with affordable trials on the Providence Line — the Commuter Rail's only electrified line — and the Fairmount Line. The plan proposes cost-effective pilots for these lines to prove the efficacy of the approach and to provide better service and social and environmental justice to Fairmount Line riders and corridor residents.

TransitMatters Board member Tim Lawrence says the report responds to the legitimate concern of the MBTA's Fiscal Management Control Board, that the current Commuter Rail system, carries too few riders at too high a cost. "We agree with that assessment," he said. "Our plan for Regional Rail addresses this head on — by offering not just a vision, but a new business model. It's that business model that will be a game-changer, moving us away from the unacceptable status quo, and making our intercity rail system operate in a cost-effective, rider-responsive manner."

Also afoot, we sense an MBTA-based bird was chirping on the window sill of a Boston Globe writer who wrote a love letter to city buses. Well, it was almost a letter, as author Nestor Ramos did detail the problems every bus faces on traffic-jammed streets and with bad parking. His call to action: more people should ride the bus. An MBTA spokesman's hashtag salutation: "#BusOnlyLanes."

Do we really need to point out that Boston's roadways are far too small and narrow to just go adding lanes in a mission to spite automobile drivers? There is only so much space that bike and bus lanes can support.

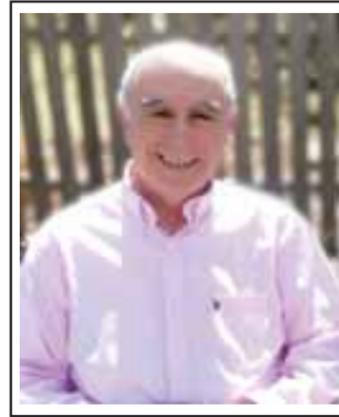
Fix public transportation, make it affordable, faster, and less prone to Armageddon on a daily basis and, maybe, just maybe, transit woes and auto congestion will finally have some relief.

You didn't read about it in the Globe

There's a memorable scene in the movie "Forrest Gump" where Gump, in his Army uniform, is mistakenly taken for an anti-war protester at a huge rally during the Vietnam War years.

He is ushered onto a makeshift stage in Washington, D.C., to address tens of thousands of protesters when a police officer furtively pulls the plug on him literally, preventing his message from being heard by the attendees. Only when he ends and spots his beloved Ginny in the reflecting pool does the sound come back on.

I wonder if the same tactic might be considered this summer by Fenway area residents. The city has given permission for 12 performances this summer with nary a whis-



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per of concern for nearby dwellers. This is a 50 percent increase from last summer, from eight performances to 12, and it does not include

practices and sound checks.

The "it" mentioned in the title is the open meeting conducted by the city's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing before it gave its blessing for the raucous concerts. It's a good reason why Boston is still a (daily) two-newspaper town.

A number of local businesses attended the recent meeting; they won't bite the hand that feeds them. The objections of Fenway area residents were ignored. The unions salivate at the thought of moving equipment. And so the city said yes to Fenway Park and concert promoters standing to make a huge amount of money, go ahead.

Here's the rub: the people
Galeota

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Mayor Walsh announces \$15 Million in new funding for Affordable Housing

Building on his commitment to create more affordable housing in the City of Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) and the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT) Fund have awarded more than \$15 million in funds to seven rental projects across Boston. These awards will help fund the production and preservation of 354 units of affordable housing in Boston.

"Preserving Boston's affordability is key to ensuring everyone who wants to live here can afford to do so," said Mayor Walsh. "It's important now more than ever that we use every resource available to build more housing for working families in our City. I'm proud that by working together with our partners in the Neighborhood Housing Trust, this funding will help us preserve and create more affordable housing in Boston."

The funding awards for the seven new housing proposals total \$10.4 million of HOME, Community Development Block Grant, and Inclusionary Development funding along with \$4.25 million in Linkage funding. The Neighborhood Housing Trust also supported a funding measure to the Boston and Planning Development Agency (BPDA) for a Housing Creation award in the amount of \$1.2 million.

The seven projects receiving funding will create 436 units of housing. Of these units, 354 units will be income restricted to low, moderate and middle-income households. The City's most recent Request for Proposals for funding put a premium on the creation of units of housing for very low-income households; as a result, 139 units of affordable housing will be accessible to households with incomes at 50 percent or below the Area Median Income,

which amounts to \$51,000 or less for a family of four. Forty-seven of these units will be set aside for formerly homeless households, and 64 units will be available to households earning less than 30 percent of Area Median Income - \$31,000 for a family of four.

To ensure that all units receiving City funding will remain affordable, all affordable units will have a deed restriction in perpetuity. In all cases, the projects have been carefully underwritten to leverage alternative sources to minimize City funding.

"Our team is extremely proud that we were able to fund projects with such deep affordability, ranging from 60 percent of the area median income to homeless individuals," said Boston's Chief of Housing, Sheila Dillon. "I can't wait to see these projects completed, and I want to thank the Neighborhood Housing Trust and our partners for helping us create more affordable housing in Boston."

"Many thanks to Mayor Marty Walsh and to the City of Boston for their ongoing commitment to redevelop Roxbury and Jamaica Plain," said Frank Shea, Urban Edge's Chief Executive Officer. "The Holtzer Park project, which is part of a larger effort with our partners at Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation and The Community Builders to strengthen the community for all of the families living here, will bring 62 new affordable apartments to the area. We are thrilled to be in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority on this project and we look forward to working with the city as this development gets underway."

With the awarding of these funds, the Walsh Administration has now committed more than \$115 million in affordable housing funding since Mayor Walsh took office. Since the



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Martin J. Walsh

launch of Housing Boston 2030, 4,649 new income-restricted units have been permitted, of which 2,234 are targeted to low-income households. There are an additional 4,240 deed-restricted units in the City's development pipeline.

Today's announcement contributes to the goal of creating 6,500 new units of affordable housing outlined in Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030, Mayor Walsh's housing plan, and also supports Boston's Way Home, the administration's plan to end chronic homelessness. In addition, the growth of affordable housing in Boston supports the goals of Imagine Boston 2030, Boston's citywide plan.

The following is a complete list of the developments that have received funding awards:

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Bringing the Middle Kingdom to Hyde Park

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Staff Reporter

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 22, violinist and erhu player Shaw Pong Liu gave an interactive performance *Exploring the Middle Kingdom: China in Song and Story* for an audience of about 50 people at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

Liu's performance, sponsored by the Celebrity Series of Boston, was the last of three library shows that ran from Tuesday through Thursday at three different neighborhood branch libraries, including Mattapan and Adams Street.

The show also coincided with the Chinese New Year, which fell this year on Feb. 16 and was in full swing on Feb. 22.

Robin Baker, Senior Manager of Community Engagement for Celebrity Series, explained that this came about from an earlier visit to the library and a conversation with librarian Mary Margaret Pitts.

As Baker described it, when she had said to Pitts that she thought that the Hyde Park Branch would be a great place to have a concert, she let her know that performances are, in fact, a frequent event there.



Young audience members raise their hands to respond to Shaw Pong Liu's question about her erhu. Liu's interactive performance concentrated on music and stories from China.

Pitts also put Baker in contact with other library branches in order to arrange Liu's string of shows.

"This has been a great turnout!" Baker said after the performance had concluded, saying that Hyde Park crowd had been the largest of the three. "We'll definitely come back here."

Liu, playing her violin and erhu interchangeably over the 45-minute program, brought

the group of about 35 small children (others were seated in the audience with the adults) on a musical and cultural trip to four different regions of Mainland China: Yunnan, Zhejiang, Beijing, and Inner Mongolia.

Introducing her audience to each region by marking its location on a large map of China propped on an easel next to her stool, Liu would engage the young crowd in different

ways: a sing-along from Yunnan (*A Mountain Song*), a legend from Zhejiang (*The Butterfly Lovers*) followed by her violin performance of "*Song of the Butterfly Lovers*," teaching a funny joke from Beijing while bringing out the tonal aspects of Mandarin and finally, performing "*Racing Horses*" from Inner Mongolia on her erhu.

Throughout her program, she brought the group into

what she was doing, asking them to try to describe the similarities and differences between the violin and erhu and answering any questions that they had, musical or otherwise.

Born and raised in California, Liu has been playing the violin since she was 5 years old, and took up the erhu when she was studying abroad in Beijing. While she called the erhu a "cousin" to the violin during her performance, she acknowledged afterwards that the technique, style, and notation are very different, and that learning the erhu was "not instantaneous by any means."

"It still takes time to learn each of the songs because the inflections are so specific, with sliding and different kinds of vibrato. Things are very specific to each song," Liu said.

Explaining the motivation behind her "Middle Kingdom: Song and Story" program, Liu spoke of increasing awareness and knowledge of China as something beyond a monolith.

"My experience living there was that it's a whole world," she said. "I feel like the concept of China is so simplistic here. It's just this thing, you know. A couple of things and that's it."

Liu began developing her **Middle Kingdom**
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local politicians and community leaders, interested in doing something to commemorate the event, asked them for help.

As their preparations began and continued over midsummer, the organizers focused on a core set of values rather than on the events to be held. As Smith explained it, the mindset was that "there has to be something bigger than the celebration."

By late summer, HP150 had entered its next stage and began holding community meetings that were, in large part, brainstorming sessions to consider potential event and activity ideas for the anniversary and, by October, it had formulated a structure for moving forward.

Rather than acting as the controlling entity for the 150th celebration, HP150 has taken on the role of facilitator, helping local businesses, community organizations, and individuals to participate.

"Look at what Fairmount Grille did. They created the Official HP150 Ale on tap with Sam Adams," Smith gave as one example. "They did that."

As other examples, he mentioned Ron's Ice Cream having a naming contest for its commemorative HP150 ice cream in March, with the winning name to be announced during April vacation. He also brought up Kenney Cleaners at 1162 River St.

"He wanted to do something and he couldn't figure it out," Smith said before asking, "What can a dry cleaner do? He's going to do a \$1.50 shirt cleaning special in May and I'm like, 'That's a great idea!'"

This – Smith is hoping – will help to spread information about and build interest in what is going on.

"Someone who might not have known about it (the 150th) goes to dinner at Bacaro's and now they see, 'Oh, you've got a Grimké Special. What's that? Or the 1868 dinner special. What's that?'"

Additionally, volunteerism plays a huge part in the process, with more than 150 volunteers on over a dozen different committees helping to get the message out and to build on what is already there.

Smith – referring to the core values established back in the summer – spoke of an objective of HP150.

"Can we increase volunteerism in Hyde Park?" he said. "Because, if we go through this year and do all of these celebrations and do all of these things and end the year and nothing has changed; nothing has happened, then I don't think that is full success. Success, to me, means that we made new connections and that people are now going to volunteer at some of these great organizations."

There are currently four signature events scheduled for the Hyde Park's 150th anniversary, starting with the Founders Day Kickoff scheduled for April 21 at George Wright Golf Course (420 West St.).

"That's one of the goals of HP150: to use as many different opportunities and to introduce so many different people to different pieces of Hyde Park. So, obviously, we wanted to incorporate the golf course; we wanted to incorporate different businesses and different community based organizations."

The other three signature events are scheduled to take place over a week in June, with Family Fun Day taking place at Kelly Field on Saturday, June 9, the "I Remember When..." luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 at the Blue Hills Collaborative (20 Como Rd.), and the 21 and older Festival In The Streets (FITS) taking place in Logan Square on Saturday, June 16.

The concept of "I Remem-

ber When..." is based on social media and the comments generated when someone posts a photo. "Wouldn't it be cool to do something like that in person?" Smith asked.

"Yeah. Imagine if we had pictures of Dottie's or Emmanuel's or even things further back that I can't remember," Consalvo added, before continuing. "We even talked about, you know... We'd love to have Dottie come and be in the audience. Or the gentleman that used to run McCrory's."

This approach of basing everything big in one week was the result of much deliberation and consultation, including with the Chair of Milton's 350th Anniversary Committee.

Many smaller activities will also be going on during that week, and they will continue through the year up until November's Tree Lighting marks the close of the celebration.

As an example of one of those smaller activities, Smith mentioned the Hyde Park Trivia Night event held at Cappy's Tavern (11 Wolcott Ct.) as a perfect example of what HP150 is trying to accomplish.

Taking over Cappy's usual Thursday night trivia, this edition drew over 100 players and turned into – according to both Smith and Consalvo – something of a reunion. It was so popular that they might schedule another one in the fall and, for the remainder of the year, there will be one Hyde Park question asked during each Thursday's tournament.

"This is the essence of what HP150 should be all about," Smith said. "Celebrations are important, yes, and we want to honor that. But building that sense of connection, building that community pride, these are things that excite us about what HP150 can and should be about."

The next HP150 event will be "The Grimké Sisters in their Hyde Park Years: Educators, Aunts, and Voters" on Saturday, March 3 at the Menino Arts Center (26 Central Ave.). For information, visit www.HP150.org.

Middle Kingdom

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programs for children a year or two after moving to Boston 11 years ago. During this time, she has shared the Chinese songs and stories that she loves through Young Audiences of Massachusetts, as well as with Celebrity Series of Boston.

Liu got at her goal when presenting her program to young audiences.

"That some part of the experience was like a spark for them. Something to be excited about. Something that they'll hold onto in some way, whether it's an idea or the experience of the music. These are very young kids, you know, 5, 6-year-old kids... I could see that some of them were really into it," she said.

While happy if they can retain some of the information that she shares with them about China, she got at the essence of what she does with her program.

"Mostly, what I'm trying to do is connect through music," Liu said.

Shaw Pong Liu will be performing on Saturday, March 3 at Hibernian Hall as part of the Soul Yatra Trio. For information, visit www.celebrityseries.org.



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Transportation

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to enroll here.”

Hamlin said another factor for cost is that school choice makes for difficult transportation routes. He used the Mario Umana K-8 School in East Boston as an example, which has students coming from as far away as Brighton and Hyde Park.

“This is a degree of choice that very, very few districts across the country provide to their families,” he said.

Hamlin also said one of the factors facing school transportation issues is that there are 1,500 trips each morning provided by 600 buses, which averages to 2.5 trips per bus per morning. He said they have 757 buses total.

“It’s partly why it’s not uncommon to see few students on our buses, this is something we hear often times and often it’s voiced as criticisms, you know why do we see such a small number of students on the buses every day?” he said. “In reality, you’re never going to see a bus that’s full unless you happen to catch that bus after it’s picked up its last students and before it gets to the school.”

Hamlin did say that the implementation of cost efficiencies helped to realize savings, but increases in costs snatched those savings away. This did not make sense to Essaibi-George.

“I just want to state for the record I don’t understand how we realize cost savings and still increase spending,” she said.

Hamlin did also say that drivers who are taking sick time or on vacation still have to be paid, and for that reason they actually have hired standby drivers, who are sometimes also paid even when they are not necessarily driving.

“At any given morning we may have 100 drivers who are not there,” he said. “We would have a number of drivers who are absent and the routes that those drivers run are then posted for bid for the standby drivers. This happens every single morning at 5:15 a.m. If they pick up a route that starts at 6 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m., then they’re paid their standby rate from 5 a.m. until 6 a.m. and then the route rate for that route up until 10 a.m.”

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy asked Hamlin about possible cost savings from reducing the size of the vehicles and perhaps creating a fleet of vans to shuttle kids around that could be more fuel efficient and carry more full loads of students. Hamlin said they have four different types of buses in the fleet: wheel chair buses, minibuses – known as MS buses that hold about a dozen kids, half-size buses that carry up to 30 small kids (three to a seat) and full buses that carry 70 students.

Hamlin said that a fleet of vans would not reduce costs, as the fuel savings would be minimal and the driver costs (wages, sick time, benefits etc.) would stay the same.

Housing

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Fenway

270 Huntington St. - Renovation and preservation of 72 affordable rental units in the Fenway.

Jamaica Plain

125 Amory St. - In response to the BHA’s RFP for the 125 Amory Street site, Urban Edge is proposing to construct 62 new units of affordable rental housing in Jamaica Plain.

Mattapan

Mattapan Station - The development team for Mattapan Station includes The Preservation of Affordable Housing & Nuestra Comunidad CDC. The development comprises 135 units of mixed income rental housing in Mattapan, with 69 affordable rental units and 66 market rate units. The first floor of the development will also include 10,000 square feet of commercial space.

872 Morton St. - The development team of the Caribbean Integration Community Development & Planning Office for Urban Affairs will create a 38-unit, mixed-income development, along with over 2,000 square feet of commercial space. The site will also include a serenity garden to be named after Stephen P. Odom. The developer is working closely with the Parks Department to design the serenity garden.

Mission Hill

Parcel 25 - Parcel 25 is a 3-phase, transit-oriented development located on a site formerly owned by the MBTA and located across from the

Roxbury Crossing MBTA station. The second phase will create 46 units of affordable rental housing. The Trust voted to support a Housing Creation proposal in the amount of \$1,250,000 from Children’s Hospital in December.

Roxbury

Bartlett Building A - As the next phase of the Bartlett Yard redevelopment, the Developer Nuestra Comunidad will create 42 units of mixed income rental housing along with 14,000 square feet of commercial space and 20,000 square feet of office space.

To help choose appropriate developments for funding, the City of Boston has established funding priorities, based on the goals outlined in Housing A Changing City: Boston 2030. Proposals submitted are expected to fall under at least one of the priority criteria: Affordable housing developments that utilize City-owned land; affordable housing developments targeting a mix of incomes: from units for homeless households to units targeted and restricted to incomes representative of Boston’s workforce. The City prioritizes proposals that, in addition to the homeless set-aside, provide some portion of units targeting extremely low income tenancies: affordable housing developments that have reduced the cost to build and/or efficiently use subsidy so that the project is able to move into construction more quickly; affordable housing developments that provide units that serve the disabled

community, vulnerable or special needs populations, elders, veterans, artists, aging out youth, etc.; acquisition of unrestricted housing developments in order to stabilize the tenancies, and provide long term affordability for a mix of incomes (i.e. unrestricted properties); developments that are at risk of losing their affordability within five years; large projects with more than 50 units of housing, of which at least 51 percent will be deed-restricted affordable units; projects creating new affordable units in high-cost neighborhoods where most of the IDP funds are generated. Projects that contain affordable units that cannot be funded from other subsidy sources available under this RFP, or through the Neighborhood Housing Trust RFP; projects that can quickly acquire existing unregulated units and convert them into long-term affordable housing.

To date, the Walsh Administration has committed more than \$100 million in funding to the creation and preservation of affordable housing. Today’s announcement builds on the City’s preservation and anti-displacement goals, outlined in Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030, Mayor Walsh’s housing plan, and the housing goals laid out in Imagine Boston 2030, Boston’s first citywide plan in 50 years. As part of both plans, Boston has prioritized increasing the overall housing supply, with a focus on creating and preserving affordable housing.



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Around the Neighborhoods

CITYWIDE

PARKS DEPARTMENT HOSTS FREE DOUBLE DUTCH CLINICS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a series of free Inner City Double Dutch Clinics for youngsters ages 9 to 18 at the BCYF Madison Park Community Center in Roxbury.

These free clinics provide instruction in the fundamentals of jumping rope and rope turning. The sessions will be held from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 10 and 24, and April 7 and 14.

The clinics and tournament will be held in the gym at Building 4, BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury. Teams will compete in the Mayor's Cup Double Dutch Tournament on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m.

No pre-registration is required for the clinics and all children ages nine to 18 are welcome. Community centers and youth groups are encouraged to bring their youngsters to the clinics and are invited to schedule dates and times for regular participation in the program. For more information please call Larelle Bryson at (617) 961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

NEXT SBAA MEETING

The next SBAA Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10; from 9-10 a.m. is board meeting and from 10 a.m. - noon is artist presentation.

The Location is Labourer Center, 275 West Broadway, 2nd floor Guest Artist Presenters: Tom and Patrica Steiner Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend - all are welcome

BOSTON TEENS INVITED TO SUMMER JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR MARCH 10

Boston teens ages 15 to 18 interested in a summer job

through SuccessLink, the Mayor's Summer Jobs program, are encouraged to attend the City of Boston SuccessLink Youth Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 10 at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College. The hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Over 100 Employers: Come find the right fit for your summer job; Game stations that will bring you up to speed on essential job skills; Youth resource tables with important information and opportunities for teens; Raffles; Swag bags for the first 200 youth who RSVP; Free food; Music; And more!

Every employer that hires young people through SuccessLink will be present to engage with youth about what a potential summer job would be like. Registration for SuccessLink will open Feb. 19 and end March 30. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see what jobs are available and connect with employers! SuccessLink is managed by Boston Centers for Youth & Families' Division of Youth Engagement & Employment. Over 3,000 young people are hired every summer through SuccessLink and placed in a variety of jobs across the city.

HYDE PARK

EASTEREGGHUNT

The Boston Police Department Area E-18 & the BCYF Hyde Park Community Center invites you to join us for an Easter Egg hunt, Sunday, March 25 from 12:30-2 p.m. (egg hunt to begin promptly at 1 p.m.). Hop on down to the community center for an egg hunt, spring activities, light refreshments and FUN! 1179 River St., reservations required please call 617-635-5178 or email michellehpc@gmail.com by March 19. Event is for children 9 and younger.

BCYF SUMMER CAMP

The BCYF Hyde Park Community Center is currently ac-

cepting applications for summer camp. Camp is for children 7 - 12 years old and runs for 6 weeks starting on July 9. Stop by the community center to pick up your application today. Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River Street 617-635-5178.

SENIOR COFFEE HOUR

Join us for our Senior Coffee Hour every Friday Morning from 10 - 11:30 a.m. An opportunity for local community members to socialize with others, enjoy refreshments, and participate in activities. Light refreshments provided. Hyde Park Community Center.

LEARN TO PLAY GOLF PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Boston Parks and Recreation will be offering a learn to play program at the BCYF Hyde Park Community Center. The program starts on Thursday, March 29 and runs for 6 weeks. 6-7 p.m. is the Junior Session for 7 - 17-year-olds, 7-8 p.m. is the Adult Session, registration is first come first served. Register today!

CHESS & CHECKERS WITH CHARLIE

Children are welcome to come and learn to play chess or checkers with Charlie Cleary on Saturday afternoons. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Branch Library. Free to all. Chess & Checkers with Charlie takes place on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 1 - 4 p.m. located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

SATURDAY MORNING BLOCK PARTY

Come play, build, and learn together at a block party - library style. Playing with blocks provides opportunities to learn about math and science, pre-reading skills, social skills, and motor skills. Various building blocks will be available including wood blocks, magnetic blocks, KAPLA

blocks, soft blocks, and baby blocks. No registration is required. The Block Party takes place on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

IN CAMP AT READVILLE

The Menino Arts Center proudly announces IN CAMP AT READVILLE, a 3D exhibition created and presented by the 54th Regiment Re-enactors and Historical Society. The exhibition will be available from March 15 - April 27, 2018.

A must see, this is a rare and exciting 3D exhibition that visually brings to life what it was like to be part of the historical camp of the brave men who served in the 54th Regiment, the first African-American regiment organized in the northern states during the Civil War. An actual mock camp with tents and period artifacts along with photos will be set up in the hall and gallery at Menino Arts Center. Members of the 54th Regiment Re-enactors will be on hand during gallery hours to answer questions. This installation and presentation will highlight and educate attendees about this important period in US history and Hyde Park history. It is proudly in partnership with the celebration of the Hyde Park's 150th year of incorporation (1868- 2018).

Gallery Hours: Thursday, noon - 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 - 4 p.m.; Friday 5 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m. Opening Reception: Friday, March 16, 7-9 p.m. and a children's reception: Thursday, April 19, 1-3 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Free and all are welcome to attend.

CELEBRATE HYDE PARK'S HISTORY!

"The Grimké Sisters in Their Hyde Park Years: Educators, Aunts, and Voters" Please join us for a talk presented by author and historian, Louise W. Knight on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. at The Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136. This event is free and open to the public.

ART EXHIBIT

"Inclusive" Join us for a reception at The Hyde Park Library on Saturday, March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an art exhibition of multi-faceted art by individuals from the Menino Arts Center, Blake Estates and other sources. Refreshments will be served. Free to the public. For info call 1-781-812-1129.

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ends. Homework Help mentor trainings provided by Harvard University's Public School Partnerships Team, the developers of SmartTalk, a program that uses research-based tools, strategies, and resources to support students during homework time.

JAMAICA PLAIN

MEETING OF THE MINDS: CURTIS HALL TO HOST BRAIN HEALTH EVENT WITH LOCAL NEUROLOGIST

More than 120,000 people are living with Alzheimer's disease in Massachusetts, a number expected to increase 25 percent by 2025. As the leading nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter welcomes the public to Meeting of the Minds, featuring regular discussions with local Alzheimer's disease and dementia researchers. This free event takes place Thursday, March 15 at Curtis Hall Community Center in Jamaica Plain.

This unique event will offer a discussion in English from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., a Tai Chi instruction for everyone from 11:15 - 11:45 a.m., and a discussion in Spanish from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The discussion, led by Neurologist Joel Salinas, MD, will cover potential strategies for reducing the risk of cognitive decline.

To register for Meeting of the Minds or for more information call 800.272.3900 or visit alzmassnh.org/meeting-of-the-minds/.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS AN ARNOLD ARBORETUM FIELD STUDY GUIDE!

Training for the spring season of school programs at the Arboretum begins March 29. We are looking for outgoing and mature adults who can commit to two years of volunteering. You do not need to know about plants, but experience working with children is preferred. If you are interested, please contact the Manager of Children's Education by March 9 for an interview. Email: childrensed@arnarb.harvard.edu Website: <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/support/volunteer/volunteer-to-be-a-guide/>

WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

WR FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE MARCH 24 COMMUNITY DINNER SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready to have some fun and support a worthy cause! The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place (WRFORP) will hold its 16th annual Spring Community Dinner fund-raiser on March 24.

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. A rep-



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The V90 is unlike any Volvos of the past. The body looks very modern and sleek; even the front grille doesn't look like a Volvo. The rear is rounded while being squared off, if that sounds possible. The V90 has all the creature comforts and all the latest safety features available. The only thing I would like to see different is the addition of control knobs for the audio and heat - the center multifunction touch display does take lots of practice to get used to and understand.

Powered by a 2.0 liter, turbo-charged engine via an automatic transmission, the ride is smooth and quiet at all speeds, pushing 316 instant horsepower - NO turbo lag here. Volvo has been turbo-charging vehicles for 20+ years and has never, to my knowledge, had any issues. The V90 has a low entry for passengers and rear tailgate loading. Fold down the rear seat and there is plenty of storage space. Nineteen-inch non-aggressive tires on alloy wheels are standard.

Volvo was never into creature comforts or high-end audio systems, but that was in the past. The panoramic moon roof and a heated steering wheel are breakouts for this Volvo. The car seats four with comfort. Base price starts in the low \$60s (destination fee: \$995). Popular options such as the Luxury Package for \$4,500 includes Nappa leather, 4-zone heating, heated rear seating, and power cushion extensions; metallic paint: \$595; Cross Country Package: \$1,950; Bowers and Wilkins premium sound system: \$3,500; heads-up display: \$500; 20-inch wheel package: \$500; rear air suspension: \$500. EPA: 22 city, 30 highway MPG. Total price with options: \$69,440. The V90 drives and handles more like a sports car than a multi-purpose wagon. It is assembled in Sweden with a Swedish engine and a transmission from Japan.

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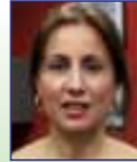
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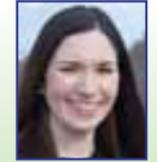
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Edward H. of Norwood, formerly of Hyde Park, Feb. 17, age 85. Beloved husband of the late Theresa (Rossi). Devoted father of Frances Goss of Norwood, Eddie Goss of New Hampshire, Danny Goss of Norwood, and Jimmy Gallagher. Cherished brother of Sandra Drum of Dover, Janet Eliasson of Norwood, and the late Ruth Cucchiella, Viola Ayube, Raymond Jr., Walter, and David. Loving "Puppie" of seven grandchildren and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. Visiting hours was held at the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak St., HYDE PARK. Funeral Services and interment were private at the family's request. Please, in lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to dana-farber.org/friends. For directions and guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home

GREEN

David C. of Hyde Park, age 75, Feb. 20, 2018 after a long illness. Beloved son of Mary Green. A friend to many in the Allston-Brighton real estate community. Memorial service was, in the Magni Funeral Home, 365 Watertown St, NEWTON. In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory can be made to: MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130.

LOMBARDI

Beloved wife of the late Richard F. Loving mother of Richard F. Lombardi and his wife Kathleen of E. Sandwich, Susan M. Lombardi of Hyde Park, Joseph J. Lombardi of So. Easton and Robert M. Lombardi of Hyde Park. Cherished grandmother of Erin M. Cignetti and her husband Jon of Hingham, Meghan A. Mes-

senger and her husband Mark of New York City, Joseph R. Lombardi and his wife Samantha of Foxboro, Ariana F. Lombardi of So. Easton and Giani A. Lombardi, Spec. 4, U.S. Army of Albuquerque, N.M. Great-grandmother of Ella, Joseph, Matthew, Michael, Brendan, Andrew and Jaxson. Funeral Mass at Most Precious Blood Church, Hyde Park, Saturday morning at 10. Visiting hours was at the Alfred D. Thomas Funeral Home, 326 Granite Ave., MILTON. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. For complete obituary and website please see www.alfreddthomas.com

Senior Club News

COMMUNITY SENIORS

The Community Seniors meet the second Tuesday of the month at St. John's parish hall, 4740 Washington St., West Roxbury, at 12:30 p.m. New members welcome to join. For more information, call Phyllis at 617-364-2280

GO-GO SENIORS

Go-Go Seniors Meetings are on the first Tuesday's of every month. We are looking for new membership and our annual membership dues are \$8.00. All are welcome. Meetings located at the Municipal Building on Hyde Park Avenue at noon in Hyde Park.

March 17, Regal Music Theatre. A Play called Little Bit Ireland Located in Waltham, Mass. Departure time: 10:45 a.m. leaving from Shaw's on Hyde Park Ave in Hyde Park, Mass. Cost \$89.00 return will be around 3:30 p.m. Menu: choice of three different menus: Corn Beef and Cabbage, Chicken Supreme with Creamy white sauce and Potatoes and Veggies, Haddock Saint Lorraine with potatoes and veggies the final payment will be on February 19.

March 25-28: Atlantic City, N.J. Four days three nights Cost for Double per person is \$299.00 and Single is \$379.00. The deposit is due as soon as possible of \$50.00. You get a \$40.00

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THE VILLAGERS

The Villagers of Roslindale meet on the first Tuesday of the month in St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 4740 Washington St., West Roxbury. The social hour is from noon to 12:45 p.m. with refreshments. Our Dues are paid annually and are \$10.00 per member. All inquiries, please call our President Diane Grallo @ 617-323-8654 or Jean Parrelli @ 617-325-4695

MIL-PAR

Our next Mil-Par Meeting is scheduled for March 1 and will be a 50/50 meeting.

Tickets for the St. Patrick's Day Party scheduled for March 15 will be sold at this meeting. Please call Sal Ferlito at 617-361-2845 if you are unable to come to the meeting, so that he can order the appropriate number of lunches. Bingo will be played after each meeting if you are interested. Our meetings will continue to be at the Blue Hills Collaborative Center until renovations are completed at St. Pius X Church Hall.

Tuckers Pond continued from page 1

old enough to remember, who shared what they could about it and the estate.

Foppiano pointed out features of his work as it rested on a table, leaning against a wall.

"I tried to get the colors that I thought were there, like a buff color with green shutters and a red roof," he said.

As he spoke, the other members of the Nolan Group, still at their own work, listened in.

"He captured what Hyde Park has always been, with the land that we have," Rosemarie Clinton, MAC Community Liaison and Nolan Group Leader, said. "We've got acres and acres of green land in Hyde Park that is untouched. You can't find that in Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, or any other neighborhood in Boston."

Foppiano estimated that between beginning his research on Tuckers Pond and actually completing the work, he spent about two months on it.

For those interested in seeing Foppiano's watercolor – and other local artists' work – Saturday's opening reception will begin 11:30 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

With only one week remaining in the regular season, the record speaks for itself. The Royals and Raptors have earned the first round byes in the Curran Division, while the Panthers and Riot Squad have emerged as the top teams in the Foley. Fans will not want to miss the playoff preview in next week's regular season finale as these two square off at 9 a.m. at New Mission high school.

Curran Division Results

The youngsters in the Curran Division got to play again in the big (New Mission) gym, as the Muni works to repair a broken batting net draped across the gym floor. Who benefits from more floor space?

Raptors 38– Sonics 31

Timmy Trotman scored 16 points to lead the Raptors past the scrappy Sonics, as every member of the winning team dented the scorebook: Hijjah Allen-Paisley (6), Marven Courtois (6), Barron Langston (5), Jason Keidy (3) and Tatianna Trotman (2). The Sonics gave outstanding effort, with only four players available (school vacation issues). Soujourner Madden-Fulco amazed the crowd, covering two players at once on defense, while Shamilah Bodden (13) and Nathaniel Bodden (12) found the range. Amir Mollineau (6) played point, hit the glass, and gave his all in a losing effort.

Blue Devils 23 – Cowboys 19

Keyona Raines (9) paced the Dukies, who raced to an early lead and then held on to defeat the Cowboys. Waldjeena Dangerville and Casey Idemudia scored 4 points each, and Stephen Omere and Gersmani Rivera also scored for the victors. Stuart Chaban-Griffith (10) had a big game, getting support

from Kahlil Seales (4), Austin Cranmore, Carlos Feliciano, Armani Andujar, and Josiah Banks, but it was not enough on this day.

Royals 39 – 3-Pointers 28

Jaylen Harrell (21) and Gionni Centeio (6) led the Royals past the Treys, getting great help from Sean Lendaro (4), Khile Ralph (4), Jonathan Hernandez and Oscar Torres as Diandre Figueroa led the 'D.' Pierce Edouard (10) early, and Frederick Chandler (10) late kept the Treys in the game, but ran out of gas against a stronger opponent. Devaun Davis (4), Destynee Everett and Chace Ross contributed scoring, while Kamari Parry competed on the boards.

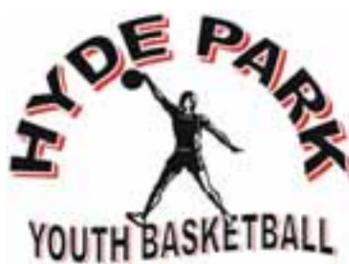
Foley Division Results

With the games set after this week's playing the top 4 slots are still up for grabs. Looking forward to the early games next week there is much to be expected. Teams will get a final week of practice in, and then we are on a whirl wind 10 days to the All-Star game and then championship weekend. And just like that we have gone from October registration to the end of the season in the next few weeks.

We remind the coaches to pick their choices for the All-Star Game, each team can select three players to participate in this fun event. The two additional players will be selected by a coaches' poll. We ideally like to see our senior players get a chance to play in this game when possible. As usual a big thank you goes out to the parents, players, and fans for supporting this season.

Panthers 48 vs. Heat 33

Running a rotation of 4 to 6 players throughout the game, Tre Robinson, Dreamer Danglad, Marvin Egoban did hard work the whole game stretching the floor to get early



Curran Division Standings 2017-2018 Season

	W	L	T
Royals	8	1	0
Raptors	6	2	1
Blue Devils	4	3	2
Sonics	3	4	2
Cowboys	2	6	1
3-Pointers	1	8	0

Foley Division Standings 2017-2018 Season

	W	L	T
Riot Squad	8	1	0
Panthers	8	1	0
3-Pointers	5	4	0
76'ers	4	5	0
Cowboys	2	7	0
Heat	0	9	0

and easy shots. Jahiid Allen-Paisley, Nosa Egoban and Jordan Crawford-Cranmore all rebounded well and paced the game with good offensive sets. Benjamin Pierre, Cameron Evans, and Malik Freeman played outstanding and full court defense that also lead to some break away baskets as the game was closing down. Coach Rodney ordered his troops to get one of the first round byes at the start of the playoffs.

Again this team was missing three of its lead players who had proven to be effective earlier in this season. Coach Wright can't expect his team to be competitive if his players don't buy into the idea that they all need to be at the games in order to even start the process towards a win. Usual warriors showed up, and gave the game all they had in a game that was close at the half. Kervens Charles and Freddy Jackson gave it a hard try as usual. The Roberts (Gant and Tabb) each have the skills to impact a game, but will need to push over the

next 2 weeks to help raise this team. Corey Sam displayed cool moves from the short post all game. Sebastian McCuller is always a shot or two away from breaking a game open.

3-Pointers 44 vs. 76'ERS 31

With a power week of practice not available to them, the 3 Pointers decided that if each player scored in the game it would be a win. They were right, each player scored for Coach Winston's team and played a tougher defense this week that held a high scoring team down in the points column. Only committing a few fouls each half, the team played well. Nat Cozier and Alder Lara rebounded well. Max Velez, Jaaziel Ramos and Chris Sillice played both ends of the court well. Senior leadership was provided by Alex Sillice and Anthony Consalvo with both points and passes. With one week to go Coach Winston's crew is planning for a long run into the playoffs.

In their own version of the Magnificent 7 the 76ers can be listed as one of the hardest working teams this season. Coach Corbin was trying to get some players to work closer to the hoop and cut to the open spots. Inside play by both Andrew Hiliano and Isaiah Robinson almost lasted long enough to make the game closer at the end. Again slick ball handling by Jay Jackson, and even more impressive inside dribble work by Makyle Hayes caught the defense off guard for easy baskets many times. This week Danny McDonough played the wing defense really well and hit a long bomb late to try to start a comeback within the last 2 minutes. Hard workers Nick Hinds, and Abel Marrero-Lara even got into the scoring to

push the final score.

Riot Sq. 53 vs. Cowboys 46

We're not sure if this was a stress test before next week's important game, but the Riot Squad was playing in a very hard game. Down by 10 points at the start of the fourth period this team pushed the gas pedal to overcome this short fall and then some. In the highest scoring single period of the season, the team scored 22 points against a hard defense, which playing tough defense on its own. 7 of 10 players scored in this contest forcing the other team to pick and choose where to try to stop the play. Justin and Jordan Elow matched up well at both ends. Isaiah Figueroa and Cory Cunniff pushed their way on defense. Jeremy Gonzales, Devon Marshall, Kymani Fleurme, Jovanny Martinez and Jameer Wallace provided the big fire power late.

Coach having put his team thru its paces for the last three weeks with new personnel, the Cowboys almost pulled off a great win for the second week in a row. 6 of 7 men scored in this game and all played tough defense but ran out of gas at the end of the period. Kwest Deloney and buddy Malachi Bodden played well again. Chris Martinez and Jose Zayas almost made a grab of this one and just needed a few more baskets. Three musketeers Jaymar Guirado, Michael Pimental, and Akil Grubbs put in enough effort for the win, but will make sure the next team knows that they are going to be in for a hard fight. Coach Jose has some plans for the season finale, we're sure.

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In addition, we are very fortunate to have a wonderful evening of music thanks to MCO Productions in Brighton.

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. More information on how to purchase tickets will follow in the weeks ahead.

The WRFORP is a non-profit all volunteer organization. We are so fortunate to have so many loyal supporters. We look forward to having you join us on March 24th for a good time for a worthwhile cause.

WEST ROXBURY UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 6: West Roxbury Women's Network 9:30-11 a.m. @ Health Express (77 Spring St./Star Plaza)

May 17: Taste of West Roxbury 6 p.m. @ Irish Social Club

PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2018 season. Games begin in April. There will be two 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 40th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2003 and Dec. 31, 2013 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2000 and 2002 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.

ROSLINDALE GREEN & CLEAN: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF IMAGES FROM KEW GARDENS

Roslindale Green & Clean, the organization that maintains several of the green spaces around Roslindale Square, is sponsoring an Armchair Gardening session on Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at Roslindale House at 120 Poplar St. The event, which we call "a breath of spring at the end of winter," is a presentation and discussion of images from Kew Gardens and from Sissinghurst Castle (both in England), and the Fenway Victory Garden. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information - rgc.plantsale@gmail.com

A READING BY EMILY SWEENEY, AUTHOR OF GANGLAND BOSTON

The Friends of the West Roxbury library is hosting an author reading by Emily Sweeney, author of *Gangland Boston*, on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Roxbury Branch Library.

Gangsters have played a shady role in shaping Greater Boston's history. Authored by Boston Globe reporter Emily Sweeney and packed with photos, *Gangland Boston* reveals the hidden history of these places, bringing readers back in time to when the North

End was wrought with gun violence, Hanover Street was known as a "shooting gallery," and guys named King Solomon, Beano Breen, and Mickey the Wiseguy ruled the underworld. Books will be available for sale and signing. Light refreshments will be served.

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The American Modern Opera Company (AMOC): The American Modern Opera Company (AMOC)—an ensemble of singers, dancers, and instrumentalists—invites the Ed Portal community to share an evening of music, dance, and creation. Join them as they work to reimaging the experience of opera from conception to performance. The Event takes place on Friday, March 2, 2018, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Also, be sure you don't miss the AMOC's Open Rehearsals: March 2, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., March 2, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. located at Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave.,

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* Navigating Your Career: Are you feeling lost in your career or unsure about your career future? This workshop, facilitated by Jane McHale, will help you plan your career strategies and set clear goals—one step at a time. Participants will gain a better understanding of where they are in their career, learn the four stages of career planning, and work on the next steps towards achieving their career goals.

This session serves as an introduction to the Workforce Development offerings at the Harvard Portal and will be a guide for choosing the programs that fit your needs.

Jane McHale has been a leader in the field of career development in Boston and is a long-time Brighton resident and advocate. Her business, Jane McHale - Career Services, is well known for helping professionals achieve both career success and personal satisfaction. Please join us on Thursday, March 1, 2018, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Three exhibit guests seem to be enjoying themselves as one of Jerry Joseph's "Rich Bumz" holds a cardboard sign reading, "My gold chain in exchange for your happiness."

tion can easily be seen: a huddled homeless woman covered in a flowing red blanket and wearing turquoise jewelry; a grim looking man with an ostentatious gold chain around his neck holding a sign offering it in exchange for "your happiness;" a street bum sitting on the pavement and frowning, while drinking cheap wine and wearing new Nikes.

As Joseph described it, he would photograph street people on his phone and then use his imagination to alter aspects of it and create the paintings.

"The woman in the red blanket and jewelry was just a Caucasian woman, and I liked her gesture, and she had, like, a blue thing on, and I just changed the values, and I changed it completely," Joseph said.

Joseph discreetly showed the photo that the painting of the man holding the sign is based on. It's similar, except that there's no gold chain and cardboard sign.

The man in the Nikes, Joseph made clear, was not, in fact, the one who inspired it all.

"I'm actually really mad at this guy," he explained, and didn't photograph and paint him for the Rich Bumz project.

A homeless person sleeping in a park holds a half-crumpled piece of paper in his hand on which is written "Arrest the 1 percent."

"They're the ones that are causing this super consumerism frenzy addiction," Joseph said. "They're at the root of it. And the more you know, the more you know that the enterprises are causing these consumer zombies."

Joseph walks over to a nearby painting – the only one of the six created earlier, back in 2012 – of Michael Jordan in a suit holding one of his sneakers as the unformed masses struggle for it below him.

"This is what you become: at your lowest level of consumerism, you're at the Jordan thing, fighting for, like, an iPhone," he said.

The painting is dark in color and

mood, with Jordan looking away from what's going on below him.

"Everybody's telling me, 'Sell this to Michael Jordan! He would love it!' I know he wouldn't," Joseph said.

Held at the Market studio at 169 Norfolk Ave. in Roxbury, the show was sponsored by Art Plug.

"Art Plug is, basically, a platform to support local artists who might not have had the chance to go to school, but they need support and they need to know that they can get money creating art and they don't have to work for somebody else," co-curator Jamilah Unique explained.

In doing this, Art Plug leases space at the Market and rents out small, individual studios and workshops while trying out – with Joseph's show – the idea of using the open common area as a gallery.

Art Plug also operates out of the Inner Sanctum on Palmer Street in Dudley Square.

"Rich Bumz" marks the second solo show that Art Plug has held in its two years in existence. The first was a fashion show. Prior to that, it had concentrated on group shows, with the largest featuring 50 artists and drawing 600 guests.

"We're just working off the strength of our arts," Unique said. "This thing has kind of grown, and now we're like, 'What are we going to do now?'"

At the evening's peak, "Rich Bumz" has a comfortably full crowd of between 40 and 50 people circulating around the room from painting to painting as Joseph floats from guest to guest to greet them and share pleasantries.

The food is provided by Ed Petit, a childhood friend of Joseph and a chef at the Oasis Cafe at 630 Hyde Park Ave., a position which he makes clear wouldn't have been his without Joseph's help.

Later, when the food is gone and the crowd has thinned, Chef Ed and another one of Joseph's

old friend's, Rafael Moreno, take a walk around the gallery space to have a look at their friend's work.

Moreno comments on Joseph's deep background in animation and his decision to leave the Art Institute of Boston to independently focus on his work and immerse himself in the local art community.

Standing in front of a painting of an Asian man eating in front of a storefront, his reflection, previously unseen in earlier viewings, is noticed for the first time in the glass.

Chef Ed asks that this be written down as further testament to his friend's gifts as an artist.

To be rich is...

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Results of Performance Parking Pilot announced

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the results of the City of Boston's year-long performance parking pilot in the Back Bay and Seaport neighborhoods. The parking pilot, which adjusted parking meter rates in order to reduce congestion, increase roadway safety and make finding an on-street parking spot easier for drivers, was proven to open up more parking spaces for residents and business customers, and reduce congestion caused by illegal parking.

In the Back Bay, there was an 11 percent increase in available metered spaces, and a 14 percent decrease in double parking. In the Seaport, there was a one percent increase in parking availability, and a substantial decrease in illegal parking. The

performance parking pilot also increased parking availability for neighborhood residents, as illegal parking in a resident spot declined by 12 percent in the Back Bay and by 35 percent in the Seaport.

"Our goal in Boston is to create streets that work for everyone — whether you walk, bike, take public transportation or drive in our city," said Mayor Walsh. "Creating equitable, accessible streets is a key goal of our long-term transportation plan, Go Boston 2030."

"The performance parking pilot program has proven to be an effective tool to reduce congestion, improve safety, and open up more parking in our busiest neighborhoods," said Boston Transportation Depart-

ment Commissioner Gina N. Fiandaca. "This program makes better use of our limited curbspace and helps our businesses thrive by making sure drivers can easily find a spot and that pedestrians and cyclists are not adversely impacted by double parking."

The Performance Parking pilot tested two approaches to parking management through the 2017 calendar year. In the Back Bay, the City priced the entire neighborhood at \$3.75 per hour for the whole year. In the Seaport, the City priced each block independently and changed the price every two months based on the number of available spaces. If on average no spaces were available, the price would in-

crease slightly, or decrease if too many spaces were open.

This pilot marked the first time meter prices have been adjusted in Boston since 2011, when they were raised to \$1.25 per hour.

Over the course of the pilot, the data collected revealed that the approach taken in the Back Bay was more successful at opening parking spaces and reducing congestion. All additional revenue as a result of the program will be reinvested into street, sidewalk, and transportation infrastructure projects in those neighborhoods and around the City.

With results of the pilot now available, the Boston Transportation Department will analyze the results and determine

whether the program should be expanded to other parking meters throughout Boston. Parking meters are currently located in the Back Bay, South Boston, Downtown, South End, North End, Fenway, Allston, Cleveland Circle, Charlestown, and Longwood neighborhoods. As the results are analyzed, the pilot will continue in Back Bay and the Seaport.

The Performance Parking pilot was a collaboration between the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics (MONUM), and the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to study the relationship between parking price and demand for parking. More details are available on boston.gov.

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