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Community members express anger with proposed housing



Community members said Hyde Park is becoming over developed and met to discuss ways to stop it.

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Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

A community meeting, “New Hope for Hyde Park,” was held at New Hope Baptist Church on Feb. 13.

The meeting was led by Michael Gerard King, President of the Hyde Park Historical Society, Pastor Kenneth Simms, and State Rep. Angelo Scaccia.

The agenda included community-controlled development, gentrification displacement, homelessness, substance abuse, and Hyde Park beautification. Scaccia noted that a lot of these topics are interrelated.

“Gentrification displacement can cause homelessness, homelessness can cause substance abuse and substance abuse can cause homelessness,” he explained.

King brought up the subject of a proposed 350-plus unit project in Hyde Park that was discussed at another community meeting. He described it as the “Manhattanization” of Hyde Park.

“Twenty years ago, Hyde Park was Boston’s best kept secret. We’ve been discovered, even though we didn’t want to

Anger

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Council wants to question city’s investment with MBTA

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council called for a meeting last week to discuss the city’s payments to the organization and why, councilors say, the city is not seeing much in the way of a return on its investment.

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu called for the hearing, citing the payment the city makes to the transit authority, which has been plagued with delays, dead trains and a huge budget deficit (about \$111 million assessed as of the date

of publication).

“Every year, the City of Boston pays around \$85 million to the MBTA. This is a payment made on the behalf of all residents from the city coming from our taxpayer dollars of every neighborhood, and yet the service that our residents are getting is not at the level they deserve,” she said. “Our residents are not being served equitably across the City of Boston.”

Many residents and many city councilors have railed on the MBTA in the past about the

Investment

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Channing School celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.



Boston Mayor Marty Walsh joined dozens of students on Feb. 15 at the Channing School in Hyde Park to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Walsh, along with Boston Public School Superintendent Thomas Chang and School Communications Chief Robbie Consalvo also joined in. “This morning at the Channing School in Hyde Park, students shared their message of peace, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,” Walsh said of the event. “What a message we need to hear at this time. Thank you to our students and teachers for your hard work to make this celebration possible.”

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Reservation Road Park Renovation meeting No. 2 draws mainly skateboarders

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Boston Parks & Recreation held its second community meeting for the Reservation Road Park Renovation at the Hyde Park Municipal Building/Community Center on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The Park, which is at the end of Reservation Road between Business Street and Hyde Park Avenue, is scheduled to undergo a complete renovation funded by \$3.2 million from the City of Boston and \$300,000 from a land and water conservation fund grant from the National Park Service.

It contains a synthetic surface athletic field, a skateboard park and a natural area bordering Mother Brook, as well as a parking lot that is currently being used as a snow dumping area.

The project was scheduled to start in the fall, but due to the city capital budget process and its spending deadlines, the Phase 1 athletic field renovation and parking lot



A rendering of the Reservation Road Park. The skate park centers the diagram, with the athletic field to its right. The natural area on the opposite side of the road shows proposed pathways, as well as boardwalks and overlooks leading to Mother Brook.

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repair (which requires the least amount of community feedback permitting) will begin in the spring, and is scheduled for completion in the summer.

Phase 2 – the skate park, natural areas, and parking – will begin in the fall and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2019.

Landscape Architect Kevin Beuttell of Stantec, the

design firm handling the project, outlined some of Stantec’s ideas for the Park.

“We’re thinking about strengthening a perimeter pathway system,” he said of the notion to create a loop that goes around the Park and improves walking opportunities in it. “We want to have

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**Larry Adams: at home with
the BHCHP**

This June 1, Hyde Park resident Larry Adams will be the sole recipient of the Joseph M. Smith Board Member Award at the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers’ (MLCHC) Annual Gala.

Each year, the League recognizes a handful of health center employees and other health care leaders for their outstanding service to patients, communities, and the health center network-at-large.

In naming Adams for his award, the League commended him for demonstrating “a distinctive level of leadership, ombudsmanship, and advocacy” and – in accepting his award at the Westin Copley Place, he will represent the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) at 780 Albany St.

Copley Place and Jean Yawkey Place (the official name of the building at 780 Albany St.) aren’t all that great a physical distance apart from each other, but in most other measurements that distance expands.

Sitting with Adams and BHCHP Media Coordinator Vicki Rittenband in the large, busy lobby of the Albany Street site, there’s constant activity, as visitors utilize the many services – from medical, to dental, to optical, to counseling, to respite care; the list goes on – that are available there while, outside, the homeless either linger around its main entrance or drift in patterns to the corner of Mass Avenue.

“My job is, I look out for 12,500 of these people right now.”

Adams is sitting heavily in



BHCHP Consumer Advisory Board member Larry Adams will receive the Joseph M. Smith Award this coming June.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

his wheelchair as Rittenband explains that this is the numbers of patients the BHCHP cares for in a year, before adjusting the number to around 11,000.

Adams continues, “But anyway, that’s what I figure my job is. If they can get anything from what I’m saying – and just hold it and think about it – it might make it a whole lot easier on them.”

Adams has served on the BHCHP’s Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) – a body he helped to create – for the past 20 years and has served on its Board of Directors for the past five or six.

In so doing, Adams has continuously advocated – and continues to advocate – for the homeless not only in the Program, but throughout the city, as well.

It’s something he can relate to because – for a long time – he walked the same figurative and literal paths as those around him. “I was on the streets in Kenmore Square, sleeping up under the bridge and in the doorways of the banks for about 11 years.”

Wanting to “run with the big dogs,” Adams made his way into criminal activities for which he ran off a lengthy list of stretches – both in and out of state – that he did before ending up under that bridge.

As fate would have it, Adams’ fortunes would run with the creation of the BHCHP.

Homeless, sick, and suicidal, it was a chance encounter with Barbara McInnis – the nurse most associated with the Pine Street Inn – that brought Adams to the BHCHP’s fledgling medical respite facility in Jamaica Plain. “She stopped me from jumping on the tracks.”

Adams gestures upwards as Rittenband explains that the medical respite facility (a 104-bed operation) is located upstairs – on the 3rd and 4th floors – and is now known as the Barbara McInnis House.

Adams’ connection to the BHCHP – and its staff – grew to the point that he came to consider it his safe haven. “If I

don’t feel safe out there, I’ll come here. If I don’t feel safe in the house, I’ll come here.”

Adams isn’t homeless anymore. He’s been living in an apartment in Hyde Park for the past six years.

“When I first got there, it was hard.” It was difficult to adjust to having things (he was unable to get any sound out of the TV and the stereo) and to being alone in a strange new environment. He would turn the lights out and sit in the dark for hours. “That’s when my psychiatrist said I was isolating myself.”

In his capacity as an advocate for the homeless, Adams helped to put together a short YouTube video designed as a note of caution to those homeless receiving housing. “The video was made to say: when you get a place, be happy. But don’t be so happy. That’s when your problems are beginning.”

Over his 20 years on the CAB, Adams described his and its role as that of a watchdog that also engages in outreach to the homeless community-at-large through health fairs, newsletters, and other means.

Rittenband went a little further. “They play a really big part in determining how we do things here. We look to them to make sure that we’re being responsive to our patients. They keep us honest.”

She brought up the example of the development of the SPOT (Supportive Place for Observation and Treatment) clinic – designed to help opioid users – as an example. “When we were trying to figure out how to run such a program, we turned to the CAB to give us advice on what would work.”

Asked about the award he’ll be receiving in June for the work that a good part of his life has prepared him for, Adams chuckled, “I don’t know. I’ll find out when I get there.”

Asked about what he sees for himself in the future, he’s a little more serious:

“Doing what I’m doing now.”

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East River Street: a developing story

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The East River Street Neighborhood Association (ERNA) gathered on Monday, Feb. 12 at the District E-18 Police Station.

The theme throughout was real estate development,

appeared before this Association, he had floated the idea of a Burger King coming on as a tenant. After reaching an agreement with the fast food chain and going through the Boston Planning and Development Agency, the plan is for construction to begin sometime in April with an es-

timated completion date of sometime in July.

At the same time, the plan is to also break ground on what he identified as Building D, which will house Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Jackson Hewett Tax Service, and a couple of other tenants. The estimated construction time will be approximately seven months.

Finard also spent some time talking about the Boiler Building (the one with the large smokestack). Over the past five or six years, a brewery, a restaurant, and other ideas were entertained for it, and he spoke of his current talks with Olrie Roberts of ZAZ to open a restaurant in the space “with some other goodies to it.”

“That building, to me, is sort of the centerpiece of the whole site... It’s a really cool opportunity to reinvigorate a part of what was the paper mill,” he said.



Attorney Derric Small (bald black man) and architect Matt Mueller (bald white man) look on as an East River Street area resident makes a point about the developments proposed for 59 Blake St. and 91 Radcliffe St. Developer Chris Sweeney, stands in the lower right corner of the photo. Photo By Matt MacDonald

timated completion date of

from small to medium to large. The first presentation of the evening fell into the medium category, as developer Robert Burk and architect David O’Sullivan, President of O’Sullivan Architects outlined the property located at 4-8 Tileston St. (at the corner of River Street) with diagrams and blueprints of the development.

The new building is three story mixed use with 14 residential units (12 two-bedrooms, two one-bedrooms) and two ground level commercial/retail spaces of approximately 1,500 square feet apiece fronting River Street.

The exterior of the building is clapboard, with a masonry base, and has 20 parking spots located underneath the structure.

As the project stands now, the building is complete, but the concrete in front still needs to be broken up and repaved in order for an occupancy permit to be granted.

Burk also informed the group that the building located at 805 River St. would be coming down as soon as the Boston Water & Sewer Commission grants permission to the contractor to cut the street and cap the water and sewer line to the building.

Stepping up to the front of the room after Burk and O’Sullivan had finished, Todd Finard, developer/owner of The Shops at Riverwood, updated the ERNA on “leasing advancements” regarding the site, the largest real estate development on the evening’s agenda.

When Finard had last ap-

peared before this Association,

that you think is a phenomenal idea that I’m missing out on, or who we should be talking to, I’m all ears,” he said on his way out.

The smallest real estate development drew the greatest amount of resistance. Attorney Derric Small and architect Matt Mueller stood before diagrams of two side-by-side developments to be built in vacant lots owned by East River

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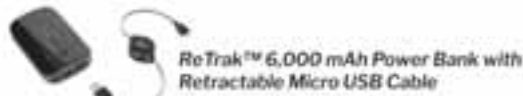
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Editorial

WRONG TARGETS

Once again, we face a tragic school shooting. In this case, 17 teenagers and teachers were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

The shooting illustrates everything wrong with America, and not because of guns or the Second Amendment.

It is certainly expected that students who survived the massacre would fight for tougher gun regulations and background screening. Is it the right fight to engage? Will it accomplish anything? Maybe, maybe not. The crusade, however, is completely understandable and there is a glimmer of hope that there will be a constructive dialog.

And yet, the shootings have brought out the worst in people. On Twitter a photo of kids crying was met with the snarky response that it was the worst day since their parents told them to get a job. Another tweet: Adults 1; Kids 0.

Even without seeking it out, we are once again hearing from conservative conspiracy theorists that the whole affair was a hoax, a false flag populated by "crisis actors."

Another goon, seizing upon pre-interview jitters, blamed a student for rehearsing what he wanted to say, as though getting your thoughts together is proof of a conspiracy. One of the students, a future journalist, was roundly categorized as fake news. And, of course, George Soros is blamed for financing the whole charade.

We are by no means fluffy liberals. It is becoming apparent, however, that the conservative ideology needs to once again become the Republican ideology. The current administration is doing nothing to reign in spending, and the true believers lose a piece of their soul everyday. You can support the Second Amendment without attacking young victims and spreading lies. But these fools, and there are more than you think, don't comprehend that.

A fitting tribute from a hero

Tom Brokaw broke new ground when he authored a book called, "The Greatest Generation."

The book focused on Americans serving in World War II. It was not just the various medal recipients he spoke of, but the average GI.

The book details how a number of soldiers in World War II, reacting to the carnage of Pearl Harbor, lied about their age so that they could sign up for the draft. Also revealed are the hardships and valor of so many teenagers, as well as those of older guys, serving between 1941 and 1945.

When Vietnam came around, there was minimal, if any, lying about one's age to qualify for the military. Because of various reasons, teenagers were less motivated to serve in the military to defend a foreign country. The local draft boards in East Boston, Hyde Park, Roslindale, and other Boston neighborhoods, filled their quotas with teens not attending college; the draft boards in Westwood, West Roxbury, and Weston probably had a more difficult time of filling their quotas.

In the recent Ken Burns/Lynn Novick epic about Vietnam there is a wonderful statement - I know it's in the book but am not sure about the television series - made by an Army veteran, Vincent Okamoto from California, as he remembered the infantry company he led in Vietnam in 1968:

"Nineteen, twenty-year-old high school dropouts that come



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from the lowest socioeconomic rung of American society... they didn't have the escape routes that the elite and the wealthy and the privileged had... but to see these kids, who had the least to gain... they weren't going be rewarded for their service to Vietnam. And yet their infinite patience, their loyalty to each other, their courage under fire, was just phenomenal. And you would ask yourself: how does America produce young men like this?"

Okamoto received the Distinguished Service Cross for his valor and loyalty to his teenagers and older guys in his company. Later on, he became a Superior Court Judge and never recanted his thoughts about American youth of the '60s.

The youngest of 10 children and the seventh of seven sons, Okamoto was born during World War II after his family, along with 120,000 others of

Japanese descent, were relocated from the west coast to the Poston, Ariz. War Relocation Center. According to him, parents and elders there never passed on a sense of anger, disappointment, or bitterness to their children and grandchildren. As a consequence, the Japanese American soldiers who were finally permitted into the military during World War II were all grouped into the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which collectively became the most highly-decorated unit in the annals of American military history.

Okamoto eventually went on to college, where he joined ROTC and was commissioned as a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant. Motivated by his older brothers, Okamoto volunteered for Vietnam in the late 1960s.

In a terrible firefight, Okamoto led most of his company to safety because of his heroic acts. The leader of "The Wolfhound Battalion" would receive 13 service medals - in addition to his Distinguished Service Cross - a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts.

As a guy who risked his own life to serve his country and to save members of his platoon, he is an inspiration to all of us. And as leader who spoke so highly of his comrades in arms, he crafted a statement worth recalling when we old-timers begin questioning the commitment of prior generations from the likes of Jamaica Plain High School, Roslindale High, Roxbury Memorial, and Boston Trade.

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Letters to the Editor

GAMING THE SYSTEM

To the Editor:

As someone who grew up poor and working class in Boston's South End and Lower Roxbury, I can remember hard times my family would experience time to time. The same was true for many childhood friends. We all struggled through our young lives but we did learn to survive. Eventually, things would get better for us, but you always remember what it felt like growing up and accepting help so reluctantly from others.

As I read the editorial (Food for Thought), I have often become angry watching others in the supermarket check-out line scam and game the system set up to help them.

Whatever happened to self-pride, I would say to myself. What kind of people do this? How desperate are these

people? When food stamps were turned into EBT cards and ATM machines, the crop of bad players only seem to metastasize.

The entitlement programs in government budgets continue to grow out of whack and becoming a bigger and bigger chunk of the entire budget. We are told it is untouchable. We can't cut it.

Today, as a taxpayer who pays his taxes, I don't mind helping those in need, but I think we need to cut waste and cut out the gamers. We created a system that depends on basic honesty and it hasn't worked out that well. Like Diogene, I can't find too much honesty with my lamp.

Wouldn't it be nice if instead of going to a supermarket to use EBT cards, folks had to go to food pantries? If folks can go to food pantries for free food, why not let folks also go there with EBT cards

for weekly shopping needs too?

I don't want to see the poor treated like second class citizens. I remember how that felt to me as a kid at the few times we sought help during my childhood. I never wanted anything for nothing. It felt a little demeaning. Today, wouldn't it be nice if that attitude still existed but instead all we seemingly get is more entitled people seeking their entitlements. I would rather go hungry than become an entitled person getting pleasure out of gaming a system set up to help them and so many others truly in need.

I never feel guilty when I see gamers at the supermarket kissing their EBT cards. I feel angry. Another great government program that hurts more than it helps too many.

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Neponset River Greenway Council pushes for improved signage

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Neither rain nor frozen slush could keep Neponset River Greenway Council (NRGC) chair and long-time environmental advocate Jessica Mink from attending the council's Hyde Park meeting – by riding her bicycle, sopping wet.

The meeting, held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, was attended by nine of the NRGC 15 members. Members primarily come from Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester and Milton. Monthly meetings rotate among these communities on the first Wednesday.

Stella Lensing, project manager from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), updated the NRGC on progress of establishing wayfinding signs up the trails in Hyde Park.

“We need wayfinding signs for the trails,” she said. “We can put up interpretive signs now with pictures for that section of the trail. We can do it for as far as the money can go.”

Lensing said she could not give an estimate to the cost of the project because it would have to be put out to bid. Interpretive signs would include pictures of fish with slashes through them so that people of all languages could understand not to fish there until multilingual signs could be funded.

Signage would be included in the FY 2019 budget, according to Lensing. Potentially, sections of Mattapan up to Central Avenue in Milton could be incorporated in the budget.

“Whatever the signage is, we need to have signs that say, ‘Don’t eat the fish you’ve caught,’” said Vivien Morris of Mattapan.

“I see a lot of people fishing there,” said Lee Tong of Milton. “There should be a catch and release posting. The water is contaminated because of all of the pollution.”

“We can put up the pictograms for now,” said Lensing, noting that she would find out the design standards. “I have gone through the Southwest Boston CDC as well. We need to see how to go about it.”

She added that she would address the issue with the Conservation Commission to make sure that everyone was “in sync.”

Tong has been volunteering to monitor parking in the bike lanes from Fairmount Avenue to Dana Avenue, an ongoing issue for the group.

“Once I saw 30 cars park there,” he said. “Now there have been three or so regularly. But it is the winter, so it may pick up when the weather gets better.”

Establishing a connecting trail to Paul’s Bridge was Hyde Park’s other major concern and part of the master plan.

“The trail ends at the Neponset Valley Parkway at Paul’s Bridge, which connects Milton and Readville,” said Mink, a Roslindale resident,

Mink described how Charles Eliot, who designed the Boston Metropolitan Park System, had a vision of connecting the Mystic, Neponset and Charles Rivers with a park system.

“He had a plan for connect-

ing the Blue Hills to Hyde Park and Dedham,” she said. “It would be really historic to be able to do that. And right now, the city is working on a memorial for him on the Esplanade. It would be great to have a physical connection like he wanted.”

The group also asked about the presence of regional maps and informational kiosks.

“The kiosks are a good idea,” said Norma Lawrence of Mattapan. “But who is going to have access to them? Who decides what gets posted there? Would they be open to us having a master key? Some of the flyers have been up there for a while.”

Lensing said she would check with the DCR to see if the group could possess a master key to post community listings.

Mink raised the issue of the NRGC becoming an official 501c3 nonprofit. The group, in various forms, has been in existence for about 26 years. Several members have participated in the group for its duration, with about 200 on the mailing list.

“I am going downtown tomorrow to reserve our name as a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation,” said John Lyons of Hyde Park. “That will give us the appearance of being more official.”

The DCR is also planning to hold a grand celebration to open the Neponset Valley Greenway, according to Lensing. She and group members discussed arranging a date that would not conflict with their festivities. They also wanted to take into consideration the best time for herbicide application and germination of the Robert F. Ryan Play Area in Dorchester.

On a personal note, Mink noted that she recently attended a conference on climate change at the American Meteorological Society in Austin, Texas.

“One of the problems is that air is not symmetrical,” she said. “A lot of the problems we have with weather forecasting have to do with under predicting and over predicting. We need to have a whole lot of additional sensors in New England.”

There will be another national science march in Washington, D.C. on April 14, which Mink said she plans to attend.

The next meeting will be held on March 7 at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club in Dorchester.

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Blue Hills Bank Foundation supports HP 150 Celebration with \$100,000 donation

Hyde Park is celebrating its 150th Anniversary and Blue Hills Bank is bringing the cake! With a \$100,000 donation from the Blue Hills Bank Foundation and the commitment of some dedicated Hyde Parkers, HP150 promises to be a year-long celebration of Hyde Park's history, vibrancy and pride.

Spearheaded by volunteer co-chairs Scott Smith and Michelle Consalvo, along with more than 100 volunteers, the HP150 Steering Committee is planning a year-long celebration with four main events: a Founder's Day Celebration on April 21 at the George Wright Golf Course, a Family Fun Festival on June 9 at Kelly Field, an "I Remember When" Senior Citizen event at Blue Hill Collaborative on June 13, and a Festival in the Streets (21+) on June 16 in Logan Square.

"Scott and I began talking about a potential 150th celebration years ago," recalls Consalvo. "The enthusiasm for the idea grew as we started planning it. This is a huge endeavor that is only possible with the support of volunteers and, of course, the generous donation from the

Blue Hills Bank Foundation. Hyde Park is fortunate to have a true community bank partner with us on this significant milestone."

"Hyde Park is part of the DNA of Blue Hills Bank," comments president and CEO of Blue Hills Bank, William M. Parent. "Our main office has been in the center of Logan Square since 1871 and dozens of our employees are Hyde Park residents. We are thrilled to be able to support this year-long, community-wide celebration and are proud to be Hyde Park's community

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Blue Hills Bank and the Blue Hills Bank Foundation have donated more than \$1 million dollars annually to local nonprofits through grants and sponsorships over the last four years. The Menino YMCA, Hyde Park Main Streets, Riverside Theatre Works, Hyde Park Art Association/Menino Arts Center and the Hyde Park Emergency Food Pantry are just a few of the Hyde Park organizations that have benefited from the bank and foundation's philanthropic efforts.



Proposed Airbnb short term rental ordinance reviewed



Residents are concerned on the number of short-term rental units owned by investors who do not have long-term residents in entire buildings.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City council met last week to discuss a new ordinance proposed by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh concerning short-term housing rentals.

Short-term rentals, most notably known through the online company Airbnb, allow homeowners or renters to rent out rooms in their homes to

earn a little money on the side. Or that was the idea for the new contract economy. It has now turned into a corporate business, with investors and property owners clearing out buildings of long-term renters to accommodate short-term renter demand.

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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.

The Job Fair will feature:

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.

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 Feb. 24, 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.

HYDE PARK

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 Sat. 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.

SHAW PONG LIU : EXPLORING CHINA

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TEENANIME CLUB

Join us for current favorites and other classic titles streaming online. We can also watch feature length films. There are hundreds of titles online so come and chose what you want! Bring your favorite snacks and enjoy the show with other friendly Otaku. The event takes place on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. located at Menino Hall Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

HATS OFF TO AFRICANTALES

Join us as we explore some popular African folktales passed down through the generations from traditional storytellers who wore a decorated hat. Children will listen to a modern version of a trickster and pourquoi tale and create their own paper storytellers hat. The event takes place on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

JEAN SCHWARTZ : FOLK MUSIC & KIDS' SONGS

Jean Schwartz loves to sing for and with children and their families. This event is Free and open to the Public.

With her guitar and musical toys she brings to her audiences traditional folk and silly songs, and an occasional original. Her audiences are always encouraged to participate, whether singing along or shaking out their sillies. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Library. The event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

FREE DROP-IN HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library locations offer free after-school homework help and mentorship provided by trained, high-achieving high school students. Homework Help is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., Sept. 18 through May 24. Open to students in grades K-8. No registration is required. Program is not available on Boston Public School holidays, early-release days, or long weekends. 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.

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9 for an interview. Email: childrens@arnarb.harvard.edu Website: <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/support/volunteer/volunteer-to-be-a-guide/>

WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM LETTERS FOR FLORIDA:

In response to the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., St. John Chrysostom Parish will be sending letters of support and prayers to the families and staff at the school. We will have letter writing stations set up in our "Annex Room." We invite people of all faiths in the community to either drop off a note to the parish office open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. this week or come by and write a note at our writing station.

LENTEN SUPPER

On Friday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Parish, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury will host a simple supper. Tickets are \$5 a person at the door. Children under 10 are free. All are welcome. The speaker for the evening is Marina McCoy, PhD. She is on the faculty of Boston College and will speak on "Finding Balance in a Busy Life: Learning from Martha and Mary."

WEST ROXBURY UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Feb. 27 - West Roxbury Main Streets Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ West on Centre

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

May 7- Taste of West Roxbury 6 p.m. @ Irish Social Club

ROSLINDALE GREEN & CLEAN: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF IMAGES FROM THE BILTMORE GARDEN

Roslindale Green & Clean, the organization that maintains several of the green spaces around Roslindale Square, is sponsoring an Armchair Gardening session on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at Roslindale House at 120 Poplar St. The event, which we call "a breath of spring in the middle of winter," is a presentation and discussion of images from the Biltmore Garden in Asheville, N.C. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information - rgc.plantsale@gmail.com

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.

COFFEE HOURS WITH COUNCILOR O'MALLEY

O'Malley Announces February 2018 District Office Hours Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley holds his office hours at different locations in the district each month. Councilor O'Malley's February district office hours will be held on Friday, Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Harry's All American on 1420 Centre St. in Roslindale. Councilor O'Malley's City Hall office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. To reach Councilor O'Malley's office, call (617) 635-4220.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S PARISH NOTICES

St. John Chrysostom's Parish at 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury will begin its annual

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Fairmount Line, which serves lower income neighborhoods. The line was originally supposed to be a rapid transit line, like the Orange or Red Lines, but since it is run with Commuter Rail trains this is simply not the case. Combined with the fact the MBTA seems to undervalue and underestimate the line's ridership, many in the city see it as a failed promise.

Perhaps ironically, the Fairmount Line was a part of the Big Dig deal the city made with the state, which required the MBTA to fund the endeavor. Much of the maintenance money set aside for the betterment of the MBTA at the time of the Big Dig was used to cover cost overruns of the project, of which there were billions (from \$2.6 billion at the beginning to nearly \$15 billion – \$24 billion, counting interest on the debt).

Wu said they want to talk to the MBTA about increasing service and possibly lower fares to increase ridership along all lines; for instance, changing the Commuter Rail Zone Fare system, which charges many Boston residents more depending on where they live.

"Lowering the fares for them would mean that more people would ride and the system would benefit overall. More would be on the commuter rail instead of driving cars, traffic would be better, the Orange Line would be less crowded. However, on Monday the MBTA Board met and floated the idea of increasing fares yet again next fiscal year," she said. "We all know that would disproportionately affect our residents in the City of Boston and push more people out of public transportation into cars, increasing our traffic and making it worse for everyone overall."

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy said he's been harping on the zone fare issue for some time, with little help

from the MBTA. He said the \$85 million the city funds the MBTA with every year should go to helping Boston residents. For the Zone Fare system, residents in Zone 1A pay the same as a rapid transit line, but just one zone away (Hyde Park Station, Roslindale Village, Highland) the rate goes up by two-thirds to \$6.25.

"That's real money and we've been talking about this, specifically I've been talking about this, in District 5 for awhile," he said. "We've been hammering at this. The reality is that the MBTA does not service Boston residents well... You can go to Providence from Boston as cheaply as you can from Hyde Park to Boston. That's not a made up story, that's the truth. In Hyde Park in particular to 136, we have three different pay rates."

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley, who represents West Roxbury (commuters from which pay \$6.25 from the West Roxbury Station to South Station), said he feels residents who pay the heightened fare should get some kind of compensation.

"It is absurd that residents of the City of Boston pay different fares to go into town," he said. "At this hearing I will ask the MBTA or whomever they send as a representative whether or not they would support having a tax abatement for residents of Hyde Park and West Roxbury as it relates to the assessment of the \$85 million. I would venture a guess that they would say no, as it is an absurd idea, just as it is absurd that our residents are paying more. It's about fare equity. We have to do more to get more people to ride the T, we need to invest and not perpetuate this flawed management of our public transit."

At Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley said the council needs to advocate more on

this for residents who may not have the time to do it themselves, as they might be stuck on a dead train somewhere in the city.

"Just because it is technically a state issue, we don't need to recuse our ability to influence and to advocate, because we're the ones dealing with the fallout," she said. "We're certainly not seeing a return on our investment and the fallout continues to be one on the backs of working class people and that's just simply unjust and unacceptable. We all see transit as being reliable and affordable; it's simply a social justice issue."

District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim said he feels that the current administration is not helping matters at all when it comes to city transit.

"We had a very different response when Gov. Patrick was in charge, he held hearings there and we talked about the assessment and we talked about the impact on our residents and they listened to us, they worked with us to extend the late-night service," he said. "But under Gov. Baker's administration, they have not been willing to do this. They talk again and again about streamlining and modernizing and being more efficient, but they refuse to invest in this system and that is where we end up with these proposals for fare hikes."



At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu is advocating for more equity in the fare system at the MBTA.

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Real estate developments were the main items on the East River Street Neighborhood Association's agenda at its Feb 12 meeting.

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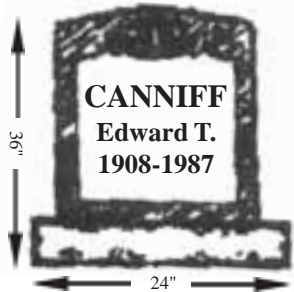
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The first was a proposed single family house to be located at 59 Blake St., with the second a two-family to be located at 91 Radcliffe St.

One of the variances required for both developments has to do with lot size, and this became the main point of contention between members of the ERNA and the developer's representatives.

"To be honest with you, most of the houses on the street wouldn't meet today's zoning codes," Mueller said. "So the zoning codes today are too strict for how the lots have been historically been divided up. We're basically asking to be able to build on a lot that most people will have already."

Following with his own supporting statement moments later, Small continued.

"The bottom line is we're trying to create homeownership opportuni-

ties for people in the neighborhood," Small said. "We're trying to create housing. We're trying to put vacant lots back on the tax rolls for the City."

"Yeah, but you're packing us in like sardines," an Association member replied. "We don't want to live like that. That's the reason why I moved to Hyde Park in the first place: its open space."

Another resident forcefully complained about renters moving in – some into finished basements, thus adding an extra apartment – and bringing with them additional cars and trash.

When Mueller responded that the developer had no control over people's habits, the resident shot back, "That's what I'm talking about! If you want to put a situation in, then you're done with it. We have to live with these people."

Responding to him, Small suggested that he could call the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), saying, "I

worked for the City for 25 years, and I worked at ISD, and I'm telling you, if you call, they'll come out and do an occupancy inspection." He went on to recommend calling 311 and to "make sure that you get an ID number for your complaint so that it's tracked."

There has already been an abutter's meeting for these developments. The next step in the process is for the development team to visit the Mayor's Office and City Councilor Tim McCarthy's Office before proceeding to the Zoning Board.

In addition business, Candace Sealey, District Representative for Congressman Michael Capuano stopped by and announced that she would be having her office hours on the third Thursday of the month from 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the River Street Grille.

The next East River Street Neighborhood Association meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 7 p.m.

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be," King said.

Many residents and community members mentioned the high rent prices in Hyde Park and all over Boston.

"The biggest fiasco in Boston today is 'affordable housing,'" remarked one long time Hyde Park resident. "It is not affordable."

Another Hyde Park resident, who has attended a number of community meetings, noticed a large amount of projects being approved, despite many problems with them.

"Despite multiple variances, these projects keep getting approved," she said. "Marty Walsh needs to stop pushing this."

Many problems can arise with the overdevelopment of cities, such as Boston. These

issues include high amounts of traffic and wildlife displacement. One resident, who lives near the Mattapan border, has noticed a large number of coyotes in her backyard due to trees being cut down around the area for more housing.

Mayor Marty Walsh has made previous claims that the housing projects are due to the large influx of people coming to Boston, but community members are not convinced.

"Very few people can afford these rent prices," noted one resident.

"It is time we reap the developers' money!" said another resident. "Marty Walsh would build housing on a cemetery if he could!"

Many community members

feel as if no one is listening to them. Despite many community meetings being held to protest several different housing projects, residents feel as if "only one person in city hall has control over these issues."

"We have to keep these meetings going to get our point across," Pastor Simms told attendees.

Different ways to get the community voice heard were discussed, including protests, letters, and emails. Scaccia reminded community members of the importance of attending meetings like this one.

King and Simms would love to see more residents at future "New Hope for Hyde Park" meetings.

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of safety checks, building checks, inspectional services checks and insurance that hotels are required to have. Unlike new economy taxi services like Uber – for which the driver has to be insured by state law – every owner is currently liable for damages caused by a guest, and in some extreme cases – like that of a homeowner in Palm Springs, Calif. – the short-term tenant can squat, causing the homeowner to go through the lengthy process of filing an eviction claim, which in some cases can last months.

Walsh's ordinance was debated by the Boston City Council last week, and in its current form, would have a tiered system of fees associated with each type of short-term rental owner or occupant. It would also require compliance with other housing laws, and – among other stipulations – require that an investor unit (a unit not occupied by the owner) be only on the short-term rental market for 90 days of a year (owner occupied units may rent for 365 days of the year). Enforcement for these requirements would be undertaken by the city's Inspectional Service Department (ISD), which District 1 City councilor Lydia Edwards said is already heavily-burdened by its current duties and an agreement with the short-term rental company, as is now done in San Francisco (for a full list of de-

tails for the ordinance in its first form, go to boston.gov/news/new-ordinance-creates-guidelines-regulations-short-term-rentals-boston).

ISD Commissioner William Christopher said the registration fees proposed by the new ordinance – a maximum of \$500 per year for investor units – would offset those additional costs ISD would be facing for the new short-term rental inspections.

"We've put together some guidelines of what we think the cost would be and we would staff it appropriately," he said during the hearing. "If we do some scraping of the internet so we know what units are available, we look at our registrations, and if we see conflicts there this can be dealt with first with a mailing and a notice... So it should not be labor-intensive, but there will be a staff dedicated to the enforcement of inspections on site."

Edwards said during the hearing that the 90-day restriction on investor units, combined with the average rent on Boston's short-term rentals of \$284, would equal a yearly income of \$25,056, or \$2,088 a month. She said this could disenfranchise many landlords from renting long-term, as they would only have to deal with 90 days of maintenance as opposed to 365 still make the same amount of money.

Christopher English, the Senior Policy Adviser for Intergovernmental Relations for the City of Boston, fielded the question of the city's logic in pursuing that 90-day cap. He said they looked at several intervals, and found that with the average short-term rent of \$284, a landlord would earn \$34,000 for 120 days of use, which would equal \$2,833 a month, or the average rent for the City of Boston across studios to five-bedroom apartments.

"Which is why we scaled it back to 90 days," he said.

Many residents from Chinatown testified during the hearing. The neighborhood has faced a rapid expansion in terms of redevelopment, as has much of the city. Arturo Gossage of the Alliance of Downtown Civic Organizations and the Boston Chinatown Residents Association, has said in the past that he and his respective organizations have found entire buildings closed off to long-term renters which, according to national data and professor of economics at the University of California Los Angeles Edward Kung, increases rent on top of a market already under a crunch.

Resident Mei Jing Moo, who said through an interpreter that she has lived in Chinatown for years and represented 19 units of residents, said they have been fighting with their landlord's proposed rent increase for years

now, and still have not seen any repairs made to the building.

"In November 2016 our building was sold to a new landlord and, immediately after, he asked for a rent increase that did not address the repair issues in the building. Since then we have formed a tenant association to negotiate a reasonable rent increase," she said. "We have still not reached an agreement with our landlord... In Chinatown, more and more units are being used for short-term rental, and a lot of these landlords want to kick out tenants in their building so they can convert it into short-term rental. A lot of these units used to be the homes of many long-time families."

During the hearing, Gossage said he wanted to see the entirety of the investor-class unit moved out of the consideration all together – a sentiment shared by several city council members and many residents – in order to protect residents from undue rent increases from artificial increases in demand created by investor units. He said investor units are going up at ever-increasing rates.

"Getting the investors out of the business is going to help (residents) keep more money and it's going to help the housing stock to stay with residents of the community," he said. "Last year there were about 120 listings on Airbnb for Chinatown, now it's over 233, and that's since the month of last May. It's increased dramatically."

Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) Chief Sheila Dillon said during the hearing that there were a possible 2,000 short-term rental units in the city, and Gossage said that about 10 percent of those are in Chinatown.

Kenneth Watson spoke on behalf of the Boston Host Alliance during the hearing (an organization that as of the date of publication has no online or verifiable presence). He said the organization is a group of small business owners who operate Airbnb units in the city, and he said that the ordinance does not take into account small businesses in the city that benefit from increased tourism provided by short-term rentals.

"We believe that the mayor's proposal is well-intentioned, but could be hastily implemented and negatively impact the local economy here," he said. "I don't think it's been highlighted enough the impacts some of these investor class units can really have on a local economy. We haven't talked about the people being employed – the contractors, the landscapers, the cleaning crews – not to mention the back end of these businesses that have gotten more complex. Those people aren't being represented here today. They didn't have the day off of work like the hotel lobby did."

Watson also advocated to remove the 90-day cap on investor units.



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Earlier in the Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association the New Mission High School gym was unavailable, but we were able to move Foley division games to the Hyde Park Municipal building. Today we experienced the reverse: a freak malfunction made the Muni unavailable, so the Curran division played in the big gym at New Mission. Teamwork!

Curran Division Results

With two games to go the Royals have clinched a first round playoff bye, and the Raptors are almost there. But all 6 teams have the capacity to win on any given day, if the full roster shows up, and they give maximum effort.

Royals 44– Blue Devils 16

Ryan Harrell was unstoppable again, scoring 30 points as the Royals cruised past the Dukies. Gionni Centeio (10) was solid as usual, Jonathan Hernandez and Sean Lendaro contributed a bucket for the victors, and Dieandre Figueroa and Khile Ralph led the defensive effort. Keyona Raines (14) and Matthew Eveillard led the Blue Devils offense, but it was not enough on this day.

Sonics 23 – Cowboys 16

Zekiah Cruz (10) and Amir Molineau (8) led the offense, getting support from Shamilah Bodden (4) and Nathaniel Bodden, as the Sonics got past the Pokes. Anicia Cruz, Troy Omorughomwan and Soujourner Madden-Fulco did the little things that helped their team win. Zach Kromah and Kahlil Seales led the Cowboys with six points each, as Armani Andujar tossed in four. Austin Cranmore and Josiah Banks worked on the boards, while Jaden Davis and Gabriel

Labranche gave effort at both ends.

Raptors 2 – 3-Pointers 0 The switch to the high school did have one casualty, as the 3-Pointers failed to field a team on time, thus forfeiting to the Raptors.

**Curran Division Standings
2017-2018 Season**

	W	L	T
Royals	7	1	0
Raptors	5	2	1
Blue Devils	3	3	2
Sonics	3	3	2
Cowboys	2	5	1
3-Pointers	1	7	0

Foley Division Results

With the rankings getting a bit tighter, teams are starting to take practice a little more seriously, and working on the things that will be needed for the playoffs.

We want to remind the players that we have handed out the Sportsmanship Essay information slips. We encourage each player to submit an essay, and earn a chance at a basketball camp scholarship. It is also time for coaches too start thinking about 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.

Riot Squad 45 vs. Heat 29

Coach Kregg's team won in a hard fought first half of a good game. Jeremy Gonzalez hit two big baskets when needed. Devon Marshall keeps making great defensive plays that hurt the other team, and Corey Cunniff, Justin Elos played well on defense, and improved their passing skills. Kymani



Fleurme is a flat out shooter in all periods when they needed it most. Jovanny Martinez had a few passing assists that lead to buckets and kept the other team at bay. Isaiah Figueroa made 2-3 foul shots when needed. Jordan Elow added defense in the first period to show the way in the end. Good passing from Jameer Wallace all game replaced his scoring this week.

The Heat is a very complexing team, they have one of each needed food group – shooter, rebounder, passer, and still have trouble pulling it together from time to time. Missing one of their passers, Coach Wright went to his veteran players to help put some pressure on the other team. Kervens Charles plays hard defense, and Freddy Jackson showed some shooting this game. Antonio Torres shows flashes of how good he can be at both ends. Robert Gant makes hard drives but gets few foul calls so smaller steps, closer to hoop and draw fouls is recommended. New scat guard Robert Tabb can dribble to help offensive flow. Sabastian McCuller can, and did shoot well, but whole needs to rebound always. Anthony Wright played well in his first game.

Panthers 47 vs. 3-Pointers 39

The Panther players called this their make-up game having lost to this team earlier in an uncharacteristic manner. Coach Rodney reminded his players that this game will be closer

than they want it to be. Down at the end of the first period, but up by 5 at halftime calmed the Panthers. 5-9 foul shots made in the third, with strategic fouling before shots got up worked well. Teams scored evenly in the fourth period, with lots of running away from fouls. Jahiid Allen-Paisley shot 11-13 free throws. Nosa Egoban and Jordan Crawford- Cranmore were monster rebounders. Grunt work by Marvin Egoban, Juan Gonzalez, Dreamer Danglad, and Tre Robinson set the stage for good shooting. Benjamin Pierre, Cameron Evans, and Malik Freeman made good plays.

Coach Winston knew that five weeks was enough time for the other team to get past that 3-2 halfcourt defense, so he rearranged his set. Usually the more physical team was not the case this week. Alex Sillice and power guard Pierre Fortune led the scoring again, and played good defense against the drives. Chris Sillice, Jaaziel Ramos, and Nat Cozier played hard as they always do, but didn't get as many shots off as usual. Max Velez, Alder Lara, Nazaiah Evans, and Anthony Consalvo all gave their best and hard work, but came up short this week. Six missed foul shots, and two fewer 3-point hoops below their average hurt the team this week, but they are already for next game.

76'ers 39 vs. Cowboys 32

We caught our first glimpse of what the 76ers can be when 9-10 players showed up for the team. There was fierce competition for the rebounds at both ends all game. Andrew Hiliano, Nate McCarthy and Isaiah Robinson each took turns doing one of everything from shooting, to rebounding, to defending, to even passing. With

no fear of sloppy ball handling from either Jay Jackson or Makyle Hayes the bigs took off running after outlet passes that did not go unnoticed. Henry 'Lion Heart' Melkonian, Nick Hinds, and Abel Marrero-Lara worked well around the court. Danny 'Long Range Bomber' McDonough drew the tough defensive assignment in the second half, but gave his best effort, along with two 3-point baskets to shake up the scoring.

Coach Jose is used to injuries during football season, but this basketball season is trying mimic football for injuries. So now with the loss of two travel team players, he has also lost John Martinez for the season, one of his two inside players. New kid Jaymar Guirado is a more than adequate replacement for the season ending loss of Cito. Michael Pimental always hustles. Chris 'Rubber band man' Martinez played well. Malachi Bodden is playing more efficiently and is now a quick scoring threat the whole game. Akil Grubbs is getting more looks and he is driving to the basket more. Both Micheal Pimental and Jose Zayas, Jr. are mini-coaches out on the floor, but it is hard to remind players where to go when you are clear to take the open shots and direct.

**Foley Division Standings
2017-2018 Season**

	W	L	T
Riot Squad	7	1	0
Panthers	7	1	0
3-Pointers	4	4	0
76'ers	4	4	0
Cowboys	2	6	0
Heat	0	8	0

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Reservation Road *continued from page 1*

at least one point in the Park where people actually have a chance to get down to the water's edge."

The proposed method of doing this, Beuttell explained, would be to build "a simple wood boardwalk" with additional stone pathways "to get people around some of the more wooded or rugged areas of the Park and down to the water's edge."

Beuttell also went over design plans for the central parking lot, with plans under consideration to remove some parking spaces in order to plant trees in the center of the lot, while creating new parking spots in other areas of the lot in order to even out the total.

A potential aspect of this plan would be to drain water from the lot to the trees in order to water them and clean the water, although contamination in the soil may be an issue.

"There's nothing too nasty in there, but this is an old rail area, and so there's lots of material that's been buried under the soil that also has an impact on what we do," Beuttell said. "What we really don't want to do is get that water underground and start pushing contaminants around."

Aside from that, the plan is to relocate the athletic field bleachers in order to create more of a feeling of connectivity between that area of the Park and the other sections.

Almost all of the 25 or so who were in attendance were skateboarders, and Stantec Skate Park Designer Kanten Russell spent the majority of the meeting presenting slides of four different skate park concepts for the audience's review and comment.

Their response was somewhat tepid but, at the conclusion of Russell's presentation, the feedback session came to life, with design options (half pipes, quarter pipes, open and closed bowls, banks, etc.), accessibility and enjoyability for all levels of skateboarders, seating and safety issues for bystanders/onlookers, BMX biking compatibility, and children visiting with parents, were some of the different topics addressed and duly noted by the designers.

At the conclusion of the meeting, designers and skateboarders lingered, looking at concept diagrams set up to one side of the room on easels and chatting with each other about the many different design possibilities for the

only skate park in the Boston Parks system.

In addition to taking suggestions from meeting attendees, those interested can also take an online survey regarding the project. The address is listed here:

www.surveymz.com/s3/4178525/Reservation-Road-Skatepark-Design-Input-Survey

The next community meeting regarding the Reservation Road Park renovation is planned for sometime in the spring. At this meeting, the final schematic design will be presented for community discussion.

For more information on the project, visit:

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THE WEST ROXBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council will meet on Tuesday evening Feb. 27. The agenda will include:

Paul Marino is looking to transfer a beer and wine license to Marino's Market on VFW Parkway. He would be transferring it from a store in the North End.

Ben Silverman from Boston's Environment Department - The City is working hard to help cut greenhouse gas emissions from Boston buildings and ensure residents are informed about available programs. One such effort involves shifting to more non-fossil fuel based heating systems in homes such as air source heat pumps. The presentation will include the environmental and indoor air quality benefits to these systems, as well as available incentive program provided by the State.

The WRNC meeting will be held in the community room at the District E-5 Police station at 1708 Centre St., (at the Holy Name rotary.) The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. All WRNC meetings are open to the public.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO: 2017-DR-26-1346

SUMMONS

Nevia J. Brown, Plaintiff, VS. Coston K. Brown, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you and to serve a copy of your answer to the Complaint on the Subscriber at his office at 602 27th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577, within thirty (30) days after service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be requested against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Myrtle Beach, S.C.
May 23, 2017

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Respectfully Submitted,
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18C0001CA**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
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In the Matter of: Tharin Laorauvirodge
Of: Boston, MA

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In the matter of: Lyle M. Spencer Trust Suffolk Division

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A Petition has been filed by:
Lyle M. Spencer, Jr.
107 Beaconsfield Road
Brookline, MA. 02445
requesting:
The appointment of Successor Trustee
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Also Known As:
Date of Death: 11/17/2017

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Nevia J. Brown, Plaintiff, vs. Coston K. Brown, Defendant

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the original Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Horry County on May 24, 2017. The Plaintiff is seeking a divorce on the grounds of a one year separation.

Myrtle Beach, S.C. Cecil W. Clarkson, III
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Of: Hyde Park, MA

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE DOCKET No. **SU18P0264EA**

Estate of: Dorothy Mae Jackson Suffolk Division
Also Known As: Dorothy Jackson
Date of Death: 11/20/2016

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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE DOCKET No. **SU18P0099EA**

Estate of: Brenda M. Webster Suffolk Division
Also Known As: Brenda M. Webster-DeAngelis
Date of Death: December 20, 2017

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Petition for Informal Probate of Will
Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond
Linda Ann Conley of Waltham, MA
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Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
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To the above named Defendant:
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Joan M. Altamore, Esq., Joan M. Altamore, Esquire, 39 Glendower Rd., Roslindale, MA 02131** a copy of your answer to the complaint for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage filed 01/11/2018 which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
January 29, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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Jeannette Pierre vs. Jean M. Dor

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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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