

# The Hyde Park Bulletin

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## Condos approved for Washington Street



Residents heard about more multi-unit housing for Washington Street in West Roxbury.

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) Zoning Committee met on Tuesday, January 16 at the Area E-5 Police Station in West Roxbury.

The agenda included violations on 15 Macullar Rd., 25 Alaric St., 19 Burard St., 28 Brier Rd., 6-8 Cheriton Rd., and 5251 Washington St.

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The hot topic of the meeting was the proposed condos on 5251 Washington St. Architect Lucio Trabucco proposed to combine two lots into a single lot, totaling 14,904 square feet. The lot will include a nine-unit residential building with a roof deck and a 19-space parking garage on the first floor with 14 bike spaces. Violations include in-

**WRNC**

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## Fallon has no Friends



While the Fallon Field Playground opened to great fanfare last spring, residents are concerned that upkeep and maintenance might need a helping hand in the form of a Friends group.

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) met last week and discussed the possibility of forming an official friends group for the Fallon Field recreation center in the neighborhood.

Resident Rachel Young said she wanted to explore the idea with LANA, and many LANA members agreed it would be a good idea to keep the entirety

FILE PHOTO  
of the Fallon Field area in shape.

“There’s been formal and informal groups in the past I know that through my contact with the Parks Department there has been the idea of a friends group,” she said. “I was interested in doing this in part because of the playground which I don’t know if we’re going to get any more money

**Fallon**

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## Boston Cares celebrates MLK with service



Hundreds of residents came from all over Boston and Massachusetts to build English language learning aids for immigrants during the annual Boston Cares Day of Service.

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Cares Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service attracted almost 1,000 volunteers, city officials, students and well-wishers on Monday at the Boston Latin School to help those in need.

The MLK Day of Service, which Patrice Keegan, Executive Director of Boston Cares, said has been going on for well over a decade now, picks a

theme every year and focuses the intent of more than 600 volunteers to that theme.

“It’s been almost 15 years,” she said. “Today, we’re just kind of kicking off our service year with 650 volunteers from all over Greater Boston and from all walks of life. Most of the projects we’re working on today are geared towards helping immigrants to gain English language proficiency, so helping people to learn how to speak English more quickly and

successfully.”

Keegan said Boston has always been a melting pot, and that working to help immigrants integrate always helps the city to become stronger and more diverse.

“We’re a city of immigrants, we’ve always been a city of immigrants and we’re always going to be a city of immigrants,” she said. “There’s a wait list in just Bos-

**MLK Day**

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## Sprague St. development meeting draws big crowd and skepticism

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, approximately 200 people gathered at the Blue Hills Collaborative for the first community meeting regarding the proposed development at 36-70 Sprague St.

The two and a half hour meeting, which was divided into an overview presentation by the development’s representatives and a public comment period, was arranged by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and hosted by Project Manager Lance Campbell.

Jordan Warshaw, Principal of the Noannet Group, spoke of the project’s background (for which the Letter of Intent was filed with the City in November 2016) while also giving a gen-



Approximately 200 people filled the converted gym at the Blue Hills Collaborative (20 Como Rd., Readville) for the BPDA arranged community meeting regarding the proposed 36-70 Sprague St. development.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

eral description of the site.

The site is comprised of 6.62 acres and located between the Franklin and Providence-Stoughton commuter rail lines and accessed by Horne Street at the southern end of the Sprague

Street Bridge.

Speaking in terms of the city as a whole, Warshaw defended the number of units put forward

**Sprague Street**

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# Despite rain, Three Kings Parranda hits Jamaica Plain

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The day might have been dreary, cold and wet, but still several dedicated residents and volunteers came out to the Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF) Three Kings Parranda last Friday to celebrate the coming of the three Wise Men or Magi to the infant Jesus.

In many Latin American countries, the day marks the end of the Christmas season and is usually held on Jan. 6. But due to the previous week's snow, the parade and party was postponed this year.

HSTF Director of Organizing and Engagement Ken Tanvig said the group was happy to see children and parents come out for the event; he felt the rain or even just the threat of rain put a damper on the night, at least for the parade.

"We had a long parade last year, but what we learned this year is that if you missed Three Kings parade because of the weather, you should just not have it," he said. "I don't know if the weather had been better, but it is the last day of Christmas, the day itself kind of means some-



Dozens of residents, volunteers and Hyde Square Task Force members came out for the postponed Three Kings Day Parranda in Jamaica Plain.

thing."

The parade went out from the Connolly Branch of the Boston Public Library to the HSTF Community Center. Tanvig said the procession usually has a host of musicians, but because of the rain, he wanted to keep the instruments dry. He said, however, they haven't been having too much luck with the weather, it seemed like the rain would come as soon as the musicians went outside and abate as soon as they went back in.

"If they don't parade, which they're not, then it's just not going to rain," he said laughing.

Regardless, many residents came out to the Community Center to celebrate the night and listen to music from youth members of the HSTF. The group's executive director, Celina Miranda, said the party at least would be a good time for everyone.

"Thank you for coming out in the rain, there's plenty of food, some music following soon and we hope you can stay and enjoy and be merry," she said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to bring folks together and celebrate a tradition that's been in the Latin American culture for a very long time."

Resident Diana Martinez said she was happy to come out despite the rain, as keeping the tradition going was very important for her.

"I just wanted to keep the culture, I mean I brought my grandson this year and last, and he had a lot of fun so we're doing it again," she said.

HSTF members Nick Barbosa, Jefferson San Fernandes and Justin Cruz donned the colorful capes of the Magi and played the Three Kings for the night. Barbosa said volunteering for the event was very important to him.

"Personally, I came out just because I love giving back to the community," he said. "I want to help the kids make their crowns and march."

San Fernandes said they've been doing it a long time now and wouldn't quit for a bit of rain.

"We've done it back to back many years now, it's great," he said.

Cruz said he just wanted to see the tradition continued.

"I just wanted to help out with the kids, the arts and crafts and introduce them to Three Kings Day," he said. "It's important to know a lot of about Latin culture and Three Kings is part of that."

The Three Kings Day celebration is marked with parades across the globe. The tradition comes from the three Wise Men, Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar – representing Europe, Arabia and Africa – coming to Bethlehem to present Jesus with three gifts. Those three gifts were given to represent Jesus' future; the gold for his royal status as King of the Jews, the frankincense to represent his divine heritage and the myrrh – which was used to embalm the dead – to symbolize his mortal status as a human being.

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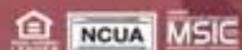
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## Editorial

### OPEN SEASON ON OPEN SPACE

Have you made plans for what you will be doing in 2882?

Of course, all of us will be enjoying the great dirt nap by then, but that date (give or take a few years depending on the calculation you choose) is when a deal struck with the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) regarding the Arnold Arboretum expires. That deal, struck roughly a decade ago, placed a deed restriction on the land at the top of the Arboretum's hill, restricting the construction of any permanent structure for the next 875 years.

We are torn in our opinions here. On one hand, the group has been a tireless champion for preserving open space within the neighboring areas of the Arboretum. As its website notes, LANA negotiated the aforementioned legal agreement to keep Weld Hill scenic and landscaped.

In their view, "the Arboretum and the City of Boston have chosen to ignore the agreement so as to install solar panels in the middle of the meadow".

The deed restriction cannot be compromised, reversed or changed by the landowner, or by the City of Boston, or by the public, except by an act of the Massachusetts legislature by a two-thirds majority vote.

On the other hand, and this is where we risk aggravating the members of this fine neighborhood group, it is getting tiresome to hear, as a rebuttal to any development plan, objections to any effort to even in the most subtle ways alter the parkland design of Frederick Olmsted.

News flash: Olmstead is dead. Can we stop sacrificing progress in the name of a long-gone landscape designer? Time and time again his legacy is a rallying cry for those who would prefer there be zero development in the Forest Hills area.

That said, LANA does have legitimate concerns. After all, a deal is a deal. In exchange for building a research facility, it secured long-term open space protection.

Are a few solar panels really going to ruin the area's inherent beauty? True, neighbors have been burned before, watching parkland paved for cars and the construction of a parking deck in violation of deed restrictions. But are solar panels really a portent of "creeping institutional expansion?" In the past, battles focused on a tool shed. Now the ire is targeted at solar panels. Neither seems to be the sort of transformational development that should be shunned.

"I'm troubled because there are new people here today at the Arboretum and city who weren't around during the time that that task force met and don't remember what transpired, but there is a publicly recorded deed restriction on this property that prevents the Arboretum from doing what they want to do on this parcel," former president of LANA Carter Wilkey said at a recent public meeting. "Approximately from the gravel driveway to the building, they can't do anything on that other than put a nursery for plants for research purposes."

For their part, proponents insist the solar panels legally escape the deal struck a decade ago. "We're not sitting in a dark room trying to figure out how to do something bad... I don't want to kick off any type of project unless I know that all of our ducks are in a row; I want to make sure that before we go upsetting people and wasting their time through meetings and info sessions that we're doing something that we can actually do," an official argued.

We honestly do not see the big deal in adding a few solar panels, think a nearly 1,000-year deed restriction is a bit ridiculous, and don't read any tea leaves suggesting a soon-to-be-discovered loophole that allows unwanted institutional development.

That said, we still come down on the side of LANA. A deal is a deal and the deed restriction was negotiated in good faith. Plus, neighborhood groups across the city have due cause to be leery of development strategies that bisect with land holdings of Harvard University. Is LANA being obstructionist? Of course it is, but in an age where builders seek to plunder every square inch of open space, maybe it has to be.

## Immigration at its best

It does not get any better than this.

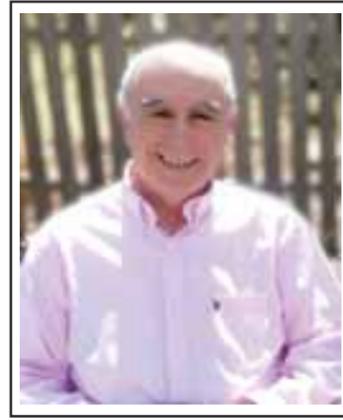
The "it" is immigration. While there are a number of immigrants in my immediate Boston neighborhood, one particularly stands out, although the other cases also have wonderful merit.

For reasons of privacy, no names will be revealed.

He was born at home in a distant country, delivered by his grandmother. His family wanted to escape atrocities perpetrated by the government. The family risked an escape to a refugee camp, where, as a child, he spent a number of months. Only heaven really knows what the situation there was like; it was not the Four Seasons.

Eventually, he emigrated from there to Boston, where he lived in a very crowded neighborhood. He did not speak English.

Then came Boston Public Schools at its best: the boy was placed in the English as a Second Language program. Eschewing any of his peers' over-emphases on sports, fads, and television shows and concentrating on affairs academic, he not only learned



My Kind of Town/  
Joe Galeota

English well enough to leave the ESL program, but did so well in other subjects that he was admitted to Boston Latin.

He did not rest on his laurels while at Avenue Louis Pasteur. He did so well there that he was admitted to Harvard Medical School and became a physician.

After graduation, research facilities sought him out because of his brilliance. He still accepts patients while he researches how to fight the disease from which his patients suffer.

Aware of the special opportunities afforded by Boston Latin, he and his wife moved back into the city so that his two children could also become graduates of his alma mater. That they did, and with distinction, approbation, or whatever else it is called.

Graduating a year apart, they both followed him into Harvard, where they relish the challenge.

Not all immigrants follow such an uplifting path culminating in Cambridge and the Longwood Medical Area; they are distracted by so much in America - as stated before, sports, fads, and television. Some opt to become part of the criminal justice system; a few may choose to avail themselves of governmental loopholes to make an easy living. But the vast many of them accomplish so much both for America and themselves, the distractions notwithstanding.

Boston schools are filled with success stories in the making. Teachers are hard pressed to tell new immigrants to focus solely on the academics. This is their ticket to success, just as it was for my grandparents.

## Letters to the Editor

### CHERRY PICKING TO THE DETRIMENT OF NATURE

To the Editor:

An innovative approach to climate change planned by Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum is being undermined by a few members of a Roslindale neighborhood association.

Briefly, the Arboretum management wishes to install approximately 1,300 solar panels atop Weld Hill, Harvard owned land that is not in the Arboretum but adjacent the Arboretum research facility. The electricity generated will provide about 30 percent of the electricity need of the facility, including running

the geothermal system that heats and cools the building. The research facility is a leading institution in the critical effort to understand how trees will respond to climate change and in finding ways to help the CO2 absorbing arboreal cover of Earth adapt.

When the research facility was planned in the aughts, an agreement was worked out with the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association that imposed restrictions on what and where permanent buildings could be placed on the property. The agreement clearly addresses enclosed buildings and leaves it to the discretion of the Arboretum management on what other

non-building structures consistent with the mission of the Arboretum could be placed on the land. The planned solar array clearly fits within the bounds of the agreement and, in fact, honors the spirit of the agreement by not restricting public access to Weld Hill or creating visual clutter.

Unfortunately, some opponents have cherry-picked the agreement and used it to misleadingly influence a few Boston City Councilors. The issue has lit up local social media with the majority of respondents clearly favoring the solar array plan.

Alan Wright  
Roslindale

## League of Women Voters of Massachusetts launches "Get In the Game...and Vote" Student Video Contest Feb. 1

For its fifth annual student video contest, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA) invites high school students to create 30-second public service announcements to motivate the vote for Massachusetts' fall 2018 elections.

The contest, Get In the Game...and Vote, is open to all students attending high school in Massachusetts. The three top

winners will be awarded \$500, \$250, and \$100, and their videos will be publicized statewide.

In 2018, Massachusetts voters will elect nine U.S. representatives, one U.S. senator, governor and other constitutional officers, state legislators, and other state officials. Many more voters participate in presidential elections than in the midterm or lo-

cal elections. Videos should encourage eligible voters to participate in this year's important midterm elections.

Entries may be submitted online from Feb. 1 through March 31, 2018 at [www.lwvma.org](http://www.lwvma.org). Judging will take place in April, and winners will be announced in May. The Judging Committee will look

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# WR/Ros Progressives host two Governor candidates

Jeff Sullivan  
*Staff Reporter*

The West Roxbury-Roslindale Chapter of the Massachusetts Progressives group hosted two Democratic candidates for the Governor of Massachusetts on Sunday.

The forum, which included Bob Massie and Jay Gonzalez (former Mayor of Newton, Setti Warren, was out in Western Massachusetts campaigning), focused on what a more receptive state government could do for the City of Boston and the state as a whole. Incumbent Gov. Charlie Baker will face one of these candidates in the 2018 election, as well as a challenge in the Republican Primary from Scott Lively.

The forum started with an introduction from each candidate, followed by a question and answer session from the group of about 80 residents at the St. John Chrysostom Church in West Roxbury. Both candidates did not attack each other or Setti Warren, but took issue with Gov. Baker's current strategy for the state.

Gonzalez started off with criticism of Gov. Baker. He said the focus of the governor and his biggest selling point during the 2014 election has been to manage well and cut spending, and Gonzalez said that was not enough for the office, and Massachusetts, as a leader in the country, needed a leader who took hold of the office rather than keeping the



Jay Gonzalez



Bob Massie

status quo.

"This is who we are, we have always been a leader but we are not leading right now, not under Gov. Baker," he said. "I have been frustrated on how little our Governor has accomplished, but way more frustrated with how little he has tried... It's not good enough, particularly now with a president taking us backwards every single day, and there are consequences to a lack of leadership."

Gonzalez pointed out that the budget for the state has been difficult, with spending cuts to education and transportation being the most apparent to residents and he felt that was unwise considering the current economic climate. He said while Baker's main attraction was his propensity for management, that simply wasn't good enough.

"Gov. Baker is struggling to manage the budget during a period of economic growth he continues to cut programs people need," he said. "This is supposed to be his core competency, and I believe managing government well is necessary but not sufficient. Government is our instrument, not our enemy. It is not good enough to simply accept the world the way it exists and try to manage it better, we need a government that sees the world the way it should be and get us there."

Gonzalez said the current healthcare system, which is estimated to cost 37 percent of the \$58 billion state budget, is flawed and needs an overhaul.

Gonzalez said he wants to move to an easier, single-payer system, which garnered applause from the crowd.

"I think it is the best means to get us to a system that is going to work better for people, be much simpler and actually financially stable," he said.

Gonzalez said he feels the most wasteful part of the current system is its complexity, which requires teams of people he said were only there to talk to other teams of people, from the healthcare insurance companies to the

hospitals to the state. He said he experienced this firsthand during his time as CEO of CeltiCare Health and New Hampshire Healthy Families, which caters to low-income residents.

"Most of what we did was facilitate a lot of useless, valueless transactions," he said. "We had a team to doctors and hospital negotiations... We had a team of people input contracts into it system and pay the bills and we'd inevitably screw some of that up and a whole team of people fix that... Basically, all healthcare companies have that and hospitals and doctors have teams of people to deal with all those teams of people."

Gonzalez added that Massachusetts General Hospital has a team of 450 billing employees to deal with these kinds of transactions.

"This adds no value and is actually counter-productive to a system that provides high-quality care to people," he said.

Massie said he agreed that more could be done in the healthcare system to better serve the state, including the institution of a single payer system.

"We currently have \$8 billion for Medicaid and we have an economy that generates \$500 billion," he said, adding that while the federal tax cut will lower the state's tax generation, there are still many local state tax approaches that could help revenue for Massachusetts. "So many states are looking at ways to get some of that money back. We need to take concrete steps of bringing the people together, including the 10 insurance companies here and the big providers and the consumers and the legislatures and move forward on single payer."

For transportation, Gonzalez said the state needs to start investing more in the MBTA and move away from privatization. He said every time there's a problem with the Commuter Rail, for instance, the state government

**Candidates**

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# Father Ron Coyne discusses possible future of Most Precious Blood

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

A few days after the meeting held on Jan. 9 regarding options for Most Precious Blood (MPB) Church as it addresses its future, Father Ron Coyne – pastor of the three parishes (comprised of MPB, St. Anne’s, and St. Pius X) that form the Blue Hills Collaborative – agreed to a follow up with the Bulletin.

Sitting in a small parlor room of the MPB Rectory (43 Maple St.) last Friday afternoon, Coyne spoke of the meeting held earlier that week – which drew about 150 people – as “very positive” while dealing with the “facts of life” for the church completed in 1885 and estimated for a \$5 million restoration.

Coyne noted that this estimate – split evenly between internal and external repairs – includes neither the cost of making MPB handicapped accessible, nor fitting it with a sprinkler system.

Considering the big price tag for the project, he expressed concern – even more than for the repair work itself – with the maintenance and sustainability of the church once they’re complete.

“There’s nobody coming to church there,” Coyne said. “There are 300 people in a weekend and \$1,400 in the collection so, obviously, there’s a problem. If it wasn’t for the

school being rented, we wouldn’t be paying our bills.” He concluded, “No parish will survive that way. It can’t. It’s the offertory that tells you the future of the church.”

Comparatively, he said St. Anne’s brings in an average of \$5,000 a weekend.

With this on his mind, Coyne met with the Archdiocese to address alternatives, one of which was to make the repairs, another which was to do nothing, and another to lease out the entire building, all ideas that he balked at in one way or another.

“We want the parish and the church to go on for generations to come, but putting \$5 million into the upper church just doesn’t seem fiscally responsible.”

Consequently, Coyne thought of another alternative, which he presented.

“...What if we renovated the lower church, expanded it, made it bigger – it seats 80 now, make it seat 150 or something, 200 – take part of the hall back and put \$500,000, \$750,000 into it, make it nice, improve the entrance for funerals and weddings, and develop the upper church? The income wouldn’t be great, but we’d save \$5 million (which MPB currently has in its bank account).”

The lower church – renovated in 2000 – was downsized to a chapel taking up about one third of the floor space, while the rest of it was converted to a hall, with the main entrance on Oak

Street. “By doing that, to me, it’s much more of a guarantee of Most Precious Blood Church remaining here for a longer period of time than if we did the other thing... We’re trying to maintain the presence of Most Precious Blood Church and Parish, and we feel that one of the best ways of doing that is to go the chapel route.”

He reiterated – as he had in the meeting – that no decisions had been made and that the process could, in fact, take years to see through to its ultimate conclusion, but he returned to his main point.

“I cannot fiscally feel good about spending \$5 million on that building not knowing the future of it and not knowing the future of this community, as far as the Catholic Church goes.”

Building on that, he touched on the non-church going Catholics in the neighborhood – some, he guessed, with much to say about keeping the upper church open – as part of the problem.

“It should bring you to the point where you say, ‘Gee, maybe I’m going to come back to the Church and start supporting my parish.’”

Coyne, however, expressed realism at the downturn that religion – and the Catholic Church – is experiencing right now, with no anticipation of a sudden influx of people coming in who will be able to sustain and maintain MPB if it continues in its current, or heavily renovated



Hyde Park's Most Precious Blood Church is the topic of discussion as to whether or not to make \$5 million worth of renovations.

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state.

“And if they cannot, then what happens?”

Reflecting on his past similar experiences with parishes he was stationed at, he mentioned St. Catherine’s in Charlestown, which closed, and St. Albert’s in Weymouth, which parishioners took over – after it had been slated to be closed – and convinced the Archdiocese to keep it open.

He acknowledged, however, that this would, in fact, be the first parish in the Diocese to develop one portion of a church while maintaining the other, if it were to actually happen. This, he added, was the reason he brought in a realtor: to find out if actually taking this route was a possibility.

He also acknowledged the

pain that went along with St. Catherine’s and St. Albert’s, and that will continue to go along with Most Precious Blood as this unfolds.

“I’m not surprised to experience people’s angst or anger or sadness over any of this. I understand that.”

At one point, Father Coyne made the following statement defending his caution regarding the \$5 million renovation. Taken alone, however, it could just as easily refer to everything about this case.

“There are a lot of questions here. It’s easy for anybody to say, ‘Well, let’s do it,’ but then you sit down and discuss the issues and the process, and it becomes a lot more complicated. You say, ‘My God. Are we doing the right thing?’”



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### VALENTINE'S DAY COMES EARLY TO ONE OF THE "MOST ROMANTIC PLACES" IN BOSTON

Christopher Columbus Park Trellis Becomes a Tunnel of Love on Feb. 10, 2018. The trellis will be decorated for the entire month of February with cupids and lighted hearts, and on Saturday, Feb. 10, each end of the trellis will become a heart-shaped entrance, with five-foot-tall, handmade "conversation hearts" lining the walkway. Visitors who venture into the Tunnel of Love should expect a few surprises as well.

The event is free and open to the public. Valentine's Day visitors are invited to tag @foccp in their Columbus Park Valentine's Day photos. #lovefoccp. FOCCP's Art Curator, Robyn Reed, created the Valentine's Day-inspired trellis design. "Columbus Park is gorgeous year-round, but by February, we all need some extra beauty to get us through the end of winter," Reed said. "I look forward to seeing many happy couples walking hand-in-hand under the hearts."

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dren Playspace in one of more than 90 family shelters state. We have a high need for volunteers in Boston. A commitment of two hours a week for six months and training are required.

Upcoming volunteer training: Saturday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON BRANCHES HOST SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES

Find out how you can make it the Best Summer Ever Jan. 27, 2018

Now's the time to start thinking about how you can make it the best summer ever! The YMCA of Greater Boston kicks off the 2018 Summer Day Camp Season with Open Houses on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parkway YMCA, 1972 Centre St., West Roxbury and the Thomas M. Menino YMCA, 1137 River St., Hyde Park. YMCA camps and summer programs are among nearly two dozen Y camp experiences offered around the Boston metro area.

New and returning campers are invited to meet camp counselors and staff for a few hours of camp fun. Children will sample activities, meet the counselors and enjoy a special camp treat. Parents can preview all camp offerings and staff will be on-hand to answer questions. A special open

house promotion will be offered to all who attend.

At the Y, summer learning—including literacy and STEM activities—are a part of the Y summer experience. Additionally, children spend their days creating with arts and crafts, exploring science and technology, swimming, participating in field trips, exploring nature, learning about our many cultures while making new friends and lasting memories. Overnight camp opportunities are also available. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

Go to [ymcaboston.org/camps](http://ymcaboston.org/camps) for more information or visit the Y near you.

### CELEBRATION OF JAMAICA POND PARK

Please join us on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. for the celebration of Jamaica Pond Park! First Church, Unitarian Universalist, Jamaica Plain Centre and Elliot Street, Boston, MA 02130 Wheel Chair Accessible. This event is FREE and open to the public! Please RSVP EventBrite Tickets: <https://celebration-of-jamaica-pond-park.eventbrite.com>.

Agenda: State Grant for a Pedestrian Walk from Cabot Estate into Jamaica Pond Park and Landscaping City Grant for the creation of a new path around Jamaica Pond and Landscaping South Street Youth Center Campaign to

Preserve Olmsted Hill.

Presenters: State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez, State Rep. Liz Malia Commissioner of Department of Conservation and Recreation Leo Roy, Boston City Councilor District 6 Matt O'Malley, Commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation Chris Cook, South Street Youth Center Members and Staff.

### ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion meets at the Brighton Branch Library on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. The featured selection for Jan. 31 will be *The Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan.

### FINANCIAL AID 101 FOR PARENTS

Are you are parent of a high school student who is thinking about college? Join us for an introduction to the aid process. This event takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This event takes place at Boston College Neighborhood Center on 480 Washington St., Brighton. Registration is required: [www.bc.edu/neighborhood](http://www.bc.edu/neighborhood).

### ESL CLASS

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### WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

### POETRY WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library are sponsoring a Poetry Workshops for all ages, led by Poet Mary Pinar. Discover inspiration in everyday things, memories of the past and hopes for the future. Learn and apply important tools for poets: vivid words, rhythmic sounds, lists and traditional forms. Space is limited, so please register today! To register by email, send your name, phone number and/or email address, and session number (below) to: [FriendsWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com) Or register at the front desk of the West Roxbury Branch Library (1961 Centre St., West Roxbury). Workshop sessions will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, with a poetry reading by workshop participants on Saturday, Feb. 3. Further details below.

### AUTHOR TALK

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library are hosting an author talk at the West Roxbury Branch Library, presented by Katie Bayerl, the author of *A Psalm for Lost Girls*, on Thursday, Jan. 18.

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## Legals

CITY OF BOSTON

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To the Public Safety Commission  
Committee on Licenses  
Building Department

Boston, MA December 27, 2017 19

### APPLICATION

For the lawful use of herein-described building, and other structure, application is hereby made for a permit to erect a private-public-business-garage 9 vehicle parking garage and also for a license to use the land on which such building or structure is/are or is/are to be situated for the Keeping-STORAGE of 180 gallons of gas in the tanks of 9 vehicles

Location of land 81 Amory Street Ward 11  
Owner of land Pam & Stone LLC Address 2 Oliver Street, Boston, MA 02109

Dimension of land Ft. front 38.5 Ft deep 116' Area sq. ft. 4,500 sq ft  
Number of buildings or structures on land, the use of which requires land to be licensed One  
Manner of keeping in the tanks of vehicles

City of Boston. In Public Safety Commission January 24, 2018. In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday the 24 day of January at 10:00 o'clock A.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the *Bulletin Newspapers* (Jamaica Plain) and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held 1010 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA 02118.

A true copy,  
Attest: Brigid Kenny-White, Secretary  
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Location of land 1580 River Street Ward 18  
Owner of land Pleasant Ruscito LLC Address P.O. Box 287, Randolph, MA 02368

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# Boston Fire needs those hydrants clear

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

As Boston is once again plunged into a frigid snowscape, the Boston Fire Department is urging residents to be mindful of firefighters' need to access hydrants quickly.

Boston Fire Department Communications Director Steve MacDonald said accessing hydrants (a map of all hydrants can be found at [http://www.bwsc.org/COMMUNITY/maps/hydrant\\_basins.asp#TOP\\_PAGE](http://www.bwsc.org/COMMUNITY/maps/hydrant_basins.asp#TOP_PAGE)), can be the difference between life and death in some cases. He said recently, at a five-alarm fire in Dorchester, residents had cleared out hydrants and the fire was able to be doused and dealt with more quickly. MacDonald said residents have been relatively good about shoveling out hydrants throughout the city.

"It's been good, we had a major fire over in Dorchester, and we found good access to the hydrants there and there was a lot of snow on the ground, so the city responded from what we could see, the people who cleared the hydrants," MacDonald said. "It was a benefit to them, since we had to hook up to one in the early stages of the fire when it tends



Boston Firefighters are asking that residents shovel out local fire hydrants after the snow of this week.

to grow in intensity, so if we can shave a couple minutes off of searching for a hydrant and getting quick access to it and helping us get more water on the fire more quickly, it's much better for the homeowner."

The estimated damage for the house at 7 Allston St. in Dorchester still ran very high, at \$1.5 million with minor injuries for one firefighter, but MacDonald said it could have been worse.

MacDonald said currently, firefighters are going out and shoveling hydrants when they're not on a call, but it's a tall order for the city's firefighters.

"We do send them out in between calls to shovel them,

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but with 13,000 [hydrants] we need all the help we can get to shovel them out," he said. "To the people that live near to them, shovel them out, that's first and foremost."

MacDonald said that clearing out catch basins is extremely important, too, especially with the dips and rises in temperatures the city has been seeing lately. Basically, melting and refreezing water can clog and stop up catch basins and cause flooding and more ice on the roads, both of which increase the danger of vehicular collisions.

"The mayor's repeated it many times to clear the hydrants and the catch basins," MacDonald said.

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sufficient off-street loading, excessive floor-to-area (FAR) ratio, excessive building height, and insufficient side yard.

"We plan on having this lot very well landscaped," explained Trabucco, adding the building is currently proposed to include a modern design with fiberstone windows, faux stone, and unit roof decks.

"Why are people not using brick in West Roxbury anymore?" questioned one community member.

Trabucco explained that they plan on matching the modern style of the other new buildings on Washington Street. Another community member found the number of rentals on Washington Street concerning.

The WRNC Zoning Committee voted to recommend to the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals that 5251 Washington St. should be approved and the motion was passed.

Another point of discussion was the potential two family dwelling on 6-8 Cheriton Road. Property owner Gary Martell said he plans on combining two lots and a portion of Dunbarton Road to create one lot and erect a two-family home. Violations include excessive building height, insufficient side yard, and insufficient

side yard.

Tony Saroufim, the Committee Chair of the WRNC, told Martell, "I am not against this, I just want to make sure neighbors are present during the meeting." Saroufim tabled this topic until the next meeting in February.

The West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association (WRCIA) met earlier in the month on this piece of land, and they also did not take a vote on the proposal but agreed that they would vote on the topic at the next meeting as only a few members of the group were in attendance. The group previously approved the original site proposal for the duplex, but Martell explained in the WRCIA meeting that while in the process of setting up meetings with the ZBA for site approval, he was contacted by the city's Parks and Recreation Department to instead discuss an option for the site that would benefit both the owners of the property and the city, and it was explained then that Martell and his development partners agreed to move the duplex to the front of the property and deed the back portion of the lot to the city in exchange for the city's support in the building of the duplex.

The land located behind 6-

8 Cheriton Road is owned by the Conservation Committee. The committee is looking to make their piece of land useable in some way for the public.

The owners of 15 Macullar Road intend to add a family room and install a new kitchen in their home. This motion was passed.

The homeowner of 19 Burard Street proposed a kitchen remodel, and enclosing and enlarging an existing porch to accommodate a mudroom and half bath. Violations included excessive floor area ratio and insufficient side yard. "My wife has lived in this house her whole life, and we would like to remodel," the homeowner explained. He also claimed the neighbors have "no problem with it." The motion to remodel the kitchen and enlarge the porch was passed.



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# Gate of Heaven School to become parking lot



The Gate of Heaven Church is planning on demolishing its school for a parking lot.

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Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

After years of debate, lawsuits and limbo, the Gate of Heaven Dioceses announced this week that the Gate of Heaven School is slated to become a parking lot.

In a letter to the congregation, Rev. Robert Casey said they are proposing to demolish the school and replace it with a parking lot to help preserve the Gate of Heaven Church, which he stated was the church's main priority.

The school has been the subject of debate for almost a decade since its closure in

2009. For many years, the parish tried to sell it off to a developer for condos or apartments.

"There were many developers that were interested in purchasing the building, but there was much opposition from parishioners and neighbors," Casey said. "All of the developers that had an interest in purchasing the building for condominiums eventually dropped their bid to purchase."

In 2014, they came to the conclusion that they would

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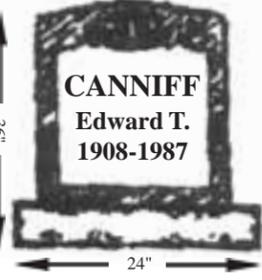
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**Deaths**

**ANTONIAZZI**

Douglas J., 63, passed suddenly at home Jan. 4, 2018. Loved by his family: Mike & Cheryl Antoniazzi, Tom & Pam Antoniazzi, Jean Antoniazzi, Greg & Karen Antoniazzi, Brad & Susan Antoniazzi, Mark & Sharri Antoniazzi, and Tina & Jeff Neal as well as his nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and work colleagues. He was preceded in death by his Parents, Thomas and Eleanor [MacNeil] Antoniazzi, and his Brother, Malcolm Antoniazzi. As he wished, Doug has been cremated. A Funeral/Memorial Mass will celebrate his life on Saturday March 3 at 10 a.m. in Most Precious Blood Church, Hyde Park. The church will be open at 9 a.m. that day to family, friends and colleagues for reflection and prayer before the Service. Donations in Doug's memory can be made to Boston Latin School Association at 27 School Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02108, [www.blsa.org](http://www.blsa.org) or Bowdoin College Office of Development at 4100 College Station, Brunswick, ME 04011, <https://www.bowdoin.edu/support-bowdoin/> or the charity of your choice.

**DiSTASIO**

Frances E. (Norton) Of Roslindale, formerly of Brookline, Jan. 11, 2018. Beloved wife of Paul J. DiStasio for 63 years. Devoted mother of Mary G. Porzelt and her husband Michael of Roslindale, Paul J. DiStasio and his late wife Barbara of Maine and West Roxbury, Anne F. Riba of Illinois, Barbara C. Williamson and her husband John of West Roxbury, Karen M. DiStasio of Norwood, Todd M. DiStasio and his wife Rebecca of Attleboro, and the late Michael G. DiStasio, and Jeffrey J. DiStasio, HM1-SS, U.S.N. and his surviving wife Dannette of Virginia. Loving grandmother of 19 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and foster mother to many children. Funeral from P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frances' memory to the Fisher House, P.O. Box 230, South Walpole, MA 02071.

**DYKES**

Mary R. (McGrath) Of West Roxbury, formerly of Mission Hill, Jan. 12, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Dykes. Loving mother of Daniel G. and his wife Doreen of Canton, Maureen Fitzgerald and her husband Bernard of West Roxbury, James E. and his wife Deborah of Hampton, New Hampshire and the late Cathy Chouinard. Devoted grandmother of Cathy Benoit, Cindy McGrann, Daniel J. Dykes, Caitlin, Ryan and Matthew Fitzgerald, Cassie, Jayme, and Douglas Dykes. Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Dr. Joseph McGrath and Sr. Eileen McGrath, S.C. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Mary's name may be made to Mission Church, 1545 Tremont St., Roxbury, MA 02120.

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**ABCD Fuel Assistance ready for 2018**

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Fuel Assistance Program is geared up and ready to go for the New Year.

The program is a federally-funded assistance initiative that helps low-income residents pay for crucial heating costs during the winter months in Boston. ABCD Energy Programs Director Kathy Tobin said they were worried in the fall that funding to the program could be cut, but since Congress could only pass spending resolutions, they remain at level funding.

"The government has not decided a budget yet, so all our programs are operating on a continuing resolution," she said.

Tobin said the maximum benefit for fuel assistance, once a resident qualifies, is \$1,100.

"Which, at today's oil prices, makes at least two fills," she said. "Fuel has been going up slightly, at about 14 percent from where it was last year."

Despite a relatively benign start to the cold weather in the fall, winter is now hitting Boston at full force. Tobin said they keep an eye on temperatures.

"We're seeing colder degree days than we had last year," she said. "November was slightly above what it was last year on average, and December has con-

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE	TOTAL GROSS YEARLY INCOME
1	\$34,380
2	\$44,958
3	\$55,537
4	\$66,115
5	\$76,693
6	\$87,272
7	\$89,225
8	\$91,239
Over 8	See ABCD Fuel Assistance staff

tinued in that vein for a bit, but now December has been extremely cold versus last year."

Tobin said residents should apply as soon as they can for the fuel assistance.

"Basically, they should bring proof of identity, residency, their copies of their heating bill and updated documents which prove their total income for all members of the household 18 and older," she said. "They only have to apply once in person, and it's a very swift interview and not a very painful process."

Tobin said that residents should reach out to the ABCD Fuel Assistance Program, as qualifying for that also automatically qualifies them for other assistance programs. She said it's definitely a great help.

"Once they qualify, our representatives can tell residents about all the other things they could

qualify for, like paying for all their utility bills, electric and gas on a discount rate of about 27 to 29 percent," she said. "So their rate costs will go down, just by qualifying for fuel assistance because of their income status."

"National Grid is going for a rate increase, so that would be very good. Residents would also automatically qualify if they want to participate in having their home weatherized to the tune of around \$10,000 or sometimes more depending on the house. Basically, the weatherization would make the house tighter and seal up the windows the doors and the walls of the attics and the basement to keep those heating dollars in."

For more information on the Fuel Assistance program and more programs from the ABCD, go to [bostonabcd.org/service/fuel-assistance/](http://bostonabcd.org/service/fuel-assistance/)

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**KACUPAJ**



Neshet of Roslindale formerly of Tirana, Albania passed away on Jan. 10, 2018. Beloved husband of Dinore Kacupaj. Devoted father of Perparim, Tana, and Myslim. Loving grandfather of Elijor, Valentina, and Nancy. Internment Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. Arrangements by the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home.

**KENNEDY**

William Edward Longtime resident of West Roxbury, passed away on Jan. 13, 2018. Beloved son of the late William and Mary (King) Kennedy. Brother of the late Robert H. Kennedy and Margaret A. Heelan. Korean War Veteran, U.S. Army. Graduate of Northeastern University. Employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Honeywell Corporation. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

**McCoy**

Alvina H. (Guaraldi) Of Hyde Park, Jan. 9, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John E. McCoy. Loving mother of Patricia Antoni of Hyde Park, Mary Agnes O'Regan of Carver and the late John E. McCoy, Jr. Loving sister of the late Anne MacDonald,

Anita Shipley, Alfred Guaraldi, Alma Falcone, Alvira Bartlett, and Archimedes Guaraldi. Also survived by eight loving grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Interment Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the German Centre 2222 Centre St. West Roxbury, MA 02132. For guestbook [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service.

**MYCROFT**

Barbara (Fisher) Of Roslindale, Jan. 5, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Frederick, Jr. "Butchie". Devoted mother of Frederick, III of Roslindale. Cherished sister of Kathleen F. Black and her husband Alan of Florida and the late William, John, Jeanne Managhan, Paul and Arthur, and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. Interment at The Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury, relatives and friends invited. For guestbook, please visit: [Thomasfuneralhomes.com](http://Thomasfuneralhomes.com).

**Prayer to St. Anthony**

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.

Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. —J.C.

## Parking *continued from page 9*

rather lease the land. After much fighting and lawsuits from residents, the parish has decided to take a different direction, which proved to be too risky for the parish and require more land. Casey said they have been trying for the last three years to lease the land and school building to developers for about 75 to 99 years, but ran into some problems in financial risk and neighborhood opposition.

"All of the proposals would require that we include in the lease significant additional land for parking, dumpsters, etc.," he said. "It would severely diminish the amount of parking that our parishioners would have to park for masses, funerals, weddings and Parish and community events. Some proposal for leasing could also bring financial burdens to the Parish 20 and 30 years out."

"The vacant building, for the last nine years, has cost the Gate of Heaven Parish \$400,000 on insurance, real estate taxes and maintenance," he said. "The roughly \$45,000 cost per year could be better directed to be used for Parish Ministries."

Casey added the lot could actually generate funds for the parish as well.

"Financially, for the Parish, a parking area could generate a significant amount of revenue from donations of overnight parking for parishioners and neighbors," he said. "The increased parking would also secure the future of Gate of Heaven's Parish Community, as we would be able to accommodate almost 85 cars at weekend Masses, funerals and weddings. Not only will we be preserving the church building, but we will be preserving the Parish for generations to come."

Casey said there will be a meeting with residents on Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the church. All interested residents are invited to attend.

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**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**  
*(Never known to fail!)*  
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.  
*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

**St. Jude's Novena**  
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9<sup>th</sup> day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.  
*In gratitude for helping me. —I.H.*

**Miracle Prayer**  
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.  
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## Sprague Street *continued from page 1*

for the project, which calls for 521 units spread across four buildings.

"The density that we're proposing on the site, while it is unquestionably a lot of units... on a unit per acre size is less than many other projects within the city of Boston," he said.

He also added that the site's topography, the majority of which would be two full stories below Sprague Street because of the steep slope leading down to it, would minimize its visual impact.

Beyond this, Warshaw announced the fact that his group was seriously considering having units available for both sale and rent, an option which was not originally on the table.

Project Architect Michael Fazio went through a slide presentation of site layouts and conceptual diagrams, giving the audience an idea of the buildings' "warehouse/mill design," as well as its very green campus style layout and planned amenities, which will take up about 30 percent of the ground floor area.

These amenities, spread across the four buildings, would include a fitness center, coffee house, sports bar, day care center, work share space, as well as a pond side lounge and putting green.

A rooftop deck with a swimming pool, hot tub, and community center is also part of the design.

The third speaker on behalf of the planned development was Traffic Consultant David Bohn. Basing his comments on a statistical, observational, and comparative traffic study, he shared some of this information with the audience.

According to this study, Bohn noted that Sprague Street has between 10,000-11,000 autos traveling over it per day, with nearly 30 percent of them trucks and heavy vehicles.

Between 800 and 900 vehicles pass by during the peak morning and afternoon traffic hour and Bohn estimated that the development will generate 2-3 additional autos per minute during those times, to be added to the amount of trips already being made.

He qualified this by saying that the traffic immediately begins to disperse at the intersection of Horne and Sprague streets (by going either left or right) and continues to do so throughout the West Milton Street/Neponset Valley Parkway/Hyde Park Avenue area.

"The biggest impact of the traffic would come right at the driveway," Bohn said. "As you get further away, the impact gets diminished."

Because of the development's close proximity to the commuter station, Bohn also concluded that, "we think that the amount of traffic that this project will generate will be roughly half of what it might otherwise be if it was in an area that was not served by transit."

Going over traffic mitigation strategies, Bohn cited – in addi-

tion to the proximity to the commuter station – free transit passes for the first month of a new resident's occupancy, subsidized transit passes for staff, and onsite zip car spaces.

He also said that Noannet is currently at the table with the MBTA to address fare inequity, citing the difference between Readville (\$6.75) and Fairmount (\$2.25) fares, adding that the new complex will add Readville ridership and give extra impetus for improving commuter service.

At the conclusion of these presentations, State Rep. and Readville resident Angelo Scaccia stepped up to the podium to firmly state and go into his opposition to the project.

The one and two-family house "character of the neighborhood" and the increased traffic intertwined as Scaccia listed the other developments "waiting in line" behind the one at 36-70 Sprague St.

He started with the 285-unit Fr. Hart Bridge proposal, putting them into context with the rest of the neighborhood.

"These two projects alone are greater (in number) than the housing units on both sides of Readville combined," Scaccia said.

He went on to mention the proposal for 2,200 housing units at the site of the old Stop & Shop warehouse, the Todesca property in Wolcott Square, and the Westinghouse property.

"If this (36-70) project succeeds, there is no way to prevent those in the queue," Scaccia warned. "Readville is not downtown Boston. In my opinion, this begins the Manhattan-ization of Readville."

Campbell, who roved the wings of the converted gym carrying a microphone with which he introduced presenters and speakers, started the public comment portion of the meeting, while also announcing the public officials in attendance.

In addition to Rep. Scaccia, these included City Councilor Tim McCarthy and State Sen. Mike Rush, both of whom also spoke. Annissa Essaibi George was also announced, as were representatives from the offices of Michele Wu and Ayanna Pressley. Dedham Selectman Dennis J. Guilfoyle was present (though unannounced) and spoke as well.

Over 20 people stood up to speak for up to two minutes, and a number of Hyde Park community organizations were represented among them. The first commenter, Michael King, President of the Hyde Park Historical Society, set the tone.

"The developers have discovered us," King said. "We're like some tribe in the Amazon that does not wish to be discovered, but discovered we are."

He went on to urge resistance against the "invasion of the developers."

From there, comments ranged from potential noise effects caused by passing trains sonic interaction with the buildings, the fact that the Providence-Stoughton train doesn't actually stop at Readville,

to a recurring question: What are the development's benefits to the neighborhood?

Warshaw's answer came in response to a question about pricing. One of the goals for 36-70 Sprague St. is to provide middle income housing, which Warshaw said there is a lack of in the city.

In illustrating this, he took rental unit quotes from the center of Boston and compared them to subsidized housing prices at 70 percent of Area Mean Income [AMI].

As an example, he compared city center studios ranging from \$2,400-\$3,900 per month with subsidized ones ranging from \$1,000-\$1,500 per month, with the plan to offer studios in the \$1,500 range at 36-70 Sprague St.

"Everybody here who's old enough to have kids who have moved back to Boston: they love Hyde Park, they love Readville, they don't really want to live in their mom's basement, but they'd love to be in the area," Warshaw said. "Where are they going to live? That's what the benefit is."

Ten commenters later, Erica Schwarz, Executive Director at the Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC), offered a counterpoint in her comments.

"Forty-three percent of Hyde Park households earn less than \$50,000 a year, and most of those families couldn't afford the market rate apartments here," she said. "Thirty-one percent earn less than \$35,000 a year and none of them could afford the affordable apartments. This is not targeted for people currently here."

Although the heavy majority of those in the room were opposed to the development – one commenter asked for a show of hands, and many went up – a few stood up in support of it, looking at it as an improvement over the light industry that seems to be growing in that area.

City Councilor Tim McCarthy had the final word. Speaking as he had in the Nov. 27 Impact Advisory Group meeting, he compared the process to being in the early stages of the Marathon, with the ability to stop running all the way to Boylston Street.

He also sounded a note of warning, citing tow yards and other light industry disappearing from South Boston and Dorchester and floating the idea that these may be making their way to Readville while having no positive economic impact on the neighborhood.

"If it's not this, then what?" McCarthy asked, speaking of 36-70 Sprague St. "You really have to come up with a better answer than, 'No, no, no. Everything's going to stay as it is,' because it's not. And something down the road could be a lot worse than this. So, as we continue to work on this project – whether you like the project or don't like the project – come up with some positive thoughts on what could go there."

Other community meetings are planned for 36-70 Sprague St., but dates have not yet been set.

Lance Campbell can be reached at [Lance.Campbell@Boston.gov](mailto:Lance.Campbell@Boston.gov).

## North End Resident turns 105



North End Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center hosted a birthday celebration for Vincenza Raspa, a native of the North End who turned 105 years old while in recovery at the center. Raspa was born in her North End home on Jan. 15, 1913, attended local schools and worked hard all her life – first at a canning factory in Boston for 30 years and later as a salesperson at Macy's department store for 20 years. She is a long-time parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, around the corner from her Garden Court apartment. Left to right, cousin Rachel Murphy; great-niece Abby Gullen; cousin Rose Yanni; nephew Kevin Gullen... Bottom left, niece Lee Gullen; Vincenza Raspa; and great-niece Samantha Gullen.

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## Fallon *continued from page 1*

in the years to come. The question is would it behoove us to have a formal group that takes the lead on the maintenance and the organizing."

Young said she'd like to form a non-profit, 501c3 organization around the Friends group, but Roslindale Wants to Play Founder Chris Kollett said that despite the fact that a 501c3 would allow them to apply for grants and other funds, there isn't much value in it otherwise, and his group hasn't done the paperwork for it.

"We found there's not much value in forming a 501c3 until you're looking for funding," he said. "We found community partners when we needed funding and usually that was the Roslindale Village Main Streets."

Though Kollett said it would be a good idea to get incorporated as a group and get some official status, he said having folks invested in the park's well-being is the best part of a Friends group.

"I guess that my overall advice is I think it would be tremendous to have a group that was paying attention to what was going on at Fallon and the initial value would be eyes on the park, are there main issues happening, are there ongoing concerns with things going on at the park that would be the initial return," he said.

LANA member Kathy Browne said she would like to help, as Young said she would not be able to handle the group completely by herself. She said she is also looking for more parents to come and help with the formation of the group, and Browne said LANA could help in that regard.

"I think it would be good to figure out how LANA can be supportive," she said. "I like the model we did with the wetlands where on the Roslindale wetlands, it was kind of a group unto itself but it was also affiliate with LANA and under the LANA umbrella. Chris (Kollett) took the lead when he was on the board and advocating for improvements for the playground for Fallon, but there are a lot of constituencies for Fallon. There was a huge discussion in the history of Fallon about soccer and softball and Little League and all that and those are very important constituencies for Fallon. There's a lot of different groups and if you want to do it under a Friends of Fallon that's fabulous, but I think it might be helpful if LANA was an umbrella group."

Young said her interest in the park was started with the playground, but the whole park will need maintenance and care for the foreseeable future.

"I think my interest started with the playground. We've gotten a ton of money and infrastructure improvements for the park, but are we slated for anything more?" she said. "Once you get some brand new amenities, the real important next phase is the maintenance, and we have about 20 years to wait for more money on that park. We need to think about the longevity of what we have there."

Browne said they would come back to the issue in LANA's next meeting in March.

# MLK Day *continued from page 1*

ton alone for 3,500 seats for (English for Speakers of Other Languages) ESOL classes and thousands more throughout the Commonwealth of people who want to learn English, they're motivated, but there are not enough seats."

Keegan said the learning aids vary in their construction; some are vocabulary flash cards while others can be a little more inventive.

"We've got a Jenga game, where you pull out a piece of the puzzle, it's got a conversation starter stamped on it, and so if you're learning English in an ESOL practice group, it's just kind of a fun and different way to kick start the conversation," she said. "We've got another group doing questions and answers to help them practice for the citizenship test, which immigrants are highly motivated to take."

Keegan said regardless of the theme, the organization always sees a great response from the city's residents, residents from all over Massachusetts and city officials.

"It's always high-energy, it's always positive, and every year has a theme and this year's theme was chosen because it's a pressing need, and it's been a pressing need for a long time and I think given the state of the country things like immigration and speaking English are more on top of mind for people, so I think people can see more of a sense of immediacy that maybe last year this wouldn't have had," she said. "We've got a lot of immigrants here, English language learners and students here too, who talk about how they like to help each other and they also feel really supported, which is really, really important."

Keegan said Boston Cares, founded in 1991, is centered on creating and matching volunteers with opportunities for service year-round.

"Boston Cares is a full-time year-round volunteer activity



Boston Mayor Marty Walsh congratulated and thanked volunteers during the MLK Day celebration.

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center, so over the course of the year, we mobilize volunteers and this year we filled 25,000 volunteer opportunities throughout 200 schools and community agencies and so forth," she said.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh encouraged those in attendance to remember this day of service and turn all days into a day of service for the city and the country.

"This is an important message that we're doing today for this day of service, and I want all the young people to remember that every day could be a day of service, so make sure as you move on and go back to school tomorrow, try to do one nice thing every day," he said. "That's what we should all be doing in our life, and it's important to do that particularly with what's been happening in the world. We can make a difference here in our City of Boston every day by doing one nice kind act for somebody you don't know."

Residents Kimberly Bowdre and Taunya Garrett came with their children and family from Milton and Weymouth, respectively.

"We've come out because we like to volunteer," said Bowdre. "We love it, we absolutely love it. I feel like they usually have a good response so it seems pretty good."

Garrett said they all feel it is important to instill a need for service to remind their children of the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

"We've been doing this a couple of years and we always want to tell the kids that it's not a day off, it's a day on for service," she said. "Martin Luther King Day means a lot to us and our community, and the country as a whole so we have to serve."

Residents Irvin Hiralall and Marc Steiner said he came with the group from Build On Boston, which looks to engage youth through volunteerism.

"We're with an organization that engages high school students into volunteering and MLK Day is one of our big service days so we brought a ton of kids to volunteer," he said. "I haven't personally done it before, but it looks like it's an awesome event, there's people of all ages and backgrounds here."

Hiralall said he had seen this event before when visiting Boston from New York, and now that he lives here he thought it would be a good way to give back.

"I did an Americore City here a long time ago so I figured it would be a good way to give back to the community because I haven't volunteered in a long time," he said.

## Boston Ward 18 to elect delegates to Democratic State Convention

Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St., Hyde Park to elect delegates and alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year's state convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester, where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to endorse Democratic candidates for statewide office, including Constitutional Officers and gubernatorial candidates.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 18 by Sept. 18, 2018 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Boston's Ward 18 can elect 52 delegates and eight alternates to the Convention.

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

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

## City reminds residents of space saver policy



PWD work crews removed space savers throughout the city last week. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said in a recent interview that residents need to abide by the 48-hour window for space savers or they will be removed. After violence from space saver disputes after the early January snowstorm, Walsh Tweeted "While we don't plan any changes to the space saver program, we're disappointed by threatening messages and notes residents are leaving on each other's cars. Please be respectful of your neighbors--we all share these streets and our City. No threats will be tolerated."

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*Boston Bulletin, 01/18/2018*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU17P2744EA

Estate of: Bertha L. Alexander Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
 24 New Chardon St.  
 Boston, MA 02114  
 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 11/17/2017

To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Lelia Jones of Hyde Park, MA and Denise Wilson of Hyde Park, MA**  
 requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
 The Petitioner requests that:  
**Lelia Jones of Hyde Park, MA and Denise Wilson of Hyde Park, MA**  
 be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 02/14/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: January 03, 2018  
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU18P0040EA

Estate of: Lisa Ann Kupstas Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
 24 New Chardon St.  
 Boston, MA 02114  
 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 11/01/2017

To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for **Formal Probate of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Edward F. Colvin, II of Cambridge, MA**  
 requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
 The Petitioner requests that:  
**Edward F. Colvin, II of Cambridge, MA**  
 be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
 SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU17P2658GD  
 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

**In the matter of: Melissa Rios RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Hyde Park, MA Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
 William Rios of Hyde Park, MA / Adriana M Rios of Hyde Park, MA  
 In the above captioned matter alleging that **Melissa Rios** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that  
 William Rios of Hyde Park, MA / Adriana M Rios of Hyde Park, MA  
 (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.  
 The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **02/01/2018** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court  
 January 02, 2018  
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU17P2741EA

Estate of: Eleanor T. Kilduff Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
 24 New Chardon St.  
 Boston, MA 02114  
 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 03/06/2014

To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication Of Intestacy of Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**William F. Spallina of Boston, MA**  
 requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
 The Petitioner requests that:  
**William F. Spallina of Boston, MA**  
 be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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for a clear and compelling message, memorable content and delivery, and creativity. Official rules and further details are available at [www.lwvma.org](http://www.lwvma.org).

“Democracy is not a spectator sport, and no one should sit on the sidelines,” LWVMA Executive Director Meryl Kessler said. “We are using this contest to remind and encourage all eligible Massachusetts voters to register and head to the polls next fall.”

The contest is sponsored by the League of Women Voters Citizen Education Fund, which supports programs designed to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in democracy and increase understanding of public policy issues. Financial support has been provided by the Salem Five Charitable Foundation.

# Calendar

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Ms. Bayerl will give a teen writing workshop at 5:30 p.m. (pizza provided) and an author talk at 6:30 p.m.

Katie Bayerl is the second Lois Lowry Fellowship recipient from the Friends of the West Roxbury Library. She coaches teens and nonprofits to tell stories and holds an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She currently leads the VCFA Young Writers Network and teaches classes for teens at GrubStreet. A Psalm for Lost Girls (spring 2017, Putnam) is her first novel.

To RSVP for the teen writing workshop at 5:30 p.m., please email [friendsofthewestroxburylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestroxburylibrary@gmail.com)

Author talk: Lois Lowry Fellowship Winner Katie Bayerl, author of A Psalm for Lost Girls Thursday, Jan. 18, Teen writing workshop: 5:30 p.m. (pizza provided) Author talk: 6:30 p.m. West Roxbury Branch Library. To RSVP for the teen writing workshop at 5:30 p.m., please email [friendsofthewestroxburylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestroxburylibrary@gmail.com) Find us online at <http://FriendsOfTheWRLibrary.org>

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blames its private contractor Keolis. Gonzalez said Gov. Baker's plan of better service through a 15-year plan of management and cost cutting just doesn't seem to make sense to him.

Massie said a comprehensive plan for transportation is very necessary for the state.

"Transportation is a fundamental condition of prosperity but we just haven't seen that," he said. "We need a statewide comprehensive transportation system that tries to catch up with public transportation systems around the world."

Massie said he agreed that the privatization of the Com-

muter Rail was not a good move, but said that if they can get the Commuter Rail trains to a better efficiency, it would take more cars off the road and allow for commute times to the city centers to be reasonable from a greater distance. He cited a plan on the table to bring high-speed rail to the Worcester-Boston line.

"It would help our housing problem," he said. "If you could get to Worcester in 45 minutes you could live there and work here... The Chinese just decided we're out of our minds, they put in 12,000 miles of high-speed rail, compared to the U.S. number, big

leader, zero."

Both Massie and Gonzalez said their track records have prepared them for the office of the governor in Massachusetts. Gonzalez said he's worked in the office before for Deval Patrick from 2006 to 2013, and Massie said he's worked on the Ceres Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR). Massie said the work with the INCR reached globally to investors concerned about climate change, and instituted norms for many countries in regards to carbon offsets, essentially a divestment strategy center to globally reduce incentives for investments in fossil fuels,

much like his divestment campaign in the 1980s for South Africa.

"I was the chair, I brought the people together and I can tell you they did not agree and they were from different countries but we found a way forward on a global scale in use by 11,000 multinational companies," he said. "Now, if I could do that at that at a scale for 7 billion people, I think I could have an impact on the wonderful state of Massachusetts with its 6.7 million people."

Gonzalez took the question of beating Baker to heart, saying that while Baker is the

most popular governor in the country right now, it's more of a lukewarm popularity.

"Everyone says he's popular, he's really tall he's so popular, but I want to ask a favor next time a Democrat says to you 'I'm fine with Charlie.' I want you to ask them why," he said. "It will probably be something like 'he seems nice and I'm just glad he's not a crazy Republican like we see in other states'... You can ask how do you feel about Charlie Baker and 70 percent of the people say he's fine, but the polling shows that nobody is passionate about Charlie Baker."

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