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Leaps and Bounds for Doyle Playground



A representative from the Statehouse Leon Davis updated East River Street Neighborhood Association last week.

PHOTO BY TRENSE HALL

Trenese Hall
Staff Reporter

Hard work finally paid off for the organizing committee People of Hyde Park Wanting Equal Representation (POHWER). After almost a whole year of community organizing and meetings, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) conclusively approved POHWER's request to redevelop Doyle Playground located on River Street.

April Spivey and members of Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation (SWBCDC) spoke before the East River Street Neighborhood Association last week and shared the exciting news.

"I just wanted to update everyone on the Doyle Playground and the meeting that we had in June," Spivey said. "It's exciting; we took everything from that meeting and

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Transit plans and parking FHNA topics



City Councilor Tim McCarthy had a lot to say to the FHNA about upcoming traffic alleviation plans for both Cleary Square and Wolcott Square.

Photo By Matt MacDonald

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) met on Feb. 28 at the Boston Police Academy.

The meeting was headlined by City Councilor Tim

McCarthy, who spoke and answered questions for almost an hour had much information to share.

Headlining his talk were the traffic infrastructure updates planned for the Wolcott

FHNA

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History comes alive with the 54th Regiment



Members of the 54th Regiment re-enactors pose for a group photo at the reception for the exhibit "In Camp at Readville," now open at the Menino Arts Center.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Last Friday, March 16, the Menino Arts Center (26 Central Ave.) held its opening reception for "In Camp at Readville: a 3D Exhibit Installation by the 54th Regiment Re-enactors.

The steady crowd of visitors who stopped by the second floor MAC throughout the 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. event was met by a pleasant and informative

sentry/greeter – one of the 54th Mass Infantry Regiment Re-enactors, Company A – before stepping into a living history lesson.

The 54th – immortalized on Beacon Hill in Augustus Saint-Gaudens' relief sculpture Memorial to Robert Gould Shaw and the Massachusetts Fifty-Fourth Regiment and brought to national attention through the 1989 film *Glory* – was the first African-American regiment organized in the North during the

Civil War, and campaigned through the South from 1863 to 1865.

In the long corridor leading to the main hall, paintings, art photos, and other mixed media that typically hang on the MAC's walls had been taken down and replaced with maps, documentary photos, and historical excerpts, as people stopped to look, some in passing and others intently.

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"Women Amongst Us" Tea honors inspirational Boston women

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Eighth Annual "Women Amongst Us" Tea was held at Granite Links Golf Course on Saturday, March 10, coinciding with Women's History Month and International Women's Day, which is celebrated on March 8.

About 200 guests, mostly female, attended the afternoon event. Included in that number were Congressman Michael Capuano, State Sen.

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City of Boston Chief of Housing and Director of Neighborhood Development, and Pass the Torch honoree Sheila Dillon poses for a photo with well-wishers at the Eighth Annual "Women Amongst Us" Tea.

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Boston students shine at Citywide Spelling Bee



Dozens of Boston students tested their mettle on Saturday at the annual Citywide Spelling Bee at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library.

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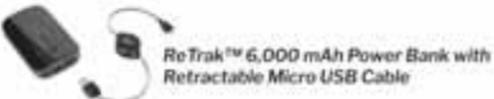
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A crowd of family members, teachers and friends were on hand today to congratulate 20 Boston youth from across the City competing in Boston's eleventh annual BCYF Citywide Spelling Bee at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. Organized by Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency, and sponsored by the Boston Bruins Foundation, the winner now goes on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May. "We are very proud to be hosting the BCYF Citywide Spelling Bee for the eleventh year," said William Morales, Commissioner of BCYF. More than 3,000 young people participated in Boston public and parochial school Bees to qualify for the BCYF Citywide Bee. The preparation for the school Bees helps young people improve their spelling, broaden their vocabulary and build self-confidence. The winner of this year's Bee was Mira Yu age 12 from the North End who won by spelling "crescendo" correctly. The second place finisher was Nicla Marabito age 10 from the North End and coming in third was Hope Succée age 13 from West Roxbury. The Bee went 11 rounds plus four final rounds before the Championship Round.

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Barney McGinniskin from the bogs of Ireland

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Historical Society met on Saturday, March 17 in Weld Hall of the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

About 25 people – many dressed in some shade of green for St. Patrick’s Day – gathered to hear Margaret Sullivan give a one hour lecture on the life and times of Bernard “Barney” McGinniskin, the first Irish Catholic immigrant to be appointed to the Boston Police in 1851.

Working as a records manager and archivist for the Boston Police Department (BPD) and often researching – on her own time – the history of the BPD “because there are so many good stories”, Sullivan began to trace out a life for McGinniskin, an enigmatic local historical figure about whom very little information had survived to the present day.

Starting her research with Peter Riley’s book *The Hidden History of the Boston Irish* – in which the author had written a chapter on McGinniskin and, in it, put forward the idea that he may have been from Galway – Sullivan followed that lead to a dead end, finding no record of him there.

Closer to home, Sullivan found McGinniskin’s grave in South Boston’s St. Augustine’s Cemetery, where the inscribed headstone that he had placed for his wife Sarah offered another clue: she had been the daughter of William McGowan of Manor Hamilton in County Leitrim.

In an odd coincidence, shortly afterwards, Sullivan received a call from someone from Manor Hamilton interested in determining if he was related to a later police officer. He wasn’t, but the two started talking and she told him about McGinniskin and McGowan.

“And he said, there is no McGinniskin but, in Leitrim, there’s the name McGriskin.”

Taking those new spellings – it became apparent as Sullivan went on that McGinniskin had had a number of variations of his surname – she found a Barney McGuiskin listed in city records from the late 1820’s and eventually found herself staring at copies of his naturalization papers at the National Archives in Waltham.

“Now, having looked at my ancestors’ (naturalization papers), I can tell you that 99

out of 100 simply said ‘Ireland.’ If you’re lucky, you get a county. But McGinniskin was apparently a very proud man and he says, in 1840, ‘County of Leitrim, Sranagross.’”

His papers also had the names of two prominent Waterfront merchants who McGinniskin seems to have worked for and made a positive enough impression on for them to serve as his witnesses.

As these clues led to still more clues, a life began to take shape: of a young man arriving in Boston in 1828 with his young wife, living in the North End, having 10 children over 20 years – some who survived, some who didn’t – holding a number of different jobs (a laborer at Faneuil Hall, a cooper, a hackney cab driver), and becoming a community figure (he was a Chapter Vice-President of the Association to Repeal the Acts of Union between Great Britain and Ire-



Margaret Sullivan presents her St. Patrick’s Day lecture on Bernard “Barney” McGinniskin to the HPHS. In 1861, McGinniskin became the first Irish Catholic appointed to the Boston Police.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

land). McGinniskin was appointed to the fledgling Boston Police in late 1851 (it would merge with the Boston Watch – established in the 1630’s – in 1854), roughly concurrent with the rise and spread of the xenophobic “Know Nothing” movement

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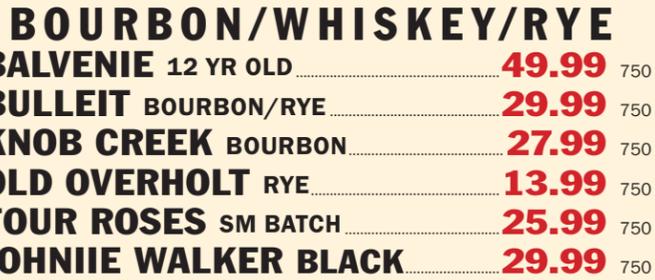
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Editorial

CANDID CAMERAS

Call us cynical, but we believe that many folks – if they think no one is looking – will resort to the urgings of their lesser angels. State Troopers, as was reported this week, will falsify overtime pay. Leaders at the State House, House and Senate, almost by tradition at this point, find innovative ways to break the law. People will lie, whether or not they have to.

That belief is just one small reason why the Boston Police Department should push forward with its “body cam” program despite its cost.

This newspaper recently covered a meeting between the Boston City Council and representatives from the Boston Police Department to discuss the effectiveness of a trial program involving body-worn cameras. The pilot program wound down in September.

BPD Commissioner William Evans praised the results, although he fretted about the cost. “From an organizational standpoint, it’s all positive,” he said. “The only negative is that the officers, when they’re in foot pursuit, they lose the cameras, sometimes when they’re in fights, they get ripped off their body, but other than that, things have gone really well.”

At the time he addressed the Council, the BPD had amassed 38,200 videos, 4,600 hours of footage, and at least two complaints brought against officers were cleared by viewing the related video.

That alone justifies the program. The majority of our police officers work hard and try to live up to the concept of “protect and serve.” They deserve any effort to protect them, their personal reputations, and the reputation of the Department.

“We don’t really have a problem with use of force in the Department, back in 2011 there were 80 complaints of excessive use of force from citizens, and in 2017 we just had 21, so it’s steadily declining over the years,” Evans told the Council. Therein lies another reason to use the cameras.

All it takes is one bad cop on one bad day to become a national topic of conversation and sully the otherwise great work done by the Department. Just glance at the newsletter used by the Patrolmen’s Association and you will quickly learn that racist underpinnings are there, poised to be a problem that goes beyond those ill-considered attempts at jokes. There are RACISTS on the force, just as they exist in all walks of life. If the body cams help keep them honest, or serve as immediate proof of guilt, we are all better off.

The BPD estimates that the cost of full implementation would be about \$5 to \$7 million in the first year. Our thought is that the cost may be worth it, especially with some further negotiations to bring vendor costs down.

Maintaining a quality police force that serves all is a tough task. Ensuring that the BPD not only preserve, but improve its reputation is the task at hand and one these cameras can definitely help.

Numbers without answers

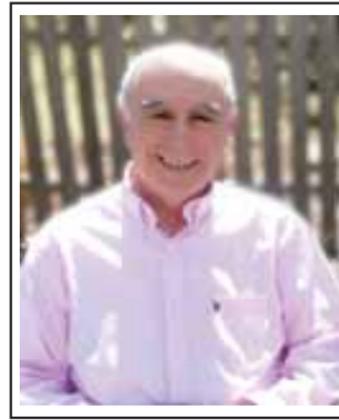
The Massachusetts sales tax is levied on goods, not services.

Not all goods are subject to the Commonwealth’s sales tax. Congratulations to our pols for decades ago excluding such a tax on clothing, at least those single items under \$170.

A few years ago there was a movement afoot to raise money for the state’s coffers by levying a tax on services, such as legal costs and plumbing work. We taxpayers were finally given a break when that legislation was struck down.

Now comes a question that not even an expert in the Massachusetts Department of Revenue could answer: When one purchases a new or pre-owned car, why is the dealer able to append sales tax on the Vehicle Preparation Fee, the Documentary Preparation Fee, and the Title Preparation Fee?

If one has automotive work done at Jo-Lan’s Automotive in Roslindale or by Trethewey Brothers, also in 02131, the billing is quick to isolate the mere parts on which the tax is levied, not on the entire bill,



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which obviously includes labor.

Thus when a local car dealership imposed a 6.25 percent sales tax on the Vehicle Preparation Fee (\$292), Documentary Preparation Fee (\$198), and Title Preparation Fee (\$5) for a pre-owned (used) car, I was surprised that this was legal. I was even more surprised when the Department of Revenue declared such a tax was legal. And I was most surprised

when a sales tax expert working for that department explained that she could not explain the legality of the tax, outside of the few sheets of paper that the three entailed. The lion’s share of all three was labor/services, not goods. But going back over old records, I noticed that other dealerships did no such tax imposition.

Sometimes there are numbers without answers, such as the quotient of any number divided by zero. And there is no single value of x in the equation

$$16x + 8 = 15x + 9 + x - 1$$

Nor is there any value of n in the equation

$$3(2n-1) = 6n-2$$

Of course, none of these has reached the status as that of seeking an explanation of Fermat’s Last Theorem, which was finally solved in 1995 after more than three centuries of attempts.

But I believe there are answers somewhere to this sales tax question, not necessitating 300 years before a suitable explanation can be given: someone is lining his/her own pocket under the guise of a state tax.

Letters to the Editor

YOU GOT A LOT WRONG

Letter to the Editor,

Thank you for editorializing about the problems faced by the MBTA in providing comprehensive, reliable, and affordable public transportation in the Boston area. Unfortunately, you got a lot wrong, but this is not surprising given the car-centric mentality of just about everyone in our country. Boston roads are too small for the excessive use of many ton CO2 spewing steel cages that trans-

port on average about 1 & 1/3 of a person. Our roads have more than enough space for dedicated bus and bike lanes and vastly improved pedestrian ways if only we could get people to drive less. Our heavy subsidization of our private transportation system with public dollars is cheating us now and even more so in the future. European countries like the Netherlands, with smaller roads, efficiently, effectively, and affordably support superior

public transportation systems and extensive bicycle infrastructure. Dutch citizens enjoy low cost and reliable rapid transit. We could get rid of the endless congestion, waste of time, expensive road maintenance costs, and markedly reduces our CO2 emissions if we properly funded the MBTA and made it easier to use public transportation everywhere in the greater Boston area.

*Alan Wright
Roslindale*

How summer jobs make a difference

If you asked anyone working today, I bet they can remember their first summer job. It might have been flipping burgers, lifeguarding at the community pool, or helping kids as a camp counselor. Growing up, everyone in my neighborhood had a summer job; it meant independence, and extra money in your pocket.

I remember my first job. I was a doughnut finisher at the Dunkin Donuts in Andrew Square. The work wasn’t glamorous. I started early in the morning, before the store opened, getting doughnuts ready for sale. I got the store ready for the morning rush, unpacked incoming shipments, and decorated the doughnuts for sale. I wouldn’t call myself a baker, but I surprised myself with the new skills I learned.

Whenever I go to Dunkin Donuts now, I think back to the

time I spent there as a teenager. A lot has changed since I worked there in the early 1980s. Technology has transformed the way we find jobs. But I know my first summer job is similar to other young people’s experiences today. Everyone’s career needs to start somewhere, and that’s where I got my start.

In many ways, my first job helped influence who I am today; it taught me the value of hard work, the importance of the basics like showing up on time and following through on your responsibilities, and the proud feeling that comes from earning your own money. It also made me realize how crucial summer jobs are for a young person’s personal growth.

That’s why as mayor, I am so supportive of summer jobs and other part-time jobs for Boston’s young people. These



Mayor’s Column

Martin J. Walsh

are positive experiences that every young person should have, especially as they navigate their teenage years and prepare to enter adulthood. These jobs build confidence

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Square area and the Cleary Square area. This construction, which will begin over the coming months, will total upwards of \$4 million, with \$1.8 million of it allocated to Wolcott Square.

As part of that project, the signal lights in the Square will be replaced with the mast arm variety of traffic lighting and the installation of new signal lights on both sides of Father Hart Bridge and at the Sprague Street Bridge.

This signal system, which is under the control of the Boston Transportation Dept., will be interconnected, communicating with each other and improving the traffic flow in that often congested section.

In addition to this, further infrastructure improvement for Wolcott Square will include moving the bus stop to Prescott Street so that arriving Route 32 buses will now take the immediate right after the tunnel and park there. Departing, they will take the left onto Wolcott Square (which will become a one-way street) and do a wide left U-turn with the signal instead of the hairpin, traffic blocking U-turn that they do now.

Beyond that, new sidewalks with handicapped access will be installed, as will streetlights like those in Jerry Hurley Park, which will replace the "cobra head" streetlights currently there.

Plans for the upgrade to Wolcott Square also include

cleaning and lighting the granite railroad tunnel.

The remainder of the approximately \$4 million will go toward similar work in the Cleary Square area and would involve installing a traffic light at the intersection of Dana Avenue and Hyde Park Avenue and tying it in with the lights at Hyde Park Avenue and River Street and those at River Street, Gordon Avenue and Business Street on the other side of the railroad bridge.

As part of this attempt to improve traffic flow in that area, the bus stop in front of the Red Moon Chinese restaurant will either be eliminated or moved out of the intersection area.

Construction work is also scheduled for the Dana Avenue intersection, but it will happen later in order to coincide with repair work that will be happening on the Dana Avenue Bridge in the summer of 2019.

McCarthy also focused on another area of transit: the commuter rail.

He concentrated on the three different stations – all with different fares – in the community, the inequity of this system leading to more road congestion as commuters take the cheaper route of driving to work.

Currently, a subway ticket costs \$2.25 from Fairmount, \$6.25 from Hyde Park and \$6.75 from Readville. Factoring in parking, a round-trip expenditure could wind up

costing users up to \$17.

McCarthy said that he and his City Council colleagues would continue to try to apply pressure "through our state delegation," while using as a source of persuasion the possibility of taking another look at the \$85 million currently given to the MBTA annually by the city.

An ancillary problem of the different commuter fares touched on by McCarthy had to do with parking.

Although the main lot just outside Wolcott Square remains largely unused – he quoted MBTA staff as citing a 78-82 percent empty – commuter parking in the residential area around Most Precious Blood Church was serious enough to instigate resident permit parking from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to deal with it.

At the meeting, residents of the Beacon Street section of Fairmount Hill also complained of experiencing the same problems, for which McCarthy floated the idea of having a small community meeting in the spring to discuss the possibility of instituting parking permits there, as well.

In other transit commentary, the Councilor also mentioned the possibility of trying out a dedicated Hyde Park Avenue bus lane that would run from Wolcott Square to Forest Hills Station during rush hour, citing the success of a similar pilot program that ran from Roslindale Square to Forest Hills.

In education updates, McCarthy spoke optimistically of the Grew, Channing, and Roosevelt schools.

The latter two are currently rated at Level 2 in the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) rating system based on the Progress and Performance Index (PPI) of the student body at each school. The Grew is currently rated Level 1 – the highest ranking.

"We've got a lot of great things happening, and that's why you're seeing a lot of young families moving to Hyde Park: because they've got options," McCarthy said.

In other Fairmount Hill business:

The owners of 36 Williams Ave. presented their proposal to subdivide their 15,000 foot lot and to build a two family house that would be located at 38 Williams Ave. Zoning relief is required.

As this was the first presentation made to the FHNA, the matter was tabled and forwarded to the FHNA Zoning Committee for further discussion and research – particularly regarding the zoning of a two family in a single family residential district. The matter will be revisited at the next FHNA meeting.

Scott Kriscenski updated the group on his progress with the "Welcome to Fairmount Hill" sign proposed to replace the sandwich board sign located at the point of Beacon Street and Truman Parkway.

The application has been submitted to the Department of Conservation and Recreation

with the target date of April 14 to begin volunteer preparation and installation work.

The front side of the sign – visible to those heading toward Mattapan on Truman – will read "Welcome to Fairmount Hill, est. 1856 by the Twenty Associates." The backside will display the FHNA logo.

As plans stand now, the sign will be made of a durable synthetic material and hung on two pressure treated cedar posts. The estimated cost is between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Finally, in Officer Paul Broderick's police report, mention was made of two lawn tractors being stolen from the Boston Baptist College located at 950 Metropolitan Ave.

Shortly afterwards, a member of the audience asked whether or not the two early teen boys that she had seen driving John Deere tractors up and down Highland Street was legal, since she didn't believe they had licenses, which drew a very quizzical stare from Broderick.

"When was this?"

"Monday. The holiday. Presidents' Day."

"That's what they're missing."

When the woman informed Broderick that one of the boys lived on Warren Avenue, he informed everyone in the room that detectives did, in fact, have that street under investigation.

"But if you see them again, call 911," Sgt. Dan MacDonald said.

The next scheduled FHNA meeting will be on Wednesday, March 28.



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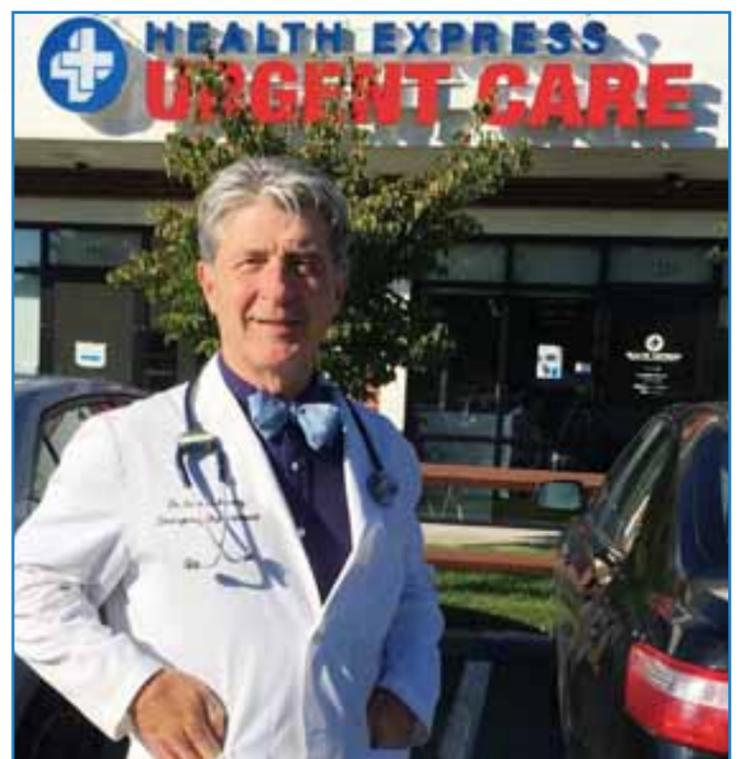
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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ALL GIRLS SPORTS FESTIVAL

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families invite girls from throughout the city to spend their April school vacation at the All Girls Sports Festival in Roxbury. The free four-day event will take place April 17 to April 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

Activities will be held at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College, 1350 Columbus Ave., and the nearby BCYF Madison Park Community Center, Building 4, 55 Malcolm X Blvd. The All Girls Sports Festival features a variety of sport clinics and health and wellness workshops supported by local colleges, non-profits, and City of Boston agencies. Free lunch will be also be provided.

Participants will find a variety of fun ways to exercise mind, body, and spirit and try out a variety of sports with expert instructors including basketball, tennis, Double Dutch, step dancing, track, swimming, rugby and soccer. Participants must be Boston residents ages 11 to 14 and should wear activity-appropriate clothing.

To pre-register go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecreat>. For more information, please contact Barbara Hamilton at (617)

961-3093 or by emailing barbara.hamilton@boston.gov.

PICS IN THE PARKS RETURNS APRIL 8

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite Boston residents to participate in the free Pics in the Parks photography workshops taking place on five Sundays in April and May from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Individuals of all ages and skill levels are welcome to bring their cameras and participate in these informal sessions led by a photography instructor. Participants will learn techniques for taking impressive photographs of Boston's scenic parks as well as be given a theme to focus on each Sunday. Select photos will be chosen for an exhibit at Boston City Hall.

Dates and locations are as follows:

April 8, Horatio Harris Park, 85 Harold St., Roxbury

April 15, George Wright Golf Course, 420 West St., Hyde Park

April 22, Moakley Park, 1005 Columbia Rd., South Boston

April 29, Chandler Pond, 95 Lake Shore Dr., Brighton

May 6, Winthrop Square, 55 Winthrop St., Charlestown

For more information please visit the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment or www.boston.gov/parks. Participants must bring their own equipment and can register via email by contacting mavrick.afonso@boston.gov.

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HARVARD ED PORTAL EVENTS GET FRONT ROW SEATS TO THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN: YOURS!

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, 10 a.m. to noon at the Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave.,

Allston join the Harvard Ed Portal for an afternoon of collaboration and theater as you create your own Mini Matinee! 6th-8th grade students are invited to join us for games and ensemble-building before performing your newly created work. Students of any experience level are welcome to participate in this free workshop!

TREASURES AND TALES

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, 10 a.m. to noon at the Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston Explore fantastic paintings and stories from folk tales and fairy tales, then imagine new ideas and endings for them! In partnership with Courtney Lee Weida and Dr. Carlee Bradley, join the Ed Portal for Treasures and Tales! In this interactive art workshop, 4th-5th grade students will explore themes in folk tales and fairy tales, then write and illustrate accordion books with their own magical stories. They will also learn to create symbol stone paintings and decorate gems with interesting words.

EXHIBITION RECEPTION: 10TH ANNUAL HARVARD STUDENT ART SHOW

On Saturday, March 31, 2018, 6 to 9 p.m. located at the Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston, will be showcasing the work of artists from across the university, the annual Harvard Student Art Show is a student-organized visual and performing arts spring exhibition. Cohosted by the Harvard Ed Portal and Ceramics Program, Office for the Arts at Harvard, this year's show represents the breadth and depth of undergraduate and graduate students in all media.

This year will mark the 10th Annual Harvard Student Art Show: 10 years of commitment to giving student artists a thoughtfully curated public space in which to show their work and 10 years of arts lead-

ership on Harvard's campus. The Harvard Student Art Show is curated, installed, and conceptualized by a board of Harvard undergraduates, and the show welcomes submitted work from all Harvard schools and in all artistic media. The exhibition gives student artists a professional space in which to share their work with the larger Boston arts community and aims to facilitate conversation about the value of the arts as an integral part of the intellectual community at Harvard.

MEMORY VS. PROPAGANDA: A CONVERSATION WITH ARTIST XU XING

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 4:30 to 6 p.m. located at the Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston, please join the Harvard Ed Portal and the Boston University Arts Initiative for a screening and conversation on the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Boston University Artist-in-Residence Xu Xing is an author and documentary filmmaker. The Chinese Cultural Revolution is commonly reduced to a mere mention in today's Chinese high school textbooks. Xing works to raise awareness of this important event through creating work featuring his personal memory of the period. He will screen film clips and share his experience as a filmmaker in this event, conducted in Mandarin and interpreted into English. Middle and high school students are welcome to attend.

WU MAN AND THE HUAYIN SHADOW PUPPET BAND

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. located at the Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston, The Harvard Ed Portal in collaboration with Silkroad, composer Wu Man, and the Huayin Shadow Puppet Band is excited to present a family-friendly afternoon of music and history! On Saturday, March 24, discover the pipa, a lute-like Chinese instrument, and join us for a cultural journey with music and puppets! The event is free and open to all ages with RSVPs requested.

Wu Man is a member of the Silkroad Ensemble and the recipient of the Musical America's 2013 Instrumentalist of the Year—the first time the award was given to a player of a non-Western instrument. For more than 300 years, the Huayin Shadow Puppet Band toured the countryside, performing their shadow puppet plays that bring to life the mythical heroes and gods and evoke famous battles. <https://edportal.harvard.edu>

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Come with us on a peaceful musical journey from slavery to freedom with Sagit Zilberman. April 2, Monday, 6:30 p.m./Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617) 782-

6032. Hear special instruments new to the Massachusetts music scene—a digeridoo with soprano saxophone and the magical space-drum. Audience members will be invited to play some percussion instruments and contribute to the music. Be prepared to use your ears, voice, heart and soul along with a few Hebrew words.

This is a program for the entire family. All are welcome.

AMERICAN SONGS WITH A RUSSIAN ACCENT

Boris Fogel performs 20th century hits. Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m./Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617) 782-6032. Renowned Russian concertmaster, Boris Fogel treats us to a vocal and piano performance of 20th century songs. Come hear works by George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Glenn Miller and others. All are welcome.

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ALL SINGERS & SINGERS WITH INSTRUMENTS—OPEN AUDITIONS The Allston-Brighton Kiwanis Club is hosting its 10th annual "Kiwani Star" Talent Show to benefit local charities.

WHEN: Saturday at 7 p.m., April 7, 2018 WHERE: St. Joseph Preparatory High School Auditorium (located at 617 Cambridge St. in Allston) Celebrity Judge Panel will select the winners at the event. Runner up wins \$250, third place \$100. Auditions to Select 13 Finalists for the Show. Accessible by the 57 and 64 buses; parking lot off Tremont Street.

Contact: Email Dave Hill at kiwanisstar@gmail.com to sign up

COST: AUDITION FEE IS \$20, PAYABLE IN CASH at the time of the audition. Your fee helps us to raise money for charities that serve local children. Auditions are limited to 5 minutes and performers should bring their own music—CD, iPod, or instrument (CD player will be available) if they desire musical accompaniment during their audition.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Featuring the Dedication of a Wood Sculpture of Former Boston Poet Laureate & Brighton Resident Sam Cornish at the Brighton Allston Congregational Church 404 Washington St. Brighton Center on Tuesday, March 27, 7 – 9 p.m. This event is free and open to the public refreshments will be served. Guest Appearance by the Lemonshiners and old-time bluegrass-inspired string band.

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2018 Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid Limited

The new Pacifica is a people mover with everything a buyer that needs a vehicle that sits seven with comfort could want. Our test model was the top of the line Hybrid with all popular options. This is not the minivan of years gone by, nor is it a boring station wagon. It is big on the inside and small on the outside. The exterior style is very smooth, with no sharp angular edges. Vision is clear and not obstructed from any angle. I was impressed with the low entry level in both the front and rear. Heading to the third row seating is a breeze, even for us old timers. Fold down the seating and the room is endless.

The leather seating is very supportive with multiple adjustments up front. The front seats are heated and ventilated, as is the leather wrapped steering wheel. The Pacifica is loaded with standard equipment, and of course there is always optional equipment available. A short list of the standard equipment is air bags galore, power hands-free rear lift gate and sliding side doors, remote starter, park sense with rear brake assist with stop, ready alert braking, Uconnect audio with nav and 8.4 inch touchscreen, and 3-zone heat/AC. A forward collision warning system, adaptive cruise control, automatic high beams, seat back color video screens, blueray player with wireless remotes, 115-volt outlet, Uconnect theater with wireless streaming, tri-pane panorama sun roof (the largest I have ever seen), and 360-degree camera are all available.

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Evelyn Lee's music with a message

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Evelyn Lee, 2018 Hyde Park Award honoree at the "Women Amongst Us" Tea, is the Director of Visual & Performing Arts at the Boston Renaissance Charter School.

Sitting for a moment after the Tea had broken up, with family, friends, and well-wishers hovering around, passing by, and moving certificates, flowers, and leftovers to various cars for the ride home, Lee described the experience as an awesome feeling.

"More than I could have imagined," she said.

Informed that she had been chosen for the award she said, "Are you sure you have the right Evelyn Lee? You know, there are a few around." But she was, indeed, the one.

Founding Board Member Julie Beckham, in her introduction of the honoree, described their first meeting five or six years ago, during which she was given an early morning impromptu, command performance by Lee's students at the conclusion of a Blue Hills Bank money management presentation.

"I don't know what they sang," Beckham said. "They could have sung in a different language. They could have sung the alphabet. All I remember that morning is the way they sounded and the way they made me feel: full."

Since Lee's hasty but successful creation of The Voices of Renaissance in the late summer of 1999 to perform for United States Senate candidate Hillary Clinton at Park Plaza, that feeling likely spread, judging from its gigs everywhere from Disney World to Beijing to Symphony Hall to the White House.

When talking to Lee, however, about her all-volunteer/no-audition 80 person student/teacher choir, she spoke of the singing as only one part of the whole, with students' growth in terms of confidence and independence the other major part of it.

"That's why I started the mentoring program," she said.

She spoke of the Young Kings and First Ladies program that she created, in which Renaissance students are able to pair up with young men and women in the community in positive relation-



Evelyn Lee, Director of Visual & Performing Arts at the Boston Renaissance Charter School in Hyde Park, received the Hyde Park Award for serving and inspiring the community.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

ships, before continuing with her description of the choir.

"We kind of push because we sing songs that are inspirational, that have messages that they can use for the rest of their lives," Lee explained. "So we sing songs like, 'Stay In The Race' and 'Believe In Me,' you know, so that when times get tough – and they will – that they can reach back and remember these songs."

"She's done an amazing job at the Renaissance training young men and women to not only use their talents, but just to excel in confidence and growth and to give them

a hope and a future," Patrice Gattozzi said of Lee.

Typically, rehearsals will begin at 3:30 p.m., with Lee walking in around 10 minutes after that. By that time, the Choir President and Vice-President will have gotten things started and up to speed; although teachers are also part of The Voices, it's the students who run it.

According to Lee, it's all part of leadership and independence.

"They listen to each other," she said. "They reprimand each

other, if needed, in a respectful way. And I'm not anywhere around. I like it that way."

But she's everywhere around.

A student from the Timilty Choir with whom Lee had performed for President Clinton in the 1990s, now an adult, is at the Tea to wish her former teacher well and, perhaps, to reinforce lessons well taught and learned. And, in all of this, something that Lee says very succinctly gets at her music, her work.

"I don't sing songs just to be singing them," she said.

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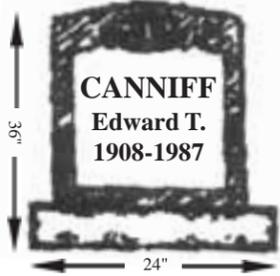
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Deaths

BUCK

Patsy E. (Jay) Of Hyde Park, March 15th. Wife of the late Frederick J. Buck. Loving mother of Karen Bhatti of Sandford, Maine, Charles F. Buck of Hyde Park, Kathleen Buck of Norwood and Ellen Ann Buck of Dedham. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visiting hours was at the George F. Doherty and Sons, Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment was private. www.gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons

SMIDDY

Loretta M., age 92, of Dorchester, formerly of Hyde Park, Milton, and Newton Centre, March 14, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John J. Smiddy and sister of the late Mildred P. Wright. Loving mother of John G. Smiddy of Randolph, Paul J. Smiddy of Holbrook, Richard



M. Smiddy (United States Air Force – Retired) and his wife Donna of Merrimack, N.H., Joan Smiddy of Franklin, and the late Robert F. Smiddy. Cherished grandmother of 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Dear Auntie and godmother of Ann Bouterse and her husband Paul of Akron, Ohio, and William “Bill” Wright of Canton, Ohio. “Auntie Loretta” to many nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the Hurley Funeral Home, 134 So. Main St. (Rt. 28), Randolph. A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Mary of the Hills Church, Milton. Interment was at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.

VINCENT

Christine R. (Holmes) Of Hyde Park, March 12, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Philip M. Vincent. Devoted daughter of the late Leroy and Mary Holmes Beloved mother of Judy Cohen and her husband Robert of Brockton, Beverly Roberts and her companion Richard Coulombe of Rochester, Karen Vincent of Hyde Park and Philip Vincent and his companion Diane Simms of Mansfield. Grandma to Jennifer, Jeffrey, David, Jaclyn, Katie, Charlie and Philip. Great-Grandma to Bryan, Rebecca, Benjamin, Brady, Emily and Owen. Visiting was held Friday at the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak St., HYDE PARK. A funeral service was held Saturday at the funeral home.

54th Regiment *continued from page 1*

Some of the maps displayed literally illustrate the 54th Regiment's close tie to Hyde Park as – before marching down Beacon Street and off to history – it trained at Camp Meigs in Readville, the evidence of which is marked by a stone memorial near the ball field and basketball court that it is today.

According to Lieutenant Benny White, commanding officer of Company A, many of the men who trained at Camp Meigs came from outside Massachusetts – Pennsylvania, New York, Canada, one from Trinidad – and were recruited by people like Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison.

Once the Emancipation Proclamation took effect on January 1, 1863, they were ready to mobilize.

“So, even though they were not from Massachusetts, when they gathered and marched out, they considered themselves Massachusetts men.”

In the main hall, Lieutenant White stood by a small field desk set up next to a pair of pitched tents in the center of the room. One was noticeably larger than the other, but both were low and cramped. The larger one – with a cot inside – is an officer's tent; the smaller one – with a mat on the floor – is for enlisted men, he explained.

“We want the people to come out and see it and see how the soldiers lived, what they ate.”

Artifacts and examples of soldiering and camp life are spread out on tables around the room.

Among them, a tin plate of hardtack, jerky, corn kernels, and some sort of green beans look as if they had been left behind after the 54th headed off to South Carolina.

On the stage at the front end of the room, standards, regimental insignia, and an assortment of rifles serve as testament to the business end of Army life in the Civil War, with an Enfield rifle with an effective range – according to First Sergeant Gerard Grimes – of 400 yards dominating the arms.

Grimes – chatting with visitors through the evening – has been in the Regiment for 19 years now, and was inspired to join after finding out that 54th member Oliver Hazard was his 5th great uncle.

During his time with the Regiment, Grimes has not only participated in re-enacting battles in different parts of the North and South, but has also taken part in educating students and others on what he calls “hidden history”.



First Sgt. Gerard Grimes, 54th re-enactor regiment, Company A stands ready during the exhibit installation's opening reception, which was held at the Menino Arts Center.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

“I was born and raised in Boston. I went through the Boston Public Schools. I didn't know the 54th black soldiers fought,” he said. “All I was taught was that it was a war to end slavery: white man fighting white man to end slavery. I didn't know that blacks fought until I got to middle school. That's a shame.”

For Grimes, this has long been a family affair. His sons became involved when they were 10 years old and 11 years old and continued until they were 18 (they're now 27 and 28), and Grimes' sister Dee – who is now married to Lieutenant White – helped him to get involved back in the 90s.

He started as a private and now serves under his brother-in-law as first sergeant. “It wasn't nepotism either,” he said laughing, “I earned this. I did almost every event.”

As for Lieutenant White, he joined the Regiment when it was formed, after Glory came out. Now that the movie is coming up on its 30th anniversary, “this is even more important to me now: that we're still operating, we're still doing what we do, and we're even stronger.”

Women Amongst Us *continued from page 1*

Michael Rush, State Rep. Nick Collins, City Councilor Ayanna Pressley, and Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy.

The Tea, which annually honors three inspirational Boston women, was put on by Boston Women, Inc., a Hyde Park based group inspired by the Grimké Sisters, best known as abolitionists but who also cast the first symbolic women's votes in the Commonwealth back in 1870.

"I wanted to honor them and really make a name for Hyde Park because we had such famous women," said President and founding Board member Patrice Gattozzi, giving her motivation behind the group.

Since its creation, focus has expanded to the entire city, with two of the three accolades – the Pass the Torch Award and the Grimké Award – specifically designated as citywide. The third, however – the Hyde Park Award – maintains Boston Women Inc.'s strong tie to the community, as Gattozzi explained.

"Even though we want to celebrate all of the women in Boston – and Hyde Park is part of Boston – we want to make sure that we have our roots honored, and we give an award every year to someone who works or lives in Hyde Park," she said.

The event was hosted by founding Board member Bridget Simmons Murphy. Riverside Theatre Works' Sweet Harmony vocal group, featuring Samantha Lonergan and Kevin DiCarlo, provided the opening and closing musical entertainment.

The 2018 honorees, including Evelyn Lee, Sheila Dillon, and Candy O'Terry, were introduced in that order, first with a brief video and then with a member of Boston Women inviting each to the podium.

Lee, the recipient of the Hyde Park Award "for a Hyde Park woman who serves and inspires our community," has been the Director of Visual and Performing Arts at the Boston Renaissance Charter School for the past 18 years and with the choir she created – The Voices of the Renaissance – has performed at many venues, including at the White House for President Obama in 2011 and 2012.

In her brief acceptance remarks, she spoke of the responsibility she and all teachers bear.

"From the time they leave their parents to the time they get back to their parents, we are the ones who are standing in the gap, and that's what I hope I'm able to do every day at the Boston Renaissance,"

she said.

Dillon, the recipient of the Pass the Torch Award "for a woman who is a great example and role model of leadership to young girls and women in our city, is the Chief of Housing and Neighborhood Development for the City of Boston, acting as a close advisor to Mayor Walsh regarding housing issues and plans for Boston, while also leading the Office of Housing Stability, charged with protecting city residents' tenancies, and serves as a member of the team implementing Mayor Walsh's "Action Plan to End Veteran and Chronic Homelessness in Boston."

She listed about 10 women from the Walsh Administration present in the room, and followed that by focusing on their shared experience in that capacity.

"This Administration has acknowledged that women get stuff done and we know how to cut through nonsense," Dillon said. "They have put women at the table, and I really feel like we're working very, very effectively as a team."

Speaking in between receiving well-wishers after the Tea, Dillon referred to her earlier comments.

"I'm certainly honored to be recognized today for the work that we're doing on behalf of the citizens of Boston," she said. "Affordable housing remains a big issue, so I'm glad the work is being recognized."

O'Terry, the recipient of the Grimké Award "for a woman of character, courage, and leadership who has given of herself to our city," was recognizable to many in the room as soon as she spoke.

The former longtime radio host on WMJX (Magic 106.7) and current President and Co-Founder of Boston Women in Media and Entertainment spoke for about 20 minutes, and started off by singing the opening stanza of "Amazing Grace."

She followed by tracing her way through her life from the time she lost her mom to breast cancer while a teen – and child of divorced parents – through her own experience as the divorced mom of two small children getting a shot at the radio when the late night host fell asleep on the air one too many times and she, then working as a secretary at WMJX, was given the chance to replace him.

O'Terry then spoke of her creation of the Sunday morning show "Exceptional Women," co-hosted with Gay Vernon, in which they would interview famous and less

known women for a half-hour.

"The show became the most successful public affairs program produced by and for women, not just in Boston, but on any radio station in the United States of America," she said.

Tying this experience interviewing women and what she has learned from them as an ongoing way to fill the void left by the early loss of her mother, O'Terry has continued this with her podcast series "The Story Behind Her Success," which has been up and running since January.

After sharing a few inspirational interviewee stories and her own 16 Life Lessons, she wound up her talk with the closing stanza of the song she opened her talk with: "Amazing Grace."

Speaking before the Awards ceremony, O'Terry anticipated her talk with these remarks.

"I'm really honored to be here and, really, my message is not about me, it's about the women who told me their stories. That's been my entire career: telling women's stories," she said.

She finished by tying her career in with Boston Women Inc. and "Women Amongst Us."

"I think it's all about the same thing: it's about women holding each other up," O'Terry. "And that's what we do."

For more information on Boston Women Inc. visit: www.bostonwomen.org.

Historical Society

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across the country and within the city.

From the moment of McGinniskin's appointment (a second vote had to be taken by the Aldermen after suspicion had been raised that he wasn't actually a citizen) to his first day on the job introducing himself to his colleagues as "Barney McGinniskin from the bogs of Ireland," the "Know Nothings" seemed to be very much aware of him.

He was reappointed each year (along with several other Irish Catholics that had come after him) until 1854, when – with the "Know Nothings" firmly in power – his colleagues were not reappointed and he was fired because of his "nativity."

McGinniskin went back to work as a cooper, stayed politically active and – in 1861 – received a Federal appointment as Deputy Inspector at the Customs House and, when the Civil War came, his four sons went off. One died.

That same year – in a move that would take hold – the Boston Police Department would appoint another Irish born immigrant – Civil War hero Michael McNamara – to the Force.

Sullivan is now part of a



Margaret Sullivan

book of her own, having contributed an article on McGinniskin to a recently published history of County Leitrim.

Speaking after her lecture of the relationship between McGinniskin and the Irish experience in America at that time, she added this:

"The story of McGinniskin and his family could well illustrate how Irish immigrants went from being accepted, to being despised and suffering for it... to being regarded as Americans after they had fought."

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HYDE PARK

CHESS & CHECKERS WITH CHARLIE

On Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 1 p.m., children are welcome to come and learn to play chess or checkers with Charlie Cleary on Saturday afternoons. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Branch Library. Free to all. Located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

STORY TIME WITH THE BOSTON BALLET

On Friday, March 23, 2018 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. children and families are welcomed to hear stories about a famous ballet or dancer. The story time is also supplemented with a movement experience that highlights major themes of the story. All story times are led by Boston Ballet faculty dance educators. This program is for children ages 2 and up. Younger children will need parental supervision. This event is free and open to the public. Located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

EASTER EGG HUNT

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

BCYF SUMMER CAMP

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

LEARN TO PLAY GOLF PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

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

IN CAMP AT READVILLE

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

March 15 - April 27, 2018.

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

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

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JAMAICA PLAIN

CREATING ART AT HOME: MAGICAL ENVIRONMENTS

FAMILIES CREATING TOGETHER presents CREATING ART AT HOME: Magical Environments with art and special needs educator Ed Pazzanese on March 26 and April 2 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Jamaica Plain Head Start, 315 Centre St., Jamaica Plain (with a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m.) In this introduction to "process-oriented" art, adults will learn an approach to art activities that develops children's creativity and self-confidence; practice using simple, recycled art materials in imaginative ways with the children in their lives; and receive art materials to continue adventures with their families. The two-part workshop series is provided FREE OF CHARGE for parents, grandparents, relatives, friends of children with and without disabilities. Presented in English & Spanish.

American Sign Language upon request. Wheelchair accessible. FCT is a multigenerational arts program for children of all abilities and their families and a program of Community Service Care/Tree of Life Coalition. To register call 617-522-4832 or email familiescreating@gmail.com. SPACE IS LIMITED - register today! More info: www.familiescreatingtogether.org.

WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

ARMCHAIR GARDENING SESSION

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

BOSTON LODGE OF ELKS ANNUAL EASTER DINNER

The Boston Lodge of Elks will hold their Annual Easter dinner on Easter Sunday April 1st at the Lodge home at 1 Morrell St. in West Roxbury. Any senior who lives in the area is most welcome to attend. There is no charge for this dinner and reservations are not necessary. The doors open at 11 a.m. and dinner will be served at noon. For more info please call Andy Schell at 857 719 4938.

ANIMAL TALKS: A MONTHLY PET MINISTRY AT THE STRATFORD STREET UNITED CHURCH

An open, welcoming meditation and conversation about the animal companions we love, care for and remember, whether they're still with us, or have left us. The Stratford St. United Church (Corner of Stratford St. and Anawan, West Roxbury) Second Sunday of every month at 5 p.m. (Starting April 8, 2018) Contact Kaleel Sakakeeny, CPGC & Certified Animal Communicator Kaleel@theothermecoaching.com 617-818-1432

THE PARKWAY ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ROXBURY AND ROSLINDALE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER WITH ROSE'S BOUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Once a month on Tuesdays the members of the Parkway Rotary Club volunteer at Rose's Bounty Food Pantry. They restock shelves, shop with guests, load grocery bags into cars, and build community.

In addition to make sure Rose's Bounty is able to serve 175 area families a month in the West Roxbury and Roslindale

area, the Parkway Rotary Club is donating an air conditioner and freezer to Rose's Bounty. The money was raised through private and public fundraising efforts of the Club, and a matching District Managed Grant from Rotary District 7930.

For food drop offs, bring donations to the Roslindale Farmer's Market held at the Sons of Italy Lodge on Birch Street in Roslindale any Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

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

In addition, we are very fortunate to have a wonderful evening of music thanks to MCO Productions in Brighton. The dinner will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55M Emmons Rd., West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and includes dinner and beverages. To reserve your place, make checks payable to WRFORP and return to WRFORP, P.O. Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or go to our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. Questions?

Contact Doris Corbo (617) 327-5902. The WRFORP is a non-profit all volunteer organization. We are so fortunate to have so many loyal supporters. We look forward to having you join us on March 24 for a good time for a worthwhile cause.

WEST ROXBURY POETRY CONTEST

The theme this year is Listening. All poetry submissions due March 28, 2018. Awards ceremony is May 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Award categories include grades K-8, high school, adults, and seniors. Located at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library.

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

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In an intense week that saw three rounds of single elimination games at both the Hyde Park Municipal Building and New Mission High School gyms, the Craig Curran and Ray Foley Divisions of the HPYBA crowned their champions. Some kids exulted in the thrill of victory while others wept silent tears with the finality of the ending of the season. Friends and families rejoiced in the quality of play, and the miraculous phenomenon of kids and coaches coming together as a TEAM. Thanks to all for another great season. Congratulations to the Sportsmanship Award winners:

Curran Division Results

The chalk held throughout the tournament, as the higher seeds won the right to keep playing. In the end, the team that was the best during the regular season proved it again in the playoffs. Congratulations to the Royals.

Quarterfinal Round

Blue Devils 27– Cowboys 23

Tied at the half, the fourth seeded Devils rode the inside play of Casey Idemudia (13 points) to open the second half on a 7-0 run, then held on to advance past the 5th seeded Pokes. Gersmani Rivera (6) was solid, getting scoring help from Keyona Raines, Waldjeena Dangerville and Matthew Eveillard. Courtney Idemudia, Stephen Omere and Joshua Simon led the defense for the victors. Armani Angujar (8), Josiah Banks (8) and Kahlil Seales (7) did the scoring for the Cowboys, while Stuart Chaban-Griffith, Zach Kromah and Gabriel Labranche played hard at both ends, but it was not enough on this day to secure a victory.

Sonics 37 – 3-Pointers 27

In a game that was closer than the final score would indicate, the third seeded Sonics showed poise and power to wear down the sixth seeded Treys. Ezayi Mauresthene showed versatility in scoring 17 points and moving the ball well, while Nathaniel Bodden (6) was a beast on the boards as sister Shamilah Bodden (4), Zekiah Cruz, and Amir Molineau scored 4 points each. Anicia Cruz chipped in a key hoop, and Troy Omorughomwan and Soujourner Madden-Fulco were stout on defense. Kamari Parry's buzzer beater helped the 3-Pointers close to within 3 points at the half, but they ran out of steam in the last period. Pearce Edouard (10) played his heart out. Chandler Frederick (7) and Destynee Everett (6) contributed key hoops, while Chace Ross chipped in a big bucket as well. Devaun Davis impressed the crowd with his hustle in a losing effort.

Semi-final games

Royals 42 – Blue Devils 27

Jalen Harrell (23 points) was dominant as the Royals cruised into the finals. Gianni Centeio (12), Diandre Figueroa (5), and Oscar Torres completed the scoring, while Jonathan Hernandez and Khile Ralph led the defense. Sean Lendaro was effective on the glass for the victors. Waldjeena Dangerville (8), Gersmani Rivera (9), and Keyona Raines (6) led the Devils, who never gave up. Casey Idemudia and Joshua Simon contributed to the scoring, while Matthew Eveillard, Courtney Idemudia and Stephen Omere gave great effort in a losing cause.

Raptors 23 – Sonics 21

In the game of the tournament, Timmy Trotman (17) stole an inbounds pass and went the length of the floor for the winning hoop at the buzzer. Hijjah Allen Paisley (4) and Barron Langston (2) were stout for the victors at both ends. Feliciano Tavares, Marven Courtois and Jaylen Ward led a swarming defense. Ezayi Mauresthene (15) hit several clutch hoops late to give his team momentum, but they came up just short. Anicia and Zekiah Cruz each scored a key bucket, while Nathaniel and Shamilah Bodden battled on the boards. Amir Molineau and Troy Omorughomwan were solid at both ends, and Soujourner Madden-Fulco played outstanding defense as usual.

Championship Game

Royal 38 – Raptors 16

Triple-teamed for much of the game, big Ryan Harrell (17) used his passing game to set up running mate Gianni Centeio (17). Sean Lendaro and Diandre Figueroa also scored as the Royals made it look easy. Sean Lendaro did whatever it took to help the team, as Jonathan Hernandez, Khile Ralph and Oscar Torres played ferocious defense, thwarting the penetration of a worthy foe. As they have all season, Timmy Trotman (12), Hijjah Allen-Paisley and Barron Langston led the Raptors, but they were no match for a determined, and superior, opponent. Marven Courtios, Jason Keidy, Feliciano Tavares and Jaylen Ward gave their all, but it was not enough on this day.

Foley Division Results

The semifinal games were exactly what the medics prescribe for the league, and that was a shot in the arm of the most competitive games played between teams that had played against one another twice this season already. Games were played on Thursday night at the New Mission High school gym in front of capacity crowds starting at 7 and 8 p.m., respectively.

Quarter-final round

3-Pointers 38 vs. Heat 34

The 3-Pointers found a way to trail at the end of each period except the one that mattered the most. The team raised the 'heat' and outscored the opponents by 5 points, while committing only one foul in the entire second half. We're not sure if that was defense, or the other team forgetting how they got the lead. Needless to say, a win at the one and done time is a win. All eight players present scored in every fashion possible. The usual suspects played their roles: Nat Cozier, Anthony Consalvo, Jaaziel Ramos, Max Velez, Chris Sillice, Alex Sillice, Pierre Fortune, and Alder Lara. Calm under pressure seems to be the driving force for these cool operators, and they have moved on to tie breaker game they seek.

Man, or man, talk about talk about renewed fuel sources for HEAT. The game of their lives and deserved to be in the next game. The entire team showed with a renewed vigor and the idea that collectively they can make a difference. Coach tried to get the youngsters to understand the process of repeating successes can result in good outcomes, but they reverted to their own interpretation of successes. Having lead at the end of each period during the game, we're not sure why their playing



changed in the last period, but it changed for the worse, such is the youthful mind. Freddy Jackson, Alex Wilkens, Robert Tabb, Robert Gant, Antonio Torres, Corey Sam, Kervens Charles, Jovan Arroyo,

and Sabastian McCuller played hard in their final game.

76'ers 36 vs. Cowboys 33

The 76'ers rode the hot hand of Isaiah Robinson in the first half, and the grit of Nate McCarthy in the last two minutes to muscle a win from another upset minded opponent. The final standings have no bearing in the playoffs and the kids were out to not be the ones going home. Tied at the end of three periods both coaches were looking for a shot made by someone to break the tension. Henry Melkonian, Jay Jackson, slick MaKyle Hayes, and Danny McDonough all played the smart fill in the blank roles and did what was needed as the game changed. Foul shots made by Andrew Hiliano and Nicolas Hinds late helped to close the door but not without a few tense moments as the clock slowly ticked to signal the end.

How 'bout them COWBOYS. Coach Jose is a never ending bundle of teach them how, and they will eventually learn and execute. These kids almost roped themselves a bull in the china shop, and needed to draw a few more fouls to get the other team off center. The boys played hard. Malachi Bodden, Kwest Deloney, Akil Grubbs, and Michael Pimental all gave effort on defense. Offensive punch was provided by their three amigos of Jaymar Guirado, Chris Matinez, and the all purpose player and instructor on the court, Jose Zayas. A few more made foul shots, and few more made baskets may have put some pressure on the other team when the crunch time arrived. Kudos to Coach Zayas for showing so many options under duress.

Semi-final round (played Thursday)

Panthers 54 vs. 76'ers 52 (Overtime)

These darn Cats were down by 13 at the end of the first period, and still down by 10 at the end of the third period. Coach Rodney and Coach Will went to the corner and gave the fire and brimstone speech to the regular season winners, and then let them loose on the world. Apparently, each player was waiting for the other to take control, or make something happen. NOT. After stumbling early the defense started to take effect. Cam Evans, Juan Gonzalez, Jordan Cranmore, Dreamer Danglad, Marvin Egoban, and Tre Robinson started to dig in and made some stops. Malik Freeman, Benjamin Pierre, and Nosa Egoban gave options on offense, by not consistent as they are capable. Once again, it was the late heroics of the shooter, Jahiid Allen-Paisley, who hit a late 3 in overtime to help with the win.

In a hard fought game, the 76'ers put up the right kind of numbers but just a few foul shots missed hurt. Shooting the lights out with three 3 point baskets in each half, those 18 points almost sunk the ship of the opponent. Missing injured players Kahrie Langham and Patrick Moroney hurt. Nate McCarthy played his game well at both ends despite foul trouble. Andrew Hiliano made foul shots. Nicolas Hinds, Danny McDonough, and Henry Melkonian hustled as usual. Too smooth ball handling by Jay Jackson, blistering scoring by

MaKyle Hayes, and inside smart play by Isaiah Robinson nearly short circuited the path to the championship game for the other team. Coach Corbin nearly had his team at the front of the curve in this game.

3-Pointers 49 vs. Riot Squad 38

These 3-Pointers got off to a fast start and never looked back. Leading by 5, 5, 8 and 8 points at the end of each period took its toll on the opponent, who could not get themselves in gear. Again eight of the nine players present scored in every fashion possible. The usual suspects played their roles: This time a tremendous rebounding edge was created by the work of Nazaiah Evans, Alder Lara, and Nat Cozier. With five players scoring 5 points or more, the defense for the other side had its hands full. Smooth operating by the team sealed the deal early on, thanks to Anthony Consalvo, Jaaziel Ramos, Max Velez, Chris Sillice, Alex Sillice, Pierre Fortune. Elated at their trip to the finals, the 3-Pointers will move forward to the last game.

The Riot Squad is one of the most prolific scoring teams in the league, but every now and then they tend to get in their own way, and underperform on offense. Usually by making them work on defense the other team can establish pressure on the normally efficient shooters. Coach Gregg tried to get his troops settled, but to no avail. Missing a good offensive player, the game became a struggle. Jordan and Justin Elow hustled as usual. Isaiah Figueroa, Jovanny Martinez, and Corey Cunniff played very good defense. Somehow, the usually smooth offensive skills of Wayne Meadows, Devon Marshall, Jeremy Gonzalez, and Kymani Fleurme, which is good for 30 points, just couldn't get in gear for this game. Championship game

3-Pointers 51 vs. Panthers 50

In a well-played and hard fought game, the 3-Pointers held on to take home the bigger trophy at the end of the day. In a game with no lead greater than five points by either team, the defensive struggle swayed in both directions. Up by one point at the end of three periods the battle for the last 10 minutes was really intense. Six of eight scorers helped in this fan pleasing game. Three players in double figures - Pierre Fortune, Anthony Consalvo, and Alex Sillice - played well. Good rebounding by the big three Nazaiah Evans, Alder Lara, and Nat Cozier was key. Jaaziel Ramos, Chris Sillice, and Max Velez made the best plays to pull off the win late in the game.

Living close to the edge the Panthers just didn't pull out the right passes when needed. Malik Freeman played great high post for points. Nosa Egoban grabbed lots of rebounds. Dreamer Danglad played perfect position defense to pull the team closer, with no turnovers on offense. Cam Evans, Tre Robinson, Juan Gonzalez had steals and hustle plays. Jordan Cranmore, Marvin Egoban, and Benjamin Pierre gave some options, but got tricked into some less efficient plays late in the game on offense. And once again, it was the late heroics of the shooter, Jahiid Allen-Paisley, who led all scoring again, but team needed some more passing late in the game to split the defense. The Panthers had three chance to grab offensive rebounds late.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No.SU18P0340EA**

Estate of: Gloria J Reed Suffolk Division
Also Known As:
Date of Death: 12/30/2017

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

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department**

SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU17D2672DR**

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Pascal Pierre Louis vs. Rolande Philippe Pierre Louis

Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Pascal Pierre Louis, 119 Bobson St. Apt 2, Mattapan, MA 02126** your answer, if any, on or before **04/19/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
February 22, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No.SU18P0327EA**

Estate of: Cornelius F. Provost Suffolk Division
Also Known As:
Date of Death: November 8, 2017

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Patricia S. Provost of Roslindale, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal Probate.
Petitioner Patricia S. Provost of Roslindale, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
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we had a meeting with DCR and they actually did sign off on us being able to redevelop that playground and get it back to what it is suppose to be.”

DCR has already started the work on rehabilitating Doyle playground. The concrete slab that covered a portion of the landscape located at the playground has already been removed, and seeds were planted as well.

Due to the consistency of POWHER’s vigorous efforts to get Doyle Playground rehabbed, the Solomon Foundation have agreed to help with the funding of the development of the playground.

“From all the meetings and the work that we’ve put in, the Solomon Foundation heard about what we were doing, heard about DCR signing off on it, and they’ve decided to help with the funding for the architectural development of the play-

ground,” Spivey said.

Spivey elaborated on exactly what the funding will go to. She explained that the monies will handle everything from the surveying to the architectural designs.

“They are going to pay the bill with options,” she said.

Currently, the bill to rehab the park is at \$32,000 and that number could climb depending on what they determine needs to be done. The Solomon foundation has agreed to cover the bill, up to \$100,000. They have hired a firm called OffShoots to help with the development of the park. OffShoots is an architecture practice that creates urbanism and landscapes that are sustainable, organic, and contribute to natural ecologies.

The Solomon Group and POWHER will have their first meeting concerning the development of Doyle Park on April 19. The public is wel-

come to attend this meeting which will be held at the Hyde Park Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

“At this meeting we will be talking about the mural and the design work,” Spivey said.

In other news, Brian Flynn, from Mayor Martin Walsh’s office, updated residents on previous questions they had concerning the development located at 59 Blake St. and 91 Radcliff. At a Feb. 22 meeting, many residents questioned the abutters and if the developers owned a portion of the property or if it belonged to the resident. Flynn explained that the developers did request the deed to the property and a survey was done on the land and it was found that the property actually belongs to the developers.

An abutters meeting took place on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the District E-18 location of the Boston Police Department after the Bulletin’s deadline.

Senior Club News

COMMUNITY SENIORS

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

parking lot in Hyde Park at 9:30 a.m.

AquaTurf Club in Plainville, Conn., a Show and Dinner. The cost is \$79.00. Will leave from the Shaws parking lot in Hyde Park at 8 a.m. This is a tribute to the Devine Ms. M.

If there is any questions please call Joanne 617-323-0071.

Center until renovations are completed at St. Pius X Church Hall.

ETHOS INFORMATIONAL FORUM FOR SENIORS

Please join us for the next Conversation on Aging: Engaged as We Age. Learn more about how depression, isolation, and dementia can affect healthy aging. Discover opportunities in your neighborhood to socialize, exercise, and volunteer. Seniors, family members, and caregivers are welcome to attend.

The event will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018 at the Boston Lodge of Elks #10, 1 Morrell St. in West Roxbury from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Includes a continental breakfast. The program is offered at no charge and anyone from any neighborhood is welcome to attend. Space is limited and reservations are required. Participants can RSVP 1 of 3 ways: through the website at ethocare.org/rsvp; through email at rsvp@ethocare.org; by phone at 617-477-6724

GO-GO SENIORS

Go-Go Seniors Meetings are on the First Tuesday’s of every month. We are looking for new membership and our annual membership dues are \$8.00. Meetings located at the Municipal Building on Hyde Park Avenue at noon in Hyde Park. March 25-28, Atlantic City, N.J. Four Days and three nights; Cost for Double per person is \$299.00 and Single is \$379.00. The Deposit is due as soon as possible of \$50.00. You get a \$40.00 slot play bonus, three \$25.00 food coupons. Departure is 7 a.m. at Shaw’s on Hyde Park Ave.

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

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and work ethic, putting young people on a track to success. With the importance of summer jobs in mind, I encourage all students in Boston to sign up for SuccessLink, an online tool from Boston Centers for Youth & Families, that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. Through SuccessLink, young people can register for the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, get connected to resources and join civic engagement initiatives designed to empower youth. In 2017 alone, 3,015 young people were hired through the SuccessLink program. Visit the website at boston.gov/summerjobs. Just last weekend, we had over 1,000 young people attend a summer youth

job and resource fair at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury. It was incredible to see such a strong turnout. Through SuccessLink, we're growing the opportunities available for our young people, and connecting them to high-quality summer jobs. We've established new partnerships with community organizations and worked with employers to recruit more young people. As SuccessLink continues this summer, we're prepared to offer a record number of Boston students a chance at a high-quality summer job. SuccessLink offers more than just a paycheck. By partnering students with meaningful jobs at community and

nonprofit groups, we empower them to develop their skills and expertise. They have access to hands-on mentorship and guidance, as well as network opportunities that create lasting professional pathways to success. One example is Alex, a sophomore at the Josiah Quincy Upper School. Last summer, Alex applied for SuccessLink and worked at the BCYF's Youth Engagement & Employment office. He helped other teenagers obtain employment while also using the experience to develop his communication skills. Because of his experience through SuccessLink, Alex has the confidence and expertise to explore other exciting jobs this summer and in the years ahead. Alex's story, like the stories

of so many other young people here in Boston, shows the power of summer jobs. Having job experience makes Boston's youth excited for their future, and for finding and achieving their dream job someday. This promise of summer jobs is how we support our young residents, helping prepare them - our City's future workforce - for success. I encourage all Boston teens to visit the SuccessLink portal on Boston.gov and apply for a

summer job. Whether it's your first job or your fifth, I can promise you it'll be an unforgettable summer experience. And hopefully, just like my time at Dunkin' Donuts so many years ago, you will learn skills and make connections that will shape you for years to come. Students can apply for summer jobs through SuccessLink online by visiting boston.gov/summerjobs. Registration is due by March 30.

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