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Residents filtered in and out of the police station in Hyde Park to discuss what they see as problems on Hyde Park Avenue.

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HP Ave. meeting talks resident concerns

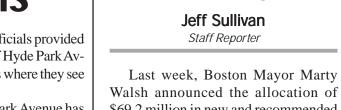
Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

The Boston Transportation Department's (BTD) Transit Team met with about 40 residents on Feb. 11 at the District E-18 Station of the Boston Police Department on Hyde Park Av-

The open house was designed to illicit feedback from residents concerning the 4-plus mile stretch of Hyde Park Avenue, between Wollcott Square and Forest Hills. Residents walked through several informational stations at the meeting where about a dozen city workers and transportation officials provided the current conditions of Hyde Park Avenue and asked residents where they see the most problems.

Historically, Hyde Park Avenue has had severe congestion problems in several key choke points. Wollcott Square, for instance has had problems that the BTD is looking to address with the synchronized signalization of the Father Hart Bridge, but other problem areas have yet to be addressed. The whole corridor runs parallel to the MBTA Commuter Rail on the tracks' eastern

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borhood Development (DND), the Neighborhood Housing Trust and the Community Preservation Fund. The funding will go to housing developments focused on affordability in West Roxbury, Roslindale, Hyde Park,

In the Parkway, that translates to



housing aspects.

Affordable Housing funds coming to the Parkway

\$69.2 million in new and recommended funding from the Department of Neigh-

Jamaica Plain, Brighton, Mattapan, Roxbury, East Boston, Chinatown and Dorchester.

\$2.7 million for the proposed redevel-

opment of the Home for Little Wanderers Headquarters on American Legion Highway and \$3.7 million for the B'nai B'rith Housing development Residences off Baker.

The Home for Little Wanderers contribution has been earmarked specifically for the 22 units of supportive housing for children aging out of foster care. In the past, developer Duane Jackson and Home for Little Wanderers representatives said the housing was for children in foster care who are at-risk of becoming homeless once they age out of the foster care system, either in the Home's programming or

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Dozens of residents came out to have a drink, eat some grub and raise funds for the Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library. PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

Stories to raise funds

Ariane Komyati Staff Reporter

Around 50 community members gathered at the Distraction Brewing Co. in Roslindale for the Story Club Boston Library Fundraiser. Neighbors mingled, ate food, ordered drinks, and listened to stories from presumably brave speakers on the open mic. All the money raised benefited the Friends of the Roslindale Branch Library.

The fundraiser took place on Thursday, Feb. 6. Story Club Boston describes itself as spontaneity with an

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elsewhere. They said the idea via letters from neighborhood was to give those youth a springboard with which to jump into the jobs market and succeed.

The redevelopment was chosen because it was the cheapest option, as renovating the current building would cost more than to tear down and start again, but at least since 2019, the idea was to fund that renovation with a housing development of about 93 units of rental and homeownership units. According to the Boston Planning and Development web site for the project, that is still the case, but the additional funds could alleviate the need for dense housing, which has been a point of contention among residents on American Legion Highway.

Deputy Director for Neighborhood Housing Development at DND Jessica Boatright said all the projects with allocated funds were awarded based on their developers' commitment to affordable housing, and their work with the community. She said one of the factors required in their determination on funding was project readiness.

"We require when projects apply to us for funding not only that they have gone out to the community and meet with residents, but also that there be evidence of support

associations, residents or local officials, and that they're in an ongoing community process to talk about the design," she

So the final product is still up in the air.

"The project has been awarded those funds, but the design process is still very much up in the air," she said.

Boatright said one of the main reasons for the funding is not just the affordable aspect of the project, but also the fact that the Dimock Center, an outcropping of the Beth Israel Lahey Health company designed to provide care to underserved communities will be setting up a clinic there, along with all the services the Home for Little Wanderers provides. She emphasized that the housing development is not included in the funding.

The B'nai B'rith development Residences off Baker at 270 Baker St. in West Roxbury came in by a different route. Originally, the project was for private development of 56 condo units, of which six would have been income-restricted as affordable by the Mayor's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP). B'nai B'rith came in and acquired control of the project, and changed it to affordable senior living, which is the mainstay

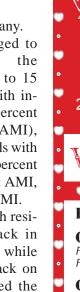
The proposal changed to rental units, but the affordability switched to 15 units for households with incomes at or below 30 percent area median income (AMI), three units for households with incomes at or below 50 percent AMI, 27 for 60 percent AMI, and 15 for 90 percent AMI.

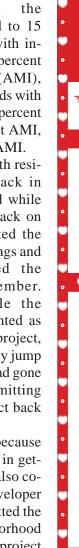
B'nai B'rith met with residents for meetings back in early fall of 2019, and while there was some pushback on rentals, many supported the project at BPDA meetings and the BPDA approved the project in November. Boatright said while the project was newly-minted as an affordable housing project, they were able to quickly jump in and help because it had gone through so much permitting with the original project back in 2016.

"They moved fast because the development team, in getting site control, were also coordinating with the developer who had already permitted the project in the neighborhood and it was really just a project change, and not a project coming up from scratch," she said.

For a full list of projects and funding number breakdowns, go to https:// www.boston.gov/news/692million-funding-announcedaffordable-housing

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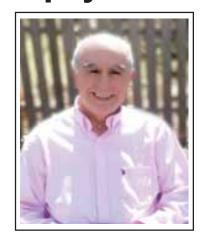
The specifics of the story have been partially forgotten, but the punchline has not: it is verbatim.

It seems that number of years ago the Mayor was at a tree-lighting in Roslindale at the beginning of the Christmas season. Many people and institutions were being thanked for making the lighting memorable: politicians, commissioners, a choral group, and probably whoever provided the hot cocoa. Even though the aging Burnside Street resident was not a particularly avid Celtic fan, at the end of the Mayor's speech thanking so many he took a page from the late, leather-lunged "Snuffy" Dillon of South Boston.

For those of you unfamiliar with this Boston Public Works employee's pronouncement on March 17, 1963, he was the fan who bellowed a "We love ya, Cooz!" from the rafters during a very awkward silence when Bob Cousy became verklempt as he made a thank-you speech during his retirement festivities at the Garden. Dillon's four words broke the tension and reflected the sentiments of the other 13,908 fans in attendance.

Back to the (almost) present. At the conclusion of the mayor's oration expressing appreciation to so many people for making the lighting ceremony happen, the old man piped up for all to hear and applaud, "And don't forget to thank the taxpayers!"

Over the years I've attended dedications of various "things" by the city. And he's right: there is a whole litany of people who are thanked at the dedication of playgrounds, firehouses, schools, ballfields, and swimming pools ranging from state reps to architects to construction companies but seldom, if ever, are you and I taxpayers thanked. On a national level it seems certain that when dams are built and laws are passed, a litany of "thank-ees" are articulated, but never the taxpayers who provide for the federal funding.



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Even at those press conferences following the arrest of the Marathon bombers, when various law enforcement agencies were acknowledged and thanked for their participation in the capture, there is no memory of taxpayers being thanked for providing the vehicles and the huge amounts of overtime pay.

Perhaps that Vietnam Navy veteran from the U.S.S. Wasp and U.S.S. Boston, struggling on Social Security to maintain a way of life for himself and his wife of almost half a century, should be chauffeured to every dedication, whether on the city, state, or national level, so that his brief sentence can be heard loudly and clearly.

As the enrollment in the city public schools declines, perhaps he should be brought to the city council chambers, where the council is poised to pass a bloated 1.26 billion dollar budget, up 80 million dollars from last year, making the cost of educating each child on average more than a whopping \$20,000. (Granted, it costs more to educate a child not proficient in English or a child with special needs, but) His presence in that storied chamber might cause the City Council to ask for noticeable belt tightening by the School Department before he can bellow, "And thanks to Boston taxpayers, both commercial and residential, for providing the fun

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Two Roslindale Homeowners Recieve Checks from HIC Guaranty Fund



Left to right: Representative Angelo M. Scaccia, Roslindale homeowner Doreet Goldhaber, Roslindale homeowner Guerda Conserve, and Undersecretary of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Edward A. Palleschi.

Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Edward A. Palleschi to present Roslindale residents Guerda Conserve and Doreet Goldhaber with checks from the Commonwealth's Home Improvement Contractor (HIC) Guaranty Fund. The homeowners received checks for \$7,000, and \$10,000 respectively.

The Guaranty Fund program compensates consumers up to \$10,000 for unpaid judgments against contractors for poor workmanship and failure to adhere to the terms of their contract (https://www.mass.gov/home-improvement-contractor-arbitration-and-guaranty-fund).

Mayor Walsh announces working group to study broker fees in Boston

derlying challenges of housing

cently passed state law in 2019

intended to stabilize housing

and protect tenants, which has

led to a change in brokerage

dress last month, Mayor Walsh

pledged to dedicate \$500 mil-

lion over the next five years to

create thousands of homes

across Boston affordable to

households with low and

middle incomes. These new in-

vestments will support the

City's goals of creating rental

and homeownership opportuni-

ties, preserving public housing

units, and establishing the first

city-funded voucher program.

City's operating and capital

budgets, the investment will

double the City's current fund-

ing in affordable housing to

\$100 million. Additional rev-

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affordability in Boston."

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Building on his commitment to expanding access and removing barriers to housing for residents, Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced that he is launching a working group to study broker fees in Boston, and how they impact renters across the City of Boston. Mayor Walsh will name members of the working group by the end of February, which will include a wide range of stakeholders. This working group builds on the Walsh Administration's work to ensure all those who live in Boston have access to equitable, affordable housing choices.

"The housing crisis in our city requires a comprehensive, and multi-pronged approach to achieve our goal of creating and preserving new housing, while also ensuring that our housing is accessible to all residents," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud to pull together this working group to move us forward in determining how broker fees are impacting our renters and our housing market in Boston. This is another tool we are putting forward to tackle the un-

enue will be generated by selling the Lafayette Garage, as well as working with the Massachusetts Legislature to approve a transfer fee of up to 2 percent on private real estate sales over \$2 million in the City of Boston. These combined investments will increase the available funds for affordable housing to five times current

> five years. Since Mayor Walsh took office, the City of Boston has

funding levels over the next

built over 65 percent of the new homes in Greater Boston, with 20 percent of new homes being affordable housing, according to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Boston has surpassed 32,000 units permitted under the administration's housing plan, including over 6,200 affordable housing units and over 500 units for senior housing. More than 1,000 BHA units have been renovated and the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) has assisted over 600 homebuyers in purchasing their homes.

Boston's strategy of increasing overall supply of housing units is beginning to show a stabilizing effect on the housing market. Year over year rental listing data from 2017 and 2018 in Boston shows rents increasing by 2.7 percent in older housing stock, and 3.3 percent in all housing, including newlybuilt stock.

Boston has been trending away from large year-over-year increases in rent costs for several quarters as development catches up with demand, creating more rental opportunities across the City. This trend continued in 2019: a year-over-year comparison of the first two quarters in 2018 and 2019 show rent prices incrementally increasing by 1.7 percent in older housing stock, with a 1.5 percent increase in all housing stock.



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brary is "friends with the presi-

dent of the national Story Club",

which is why they decided to

partner for the fundraiser. "We

thought it would be nice if we

all did something together," she

the open mic to tell stories about

many different topics - includ-

ing dating apps, high school bul-

lies, emergency hospital visits,

and more. The stories were

heartwarming, comedic, and

Co., a craft brewery and taproom

located in Roslindale Square,

provided attendees with a warm

atmosphere and ten local beers,

including the Roslinpale, Vanilla

Parkway Porter, and the

Belgrade Tripel. Snacks and

cheese boxes were also avail-

The Distraction Brewery

Community members used

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tear jerking.

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open microphone mixed with an experience of live theater. The forum is for writers and/or performers to display their nonfiction storytelling process, whether it is memorized or read from a paper.

Ken Green and Angela Sawyer led the open mic to get folks going. Green brought Story Club to Boston from Chicago back in 2013. He is a newspaper reporter and editor who started off in the poetry slam scene, becoming a member of four Chicago teams to compete in the National Poetry Slam.

"Story Club is a national storytelling show. They have chapters all over the U.S.," explained Sawyer, who is a Jamaica Plain resident. "I help out [with Story Club Boston] and help tell stories because I am a local comic. Basically, it's a really open ended storytelling show. People get closer together - it's really about bringing people together, because almost everyone has a story that they can tell.

"We have expert storytellers come in and share what they have been working on. But we also get people from the audience up who share things that have happened to them. It's a really nice way to build connections," Sawyer remarked.

"We've done it [Story Club Boston] in a few different locations. It started out in Improv Boston in Cambridge, then

we've done it for the past five years at Bella Luna in Jamaica Plain, and now we're hoping to do more here at the Distraction Brewery Co.," stated Kim Fox, who is also a part of Story Club Boston. "We've done a few other shows at the Jamaica Plain PorchFest, in Cambridge, and a few areas in Dorchester really all around the city." Fox explained that a typical Story Club show has three or four featured storytellers, and then more storytellers come up and join from the audience for the open mic.

"Oftentimes, as people tell stories, more people from the audience join in and tell their own stories on the open mic," remarked Fox. "Featured story tellers have about ten minutes to tell their stories, while open micers have about five to eight min-

able. Learn more about the local brewing company at Sawyer explained that the Friends of the Roslindale Liwww.distractionbrewingco.com.

To learn more about Story Club Boston, visit http:// www.storvclubboston.com/.

For more information on upcoming events at the Roslindale Library, visit https:/ /friendsofroslindalelibrary.org/



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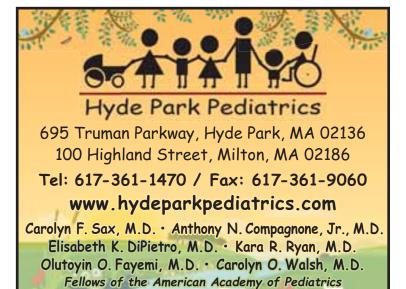
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Council to look at high rise safety following suicides

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

District 8 City Councilor and Council President Kim Janey and District 2 City Councilor Edward Flynn called for a hearing to discuss possible regulations to high rise garages after three separate incidents of suicide at the Renaissance Parking Garage.

The call comes after the deaths of Erin Pascal, her two children Allison and Andrew, Boston College student Alexander Urtula and another unnamed person on Dec. 9.

"Over a period of the last seven months, there were many incidents involving deaths, earlier this month, another person tried to jump from a six-story garage," he said. "These tragic incidents call attention to the security measures at high rise garages, as well as a lack of measure at garages that prevent people in distress from jumping, and helping them find resources."

Flynn was referring to an

incident reported earlier on Jan. 19 when several Brighton District D-14 Boston Police Officers responded to a call reporting a suicidal person at the parking garage at 5 Guest St. Officers were able to grab the person from the ledge and secured them without incident. This prompted District Attorney for Suffolk County Rachel Rollins to speak on the issue.

"Garages are unique structures. Unlike the majority of tall buildings and skyscrapers, where the public does not have access to the top floor, some garages allow parking and public access on their roof or top floors. Signage and obstructions are easy fixes. Many bridges throughout the Commonwealth have made such alterations and enhancements. A simple sign direct-

ing those in emotional pain to resources could save a life. I don't think that is asking too much."

Flynn echoed Rollins' statement, saying that most tall buildings have barriers and fencing to prevent people from jumping with the exception of garages that are accessible to the public with little security or barriers. He also added that signage to direct distressed individuals to resources could be employed at garages.

"Installing cameras at top levels, putting in landscaping to block an open landing area and training parking garage staff on suicide prevention; we should work with parking garage operators to prevent tragedies like those that have occurred from happening," he said. "We should also have a broad conversation to discuss access to mental health resources and counseling, as well as how high rise facilities, such as parking garages, can employ measures that help prevent suicides."

At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George said she wholeheartedly supports access to mental health services.

"That's critically important to this conversation," she said.

The Boston Renaissance Parking Garage stated, after the most recent incident, cameras have been installed at the building and security has been upgraded to 24-hour shifts.

For more information on suicide prevention resources, visit the Massachusetts Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention web site at https://afsp.org/chapter/afsp-massachusetts/.

At the time of this publication, more than \$130,000 has been raised for Pascal's husband Adam. For more information on how to donate, go to gofundme.com/f/2 j r a 3 - a d a m - pascal?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=unknown&utm_campaig=comms_wxdp+2jra3-adam-pascal.

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side, which creates these choke points. In fact, from Wolcott Square to Forest Hills, there are only seven crossovers to the west of the city. That's fewer than two per mile.

Despite these issues, BTD Transit Director Matt Moran says he's hopeful that residents and the city can work together, along with state agencies and the MBTA, to make the corridor more transit friendly.

"We're still collecting data, we're just in the exploration phase," Moran said. "We don't have any preconceived notions about what Hyde Park Ave. should have. We're just really listening to what people say and getting feedback. Basically, ideas and concepts people have about what could be improved, delays for buses, vehicles and bikes and just try to collect all of that before we start the process of design."

And he said the BTD still wants your input after the meeting. Moran said the survey online now at boston.gov/departments/transportation/hydepark-avenue-multimodal-corridor, does not have an end date. He said residents should go and share their thoughts there if they couldn't make it to Tuesday's meeting.

"We'll continue to get results on that," he said. "We've gotten a good response, more than 300 people, and that number has gone up a bit in the last few days. It's fantastic for a local community survey. It shows people want something to change."

The stations outlined current conditions and possible improvements that the BTD's team said were in their "toolbox." Those improvements include adding more crosswalks in areas where they are more than 1,000 feet from each other, adding curb extensions to improve vehicle line of sight on pedestrians, adding accessibility improvements and the possible addition of bike lanes. While it would be somewhat problematic to add a full dedicated bus lane to Hyde Park Avenue, as the street is different widths throughout its length, the BTD stated it is a tool they could use. The other tool is that they can install queue jumps, which would allow buses to go around on the right of congested intersections and jump to the front, essentially.

Residents' initial reactions were mixed, to say the least.

"Living in Roslindale and seeing what has happened in the morning at Roslindale Square down Washington Street during the morning hours for the bikes and the buses has been huge, because that keeps the traffic moving," said Neponset Avenue resident Dan DiSangro. "That was huge, but I don't know if it would make a huge difference The Bulletin

in Hyde Park in the morning. The houses are different too, not everybody has driveway parking. I don't know, I don't have any quick answer solutions, but I would like to see a lot of the median on Hvde Park Ave. looked at, because there's a lot of openings for illegal U-turns."

Resident Janet Smith said she would like to see pedestrian improvements right outside the Police Station and the intersection of Hyde Park Avenue and River Street, as drivers just don't seem to stop for folks crossing the street.

"I have to cross the street a lot, and this intersection right here must be one of the most dangerous intersections in the city," she said. "Nobody stops for pedestrians, and people complain about them and bus service is always very crowded."

Resident Craig Martin said promises of decreased congestion had been made to Boston residents before, most famously during the Big Dig, and that turned out not to be the case. He said he's wary about improvements, just to put it mildly.

"Quite frankly I don't trust them for a second," he said. "All of a sudden they're out for road improvements, but at the same time they're out trying to put an apartment complex on every friggin' parcel on Hyde Park Ave. That's their vision; build it and they will come. The bottom line is that roadway can't handle more volume."

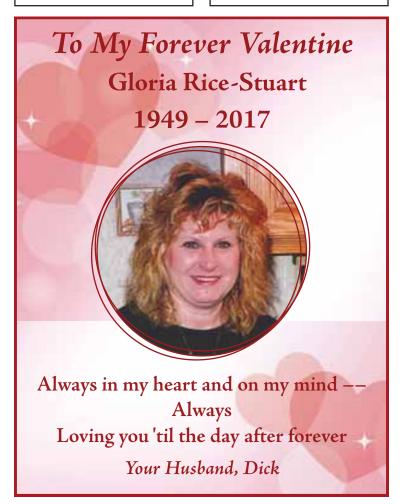
Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail!)

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.

Miracle Prayer

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

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- Celebrate Little Joe's 27th birthday on February 17! Sign a birthday card for Little Joe and enjoy cake from Montilio's Baking Company before exploring the rest of the Tropical Forest! Bring an old phone or tablet to recycle in honor of Little Joe.

- Solve the case at Franklin Park Zoo's ZOOdunnit event during February school vacation week February 17-23rd.

- Get ready for a wild party! Lion brothers, Dinari and Kamaia, are celebrating their 11th birthday on March 7 and you're invited to join in on the

- On March 14 join the St. Patrick's Day celebration, complete with green-themed animal enrichment.

- Dance and limbo your way through the Tropical Forest at the 21+ event on March 21!

ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

ICE SKATING

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

Use figure, recreational or hockey skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating Over 50 Years!

23RD ANNUAL TASTE OF ALLSTON WILL BE HELD **SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2020!**

Our annual Taste of Allston, which highlights the delicious restaurants of Allston and also the diverse business mix, will be held on June 20th! There will be live music, lawn games, and plenty of family-friendly fun, so bring the whole crowd! Early Bird Tickets to go on sale in March!

PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

POETRY PRESENTATION

February 13, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Local author Ric Calleja will share his poetry and discuss the importance of writing accessible poetry. Feel free to bring a poem of your own to share. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. Courtesy - Friends of the Brighton Branch Library.

NATIONAL PARKS **DEPARTMENT**

February 27 at 6:00 p.m. National Parks Department presents, "I Give to my Mullato Women Margaret"- Female Independency and African American Dependency in a Colonial Massachusetts Household. Two extraordinary women lived in the same Charlestown household as the beginning of the 18th century. This program will explore the unusual legal measures that widow Elizabeth Thomas Inscribed in her will. It will also delve as deeply as possible into Margaret's world, following her to the end of her life.

PLAYGROUPS

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. - Parent-child playgroup for Allston and Brighton families! Allston-Brighton Family Support Network weekly playgroup for caregivers and their children 1-4 years old. Enjoy structured free play, stories, circle time songs, and parachute play. For more information, please contact Elayne Baskin at 617-474-1143. Ext. 404.

FEBRUARY VACATION **WEEK PROGRAMS**

About Anansi-On Wednesday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. please join storyteller, Valerie Stephens, as we learn all about Anansi the spider, who was born amongst the Ashanti oral culture of the people of Ghana and become one of the more famous characters in folklore. We will celebrate the much-beloved trickster spider who has brought joy to many generations through interactive stories, games, and songs. The Highland Street Foundation made funding for this program possible. Ages 6-

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617)782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am. The featured selection for January 29th at 11:15 am. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS

Mystified by the net? Don't know how to surf? Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for a librarian. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-

ESL CONVERSATION **GROUPS**

Two ESL conversation group meet at the Brighton Library. One on Monday afternoon at 12:30 pm; the other on Thursday evening at 6:15 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032.

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BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY FARM

Brookwood Community Farm is currently accepting supporting memberships and registration for farm shares. This non-profit farming operation on the border of Milton and Canton cultivates 5 acres using organic practices. More information can found www.brookwoodcommunityfarm.org.

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PREVENTION FALLS CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Classes run for 8 weeks and include fun videos, group discussion, a safe surroundings survey, and mild exercise to increase strength and flexibility. It is offered at no charge. Those using a cane or walker will also benefit from this program - it is a great class to help improve your balance and self-confidence. Location: Springhouse Senior Living, 44 Allendale Street in Jamaica Plain Day and Time: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Class Dates: March 5th -April 23rd, 2020 For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 aglora@ethocare.org

WEST ROXBURY / **ROSLINDALE**

PARKWAY ROTARY TO DISTRIBUTE CARDS AND **FLOWERS**

The Parkway Rotary in West Roxbury is working on a service project to provide care and support to local seniors. Our first project for 2020 is giving away valentine flowers and valentine cards to local seniors. We will be distributing the cards and flowers at Edelweiss Village (2220 Centre Street) in West Roxbury on Friday, February 14th at 10am to over 200 seniors in various parts of Edelweiss Village to both residents and day program participants.

WARD 20 MEETING

Boston's Ward 20 Democratic Caucus will be Saturday, February 15th at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street. Door open at 8:30 am, caucus starts at 9:30 am

The caucus is being held to elected delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention on May 30th in Lowell

If you have any questions please email W20Boston@gmail.com

WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY

Poetry Contest for All Ages

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library presents the 31st Annual Poetry Contest for All Ages. Submissions are due by Friday, March 20.

This year's theme is "Space." Awards ceremony to be held on April 30 at 6:30 pm at the West Roxbury Library. Poems can be submitted either by email to FriendsoftheWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com; by mail to Poetry Contest, West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre St, West Roxbury, MA 02132; or delivered by hand to the poem drop box in the West Roxbury Library. Learn more the contest about www.friendsofthewrlibrary.org

POETRY READING

Saturday, February 15, 2020 - Poetry Reading from 1 - 3 pm

On Saturday, February 8, 10 am – 11:30 am, the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library will sponsor a poetry workshop led by poet Mary Pinard at the West Roxbury Branch Library at 1961 Centre Street. On Saturday, February 15, 1-3 PM workshop participants will have the opportunity to share their poems with fellow poets.

The program is free and open to all high schoolers and adults. To register by email, send your name, and phone number or email address FriendsoftheWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com or register at the front desk of the library.

READ IT AND MEET!

Book discussion on Stories from the Shadows by Dr. Jim O'Connell on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm at the West on Centre, 1732 Centre St, West Roxbury. (author will not be present) Sponsored by the Catholic communities of West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park. Adults of all faiths invited to share thoughts on this collection of stories from Dr. O'Connell's 30 years of caring for the homeless in Boston. Book available from amazon.com and is also in the Boston Public Library system. Registration is required to reserve a seat at West on Centre. Contact Mary Campion at 617-323-4410 x13 mary.campion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org No registration fee but we ask that you bring a \$5 gift card to Dunkin Donuts on the day of the event to support Dr. O'Connell's ministry.

THE EVENING GARDEN **CLUB OF WEST ROXBURY**

"Heirloom and Native Plants: A Living History" with John Forti

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - The Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St, West Roxbury, MA. We request a non-member donation of \$7.00. Doors open at 6:30 PM. We welcome all and hope to greet you there.

For those interested in gar-

Calendar

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Six Proposals for ten acres on former Boston State Hospital land

Richard Heath

Staff Reporter

The last 10 acres in the development of the sprawling campus of Boston State Hospital was put out to bid by the Dept. of Capital Asset Management (DAMM) in May 2019 and six proposals were received in October.

The sloping, wooded, bowtie shaped parcel has a Harvard Street frontage and is adjacent to the UMass Biological Laboratories on the Roslindale edge of the property. The nearest address to the parcel is 460 Walk Hill St.

Those six, ranging in scope from 60 townhouses to 375 units of cluster housing and a Green New Deal Innovation Center - were reviewed at two public meetings hosted by DCAAM on Feb 4 and 6 at the Brooke Charter High School.

The Brooke School itself was built on hospital land in

Four of the proposals - Cruz Development, Lena New Boston, Primary Corporation and Thomas F Welch - have past experience in the 24-year endeavor to redevelop the surplus state hospital land.

Demolition of its 23 buildings began in Nov. 1996.

On Feb. 4, 2020 three proposals were presented. The first, Cruz Development plans

to build 60 town houses called Audubon Estates on the land that slopes down to a narrow boundary with the Mass Audubon Boston Nature Cen-

Fifty-one houses would be for sale and nine would be reserved as rental for Dept. Mental Health clients. Micheal Washington is the architect.

Cruz was one of the original developers of the Boston State land; designated in Sept. 1997. After a row of centuryold, lead paint-contaminated buildings were removed; Cruz built 99 subsidized rental and ownership homes on the land between 2004 and 2019.

The second, Lena New Boston/2Life Communities submitted "Audubon Necklace", 200units of housing clusters for seniors, foster housing, supandhousing portive homeownership designed by Prellwitz-Chillinski architects.

Lena New Boston already has invested \$150 million in the development of 319 units of rental and ownership housing since it was designated developer of 50 acres by DCAMM In 2004.

Collectively "Olmsted Green," work began in 2008 on the parcel next to the Brooke School; the final phase, adjacent to the advertised ten acres, of 80 owned homes is under construction.



Jerry Rappaport (center) of Lena New Boston describes his plan to DCAMM Commissioner Carol Gladstone (right). PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

In its proposal, Lena New Boston states it will utilize its approved Article 80 agreement and expand its 40R zoning district approval.

The third, The Planning Office of Urban Affairs with its principal partner Caribbean Integration Community Development, plans to build 197 units of mixed income housing including affordable assisted rental, supportive housing with a health care clinic and 32 homes for first time buyers in three to four-story residential buildings and scattered townhouses. Jason Szyminski of The Architectural Team is the lead architect.

More than a hundred people came to see the first three plans on Feb 4.

Steven Andrews Director of Real Estate for DCAMM coordinated the meeting and DACAMM Commissioner Carol Gladstone introduced

In the front row were six members of the nine member Boston State Citizens Advisory Committee that has been overseeing Boston State development since 1985. As they did with the first round of development, they will select the developer for the last ten acres.

The numbers flew fast and furious as Lena New Boston

Six Proposals

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Mayor Walsh announces working group to study broker fees in Boston

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

Building on his commitment to expanding access and removing barriers to housing for residents, Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced that he is launching a working group to study broker fees in Boston, and how they impact renters across the City of Boston. Mayor Walsh will name members of the working group by the end of February, which will include a wide range of stakeholders. This working group builds on the Walsh Administration's work to ensure all those who live in Boston have access to equitable, affordable housing choices.

"The housing crisis in our city requires a comprehensive, and multi-pronged approach to achieve our goal of creating and preserving new housing, while also ensuring that our housing is accessible to all residents," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud to pull together this working group to move us forward in determining how broker fees are impacting our renters and our housing market in Boston. This is another tool we are putting forward to tackle the underlying challenges of housing affordability in Boston."

The state of New York recently passed state law in 2019 intended to stabilize housing and protect tenants, which has led to a change in brokerage fees in New York City.

In his State of the City address last month, Mayor Walsh

pledged to dedicate \$500 million over the next five years to create thousands of homes across Boston affordable to households with low and middle incomes. These new investments will support the City's goals of creating rental and homeownership opportunities, preserving public housing units, and establishing the first city-funded voucher program.

Through increases in the City's operating and capital budgets, the investment will double the City's current funding in affordable housing to \$100 million. Additional revenue will be generated by selling the Lafayette Garage, as well as working with the Massachusetts Legislature to approve a transfer fee of up to 2 percent on private real estate sales over \$2 million in the City of Boston. These combined investments will increase the available funds for affordable housing to five times current funding levels over the next five years.

Since Mayor Walsh took office, the City of Boston has built over 65 percent of the new homes in Greater Boston, with 20 percent of new homes being affordable housing, according to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Boston has surpassed 32,000 units permitted under the administration's housing plan, including over 6,200 affordable housing units and over 500 units for senior housing. More than 1,000 BHA units have been renovated and the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) has assisted over 600 homebuyers in purchasing their homes.

Boston's strategy of increasing overall supply of housing units is beginning to show a stabilizing effect on the housing market. Year over year rental listing data from 2017 and 2018 in Boston shows rents increasing by 2.7 percent in older housing stock, and 3.3 percent in all housing, including newly-built stock.

Boston has been trending away from large year-overyear increases in rent costs for several quarters as development catches up with demand, creating more rental opportunities across the City. This trend continued in 2019: a year-over-year comparison of the first two quarters in 2018 and 2019 show rent prices incrementally increasing by 1.7 percent in older housing stock, with a 1.5 percent increase in all housing stock.

Novena to St. Jude

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

—S.G.H.

What happens to my Social Security if I die at age 62?

Dear Rusty: I have worked my entire life and contributed to Social Security. I have been single my entire life with no children. What happens to all that money I have contributed to Social Security if I die at age 62? Signed: Curious Worker

Dear Curious: From its inception in 1935, Social Security has always been a "pay as you go" program where current workers contribute money from which current beneficiaries are paid. That's the way it has worked since the first Social Security payroll withholding occurred in 1937 and the first Social Security benefit was paid in 1940. And it works the same way today.

Social Security FICA payroll taxes collected from current workers are used to pay all those who are currently receiving benefits. Any excess collected which is not paid out in benefits is deposited into a special Trust Fund and held in reserve for the future. My hope is that understanding this will dispel a far too widely held myth that the money you pay into the Social Security program from your paycheck is deposited into a personal account for you - it is not. Rather that money is used to pay benefits to all those who are already collecting Social Security. And the extra money in the Trust Fund is invested in special interestbearing bonds which contribute further to the Trust Fund's reserves (more about the Trust Fund in a minute).

If you were to pass away at, or before, age 62, all the money you paid into Social Security via FICA payroll taxes will have already been spent to pay benefits to those already collecting Social Security. With no surviving dependents, there are no benefits to be paid from your lifetime work record. True you will have paid a great deal over your working career, but the system is designed so that when you retire your benefits will be paid for by those who are still working and paying into the system. Of course, it's a



Russell Gloor AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

game of averages and Social Security says the "average" longevity for a male today is about 84. So, unless you're already in poor health, chances are pretty good you will live beyond age 62. Chances are also pretty good that if you do, you'll get back much more in benefits than you have contributed. In fact, if you start collecting benefits at your full retirement age you will get back benefits at least equal to what you contributed within about 5 years (we've studied this carefully). Which brings us back to the Trust Fund.

The Social Security Trust Fund held about \$2.9 trillion in reserves at the end of 2018. But over the years the ratio of workers to beneficiaries has declined from 16.5 to 1 in 1950 to less than 3 to 1 today, so there are far fewer workers paying for beneficiaries who are living much longer. Starting in 2019, Social Security will pay out more in benefits than it received from FICA payroll taxes, which means the excess paid out in benefits will come from the reserves in the Trust Fund. That will continue, according to the most recent Social Security Trustees' Report, until the Trust Fund is depleted in about 2035, at which time Social Security will only be able to pay out about 80% of benefits due unless Congress acts soon to resolve the issue. And the solutions are well known; what's lacking in Congress is a serious bipartisan effort to fix the problem.

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Thank You Novenas

For Favors or Prayers Answered

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail!)

ost beautiful flower of 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 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

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-D.J.

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MANY PRAYER CHOICES AVAILABLE

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Joe Savage (right)architect David Lee and Thomas Welch(right).

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and The Planning Office listed the unit count for specific demographics and income levels; seniors, supportive, affordable, market rate and foster care.

Because with the exception of Cruz, each development team are joint ventures with a wide variety of providers for specific types of housing: senior, workforce, ownership and supportive as well as providers of social and health care serday vices, care, intergenerational and foster care, wellness, craft centers, and restaurants.

David Lopes of Wellington Hill was critical of that new approach.

"We don't need charity," he said. "We need jobs. This is just another dynamic of 'we thought about you and this is what we think you need.""

Fatimah Ali Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, noted that the developments were all isolated.

"They're all little gated communities," she said.

Both Cruz and Lena New Boston stressed their prior experience with Boston State Hospital.

Daniel Cruz said that what Cruz has already built on the 18 acres on the east campus would be duplicated on the ten acres

"Affordable for sale housing," he said. "That's the way you bridge the wealth gap. That's how you build equity."

He said 15 percent would be rental units for DMH clients.

Architect Micheal Washington said that the 60 units would be spread out over 18 buildings in three to four clusters.

"We want as much greenspace as possible," he said. "Six units per acre. It's not overbuilt. It's all about the greenspace. A lot more private space around the homes." Cruz said the development would take about five years to complete.

Julie Brandlen is director of the Mass Audubon Nature Center that immediately abuts one four town house cluster.

"I'm confused about the

might imply a partnership that doesn't exist," she said.

Jerry Rappaport of Lena New Boston emphasized social equity for workforce housing and a shuttle service to Forest Hill Station.

Lena New Boston is a joint venture of four different companies, but Rappaport wanted the audience to know what Lena New Boston has done investment at Boston State land.

"We've put in \$150 million already," he said. "And we're going to add another \$40 million in the next two years."

"Allow us to complete the job we started. Let us build Audubon Necklace, We have a proven 15 year track record."

The Planning Office of Urban Affairs is affiliated with the Archdiocese and was established in 1969.

It was the only team to tell The Bulletin its development costs. It will give \$500,000 to the Boston State Hospital Trust administered by the Citizens Advisory Committee and its build-out of 197 units of housing is estimated at \$70 million.

Architect Jason Syzminski said the site is a difficult steep slope and to minimize site work costs, the three mid-rise buildings and two clusters of 12 town houses will follow the contours of the land.

Thursday Feb. 6 the three proposals included the sole economic development plan called The Green New Deal Innovation Center offered by Neponset Cooperative Trust. Westland Gate Capital is one trust member and another, City Fresh Foods, is one of four anchors tenant; another member is Commonwealth Kitchen.

City Fresh will distribute the food grown in the one-acre Mattapan Harvest Greenhouse.

Green New Deal describes itself as a business park and operating space for small businesses at risk of being dislocated in Boston.

It will have a work force training and learning center with programs including culi-

name, "Audubon Estates.' It nary training, food service management for hotels and restaurants and heavy equipment operation.

> Co-op member Joyce Tremblay is the principal architect.

Primary and Accordia Partners, of which Sykes is president and managing partner respectively, have joined with the Pennsylvania company Toll Brothers Apartment Living to create what it calls "The Campus", 375 units of cluster housing in three story buildings built over podium parking.

Primary calls it a "self sustaining community that will grow its own food."

The homes will be provided with a " 24/7/365" growing community" with food grown on the Clark-Cooper community gardens at the Boston Nature Center and from the Freight Farm.

Stantec will do the master

planning and is project architect; DREAM Collaborative is design architect.

Thomas Welch of Roxbury is proposing 140-units of workforce and ownership housing he and his partner Joseph Savage call "Orchard Village."

Designed by Stull and Lee (who also designed the biologic labs in 2003), the development will be a cluster of "villages" with a "local village center" adjacent to the biologic lab grounds.

The Feb 6 meeting was again coordinated by Andrews; also in the audience, as she was on Feb 4, was Muge Undemir, BPDA senior planner and director of Plan Mattapan (the JP/ Rox of Mattapan).

Green Innovation partner Lorel Holmes said the "crown jewel" of the development is the learning center which will have certificate programs awarded by area colleges.

Holmes stressed that their plan will preserve all trees.

"There are very few buildings," she said.

Partner Sheldon Lloyd of City Fresh Foods put their proposal in a dark context.

"The looming threat is gentrification," he said. "What you're seeing now in Chinatown [unaffordable commercial rents] is coming to Mattapan."

Primary's Kirk Sykes called his proposal "smart local living".

His development is largely large buildings grouped around an oval courtyard, which he described as the signature urban planning element.

"We called it 'campus' for a reason," he said. "It will be a campus as a place, the glue to bring everyone together. People

will want to come here to eat in our four different eating experiences."

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One Mattapan resident stood up to question who those people would be.

"Don't just show me black and brown people in the pictures," he said. "This is the kind of living for who? Show me the black and brown people who will be living here. Who will manage this?"

Thomas Welch, like Cruz, is proposing low-density workforce housing for moderate-income families and resi-

"These would be affordable for nurses and teachers," he said.

He and his construction manager Patrick O'Donnell spent most of their time talking about how their "Orchard Village" will be unique.

"There will be no carbon at all in this development," said O'Donnell. "Heating and cooling will be strictly geothermal. This is very important to us. The first ever geothermal community built in New England."

Andrews said that the designated developer would file with the BPDA for the Article 80 Large Project Review and an Impact Advisory Group would be formed.

According to the BPDA, "Muge Undemire has been engaged in the process as part of the Plan Mattapan and is on the selection committee" the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee.

The committee's next public meeting is March19 at The Foley Building, 249 River Street at 6 pm when the proposals will be discussed.

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BANKHEAD

Dorothy (Nels) "Doe" Was born on July 2, 1934 in Osage, West Virginia. She married her high school sweetheart, H. Richard "Dick" Bankhead, shortly after graduating high school. After her husband graduated West Virginia University, they moved to Fairborn, Ohio, where he was an aerospace engineer. She had three sons, all of whom attended Ohio State University for both undergraduate and graduate degrees in dentistry. After her husband retired, they spent twenty-five years in West Palm Beach, Florida. Being near her family was paramount, so they eventually moved to the Boston area, where all three of her children lived and practiced. She expressed her love with cooking and baking every day for her family. She was known for her excellent cooking, which she handed down to her sons. She was predeceased by her parents Stephen and Elizabeth Nels, her brother Robert Nels, her husband of 55 years Dick Bankhead and, most recently, her son Dr. Kirk Bankhead. She is survived by her sons, Dr. Richard Bankhead and his husband Kemper Thompson of Newton, Dr. Scott Bankhead of Ashland, and her son-in-law, Ray Cook of Needham, her adopted daughter, Qwin Nabagereka of Quincy and her dear companion, Rebecca Kitaka of Waltham. Donations in her memory to the Home for Little Wanderers, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Services private. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600.

FREZZA



Rina M. Age 59, of West Roxbury, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2020 after a battle with cancer. Daughter of the late Philomena and Carmine Frezza. Survived by her beloved sister Sandra Frezza, aunt Maria Frezza, and her close-knit cousins Joe Catinella and his wife Marybeth, Ellie Powers, Bob Catinella and his wife Mary, Tina Gobbi and her husband Larry, Joanne Llerandi and her husband Rick, along with their loving children Joseph Catinella, Elizabeth Catinella Casey and her husband Donnie, Lauren Catinella and her fiancé Johnny, Brian Catinella and his girlfriend Kerry Ann, Loreto Gobbi and his girlfriend Aprille, Lindsey Catinella Hannon and her husband Mark, Marco Gobbi, and Christopher Llerandi. She will also be greatly missed by her wonderful friends. Funeral from the P.E. Murray -F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY.

Interment in St. Michael's Cemetery, Roslindale. Donations may be made in Rina's memory to Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, MGH Development Office, 125 Nashua St., Boston, MA 02114 www.giving.massgeneral.org Online guestbook and directions at pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000.

GRAMMER



Marilyn V. of Roslindale, passed away suddenly, February 4, 2020. Beloved daughter of Virginia (Devlin) Grammer of Roslindale and the late Edmund Dexter Grammer. Loving sister of Edmund J. Grammer and his wife Maureen, Christopher J. Grammer and his wife Maryanne, Dr. Elaine M. Grammer-Pacicco and her husband Dr. Thomas J. Pacicco, Paul F. Grammer, and Robert J. Grammer. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F. J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marilyn's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. For directions and guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

LETOURNEAU

Regina, Age 68, of Roslindale, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2020, after a year-long fight with brain cancer. She is survived by her three children, Paula Stano, Anthony Stano, Jr., and Gina Snow. She is also survived by her grandson Jordan Viches and her beloved ex-husband and good friend, Tony Stano, Sr. There will be a Celebration of Life at the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 1-5pm. Relatives and friends kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to www.stano.org a non profit founded by her daughter Paula. Regina was so proud and passionate about this organization. Online guestbook and directions at gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

MATSON

John of Roslindale, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2020. He was 93 years old. Beloved husband of 73 years of the late Ann E. "Nan" (Gately) Matson. Son of the late Ernest and Gertrude (Macdonald). Devoted father of Debra Matson of Roslindale and Roger Matson and his wife Kathleen of Norwood. Loving grandfather of Thomas Matson and his wife Marsha of Ravnham, Kerrie Purnell and her husband Robert of East Longmeadow and Katelyn Nesbitt and her husband Keith of Raynham. Cherished great-grandfather of Abigail, Ryan, Brady, Kayla and Matthew. Dear brother of Alice MacFarlane, Robert Parsloe and the late Dorothy Stuart, Phyllis Murphy and Nancy Doherty. John is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. John was a 28 year employee of the MBTA where he worked as a motorman. He was a proud member of Boston Carmen's Local 589. John was a volunteer greeter at the Faulkner Hospital until age 80. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Catholic TV, PO Box 9196, 34 Chestnut Street, Watertown, MA 02471 catholictv.org or Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215. For directions and guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-

MEISSNER

Kevin J. Lifelong resident of Roslindale, passed away on February 8, 2020. Beloved son of the late Paul and Mildred (MacIsaac) Meissner. Devoted brother of Paul A. Meissner, Jr. and his partner Judy Marden of Roslindale. Dear cousin of Mary Kay of CA. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment at Gardens Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Kevin's memory to Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. For diand guestbook, rections pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray -F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

McLAUGHLIN



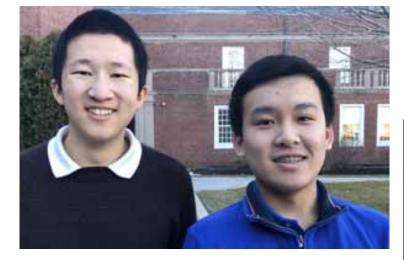
Cecelia (Doherty) Longtime resident of Roslindale, formerly of Clonmany, County Donegal, Ireland, passed away on February 10, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Ed-

Deaths

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Roxbury Latin Seniors named Top Scholars

Two Roxbury Latin seniors—Chris Zhu (West Roxbury) and Andrew Zhang (Needham)—were named among the country's top 300 scholars in the 79th Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS), the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. Chris and Andrewwere selected from a pool of nearly 2,000 students from 659 high schools across 49 states. Each of these 300 scholars receive \$2,000 for this recognition, and their schools also receive \$2,000 in funding for STEM activities...



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ward P. McLaughlin. Devoted mother of Maureen Killoran and her husband Paul of Pomfret, CT., Ann Herman and her husband Michael of Roslindale, and Linda Butler and her husband Kevin of Tilton, NH. Loving grandmother of Meghan and Kathryn Killoran, Kevin and Matthew Herman, and Kaelyn Butler. Dear sister of William Doherty and his wife Sarah of Dorchester. Also survived by several nieces and nephews in the U.S. and Ireland. Visiting hours at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Thursday, February 13th from 4-7pm. Funeral Service in the funeral home on Friday, February 14th at 11:30am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. A private burial will be held at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Cecelia's memory to Dana Farber and the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons, West Roxbury.

MURAD

Robert J. of Roslindale, formerly of Boston's South Cove, February 2, 2020. Dear and devoted husband of Frances (Sharkey). Loving father of Christine Alexander of Arlington, Elaine Rosselle and her husband Michael of Dedham, Diane McDonough of Hyde Park and her late husband James, Robert Murad of Roslindale, Lynda Murad of Roslindale and Cynthia Hamilton and her husband Edmund of Roslindale. Cherished grandfather "Jidu" of Michael Francis Rosselle, Samantha Rosselle, PFC Thomas McDonough, Daniel McDonough and Thomas Robert Hamilton. Dear brother of James Murad of Hyde Park and Mary Mahanna of Boston's South Cove and the late Plain, passed away peacefully Abraham, Joseph, Thomas and Frederick "Moe" Murad. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St.

(at the corner of Centre St), WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Robert's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38148. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Proud US Army Veteran of the Korean War. Guestbook and other in-

www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600.

O'DONNELL

John M. of Jamaica Plain, on January 26, 2020. Beloved husband of Ann M. (Fox). Loving father of Maura Quinn and her husband Paul of Walpole, Michael O'Donnell of Jamaica Plain, Deirdre O'Donnell of Norwood, Erin Williams and her husband Michael of Hingham, Sean O'Donnell and his wife Terri of Windsor, CT, Terrence O'Donnell and his wife Stephanie of Dublin, OH, Brendan O'Donnell of Chicago, IL and the late Meaghann O'Donnell. Brother of Catherine Richardson of Milton. Also survived by 12 grandchildren and 9 nieces and nephews. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. John was a Boston College graduate, Class of 1959, and taught for 42 years in the Watertown Public Schools. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons.

PADDEN

Virginia P. "Gig" (Kenney) of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica surrounded by her loving family and beloved dogs on February 9, 2020. Wife of the late Richard J. Padden, Sr. Loving mother of Richard, Peg, Michael and his wife

Ann Padden-Rubin, and Tricia and her husband Chuck McGurr. Cherished "Nana" of Kyle, James and Mary. Sister of Edward and Leo Kenney and the late Helen, Mary, Anne, John, William, James and Lawrence. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Thursday, February 13th at 10:30am followed by a Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury at 11:30am. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

SHEA

Irene C. (Canavan) of Falmouth, MA, formerly of Hyde Park and originally from South Boston, died peacefully in her sleep at home on February 6, 2020, surrounded by her family, including her husband of 61 years, Thomas F. Shea. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Irene had a remarkable spirit and a keen sense of humor. She was a devoted family person who made family and close friends her priority, remaining involved and committed to those she loved throughout her life. She is survived by her devoted husband Tom, their children-Thomas Shea and his wife Lyn of Medway, MA, Daniel Shea and his wife Molly of Walpole, MA, and Kelly McKenzie and her husband Chuck of Cotuit, MA-and her 8 grandchildren-Brendan, Courtney, Rachel, Madison, Michaela, Kelsey, Kendall and Rebecca. She was a loving sister of the late Edward Canavan and his wife Mary, the late Mary Mogan and her late husband John, Joseph Canavan and his late wife Kathleen, Paul Canavan and his wife Betsy, the late Rita Jansky and her late husband Andrew, as well as an aunt to many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank those who extended emotional support for Irene during her final days; their appreciation for your presence and gestures cannot be expressed in words. She will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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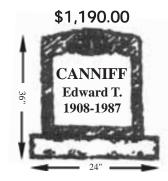
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Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2020 season. Games begin in April. There will be 2 seasons, spring and fall, played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the 'parkwaysoccerwestroxbury' site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at the Roche

Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's Barber Shop in West Roxbury and Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale.

Parkway Youth Soccer is in its 42th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2015 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2002 and 2004 are eligible to play in the Senior Division. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-962-4271.

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA - MARCH 8

Parkway Concert Orchestra continues its 75th anniversary season with 'Sounds of the Symphony Orchestra' on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Name Parish Upper Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Music Director Thomas Kociela will conduct a lively program including the first movement of Schubert's Symphony in C major, selections from Elgar's Enigma Variations, music from 'Hamilton' and 'The Sound of Music' and the finale from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. The program will feature Moises Carrasco in Giovanni Bottesini's Double Bass Con-

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certo No. 2 in B minor.

This concert is presented by Holy Name Enrichment Program and is sponsored by Vogt Realty Group in memory of Gene and Ann Vogt. During intermission, the audience will have a chance to meet and learn about the orchestra instruments at an instrument petting zoo. Concert admission free. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For information, please call 617-792-4277, visit the orchestra's site at http:// www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org/ content/2019Season/19-20 or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ parkwayconcertorchestra.

MARDI GRAS PARTY

The Stratford Street United Church & Grace Community Boston hosts a Mardi Gras Party with full brass band

Pastor Rev. Abigail A. Henrich, along with lead musician David Leach, will lead a Mardi Gras service, complete with a full brass band. They will combine the traditions of Fat Tuesday with Ash Wednesday, exploring the intersection of music and the sacred. New traditions will be offered, including sacred donuts. If you wonder just what a sacred donut is, come and find out! Everyone, regardless of religious identity, is welcome to enjoy the great music.

West Roxbury, MA, March 5th @ 7:00 pm

The service is free and open to the public. Children are welcome. There will be a child friendly activity.

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The Trial Court- Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division CITATION ON PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU19C0559CA **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

617-788-8300 In the Matter of: Casey Argyle Ricks

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Casey Argyle Ricks of Allston, MA

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

Casey Argyle Lautzenhiser

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 02/27/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: February 4, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 02/13/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court Department Docket No. SU19D2628DR SUFFOLK Division

> DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Galicia Nazaret Escarfullery vs. Wilmer Jimenez

> > Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. 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 Galicia Nazaret Escarfullery, 220 Harold Street #2, Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 04/02/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

February 7, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Marjorie Isabella Walsh DOCKET No. SU20P0073EA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA. 02114 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 09/18/2019 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Marie Baker of Brockton, 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:

Marie Baker of Brockton, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 03/09/2020. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

January 28, 2020

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

Estate of: Leo V. Fitzsimmon

Date of Death: 03/20/2019

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA. 02114 617-788-8300

DOCKET No. SU20P0182EA

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Joanne Fitzsimmons of Dedham, 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:

Joanne Fitzsimmons of Dedham, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 03/13/2020. 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. January 31, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 02/13/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Helen Photis Date of Death: 05/09/2016 DOCKET No. SU19P1083EA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA. 02114 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: James Photis of West Roxbury, 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:

Catherine Pappas of Boston, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 03/19/2020. 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

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