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Residents are concerned that the proposed 270 units of apartments sited on Crane's Ledge would be a detriment to the neighborhood and take rare open space from the area.

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SBCA reviews development at Dale Street, Crane's Ledge and 4198 Wash

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The newly-established Southwest Boston Civic Association (SBCA) hosted its second official meeting on March 30 and discussed several issues facing the Parkway community.

The organization is a combined effort between other civic associations in Roslindale, West Roxbury and Hyde Park. Those organizations include the West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association, the Dale Street Crime Watch and the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association, just to name a few.

The proposed development at Crane's Ledge (990 American Legion Hwy.) on the Hyde Park and Roslindale line was of significant interest. According to the project's letter of intent (LOI), Lincoln Property Company is proposing nine two- and three-story buildings with 270 units of apartment rental housing. The project is currently slated to have a clubhouse, 455 parking spaces, playgrounds, a dog park, gathering spaces, a pool, bicycle storage and electric charging stations.

Residents are concerned because the area has been historically treated as public open space for people to hike and take in the panoramic views of the city. It is also

felt by many that the American Legion Highway Corridor has an abundance of rental properties and few condominium or home ownership opportunities.

State Rep. Rob Consalvo pointed out that the district is technically State Rep. Russell Holmes' district, and so he said he would defer to him on this particular issue, but added he is keeping an eye on the project since it does affect his district as well.

"There will be many public meetings and I know there's going to be an Impact Advisory

SBCA

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The project at 11 Dana Ave., now completed, is the origin of this debate between residents, city officials and developers.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Developers, residents spar on amendments to zoning code

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

About 30 residents attended a virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 31, with Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Deputy Director for Regulatory Planning and Zoning Bryan Glascock. The purpose was to discuss a potential amendment to the city's zoning code on accessory use parking in Neighborhood Shopping 2 (NS-2) subdistricts for development projects.

The amendment came out of a two-year conflict between developers, local residents and the BPDA over a proposal at 11 Dana Ave. in Hyde Park.

The meeting, held on the

Zoom Webinar platform, was initially marred by about 45 minutes of technical difficulties. About 10 of the original participants who signed in at 5:30 p.m. dropped off by the time the meeting was able to continue. There was a problem with one of the phone numbers. Also, there was difficulty in trying to get interpreters into separate Zoom conference rooms, with no Zoom room for Haitian Creole, only French and Spanish.

"I feel bad about delaying everybody and I appreciate your patience tonight," Glascock said.

Craig Martin, a longtime member of the Hyde Park

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Affordability at Mildred Hailey questioned

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

An ad hoc group KeepIt100 has been rattling the development team of the Mildred Hailey Apartments for more affordability. And the group has been making an impact.

Months of debate with Centre Street Partners (Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Council [JPND], Urban Edge and The Community Builders [TCB]) has resulted in substantial changes in the affordability mix as explained by Laura Martin of TCB at the

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Diagram of the new open space and public areas planned for the new Mildred Hailey development.

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HATF looks to reduce cars at 180 Western Ave. with BPDA

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) met with members of the Harvard Allston Task Force (HATF) and discussed recent changes and improvements to the proposed redevelopment of 180 Western Ave. in Allston.

The site currently houses several small buildings and a parking lot, but developer Stonehearth Property LLC wants to construct a 273-unit building with few parking spaces and a lot of pedestrian and cyclist amenities. The proposal also includes 13,900 square feet of ground-floor retail space, 6,850 square feet of shared amenity space, 5,000 square feet of outdoor amenity space and 78 parking spaces in a garage.

David Manfredi of Elkus Manfredi Architects went through the architectural and landscape portion of the presentation.

“Here, the importance is to the car. We want to reverse that and make the pedestrian and cyclist and multi-modal transit more prominent,” he said.

Manfredi said each corner of the intersection of Western Avenue and North Harvard Avenue help create a sense of

place and it is important to keep that sense alive in the development. He said to help do that and increase the usefulness of the area to pedestrians, the development team presented three alternatives for the streetscape of North Harvard and Bertram Streets. Each alternative will add street trees, increase sidewalk width and add sidewalk planters to separate cafe zones from pedestrian thruways. One alternative favors open space while another favors outdoor cafe space, and the third is kind of a compromise between the two.

VHB Traffic Engineer Christina Hodge expounded on the project’s goals towards pedestrians and cyclists and away from cars. She pointed out there are six public transit stops with three transit routes nearby. She said they will be providing enhancements for transit and bicycle infrastructure as well as only generating minimal traffic from the site during peak hours (two vehicles entering on a.m. peak hour, 11 exiting and 10 entering during p.m. peak hour and two exiting).

“In compliance with the compact living policy, we will be providing .3 parking spaces per residential unit,” she said. “Then additionally, in accordance with the policy, the resi-

dents will not be able to have any residential parking. Bicycle parking will also be provided.”

HATF member Tim McHale said more of a focus on cultural and art events was needed, which were not featured during the presentation. He said he did not see enough of a neighborhood-oriented space. There is 1,800 square feet set aside on the south end of the project off of Bertram Street, but he felt it wasn’t enough.

“I just don’t see it there,” he said. “It’s just the size of a three-bedroom apartment.”

HATF member Bruce Houghton said while he knows that community benefits from this specific developer will be discussed at a later meeting, he felt that there was an educational elephant in the room that should also be discussed.

“There’s a silent partner here. We have the developer represented, but the landowner is not, and that’s Harvard” he

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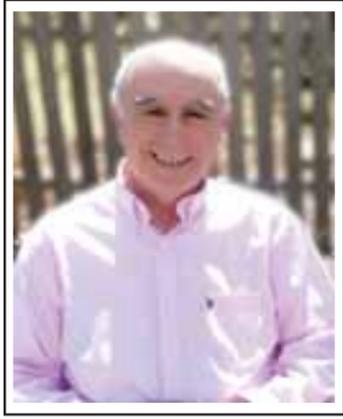
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Next fall it could be time for all local lumberjacks to start oiling their cordless chainsaws. Time to get those McCullochs, DeWalts, Stihls, Craftsmen, and others ready for some serious buzzing. No, there's no re-enactment of the classic movie "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," but there will be lots of arboreal destruction near the corner of Centre Street and Allandale Road. Rather than creating a new entrance/exit on Centre Street (the main vehicular access to the hospital), the Faulkner Hospital—actually, the Mass(achusetts) General Brigham, Brigham and Women's Faulkner—in pushing through in its vast demolition and building program, will cut down and remove some 85 trees from its Allandale Street area, most of them full-grown. Some of the "victims" will be deciduous and others evergreen.

Somewhat respecting Joyce Kilmer's, "I think that I shall never see/A poem as lovely as a tree," the contractor for the massive development intends to plant 174 new trees. But, as one astute observer sniffed, it takes time — a whole lot of time — for young trees to assume adult status.

While numerous representatives from various trade unions during a recent public Zoom



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

meeting arranged by the Boston Planning and Development Authority, the Faulkner, and its architects voiced their perfunctory support for the vast expansion, there was none from the lumberjacks' union. Hmmm. Maybe they are independent cusses and do not need union protection.

The removal of this vast number of trees begs the question: which roads will the huge logging trucks rumble down with their fallen trees, whether they are destined to a saw mill or a natural dump? It seems that the route for the many heavy trucks should be Centre and Spring streets through Roslindale and West Roxbury

Galeota

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Letters to the Editor

WHITE INFLUENCE CLEARLY OBVIOUS

To the Editor:

I'm a resident of Roslindale and a public school teacher. As the parent of a future Boston Public School student, I'm appalled by the news that a vocal group of Roslindale and West Roxbury parents are fighting to manipulate the exam school admission process. The 14, mostly White parents, representing the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence, are leveraging the force of their combined economic and political capital to sue BPS, in order to secure placement for their own children in Boston exam schools at the direct expense of lower-income Black, Hispanic, and Asian American students.

The BPCAE's suit is based on the flawed assertion that Boston Public School's decision to reallocate seats based on zip code will lead to unconstitutional racial quotas. The deluded suggestion that zip code in Boston is a "proxy for race" ignores the fact that one of their own two neighborhoods, Roslindale, is among the most racially diverse in the city, with no single race occupying over 50% of the population. West Roxbury itself enjoys consid-

erably more diversity than their stereotyping would suggest, containing a significant Black and Hispanic population. The parents' very ignorance of the diversity in their own communities betrays the dangerous, racist impact that "colorblind" attitudes perpetuate in our neighborhoods. Additionally, these parents are reading from an outdated script, describing a geographically segregated Boston of two decades ago. To be sure, Boston is still deeply segregated, but increasing ethnic and economic integration have made zip codes entirely arbitrary to the discussion. Have these parents done any homework?

BPCAE also claims to represent Asian Americans in Boston, whom they allege will lose out as a result of this new policy. As a White parent, I can't claim to speak for Asian Americans; however, increasingly visible xenophobia in this country has prompted me to examine my own biases recently. I'm humbled by AAPI colleagues and friends who have educated me in this past year on Asian American stereotypes. They have pointed out the way that White supremacist narratives have often leveraged the success of affluent Asian American com-

munities for the purposes of claiming diversity. Asian Americans are hardly a socio-economically homogenous group that communities in West Roxbury and Roslindale might suggest. Data gathered by BPS suggests that many lower-income Asian American families in BPS stand to gain increased access to exam schools on account of this policy. The families filing this suit appear to be operating on a monolithic and anachronistic portrayal of racism, conveniently ignoring the complex intersectional factors of class, ethnicity and geography in Boston today.

Whatever their alleged intent, the parents' racist lawsuit has the direct impact of prioritizing seats for their own children, most of who are White and affluent. The suit represents a desperate power grab by privileged families, out of touch with an increasingly progressive, multicultural city. As a middle-class White parent, I want what's best for my daughter, just like every other parent. But I should not be allowed to leverage my daughter's Whiteness and relative affluence at the expense of lower-income Black,

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said. "A great deal of the future development of Allston is going to be on Harvard land. I think that has to be tied together. The community benefits should not just be from the developer, but also the property owner who benefits from this project over the

long term. That will be true up and down Western Avenue and Lincoln Street. So how does the task force deal in an inclusive way with the overall North Allston/North Brighton neighborhood and the primary property owner?"

Houghton said the time is now

to set these inclusive benefits so as to set a precedent for future development in the area.

To see the full presentation or video recording of the meeting, go to Bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/180-western-avenue.

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Brown, and Asian American students around Boston. Does it hurt to think my daughter may have a tougher time getting into an exam school one day? Certainly. But the minor discomfort I feel over her future is nothing compared to the deep pain lower-income BIPOC students and parents feel every year, knowing that without access to exam schools, private institutions, or equitable public resources, even the most gifted children in their communities will face an uphill battle to access the best schools in the city.

We stand on the brink of an historic turning point in BPS. Antiracism is hard work. As a resident of Roslindale, a community, which prides itself on progressive values and anti-racism, let's commit to the hard work of standing with our most marginalized neighbors.

*Alex Laser
Roslindale*

TIME TO GET REAL ON NUMBER OF UNITS

To the Editor:

Having attended the 94 "rules" meetings, I can assure you that if you presented the option of putting 20 units with commercial space on two WR lots, first you would have gotten a huge belly laugh followed by the crowd driving you out the door.

I remember well the city's tradeoff for Home Depot building on the drive-in property was the renewal of the swimming pool for both residents and wheelchair-bound vets from across the street which was somewhat palatable because it was the only pool equipped with an existing wheelchair ramp which would have served the vets in the VA Hosp. well, and I'm one of the lucky soldiers who doesn't need a ramp. And then, Menino buried the pool with dirt from the Big Dig.

A Home Depot sidebar: I believe the sewer system of the Home Depot parking lot still has plaques stating not to pour oil down the sewer because it drains

out to the river. This has always amused me when I consider the hundreds of old oil leaking trucks there every week.

Now if memory serves me right, the resulting rule was, a new single-family home requires 6K sq. ft.. So, if you'd like to build two single family homes or two two-family homes or a new commercial building, I'd be happy to support you.

*Kirby Boyce
Boston*

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Corrib race and fun run

Registration is now open for the 27th Annual Corrib Classic 5K Race. The event will be held on Sunday, June 6th at noon beginning at Billings Field on LaGrange Street, West Roxbury. Runners can download an application or register online at www.active.com/west-roxbury-ma/running/the-27th-annual-corrib-classic-5k-road-race-walk-2021 by clicking on 'Races/Results-June 7th'. The event web site has compre-

hensive information on the race, post-race cookout and activities, and volunteer opportunities. Applications may be also picked up at the Corrib Pub and Restaurant located at 2030 Centre Street, West Roxbury. T-shirts are given to the first 500 pre-registered applicants.

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second Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meeting on the project on March 22.

As reported in detail by The Bulletin, the Mildred Hailey development is a five-phase, six-building total redesign and rebuilding of the 13-acre public housing development formerly known as Bromley Park.

The first phase – buildings 1A and 1B – designed by Prellwitz Chillinski, will replace the Anna Mae Cole Community Center and the 24-unit building at 24-34 Heath St. Phase One is budgeted at \$145 million.

At the tempestuous March 8 BPDA Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting, a caller identified only as George and another KeepIt100 caller identified only as Lisa T demanded that the affordability percentage be lowered.

Although the March 22 agenda was about site plan and public benefits, the KeepIt100 callers turned into an affordability debate.

Martin explained to the 81 callers at the virtual meeting of “significant changes since March 8.”

The most controversial of all were the 57 units set aside for 175 percent area median income (AMI) in buildings 1B and 113

units in Building 4.

Building 4 – the largest of the six planned buildings – is a six-story, 220 – unit building developed, owned and managed by TCB in the third phase to replace 267- 274 Centre St.; at least five years away.

According to Martin, these 175 percent AMI units have been dropped in both buildings.

“There’s an additional level of new affordability,” Martin said. “The additional level will be 66 apartments at 50 percent to 60 percent. This is a pretty significant change in the income mix since the project began.”

The first phase, scheduled to start in 2022, will also replace all 91 public housing units one to one.

Joe Bamberg, assistant director of planning at the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), which will hold the ground lease on the 13 acres, explained just how long the planning has gone on.

“The BHA and the tenant association have been working on the redevelopment process for over four years,” he said.

“I want to remind everyone that we are replacing all existing public housing units. I don’t want anyone to forget this,” Bamberg went on. “It is an important component of this development. Tenants will move into

brand new replacement units; many will move in sooner than expected.”

KeepIt100 appeared more focused on making TCB accountable. At the March 8 meeting George was honest when he said he “would be pretty blunt.”

“Nice words don’t make it,” he said. “You have to do replacement by law. Replacement units doesn’t give you more points.

“TCB is using JPND and Urban Edge to build tons of high-end, market-rate units. More than City Realty. More than Criterion. It’s disgusting,” he continued.

“You’re one of the largest gentrifiers in the neighborhood,” George said.

When completed in the next decade, Mildred Hailey Apartments will have new streets, courtyards, sidewalks, bike lanes, a public plaza, a new community center and retail spaces.

Martin also emphasized the important connection to the Southwest Corridor Park that will now open out to Heath Street.

BPDA project manager Dana Whiteside opened the floor to questions and Carol Miranda spoke first.

“The adjustments you made proves you’re looking to the neighborhood,” she said.

Jennifer Leonard, who said

she works at the Anna Mae Cole center and is a volunteer on the Southwest Corridor Park, agreed. “I’m really excited about the revised income mix. I’m really appreciative. It will be positive for the neighbors,” she said and asked for a vote of confidence.

IAG member Marc Ebuna described himself as an urban millennial.

“I didn’t take kindly to the criticism of TCB at the last meeting,” he said, “They’re called gentrifiers. They built 225 Centre St. where I live. What they’re doing is correcting the urban planning mistakes of the past. The towers in the park.”

Jen Douglas said she lives in Hyde-Jackson and wanted people to be “cognizant of the fact that this is public land.”

“Eliminating 175 percent AMI is a promising direction, but we need units with deeper affordability,” she said. “There’s a race impact in the affordability guidelines. Black and Latinx residents live there [Mildred Hailey] as I understand it.

Higher income guidelines would result in adding the characteristics of white residents, resulting in the removal of Black and

Latinx residents.”

George wanted more.

“The rents are still really high,” he said. “One third of the new units in buildings 1A and 1B should be applied for with vouchers. TCB is not acceptable. All this needs to change.”

Applying for 30 percent vouchers was a matter of racial justice said one KeepIt100 caller.

Another caller who said she was a housing justice organizer maintained that higher income units would cause indirect displacement.

Lisa T of KeepIt100 wanted to lower the AMI to one third at 30 percent AMI.

“There’s tons of luxury development,” she said. “We don’t need more of it. TCB and Bart Mitchell, they’re the number one gentrifier in the neighborhood.”

The March 22, 2021 Article 80 meeting was the fourth public meeting hosted by the BPDA since November 2020.

According to the BPDA, staff have not yet determined whether the project will be brought to the Board for a vote in April. The affordability mix will be approved then.

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vices. Hosted by the Bligh family and the Corrib Charitable Trust Board of Directors, the event has raised over \$1.3 million for local Parkway charities.

Corrib Kids Fun Run

The Corrib Kids Fun Run will take place on the morning of the annual Corrib Classic 5K Road Race on Sunday, June 6th. The kids’ race is FREE and will begin at 10:00AM at Billings Field, West Roxbury for boys and girls between the ages of 4-12. Fun Run applications are available at the YMCA, The Cooperative Bank branches, or the Corrib Pub. Runners can pre-register by mailing the application by May 24th to: KIDS FUN RUN, 195 Stimson Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. T-shirts and medals will be given to the first 100 registered runners. Runners can also register on race day at Billings Field between 9:00 and 9:45AM. The event is sponsored by the Cooperative Bank, and the Corrib Charitable Trust, Inc.

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Neighborhood Association (HPNA), explained that the whole intent of the zoning code revision is to preserve the streetscape in the business districts and not have it taken over by parking garages or blank walls.

He stressed that, while allowing an amendment for conditional use parking to be sought by a variance is better than allowed use parking, Footnote 27, currently in Hyde Park’s zoning code, entitled Article 69, should be included to strengthen it. Footnote 27’s language says that parking should not be allowed on the first floor of a building.

“They would have to get a variance,” Martin explained. “It would just make it more stern and stringent.”

Martin said he also found a “Snafu” in the amendment that needed to be changed before it is voted upon. It currently states that the use is allowed, but should read “allowed/conditional.”

Developer Christopher Lydon asked for a clarification on what surface parking meant.

Glascoc explained that “he had met with a couple of neighborhood groups” and engaged in conversations as to whether the term “accessory parking” included surface parking or parking included

within a structure, such as a garage.

“It does include surface parking as well as parking that’s underneath the structure,” he said.

Lydon then asked if that meant all parking, and Glascoc clarified that the parking has to be “truly accessory to the main use of the property.” One example of non-accessory use parking would be a tow yard, Glascoc explained.

Lydon then questioned if a restaurant or a minute clinic, for example, wanted to be built, if it would have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) for a parking variance. Glascoc answered that it would not be for a variance but for a conditional use permit, where the requirements are less stringent.

“The design needs to be such that you’re not creating a hazard to pedestrians who are walking on the sidewalk,” Glascoc said, noting there can’t be blind driveways.

“We heard pretty loud and long from people who are frustrated with buildings that were essentially multi-families on stilts with parking underneath,” he added. “They’re not happy with that, and it doesn’t contribute to the streetscape. So we’re trying to find a solution to that particular prob-

lem.”

The original discussion came about because of the blowback on the 11 Dana Ave. project in Hyde Park, although Glascoc said that similar projects have arisen across the city. On this project, the developer claimed the 24-unit housing development was “as-of-right,” but dug the basement four feet deep, which was less than the 35 percent of the below-grade construction requirement for a basement. There was an argument that it replaced the first floor, and that the parking contained in it would be an accessory use to the main use of the building.

Developers were beginning to use this design model as a template to put in what they believed was underground parking facing the street, according to representatives of the HPNA.

“All of the business people that I talk to – and we’re coming out of a pandemic – say that ‘if I have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeal, I’m not going to open a business,’” Lydon continued. He also charged that it was a measure to include affordable housing units into development proposals.

“This is not about affordable housing,” Glascoc said. “What it’s about is about creating a nicer streetscape envi-

ronment and not a series of garage doors.”

Earlier in the meeting, he showed examples of garage doors lining streets in East Boston and Roslindale, which have different conditions in their zoning codes. This amendment would unify the zoning code for new developments across the city.

Glascoc said this has become an issue because of the high value of housing stock. Therefore, commercial buildings could be considered more valuable as multifamily residential dwellings, even if the first floor was used as parking.

Brian Mullaney added that “it’s hard to paint with a broad brush.”

He feared that, because 50 percent of cases currently do not have to go before the ZBA, that it would be inundated beyond the city’s staffing capacity with conditional use permit requests.

“It’s kind of a dull tool when we’re dealing with the sort of the finer-grained design issues,” Glascoc said. “But unfortunately it’s kind of the tool that we have.”

Developer Gary Martell asked if those who already had proposals in would be grandfathered in.

Glascoc said that he could not speak for the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) on the matter. However, amendments to the zoning code become operative when they be-

come advertised, which is “a longstanding reality.” This means it would be retroactive until that time, unless it is “rejected or abandoned.” It was first advertised in October or November, according to Glascoc.

“This change that you’re suggesting isn’t persuading or dissuading more commercial structure,” Martin said. “It’s preserving the main street that we’ve so long fought for. If we don’t have some type of requirement, they’re all going to be gobbled up and gone.”

The BPDA Board will be voting on the proposed amendment on Thursday, April 15. The meeting starts at 3:30 p.m., but should be taken up at around 4:30 p.m. or thereafter, according to Glascoc. If it is approved there, then the ZBA will take it up in May.

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ALBANI

Mary Elizabeth (Rye), Age 93, of Hyde Park, MA and Tequesta, FL, passed away peacefully at home. Beloved wife of the late Landy Albani. Mary is survived by her loving sister Connie Logue of Manchester, NH, her stepchildren Sandra Sullivan (David) of Dedham, OJ Albani (Linda) of Hemet, CA, and Jack Albani of Cape Coral, FL, dear cousins Joan McMahan, Terry Tarallo, and Kevin McCarthy, seven stepgrandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Mary was a strong, independent, generous woman of great faith, as her church community was most important in her life. Mary worked for New England Telephone for many years.

She enjoyed traveling with Landy to many places, including the Middle East and Europe. Some of her favorite things include the Red Sox, a good lobster roll, and a Manhattan straight up. Mary was predeceased by her parents Edwin and Margaret (McCarthy) Rye. Burial at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Anne's Church or to the charity of your choice. Online guestbook and gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

BAVIS

Mary (Kelly) Age 90, of Roslindale, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on March 27, 2021. For 36 years

she was the beloved and devoted wife of Richard Bavis until his passing in 1990. Mary and Dick's legacy continues with their children, Kathleen Sylvester and her husband Paul of Osterville, Maryellen Moran and her husband Jack of Marshfield, John Bavis of Williamsburg, VA, Patrick Bavis and his wife Patrice of Weymouth, Kelly Bavis Morrissey of Brookline, and Mike Bavis and his wife Kim of West Roxbury. Mary was predeceased by her oldest and youngest sons, Ricky and Mark Bavis. Her greatest joy was spending time with her 16 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Mary

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Group (IAG) made up of community members - for which the city is in the process of appointing now - that will work with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and oversee the community portion of this," he said. "It's very early in the process - they just filed this - but the neighborhood around Crane's Ledge and Rep. Holmes' district around Cummins Highway, has organized very strongly to be part of the process."

Consalvo added that his team was able to appoint one person to the IAG to represent his district.

Office of Neighborhood Services Roslindale Representative Joseph Coppinger said as of right now, Lincoln has submitted its LOI with the belief that the project will be zoning compliant and not need zoning variances and therefore the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). That means that the required ZBA public hearing will not take place and allow residents to voice their concerns before final approval; rather the BPDA's Article 80 Large Project Review process will be the only process to provide a public forum for residents to voice their concerns. Residents can still con-

tact their local representatives, city councilors and BPDA staff and put their concerns down in the comments section of the BPDA's page for the project (<http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/990-american-legion-highway>) when and if the comment period for the project begins.

The group also discussed a potential development at Dale Street on a privately-owned parcel adjoining the Sherrin Woods. The parcel is located right between the train tracks to the east abutting Hyde Park Avenue, and Weider Park to the west identified on the Boston Tax Parcel Viewer website (app01.cityofboston.gov/parcelviewer/) as Parcel 1808198000. The property basically sits at the end of Dale Street before it turns and becomes Metropolitan Avenue.

Consalvo said he and representatives from the City of Boston Parks Department are working to possibly purchase that property to keep it as open space in perpetuity. Members said this was not the first time they've dealt with development plans on the site, as residents have fought off attempts there before. Consalvo said noth-

ing is set in stone at the moment, either for conservation or development.

"I think the latest update on that is that it's still up in the air," he said. "I don't have an answer other than because it's a private parcel, we can't just take it. The Boston Parks Department Chief (Chris) Cook is also supportive of trying to acquire the land for conservation. Unfortunately, I wish I had better news to say we're going to be able to buy it, but the good news is that the city is supportive of buying the space and keeping it for public preservation."

Coppinger added that the nature of the land makes it very difficult to develop it, as any potential developer would need a very large number of variances to get a building permit.

"The parcel is so regulated with the Parks Department Ordinance and the Conservation Commission overlay district in the zoning code, it's virtually impossible to build anything on that land," Coppinger said. "So that's definitely a benefit to that parcel."

One resident during the meeting pointed out that the city could take the land by eminent domain if they compensated the land owner justly. Consalvo said this would be a tricky maneuver.

"Eminent domain does allow for land takings by the city, but I do think that is sort of what they might call a nuclear option," he said. "The limited use of eminent domain by cities is very stringent and I'm not a lawyer and I'm not qualified to really speak on that, but we could certainly get someone to speak to it on the next meeting."

Moderator Cathy Slade discussed several residents' ongoing problems with the development at 4198 Washington St. in Roslindale. She noted that while the comment period is over, residents still needed to make their voices heard on the issue.

"There's no parking on the site at all; they're supposed to find parking elsewhere," she said. "So far they have found one spot for 20 cars half a mile away from Roslindale Square."

While the comment period is over, BPDA representatives have said that residents can reach out to their representatives listed on project pages at bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/4198-washington-street.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No. SU21P0212EA**

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Date of Death: 04/05/2020

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was born and raised in Charlestown and was predeceased by her parents, Patrick and Bridget Kelly, originally of Donegal County, Ireland; and her two brothers, Patrick and John Kelly. Mary is survived by her siblings, Anne Corcoran, Helen Comeau, and Joe Kelly; and sister-in-law, Liz Kelly. Mary leaves behind several cousins, nieces, and nephews who she always had a story for. Shortly after marrying in 1954, Mary and Dick made their home on the hill in Roslindale where they raised eight children. Mary had a strong faith and Sacred Heart Parish was her anchor. Through life's ups and downs her faith helped her steer the ship, keeping her household of 10 running smoothly. Mary was also proud of her work outside of the home. She returned to school in her fifties, taking business classes at Aquinas College. She worked at McKinley Vocational High School and always had a kind word for a parent or student. She had perspective and knew how to give support in a subtle way. Mary loved to dance at weddings, spend time at her cottage in Wareham and watch and talk sports, especially hockey. She always had a smile and taught us to face life's challenges with strength, courage, and resiliency. Her generous spirit and easy laugh have uplifted many and will continue to impact us for years to come. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Mary would want donations to benefit others in honor of her son, therefore please consider The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation, P.O.

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BROWN

Doris M. (Elliott) of Beverly, formerly of Georgetown and Hamilton, peacefully on March 26, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Calvin Brown. Photo and obituary at www.KfouryFuneral.com

MacDONALD

Paula J. (Byrne) of West Roxbury, formerly of Brighton, passed away on April 1, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Stuart A. MacDonald. Devoted mother of Stu MacDonald and his wife Tricia, Erin Martin and her husband Jay, and Tara Morse and her husband James, all of Dedham. Loving grandmother of Payton, Mason, and Cole MacDonald, J.J., Conor, and Gavin Martin, and Aidan, Nate, and Liam Morse. Dear sister of Terri Kenney, Kathy Demers, Rosie Cosby, Doris Thomas, Diane Byrne, Sean Byrne and the late Jimmy Byrne and Carolyn Byrne. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visiting Hours at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Wednesday, April 7th from 3-7pm. Funeral from the Funeral Home on Thursday, April 8th at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. John Chrysostom Church at 10am. Relatives and friends kindly invited (maximum church capacity

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Edward "Eddie" of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester and Gleneely, County Donegal, Ireland, March 29, 2021. Devoted husband of the late Marguerite Ann (Conlon) McDevitt of Mission Hill and beloved father of Eileen (McDevitt) Tarallo, Margaret (McDevitt) Elmiger and Eamon McDevitt. Cherished father-in-law of Andreas Elmiger, Christine (MacDonald) McDevitt, and the late Edward Tarallo. Adored grandfather of Daniel, Anna and Roman. Beloved cousin to his best friend, Mary McDevitt of Dorchester. Caring friend of the late Ellen Murphy of West Roxbury. Eddie is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends whom he adored. Eddie was a dedicated employee of Mobil Oil for many years until his retirement. A man of faith and family, Eddie McDevitt will be greatly missed by all. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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Roslindale Community Fridge Hosts Spring Food Drive

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

In the spirit of the spring season, the Roslindale Community Fridge hosted an Egg Drive on Saturday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers handed out eggs, vegetables, fruits, spices, canned goods, prepared meals (with proper labeling), menstrual supplies, cleaning supplies and reusable bags. They accepted donations as well. In honor of Easter, volunteers also handed out plastic eggs with candy and toys.

The Roslindale Community Fridge is located behind the Roslindale Market at 4140 Washington St. and opened last fall. It is a community-run initiative that aims to provide free food to the local community, 24/7, 365 days a year. Neighbors and community members can leave food or take what they need. The unofficial motto for free fridges is "Take what you need, give what you can."

Community organizers

Laura Cowie-Haskell and Jenny Nguyen held up a large sign that read, "Free Food! Comida Gratis!"

Community organizers from the Roslindale Fridge have held similar drives before, including a "Mental Health Awareness" drive around Valentine's Day and a winter holiday drive.

"As a collective, like as a team, we wanted to do something to meet our neighbors. So we actually have done this a couple of times. This is a time where people come together as a family. But also the weather was nice and we thought it would be a good opportunity for us to meet more of our neighbors," said Nguyen. "We're focusing more on fresh vegetables during this drive," explained Cowie-Haskell. "We got [the boxes of vegetables] from Katsiroubas."

Katsiroubas Bros., located in Hyde Park, is a wholesaler carrying a wide selection of high quality produce, dry goods, pastries, beverages, cheese and dairy, including lo-

cal and specialty products.

Nguyen and Cowie-Haskell stated that the response from the community regarding the community fridge over the past few months has been overwhelming and heartwarming. "People appreciate coming here and having a 'no questions asked' source of food," said Cowie-Haskell.

By noon, over 150 neighbors had come to the drive to pick up a bag of food.

Mutual aid initiatives have been growing all over the country, especially since the start of the pandemic last year. A "Community Fridge" is a refrigerator located in a public space, usually covered in art by local artists. The fridges are a mutual aid project which enables food to be shared within a community. Since last summer, community fridges have been launched in many neighborhoods across Boston, including Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Allston, and Dorchester.

Food Drive

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to access Route 128/I-95 and points beyond. [The VFW bans trucks, tho scarcely enforced by the staties.]

The project will necessitate a huge amount of excavation for the new West garage as well as demolition of the entire East garage; for construction itself there will be a vast number of cement and lumber trucks coming to the site. Again, will Centre and Spring be the routes on which these huge trucks will thunder down?

A comment that caught many by surprise is the elimination of a southbound Centre Street road lane where it intersects Allandale. Ouch! In the name of progress and accommodating a new bike lane heading south on Centre Street merely from Whitcomb to Allandale, the proposal has significant traffic implications. The current right-

turn, right-on-arrow outbound lane allows Allandale Street to siphon off a lot of evening-rush-hour traffic backed up at the traffic light. After May Street, near the rotary (Arborway/Centre St/Jamaicaway), was made one-way decades ago, a significant amount of traffic from Dorchester, Roxbury, and JP trying to access Route 9 and its suburbs had to travel south to the Faulkner to make the right turn onto Allandale. This occurs in the morning and, worse, at the evening rush-hour. Anything that alleviates the huge back-ups at the Allandale/Centre Street traffic light is worth its weight in titanium, even the several-hundred-foot extra lane from Whitcomb to Allandale.

I'm all for bikes. Make a bike lane if you want by widening the sidewalk, but keep the right-turn, right-on-green arrow

lane.

Many West Roxbury and nearby South Brookline residents living off Allandale Road are not aware of the huge traffic changes in the offing because no announcements are placed in local papers such as The (Boston) Bulletin or The (Brookline) Tab but are placed in the Boston Herald. Stay aware for future development and destruction.

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Estate of: Marjorie Isabella Walsh
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A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:
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and
Evelyn Sullivan of Holland, PA
requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/26/2021.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 22, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 04/08/21

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No. SU20P2266EA**

Estate of: David T. McDonnell Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA. 02114
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 10/18/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
David T. McDonnell, Jr. of Hyde Park, MA and Brian P. McDonnell of Westwood, 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:
David T. McDonnell, Jr. of Hyde Park, MA and Brian P. McDonnell of Westwood, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of **05/05/2021**. 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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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
Date: March 30, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: 04/08/21

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No. SU20P2377EA**

Estate of: Walter E. Janulewicz Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 12/01/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Victor E. Janulewicz of Monson, 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:
Victor E. Janulewicz of Monson, MA
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **05/12/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 31, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 04/08/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU21D0255DR**

DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS
Dedy G Rolles vs. Esther Pierre

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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(617) 788-8300

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Dedy G Rolles, 46 Norfolk St. Apt. 1, Boston, MA 02124-1929** a copy of your answer for **Complaint For Divorce Pursuant Filed on 02/19/2021** which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff of plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
March 11, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
Hyde Park Bulletin: 04/08/21

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