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After several weather-related problems, about 70 residents finally gathered at Kelly Field in Hyde Park to talk about the problem of racism in the City of Boston.

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The Voices of Boston unites Kelly Field crowd against racism

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

It is said that good things are worth the wait. For the 70 people who attended the “No Justice No Peace” Black Lives Matter event at Kelly Field, in one sense, the timing was right at last, because the weather cooperated with the group, The Voices of Boston on Saturday, August 1 on their third attempt to hold this gathering.

All speakers agreed it has taken far too long for this issue to be at the forefront. This is true particularly in Hyde Park, where some of the most violent race riots took place during the busing era in the 1970s. Others brought up historical racism, from the time that the 54th Regiment trained at Camp Meigs on this very ground.

Organizers Jayana Greene, Lisa Agyare, Crystal Aneke and Stessie Germain, all graduates of the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science, decided to organize this event the first time on June 14th because, at that time, Hyde Park was one of the few neighborhoods that hadn’t had a BLM event.

They decided to take matters into their own hands, because

three of them live in or around Hyde Park and attend Rhode Island College as nursing majors and have experienced discrimination. Aneke is entering her fourth year and final semester at Fitchburg State University with a major in political justice and a minor in economics.

While the June 14th event was postponed because of anticipated rain, the June 28th event was started, but then canceled due to torrential downpours, thunder and lightning. Still, about 50 people turned out, huddling under a 10-foot by 10-foot tent as its eventual fate was determined.

Nothing could stop this event from transpiring this day. The blazing sun beat down on the enthusiastic crowd. Chants of “no justice, no peace, no freedom, no voice, no movement” echoed through the stands.

The four members of The Voices of Boston opened the event after a poetry and musical interlude by Rhode Island performers Nice and Scribe.

“The Voices of Boston is a social justice group that was created in response to all these turbulent protests occurring throughout the city,” Greene, of Mattapan, said. “We want to ask, ‘What can we do today that’s

going to mark change for tomorrow, 10 years from now and 100 years from now?’”

“Instead of reminding ourselves why our ancestors fought, and why we must continue to fight, we turn to the very detrimental statement of, ‘This is just our reality,’” Germain added. “Yes, it is our reality now. But it doesn’t mean we have to submit to the system and be falsely influenced that this will be our reality forever.”

Germain, of Hyde Park, added that this is the time when the media, industry and the political system are simultaneously paying attention to this issue. It is also a time for residents to be active in the political process and vote.

After The Voices of Boston members spoke, the forum turned to speeches from the invited panelists: Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu, District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo and 12th Suffolk State Representative candidate Stephanie Everett. All are attorneys of color who spoke of the challenges they have encountered and their personal moti-

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Students and parents are facing a tough decision over returning to school in the fall.

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Parkway Parents face uncertainty this school year

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

It may still be the summertime, but many parents are more stressed than usual about the upcoming school year due to the ongoing pandemic.

Some parents across the nation are opting to homeschool their children or are creating “homeschooling pods” - a modern-day version of a schoolhouse, with a small group of parents splitting the cost of hiring teachers.

Korri Crowley, a single mother in West Roxbury with a rising fifth grader in the Boston Public School (BPS) sys-

tem, plans to homeschool her son due to the risks involved with the virus. She said it was a difficult decision for her to make and she has been connecting with other parents to learn more about homeschooling.

“Regardless of the district’s plan, I will be keeping my son home because the prevalence of the virus is still too high for me to take the risk. If Boston sticks with its proposed hybrid model of in-person and at-home students being taught simultaneously, then I will un-enroll him and create my own homeschool curriculum. We

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Lawsuit filed against Pine Street Supportive Housing

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Monty Gold, the sole owner of 3377 Washington St. LLC, wants Suffolk Superior Court to rule that the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) annul its March 10 decision to approve the Pine Street/Community Builders plan to build 225, income-restricted and supportive housing at 3368 Washington St.

He filed the lawsuit on May 14. The building at 3377 Washington St., home of Turtle

Swamp Brewery, is directly opposite the proposed six-story housing with ground floor offices building designed by RODE architects.

According to the complaint - a copy of which was obtained by The Bulletin - Gold contends, “the Board’s decision is unreasonable, whimsical, arbitrary and capricious.”

“The plaintiff is a person aggrieved. The plaintiff’s property is leased to a business engaged as

Pine Street
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Centre/Walter intersection design nearing completion

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a meeting on Thursday, July 30 online to discuss with residents the current design schematics for a re-design of the Centre Street and Walter Street intersection.

The intersection currently is somewhat of a roundabout, but with the height of the intersection, it makes some vehicle interactions problematic, as many motorists can't see well enough to make certain turns, most notably those trying to take a left from Walter onto Centre. Bike access has also historically been an issue, as well as pedestrian access, since there is not a crosswalk from Centre to Walter (the closest being a quarter of a mile away).

Traffic Design Consultants, Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) ran most of the meeting, but DCR Deputy Chief Engineer Jeff Parenti said DCR has had its eye on this intersection for awhile (the original push to reorganize the intersection goes all the way back to 2006). Parenti said the hope is to get design and final approvals for the current layout done this year and con-

Project Area



Centre Street/Walter Street Improvement Project

Designers said they took into account much of the surrounding area while trying to redesign the intersection.

COURTESY PHOTO

struction to start in the spring of 2021. HSH Traffic Engineering Technical Lead Bob Stathopoulos went through the proposal, which he said aims to improve experiences for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. For pedestrians, the idea is to provide safe crosswalks and adequate sidewalks. For bicyclists, it's to provide a westbound connection from Walter to Centre Street and reduce high-speed turn approaches. For motorists, Stathopoulos said they want to provide adequate lane markings, reduce traffic congestion on Walter into Centre and to provide a left-turning lane

from Centre going northbound into the Sophia Snow Place.

Stathopoulos said the addition of another lane from Walter going right onto Centre would help to reduce traffic congestion on Walter that can sometimes snake all the way to Bussey Street and beyond during peak traffic times. He said they counted more than 450 vehicles on Walter during peak rush hours (evening and morning).

Representative Phillip Marshall, speaking for the Trinity Lutheran Church on Centre Street, said he had

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A rendering of what will hopefully be the completely-renovated and historically-preserved William Barton Rogers housing complex.

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Pennrose, BPDA presents Barton Rogers renovation plans

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) along with Pennrose Development and LGBTQ Housing Inc. presented the latest plans for the proposed 75-unit building renovation at the site of the former Barton Rogers School in Hyde Park.

The current plan is a \$35 million renovation to build LGBTQ-friendly housing (with no restrictions based on sexual orientation for potential residents), a large, 10,000-square foot community space, community resources and a permanent home for the 54th Regiment Company A Re-enactors' artifacts.

Pennrose Regional Vice President Charlie Adams said they are looking to put together funding sources for the renovation,

and added that they are hoping to put shovels in the ground at the end of next summer to start a 16 to 18-month renovation process.

Adams said the entire process has been a bit 'seat of the pants' – for instance the building was so old he said there were no schematic designs and they had to produce a floor plan of the current building from scratch and also hire a building survey team. He said right now they have Part 1 Approval from the Massachusetts Historical Commission on their renovation design plans and is currently waiting for the final Part 2 approvals, which would give the project historic tax credits for partial funding. He said the building itself will remain a historic building, which means the design team had to stick with historical aesthetics and materials.

"This is an incredibly difficult

building," he said. "It is a gorgeous building and a fantastic building and it's been great trying to figure out the challenges, but it's difficult in the sense that the building is where it is and you have to be able to get access to the building and that can be really difficult."

DiMella Shaffer Architect Phillippe Saad said the building will have its main entrance on Harvard Street, with handicapped parking, two elevators and ramp access. He added that because of the historic nature of the design, they had to add the elevators on the outside of the building so as not to disrupt the interior structure.

The units will be 27 studio units, 35 one-bedroom, four one-bedroom with a den units, seven two-bedrooms and two two-bedrooms plus den.

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Editorial

The concepts are not mutually exclusive

The concepts are not mutually exclusive

"I'm still not going to sit up and say Blue Lives Matter because it's undermining the racism and corruption built into the whole blue system... If you feel that there's nothing wrong with saying Blue Lives Matter, you're privileged, it's inconsiderate, it's insensitive, it's distasteful and it's racist."

The above comments were published in the New York Post a couple of days ago, spoken by the daughter of a black Alabama sheriff. This writer was reminded of these comments last Tuesday evening while watching a Selectmen's meeting in a bordering Boston town. One Selectman mentioned that the Back the Blue Rally scheduled for the following Saturday ended up getting canceled. According to the selectman, "Because of some social media forwarded to the group, she (the organizer) graciously back out, because she didn't want to see any conflicts". I commend her for doing that; I think it's a shame she had to do it."

It is a shame the event was cancelled, and there is no condemnation here for making the decision to do so. Events backing men and women in blue are being cancelled all over the country, including Boston. The writer of this Opinion column is a 61 year old white guy (yes, my ilk being the root of all evil) who doesn't understand why so many people consider dealing with racism as a zero-sum game. Why can't white people recognize, or at a minimum try to understand, and appreciate, perhaps for the first time for some, how unfair it is to be black or other persons of color in this country, while at the same time recognize that not all cops are racist and bullies?

It's as unfair to tag the vast majority of law enforcement in this country as racist as it is to consider all peaceful protesters on the streets of our cities as thieves and looters because a derelict few decide to corrupt the process of protesters exercising one of the greatest freedoms this country provides. Gathering as a group to say thank you to law enforcement for continuing to answer our calls for help during these tumultuous times in no way indicates that black lives matter less or that the Black Lives Matter movement (BLM) is wrong. To suggest otherwise is implying that everyone who attends and supports Black Lives Matter gatherings are all anti-cop. How silly and naïve is that?

The BLM movement continues to make great strides in waking America up. However, the belief at this address is that progress is currently hindered to a degree with the 'Us versus Them' mentality expressed by some. Citizens shouldn't be forced to choose between BLM and law enforcement. It only causes more confusion and resentment, two factors advantageous to no one.

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Letters to the Editor

COMBINATION OF IN SCHOOL AND REMOTE LEARNING IS THE ANSWER

To the Editor:

I do not support opening the Boston Public Schools soon. Here's why.

1. Children between the ages of 10 and 19 can spread the COVID-19 virus at least as well as adults do. [Source: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/10/20-1315_article]

2. None of the proposed methods for opening the schools in a manner that will supposedly prevent school children from spreading the virus to each other and to adults in the school will actually prevent an unacceptable number of COVID-19 infections. These proposals are really just wishful thinking. The teachers know it.

3. The proper solution is to do a combination of remote learning and home schooling. Australia has for decades used remote learning (formerly by radio and now online) in the "School of the Air" for children in the Outback living too far away from each other or any town to attend a traditional school, and as you can read in an L.A. Times article, "The School of the Air students 'come out well on top of the

state average' on the New South Wales basic school tests, administrator Geoff Brown says." [Source: <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1996-02-25-mn-39801-story.html>]

This would be practical if we adopted egalitarian economic policies:

a. Personal Protective Equipment should be provided to all those doing essential work.

b. Everybody who can do so safely—including those who weren't doing that kind of work before—should be expected to do essential work and they should receive for free everything they reasonably need or desire or have access to scarce things equitably rationed according to need. With lots more people doing essential work, essential workers could work far FEWER hours per week and thus have more time to help their children learn at home. Parents and/or small groups of friends with children could then arrange their essential work schedules so that some would do the child care/educating of the children of essential workers while their parent(s) are working.

c. Those who cannot safely do essential work would be asked to "stay at

home" for the sake of public safety and do whatever useful work they could reasonably do at home, however little or much that might be. They would ALSO be able to take for free what they needed or reasonably desired from the economy.

4. President Trump's motive for opening the schools is a selfish one. Trump hopes that if the schools are opened, then parents will be free to go back to work as usual, and Trump will be able to say, "See, I solved the pandemic problem and got us back up and running again," and get re-elected. Sure, more people will die, but Trump will ignore that pesky fact?

Many big capitalists have a similarly selfish motive for opening up the schools before it's safe. They want to get people back to work in their businesses and get customers back to buying their products or services so they can resume making big profits again, and this requires getting the teachers back to work as baby sitters to free up the parents to resume being employees and customers.

Let's reject this selfishness! Let's act safely for the welfare of ALL of us.

John Spritzler
Brighton

Loss of John Hume hits home in Boston

I join many Bostonians today in mourning the loss of John Hume today in Ireland. He was also my friend and colleague in the fight for economic justice for all people and a man of peace who followed and lived Dr. Martin Luther King's commitment to non violence to the end in his native land.

I want to extend my sincere condolences to John's wife Pat and their family in Ireland and Boston at John's passing after his long battle against illness.

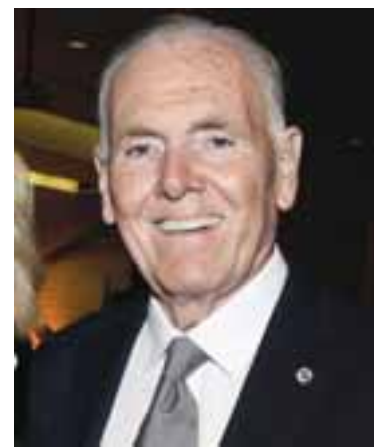
As Mayor of Boston in 1987 John personally asked me to join with him as the conflict stage still raged in Northern Ireland to help him develop a pan-Atlantic vehicle to promote jobs and opportunity in

Derry for all communities. Together we in Boston worked with John to create the non-profit Boston Ireland Ventures working with both Derry and Galway to help John make that vision a reality.

As he said so often John wanted passionately to take the gun out of Irish politics. Boston helped him then to do that by creating a successful model in 1987 that was the first ever crossborder body uniting the people of Derry and Galway as the capital's of two badly neglected parts of Ireland - the Northwest and West. It helped John to show there was a real opportunity to build peace by coming to Boston.

Boston played its part by opening its doors to all political viewpoints from Derry and Northern Ireland with Galway's full cooperation to promote new investment in these regions including Derry's flagship Foyleside Shopping Centre. It proved what was possible and how even better things could happen in a day of peace.

John indeed helped by working hard with us in Boston as the song says to build 'a bright brand new day' for Derry, the town he indeed loved so



Raymond Flynn
Former Mayor,
city of Boston

well. By his work in bringing the people of all communities in Derry coming to Boston year after year to forge new working relationships, he set the standard for the Good Friday Agreement (April 1998) a decade later that he also did so much to shape.

I will always be proud of my friendship with John and the role Boston played at a critical time in Irish history as a catalyst to help him find the platform he needed to show what was possible then for achieving peace for all in Northern Ireland.



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The Jason Roberts Challenger League needs your help this year to fund next year's season.

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West Roxbury Roslindale Kiwanis hosting Jason Roberts fundraiser

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Roslindale Kiwanis is once again teaming up with (or against, depending on your point of view) the West Roxbury Business Connects Association to face-off on the diamond to raise funds for the Jason Roberts Challenger League.

The League provides for children with physical or mental impairments from all over the city to come together to play America's past time. This year's season was canceled, but the need for funds for the

next season is already being considered. Kiwanis Organizer Bob McNeil said they've already raised \$500 from local businesses, including the Gardens at Gethsemane.

"And that number is increasing," he said. "As we speak there are businesses getting donations in and we have individual Kiwanis members throwing money into the pot too."

He said more money for the program is always needed. The program gives out gloves and uniforms to each player every year, so that they can develop baseball skills on

their own if they so choose.

The event is set for September 16 at the Jason Roberts Field at the Ohrenberger School in West Roxbury.

McNeil said the local business community is really stepping up to help those in need in the Parkway, especially considering the pandemic.

"With the COVID-19 thing, businesses could definitely use some positive things happening to both their business and themselves," he said.

The game is usually held in the spring, but because of

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vations to change the system.

Arroyo described the event as a “monumental day” on the field where he played baseball as a child. But one particular incident riding a bike when he was age seven impacted his life forever, he said.

“Hyde Park has not always been welcoming to people of color,” Arroyo said. “And let’s just put that on the record.”

“One day I made the mistake of riding my bike down that sidewalk, and I got hosed down,” he continued. “I have no idea why I was getting hosed by a guy who could have been my grandpa. Today I’m that family’s City Councillor.”

His first act as a City Councillor was to declare racism a public health crisis.

Wu thanked the organizers for demonstrating that “every little girl of color is able to see themselves in positions of power.”

She explained that the cultural message given to her as a child of immigrants was to be quiet and keep her head down.

“We’ve got to, together, make some commitments,” Wu told the crowd. “We’re ready to be done with somethings, and we’re ready to move toward some things.”

Wu said she wanted pitting communities against each other to stop, as well as for “settling for breadcrumbs and Band-Aids” from one of the best educated, most prosperous cities in the nation.

“We are a city that has everything we need,” she stressed. “We’ve got the people-power, we have the activism, we have

the wealth.”

In addition to the police brutality, Rollins talked about the impact of COVID-19 on Black and Latinx people, creating wealth and racial disparities. She noted that the high coronavirus rates in these communities is affecting the essential employees in the industries that have kept society alive during the pandemic.

“And the fact that all of us are Zooming into our meetings – that’s privilege,” she explained. “You don’t have the privilege of Zooming in to pick up trash or to be a cashier or to bag groceries at a supermarket.”

She also stressed that poor people – no matter what color – are the largest demographic she serves.

“I stand committed to help in any way possible with the profound change that we need to this system,” Rollins said. “Because until we reckon and atone, history is going to continue repeating itself.”

Everett, who had once been homeless, equated the struggle for equity being a “beautiful cake” made from scraps.

“If you look at everything we’ve gone through for centuries ... everything about Black people has to be legislated, and I think that’s a problem,” she explained. “We didn’t have any more space on the cake for George Floyd, so he lit the candle.”

Everett said that, at a campaign event earlier in the week, she was Zoom bombed. A white man repeatedly called her “the N word multiple times.”

“You didn’t call me a name:

you gave me a directive,” Everett charged. “You told me I needed to be reminded of my place.”

She said this will be an uncomfortable time, but everyone needs to join the discussion.

“In a racist society, it’s not enough to be a non-racist,” South Boston resident Aneke explained. “You must be an anti-racist. It’s not just a Black issue but a human rights issue.”

She urged people to speak up when parents make racist jokes, or people make racist attacks.

Agyare, from Readville, polled the crowd, seeking commonalities amongst the members of all ages and races.

“Why can’t we coexist as equals?” she asked. “Why have we been fighting a race war against one another based on exterior appearances when similarities lay within?”

“I’m so inspired and moved by the young women who founded The Voices of Boston and the demand that we all have the difficult conversations about racial inequity and injustice,” said Gretchen Van Ness, candidate for State Representative for the 14th Suffolk seat. “I’m proud of Hyde Park for welcoming these conversations and for raising up the voices of young leaders of color in our community.”

The Voices of Boston is raising money to replace the equipment damaged at the last event, as well as for future efforts throughout Boston. To contribute, the GoFundMe link is: <https://gf.me/u/yirct3>

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a brewery which has 21 employees as well as customers who rely on street parking.”

“The approval of the variance will cause substantial harm to the plaintiff and surrounding neighborhood by causing congestion.”

“The Board failed to address the increased traffic and lack of adequate parking which will create a hardship and hazard to the neighborhood and community.”

“The project will be a massive burden on the community and dangerous.”

The complaint refers to the Sept. 12, 2019 six-page letter from the Union Avenue Neighborhood Association “which included that the parking for the project as proposed did not meet reasonable parking space ratio.”

Gold asked the court to annul the decision and award him “costs in this action including but not limited to attorney fees.” If costs are awarded to Gold, they will come out of significant public dollars already awarded for the \$89 million building that will in part house 140 formerly homeless individuals.

The largest is \$10 million linkage from One Congress Street being built by HYM Investments Group in connection to the redevelopment of the Government Center garage.

The City’s Way Home Fund has so far raised \$8.7 million from corporate donors and in February, \$1.5 million in CPA funds were approved by the city council. The remainder of the costs is from low-income housing tax credits that have a specific time frame.

At the conclusion of the Dec. 12, 2019 Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) vote of approval, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh issued a statement.

“We are committed to making sure that every individual has a place to call home and build a better life. This project is only possible because of the commitment of Pine Street and The Community Builders.”

The six-story building had already been redesigned; shortened by one story, and the number of income restricted units reduced from 236 down to 202 after a long and contentious community process; one Lourdes Avenue resident predicted the supportive housing would be a “hellish dystopia.”

Lyndia Downie, director of Pine Street and Bart Mitchell, of TCB spoke to the Bulletin on July 24 and much of the conversation was off the record.

“This is very sensitive,” Mitchell said. “I don’t want this to backfire. We want to find out what [Gold’s] terms are and come to an agreement.”

I don’t want this to turn into a public conversation,” Mitchell said. “We’d rather negotiate. We’re talking with his counsel. We want to resolve this without going to court.”

Attorney Stephen Greenbaum representing Gold would not comment and said his client would not comment either. “The good news is we’re doing all we have to do,” Mitchell said. “Nothing is slowing down. We’ll be filing for a building permit [in the fall].”

Both Gold and John Lececum, part-owner of Turtle Swamp, are on the Impact Advisory Group for 3368 Washington St.

Lececum - who lives on Kenton Road - protested at one public meeting that the lack of parking would badly impact his business.

Turtle Swamp Brewery has slowly reopened in recent weeks with a few customers walking to the beer garden and sitting widely apart outside.

Mayor Walsh gave this statement to The Bulletin in response to the lawsuit.

“3368 Washington St. in Jamaica Plain will bring over 200 units of income-restricted housing for those who need it most and will make significant progress towards my goal of ending chronic homelessness in Boston. I look forward to this critical project moving forward.”

Kathy Brown, director of the Boston Tenant Coalition, was a strong supporter of the Pine Street housing development.

“This is really upsetting,” she told The Bulletin. “Shame on him. At this time when housing needs are so great? Unbelievable.”

“You talk about the concentration of poverty,” Brown said. “Walk down Washington Street. It’s the concentration of wealth and finally you get to this building, and this guy goes after that?”

The suit is all too familiar to many in the Parkside-Egleston neighborhoods.

A 30-unit supportive housing and 20-bed hospice for the homeless proposed by the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation at 461 Walnut Ave. was sued on Dec. 2010 by 11 homeowners led by Walter and Catherine Pollard.

They claimed the supportive housing and hospice would reduce their property values.

The JPNDC unsuccessfully offered to make contributions to the Egleston Branch Library and the Franklin Park Coalition if the plaintiffs dropped the suit.

“This was when I realized it was a different Jamaica Plain,” said a neighbor at the time.

The lawsuit was dismissed two years later but the cost had increased from \$3.8 million to \$12 million by the time of ribbon cutting in April 2016.

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the pandemic it had been canceled. He said the pandemic has also made it tough for the league to operate and raise funds.

“The Jason Roberts Challenger League Season was also put on hold, and I’m guessing is going to be completely canceled for the rest of the year,” he said. “They also have a couple of charity events to raise money throughout the year, like a golf outing, that has also been canceled. They’re not getting any money at all and they rely a lot on their charity events and contributions from the community, which is why we felt it was

an important thing to do.”

McNeil said the event will be socially-distant, but will still offer food and fun for all attendees.

“We’re going to be following all COVID-19 safety protocols,” he said. “I don’t know if we’ll be doing a home run derby like we usually do, but we’ll be closing out the dugouts and setting up chairs at six-foot intervals to sit down. Instead of congregating, people will be wearing masks. We will be having food, but instead of like the past, which was a buffet-type of setup, we’re going to be having volunteers with masks and

gloves to individually hand out food to people.”

McNeil said they also need players for the event. He added the Kiwanis has been stuck on a losing streak lately against John Sullivan’s Business Connects group, so they could definitely use the help.

“In the past it was Kiwanis versus Rotary and I think Kiwanis had won most of the games, but Kiwanis has lost the last few years. So we definitely need to try to step up to win a game.”

Donation inquiries can be made to McNeil directly at bmneil@mcneilins.net or by calling his office at 617-327-3100. Those interested in donating the \$25 entrance fee and giving either Business Connect or the Kiwanis some help on the field can inquire that way as well. For more information on the Jason Roberts Challenger League, go to <https://www.facebook.com/JasonRobertsChallengerLeague/>

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Centre / Walter

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some issues with the design, since it included a new median that could cut off parishioners and daycare patrons from getting into the church parking lot from Walter Street.

“We run 400 to 500 people through the building each week, plus the childcare we’re licensed for which is 49 children,” he said. “That’s 49 families coming to deliver their children and then picking them up again. So my concern, and I believe we had represented this to you in the February meeting, is that you can see a driveway, but the driveway to Trinity Lutheran Church and the Little Blessings Daycare is outside the intersection, and what that means is anyone traveling northbound on Centre or from Walter can’t get into that driveway directly. I feel that our concerns for the church and childcare are not being taken into consideration.”

Parenti said he agreed that it wouldn’t be reasonable to ask parishioners and patrons to go through the traffic circle further down Centre in Jamaica Plain or to turn on Allandale Street to get into the church.

“Under the current configuration, it does not work to serve both Sophia Snow and

the Church,” he said. “We’ll look at whatever the safest alternative is and get you and your parishioners and daycare patrons into and out of your parcel the safest way we can.”

Resident and cycling advocate Jeffrey Ferris asked why there would be a dedicated turning lane to Sophia Snow in the first place, as it takes up space and is not the heaviest congestion in the area.

“For a normal intersection I would say no to a left-turning lane,” Parenti said. “In this context however we have people turning into the apartments who may have reduced vision and we need to make sure you can make the left turn safely. A protected left turn with it’s own lane and green arrow that guides left turns into the parking is the safest and most appropriate application here.”

West Roxbury Bikes member Ben Witherill said he likes the current design, but had a few concerns about the configuration.

“One is there is no longer any barrier from the north and south lanes on Centre, it seems like something is needed there,” he said.

Parenti said there will also be a protected bike lane going along a green crescent on the



The preferred design will give a dedicated left turning lane for those entering Sophia Snow and a separated bike lane for cyclists coming off of Walter onto Centre towards Jamaica Plain.

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north side of Walter Street going into Centre, which is currently pavement. In the greenspace in between, he said while they have not hired a landscape architect currently to spruce up the place with vegetation – trees, bushes, spruces, etc. – they do plan to include them in later designs.

Stathopoulos said they are also narrowing lanes coming into the intersection to help slow down traffic as well.

“We’ve used it for traffic calming in other projects and it can definitely work to slow down speeds in this area, since the vehicles are closer to each

other,” he said. “We’ve also enhanced the geometry to grant more visibility for motorists to see the crosswalks and lights. We’ll be looking into timing the lights in the appropriate way so nobody should have to speed

through here to make it through any light or come into any conflicts with pedestrians as they get the walk signal.”

For more information on the project and its status, go to <https://bit.ly/3fq7g2Z>.

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Deaths

CRONIN

Edward Joseph, age 87, of Wolfeboro, NH and Naples, FL, passed away July 25, at his home with his family at his side. Edward is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen (McDonnell) Cronin; two sons, Michael and his wife, Sheila, of Alton and Mark of West Roxbury and his partner, Alice Peterson. He is also father to Kathleen Keene (deceased) and her husband, Robert. Edward was blessed with eight grandchildren, John Cronin, Daniel Cronin and his wife, Kathryn, and Dylan, Nicala, Douglas, Martin, Maeve and Derek Keene. A Memorial Mass will be at St. Katharine Drexel Church, 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, NH, on August 7 at 11:00 a.m., followed by burial in Lakeview Cemetery in Wolfeboro. The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com Baker-Gagne Funeral Home bgfh@metrocast.net 603-569-1339.

FLOWER

Douglas W. Age 73, of West Roxbury (MIT '69) died peacefully on July 28, 2020, after a prolonged battle with ALS. Remembered for his peerless intelligence, entrepreneurial spirit, and his hard to ignore but entirely unintentional gruff exterior, Doug was a loving father and a kind man. Bestowed with a preternatural ability for his neutral expression to be misread as an icy glare, he was never quite able to answer the question, "why are all my son's friends scared to come over to play?" He is survived by his favorite and only son, Nick, of Tokyo, Japan, his former wife Nolly, and siblings Carol Coddington, of Alexandria, Pennsylvania, Gary Flower, of Clemmons, North Carolina, and Judy Reins, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Funeral Services are private. Donations in memory of Doug may be

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FOLEY

Matthew Francis Age 29, of West Roxbury, passed away suddenly on July 27, 2020. He is survived by his parents James and Sharon Foley of West Roxbury, his brother James Foley, Jr. and his partner Lainey Felsky of West Hartford, CT and his uncle Mark Auterio of Norton, MA. Beloved grandson of the late Francis and Patricia Foley and Richard and Mary Wright. He is also survived by many aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Graduate of Boston Latin School (2008) and New England School of Communications (2012). Matthew was a gentle, kind soul with a strong moral compass, a great sense of humor and a quick wit. He loved spending time with his friends, listening to live music, playing video games, brewing beer, and performing karaoke as his alter ego Kenneth Molloy. Funeral from the Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, MA 02132. Funeral Services are private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to STOMP Out Bullying at stompoutbullying.org For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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HESKETH

John F. of West Roxbury, formerly of Oxford, MA, July 30, 2020. Beloved husband of Julie A. (Ahern). Loving cousin of Marion Nelson of Sarasota, FL. A Graveside Service was held on Monday, August 3 in The Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury. Late WWII Navy Veteran. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

ROWE

Kathleen "Kathy" Left her loving family on July 21, 2020, after a long-fought illness. Born in Boston and raised in West Roxbury and Dorchester, she attended Girls Latin School. Kathy was passionate in her love of animals and her compassion for others. Her natural-born humor always lightened the spirits of others. She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna Rowe and Philip Rowe, and by beloved aunts and uncles. She will be greatly missed by her cousins, Eileen Joyce, Allison Joyce, Patrick Joyce, Thomas Joyce and Robert Joyce, Michael Gaughran, Maureen Gaughran, Deborah Ward, Carole Maloney, and the late Thomas Hauer, along with dear friends. A private family Service will be held. Donations may be made in Kathy's memory to Gifford Cat Shelter, 30 Undine Road, Brighton, MA 02135, 617-787-8872 or online at Giffordcatshelter.org Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

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“You’ll notice that the units sizes are very generous, not only because the units are made from classrooms but also because we need to build in accessible features so residents could live as long as possible in these apartments as they may need more mobility devices,” Saad said.

Adams said the funding for the project is complex, to say the least.

“There are lots of different funding sources that will be used for this,” he said. “Thirty-five million dollars is a big number, but it’s also a really big building, we’re talking about almost a 100,000-square foot building here, it’s a historic structure that needs to be retained as historic, it’s a site with a lot of ledge and a lot of work getting into the units in the building. There’s a lot of stuff here that has to be dealt with and handled... Some of the primary funding we’re using is the low income tax credit program, which is issued by the state, provided by the federal government but issued by the state. And the state also has state low income tax credits as well which we will access and apply for. Then we have historic credits, which are a big part of the vehicle.”

He added that state and federal historic tax credits and the low income tax credits will be bundled and sold to an investor who will invest in the building for a stake in future earnings.

“On top of that the city has generously agreed to put some of their own money in, which is great,” he said. “On top of that there will be a bunch of different pots of what we call ‘soft money’ from the state which will be made available for projects like this. Some home funds, some affordable housing trust funds, some stabilization funds, those are all monies that are provided by the state. And lastly, there will be a first mortgage placed on the poverty and there would be some private debt that we would be required to pay back from revenue generated by the project... I think I got all the sources.”

Resident Raheem Shepard said he was a representative of the Carpenters Union and asked if Pennrose would be using union labor during construction.

“One of the things that we’re committed to at Pennrose and LGBTQ Housing Inc is making this inclusive, focused

on labor particularly as well as diversity,” Adams said. “We are highly focused on that and ultimately we will make our contractor bear that responsibility as well.”

Adams said the income-restricted portions of the housing will range from 30 percent area median income (AMI) to 100 percent AMI, and would also have a provision for Section 8 voucher holders as well.

“There will be a range of folks of all incomes levels stretched around all bedroom types,” he said.

Resident Toni Jones asked about security. Saad said residents will have access via a key fob system to their side of the building, and community members will have a building representative on hand during any public events to open the building and community rooms for said events. There will also be cameras monitoring entrances and locked gates to the outside portions of the property.

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Schools Reopening *continued from page 1*

will definitely miss some of the resources and social aspects of his school but creating my own curriculum also gives me the opportunity to teach him in a much different, and I hope more dynamic, way than a traditional education. I’m in the process of learning more about homeschooling, talking to my son about what he wants to learn about, and connecting with other parents as we’re all struggling with what to do!” Crowley stated.

But for many families, keeping their kids home from school is not feasible.

Michelle Ann Guerra of West Roxbury is a nurse with two children in BPS; a third grader and an 11th grader. Due to the fact that she is working, she would not be able to adequately homeschool her kids and plans to send them to school in the fall. She added her kids also struggled with the online learning curriculum last spring.

“I do not think BPS teachers as a whole are adequately trained and prepared to run a full curriculum online,” she remarked. “[When schools reopen] I would like to see hand sanitizer readily available for teachers, staff and students. [I would like to see] masks on when away from their desks, and BPS to try to space kids when possible. I would also like to see cleaning agents such as Lysol, in each room for staff to wipe any common areas, and

added janitorial staff to assist, since teachers should be primarily focused on teaching.”

Art teacher and West Roxbury resident Gretchen Nash has two sons in BPS, one entering his senior year and the other entering eighth grade. Nash remarked that both her sons were very motivated and able to learn in the virtual school setting last spring. Like Guerra, she plans on sending her kids to in-person classes this fall, although Nash does have many concerns and worries.

“I have no idea how BPS will pull this off. Practically every family I know sends their kids on a yellow bus or public transportation. My kids are at the O’Bryant and take the MBTA every day like many others. So even if the school is in good shape, which I find hard to believe, kids are moving all over the city on public transportation and then moving through their schools. I worry for families with compromised family members and for our teachers who are being put at great risk in my opinion. I am going to try and drive my kids as much as possible if school is in session and IF they are comfortable going, hopefully carpooling with one or two other families but I am certainly not forcing them if they are not comfortable,” Nash explained.

Nash also said she is concerned about the school bath-

rooms.

“If our kids are expected to properly follow COVID-19 guidelines, then a large number of schools will need their bathrooms to be totally renovated. They have those water saving sinks that you push down and get like three seconds of water. Additionally, there is not nearly enough janitorial staff or funding to make sure that the bathrooms are cleaned regularly. I don’t know any kids that will use their school bathrooms unless absolutely necessary,” she stated.

Last week, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh announced that Boston students would not be returning to school “full-time in-person” this fall. Walsh has explained that a full in-person return to school would not be possible and that the city is putting its efforts into developing a hybrid model and a fully remote model.

BPS has been conducting meetings via virtual meetings with students, families, staff, district partners, and community members to gather input to help develop a plan for remote learning and the reopening of school buildings for this upcoming school year. More meetings are being scheduled so that community members can voice concerns and recommendations. For more information about BPS’ upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/reopening>.

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

SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20C0122CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Deborah Ceceilia Cornelius
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Deborah Ceceilia Cornelius of Hyde Park, MA**
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Deborah Cecelia Baruch

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 **08/13/2020**. 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: July 08, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 08/06/2020*

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DOCKET No. SU19P2774EA

Estate of: Frederick R. Carter Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA. 02114
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 05/08/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:
Steven K. Hemingway of Westwood MA
Requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 **08/20/2020**.
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 this return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 29, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Boston Bulletin: 08/06/2020*

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

SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20C0207CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Cole Robert Stockford
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by
Cole Robert Stockford of Brighton, MA
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Nico Ford

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 **08/14/2020**. 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: July 30, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Boston Bulletin: 08/06/2020*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. SU20P1211EA

Estate of: Evelyn M. Broderick Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 06/20/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Christopher J. Broderick of Roslindale, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 **09/07/2020**. 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.
Date: July 27, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 08/06/2020*

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