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About 60 people gathered back in December to celebrate the signing of the Boston Wetlands Ordinance, inspired in part by the Roslindale Wetlands.

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## Roslindale Wetlands improvements featured at Task Force meeting

Greta Gaffin  
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Wetlands Area, located next to the Arnold Arboretum is one of Boston's many Urban Wilds, a space set aside for conservation of our city's natural beauty. On June 9, Boston Parks and Recreation hosted a virtual meeting with the architectural firm they have retained to do work on restoring the wetlands. Crowley Cuttrell, LLC, discussed a variety of issues they hope to work on.

One large issue is invasive

species, which are unfortunately prominent throughout the wetlands. Japanese knotweed is a particular problem, due to its being a nuisance at the Coniston Street entrance, making it unwelcoming. On a positive note, the wetlands has had relatively little intrusion by phragmites, which are especially difficult to remove.

Parts of the wetlands area have asphalt debris, which may be due to streets within the wetland that have now been taken off the map. On the north side, there is urban fill, which means dirt mixed with debris used to increase

the elevation of the site. Urban fill is often contaminated by pollutants such as arsenic and lead. The firm stated it would like to remove this fill and restore it to the natural state.

They will also be focusing on how to improve the enjoyment and use of the land by residents and tourists. A survey of 132 area residents found that most people visiting the wetlands area are walking there from their homes.

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1785 Columbus Ave. The brick façade indicates the floors dedicated to Horizons for Homeless Children.

PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

## New home of Horizons for Homeless Children gets underway

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

As construction begins again in Boston, Jamaica Plain development projects are slowly coming back to life - the new Egleston Sq. firehouse and Tempo at 3193 Washington Street for example, and on May 14 the new classrooms and offices of Horizons for Homeless Children at 1785 Columbus Ave.

The seven-story, \$34 million building lurched to a halt two months ago, but on May 14, the woman-owned, Brookline-based

Kaplan Construction Company pulled a \$6 million permit to build out the two floors for Horizons, the largest tenant in the building; the second and third floors will include child care, classrooms, play areas and offices.

CEO Kate Barrand explained to The Bulletin just how hard the last two months have been for the families served by Horizons.

"It was very challenging to close in mid-March when we were asked to," she said. "It put the families, who are already fac-

**New Horizons**

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## ERNA reviews Riverwood Plaza, fireworks

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The East River Neighborhood Association (ERNA) met virtually on Monday, June 8, and facilitated a conversation between residents and Todd Finard, the owner of the Shops at Riverwood.

The shopping plaza, located around 870 River St., had become an area of contention recently when a Burger King franchise came to town. Residents of Hyde Park outside of the ERNA felt they were not notified during the discussions. While the Burger King has

been approved, Helena Tonge and other residents are looking to form a Hyde Park Community Advisory Board in order to be able to include more residents in future development discussions.

Tonge said they are currently putting together a community survey that lists different initiatives and asks neighbors to rank in terms of what they are most interested in or concerned about.

"We've just finished putting together the survey and an

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The Shops at Riverwood Plaza ran into a bit of controversy, and now owner Todd Finard and residents are working to open lines of communication between he and the community.

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The proposed 20-unit building for 11 Dana Ave. in Hyde Park is facing more opposition from Hyde Park Neighborhood Association members.

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## HPNA confronts ISD – again

Mary Ellen Gambon  
 Staff Reporter

At its meeting on June 4, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) discussed two projects where the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) was contacted about what was believed to be unlawful construction activity.

The first is the ongoing saga with the 11 Dana Ave. development. President Jim Kirker said that several emails were exchanged between himself and ISD Commissioner Dion Irish asking that construction be

halted until the appeal filed by an abutter with the ZBA has been heard.

“(ISD) accepted that,” Kirker said. “They said that it should be stopped.”

Kirker added that he learned the developer did not have a COVID-19 construction plan in place, even though an ISD inspector he spoke with told him that there was one. A stop work order was issued on May 20.

“We found this out through the Commissioner, actually,” he said. “So they stopped it, and they went back a few days later and they backfilled what they

had already done.”

Before the COVID-19 pandemic in March, the crew also was found doing construction of the site, and a stop work order had been issued. The construction crew was given permission to do backfill and covering up the rebar to protect the neighboring house.

The developer was contacted on June 1 asking about the project’s status; saying that the construction workers needed to go back to work. At 4:52 p.m. on June 1, Irish re-

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The Pine Street Inn has had to work under extraordinary circumstances because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Pine Street Inn takes advanced precautions during outbreak

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Pine Street Inn is one of the City of Boston's largest and most comprehensive homeless shelters, and staff said they have been working throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their clients and others safe.

Currently, the Inn owns and operates 35 housing locations in Boston and Brookline for

950 men and women experiencing homelessness. While the pandemic has hit many populations hard in the city, those experiencing homelessness may have the toughest gauntlet to run. Sheltering in place isn't really feasible and, as a result, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh announced that the city would be expanding to a former hospital in Brighton at 1515 Commonwealth Ave. to provide 70 ad-

ditional beds for the city's homeless to help ease the burden.

Director of Emergency Shelters at Pine Street Josh O'Brien said adapting to the pandemic was a challenge at first, but they were able to get through it.

"Early on, we had a number of weeks of fire drill-like activity, but the last few weeks

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# Racism: the shame of 1981

While anti-racism marchers in Boston stream to and from the Common, the State House, City Hall, Nubian Square, the Monument, Holy Name Rotary, and Roslindale Square, they are quick to mention the names of those tragically made famous in 2020—George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, as well as a boy receiving notoriety in 1955, Emmet Till. However, they seldom, if ever, utter the name of Michael Donald of Mobile, Alabama: the last citizen lynched in the United States.

In 1981 the 19-year-old was beaten and hanged from a tree and had his throat slit by the Ku Klux Klan, as he walked home from a store: it was a retaliatory murder of a random black because of a hung jury in a court case involving the death of a police officer. Four perpetrators of the lynching caught by the police were tried: one was executed, another given a life sentence for testifying, one died before the trial was completed, and the other was convicted as an accomplice.

The physical act of lynching, as routinely perpetrated by the Ku Klux Klan, involved a piece of rope with a noose at the end as well as a sturdy tree branch. Any movie goer—actually television goer—who has seen “Roots” and “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman” —might recall the horrifying scenes in which the night riders dragged off black men to be lynched.

Lynchings were done mostly to men whom a portion of the general populace despised. Sometimes they were dragged from jails even before trials were held; other times they were removed forcibly from their homes.

One of the most stirring accounts to which I have ever been privy involved a dozen of us 20-year-old guys listening to an aged Josephite priest more than a half century ago recalling how he was taken out for a sudden ride by the KKK to the back-country woods for establishing a Catholic church for blacks in Wilmington, North Carolina. There is no need to say how riveted we were listening to his account as well as to say how different the out-



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come was for him in that he lived to talk about it.

One of the last times the word “lynching” appeared frequently in the press was in 1991 as Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas nominee used it as part of the phrase “high-tech lynching” to describe his questioning by senators.

The most extensive study of lynching was performed by Tuskegee Institute—from the same Alabama town that trained the famed Tuskegee Airmen. The study involved researching 4,743 lynchings from 1882 to 1968. The 3,446 black victims accounted for about 73% of the deaths; the other 1,297 victims were white, accounting for the remaining 27%.

The study appears not to address the groupings for the numerous Mexicans and American Indians who were also lynched, as well as biracial victims.

Mississippi holds the dubious distinction of leading with 581 lynchings, with 79% being performed in the South. 99% of the perpetrators—in spite of the great crowds witnessing the hangings in a circus-like atmosphere—were never captured.

From 1882 until 1986 Congress has tried to pass anti-lynching laws 200 times; they have failed every time to make it a federally punishable offense as the ultimate—or is it the low point?—of a hate crime. Hopefully no lynching ever occurs again in our country, but it might be nice to have on our books such a law as currently backed by three senators, two Democrats and a Republican.

## 'CONGRATULATIONS' TO MAYOR WALSH

To the Editor:

At a recent press conference making it sound like the Boston Police had a hand in the death of George Floyd, Mayor Marty Walsh called for change. My congratulations to Mayor Walsh, he got his change. He and his rubber stamp city council have made Boston a sanctuary city for illegal alien criminals. He eagerly embraced Governor Baker's unconstitutional decrees, and added a few of his own that forced Houses of Worship and, businesses in Boston to shut down -many of them never to reopen while Antifa, trashed

our downtown. He took the side of the looters over one of the best police departments in the country.

He wholeheartedly supports the policies of the overt racist Suffolk County D.A. Rachael Rollins who gives criminals a “Get Out of Jail Free” card, called the police murderers, and has done her best to set back race relations to the days of forced busing. He will soon reach his Agenda 21-2030 goal of a carbon neutral Boston because downtown Boston, and its neighborhoods will resemble a war zone with boarded up windows and abandoned building. The “new normal” that he talks about will be perpetually scared masked people, and boarded up windows-Walsh Windows.

The people who create jobs, pay property taxes, work, play, and make life bearable in the city will vote with their feet and move out leaving it to the likes of Antifa, Black Lives Matter, and the Chinese Progressive Association of Boston.

Again, Congratulations to Mayor Walsh. He got his change.

Hal Shurtleff  
West Roxbury

## SYSTEMIC RACISM DOES EXIST

To the Editor:

I am not sure white supremacy is all that it is made up to be but I do believe that there is such a thing as systemic

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email we will put out to neighborhood association leaders within 1.2 miles of Riverwood Plaza. Part of that survey is asking neighbors if they would like to see a community advisory board represented by one member of each neighborhood association located within 1.2 miles of Riverwood Plaza, so that way there's a collective voice in advocacy in decision making and that information gets dispersed into the wider community so that you (Finard) have a better understanding of what the community is looking for.”

Finard said he currently has three parcels that could be developed, and in one of them, he's had interest from three restaurants looking to do business in the plaza, which were Popeyes, Taco Bell and Raising Cane's. He said Raising Cane's, which currently has a location around the Boston University Agganis Arena in Allston, is his strongest contender, but he said he came to get feedback from residents on the issue.

“The purpose of my asking for a little airtime with the community was not to run two or three restaurants by you, vote, pick one and go with it,” he said. “I'm looking for advice. I'm hearing certain components that would resonate when we go back and look at our leasing sheets to see who's out there... We're all talking and I think that the process you would like to see of pulling this advisory group together, I think I can be helpful with that to attend meetings and participate in meetings, just as I told you I would be.”

Finard said, however, the impact on retail from the COVID-19 pandemic has hit

retail and dine-in restaurants hard. He said he had about 14 different options of apparel, home goods, food and restaurants before the virus hit.

“I'm a big boy and I took a risk by starting this shopping center and it has not gone well,” he said.

ERNA President Barbara Hamilton also said by uniting the neighborhood groups, it would not only allow them to advocate for more funding to the proposed rehabilitation of the Doyle Playground with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), but also with advocate with Finard himself and any restaurants that come in. She also said Riverwood should not be the only focus of the Advisory Group.

“I don't want us to just focus on Riverwood Plaza. If you're serious about having an impact on the development, let it be on the development in Mattapan that we also have an impact on, as well as Cleary Square,” Hamilton said. “Up until the establishment of Burger King, people were good with what was happening at Riverwood Plaza. The Goodwill, the Price Rite, the Boston Medical, so I just want to be careful with having impact. Yes you can have your voice, but we also don't want everybody impacting on what's going on in our mile-and-a-half.”

District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, District E-18 of the Boston Police Department (BPD) Community Service Officer Paul Broderick and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Hyde Park Liaison Bryan Flynn all addressed recent community concerns with excessive fireworks in the

neighborhood and across the city.

“It's been out of control. Why, I don't know,” Broderick said. “We've tried to identify certain areas that it's most prevalent or we've gotten the most calls for.”

He said they are putting together a list of areas hit hardest recently by fireworks and would be putting in extra patrols. He said during the usual fireworks season, Fourth of July, they hire extra patrol cars and have in the past logged hot spots. He said they will be using that information from previous years to coordinate response.

“It causes a lot of trauma, there's a health issue around these fireworks too,” resident Marilynne Smith Quarcoo said. “I've called several times in the last few nights because they have a pattern going and it goes until 2 a.m. some nights.”

Broderick and other residents chimed in that it can be later than that.

Arroyo said he's been advocating for more patrols, along with his fellow City Councilors. Flynn said fireworks have been ONS's most numerous complaint lately.

“Not just in Hyde Park but citywide,” he said. “The Mayor basically wants us to let some of the community leaders know he's very upset about it. It can be intrusive for residents with children, pets have very sensitive hearing too and it's one of those thing where it's the main complaint I've been getting recently.”

He said Walsh has been meeting with BPD Commissioner William Gross to “nip that in the bud.”

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Roslindale Cares is a part of Roslindale Is For Everyone, and is working to help residents facing financial issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# Roslindale Cares asking for more community support

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Mutual Aide Network, also known as Roslindale Cares (RoslindaleCares.com), is asking residents to continue to step up during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Organizer Larry Bayer said while they have been able to raise \$10,000 in total from early April to help more than 130 families, the need continues to

grow.

“We’re very proud of that, and proud of the fact that every single penny that comes in gets dispersed,” Bayer said.

Bayer said residents are encouraged to donate either by Venmo @RoslindaleCare-Ma or by writing a check to Roslindale Is for Everyone, Roslindale Cares’ parent group, and mailing it to RISE c/o Sharon Sabin, 95 Bourne St., Jamaica Plain 02130.

“The need is still great and

I think people really aren’t back to work just yet, and so people that needed it two months ago are still needing it,” Bayer said. “I think the food banks have been overwhelmed and we’re just trying to do our little part.”

Bayer said originally, they had a list residents put their names on asking for aid and volunteers signed up to deliver groceries, diapers and other sundries.

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### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—S.G.H.

### Miracle Prayer

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

—S.G.H.

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sponded via email that, “after careful consideration, we have decided to lift the stop work order.

“However, what we did find out is that ISD did not inform the developer that the project was under appeal, and that any work they do is at risk,” Kirker noted. This means that they continue to work, but if the project has in fact violated the zoning code, as the group contends, it can be torn down.

One of the main contentions of the 11 Dana Ave. proposal is what the plans say is a basement. A basement must be more than 35 percent below grade, but the area is only four feet below grade. The HPNA asserts that the garage is technically part of the first floor. First-floor parking is forbidden in a Neighborhood Shopping-2 district (NS-2). In an NS-2 district, only commercial development is allowed on the first floor.

“We have in place a motion to go to court if the appeal is heard,” Kirker said, “because what I don’t want to happen is that when the appeals start –

and we don’t know when they are going to start – is that they can say, ‘Well, we have it 97 percent completed. You can’t tell us to tear it down.’”

The concern is that the building would set a precedent for other projects regarding the garage design, which the proposed Dempsey’s project already is using.

Mimi Turchinetz asked if City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu, who was in attendance, could put pressure on ISD “to do their jobs.”

“I would love to help,” Wu said. “We’ll make sure to follow up. I will try to get a hold of them ASAP.”

A new issue Turchinetz brought up was a similar issue at 147 West St., which is a site that had previously been used to park taxicabs and as an auto repair shop. She said the land was sold to Feeney Bros., which received an emergency permit to fix a barrier wall. This is similar to the March situation with 11 Dana Ave.

She contacted Irish because the company is not complying with Article 69, the Hyde Park zoning code, as well as a COVID-19 safety plan.

“What is happening now is that they have trucked in 20 truckloads of fill,” she explained. “They are not complying with the stop work order. What it looks like they are doing is preparing a flat parking lot.”

According to the code, there would have to be environmental mitigation work done and greenspace added, even if it’s

used as light-industrial use.

“I reached back out to Irish today and said, ‘Do something, because they’re getting ready to pave this thing,’” she said, noting the paving company was there on the day of the meeting.

“It’s the same fact pattern as 11 Dana Ave.,” Turchinetz said. “They’re basically saying, ‘Screw you, Hyde Park’, and it’s intolerable. Pave paradise and put up a parking lot.”

Abutter Tish Gardner said that she has been trying to find out the zoning for the property from the City, to no avail. However she said she received an email at 5:06 p.m. that day that a stop work order was issued.

“It’s depreciating the neighborhood,” she said. “They put in a 20-foot retaining wall and underground plumbing. Everybody around there is a resident.”

Gardner said she spoke with Feeney Bros. to work with them to see if a variance could be sought to change the property from residential zoning.

“We would like nothing better than housing there,” she added.

Dave Vittorini from Wu’s office looked up the zoning and found that one lot of the property is zoned light industrial and the other is zoned multifamily. He said he would look into the issue the next day.

Kirker said he plans on inviting Irish to address the HPNA meeting next month.

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The wetlands area is used throughout the year, even in the winter. One main complaint was the frequently muddy trails. About 50 percent of respondents said their visits would be improved if the muddy trail problem was fixed, and 17 percent said they were interested in a portion of the trail being wheelchair accessible.

Jessica Brown, Associate Architect, proposed a small wheelchair accessible loop trail through the meadow starting at Coniston Street, a location which already has flatter and higher ground; making it a better potential location for an accessible trail. She also proposed moving the parts of the trail that get muddy to a drier location, or replacing the trail with stepping stones, a boardwalk, or other solutions that would make the water less of an issue.

Residents would like to see the loop trail completed, as of right now, it is incomplete. Boston Parks and Recreation Urban Wilds Director Paul Sutton noted that some of the land in the wetlands area is privately-owned, including one parcel owned by a Masonic Temple in Montana, which makes completing the loop more difficult. Designer Anna Curtis-Heald mapped out a route that stays on city property and does not go directly behind the yards of the homes on Eldon Street. This would involve having a

boardwalk across the large wetland on the northern end. There was previously at one time a boardwalk, built after the completion of the Eldon Street houses, but it has since drifted away from the shore. Another suggestion would be to also add a trail along the way of one of the previously mentioned former roads, Morrison Street, on the southern end. This plan would also involve a boardwalk, which Brown notes can be expensive.

One further project is signage improvement. The four entrances either have poor or little signage currently. While interpretive signage within the wetlands area may be undesirable, as it would detract from nature, there are other signs that could be posted at entrances, such as a trail map or signs reminding people about mosquito and tick safety. Brown also suggested adding signs that delineate the boundary between city property and private property, locations where there have not been fences and fences are not desirable but that the city would like to remind visitors to be mindful of neighboring plots.

If you have any comments or concerns, you can email Paul Sutton at paul.sutton@boston.gov. The next meeting will be held in two or three months.

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racism. I saw it growing up in Lower Roxbury. I saw it in the folks who ran B.H.A. I lived in Orchard Park as a kid when administrators created two separate "projects;" one "project" for white residents and another project in the rear for black residents. This B.H.A. policy ended in 1958 when I was 10 years old. If that is not systemic racism, I don't know what is.

Seven years later, 1965 I saw it again. This time in the town of Natick. My brother, myself and two black friends took a ride to Natick to see friends who lived there. We weren't off the bus 15 minutes before a cruiser stopped us and asked us why we were there. We started to say something but he wasn't listening. He told us to leave town, waited at the bus stop to make sure we got on the bus. I was so angered by what happened and why it happened. He was surely less concerned about my brother and me and more concern about our friends with us. All four of us laughed at what had happened but it really was far from funny. It took me 25 years to return to that town. I have always resented what happened to us that long-ago day.

I believe we are a much better country today than back in 1965. Are we perfect yet? Hardly. Racism is still with us and today it is much more invisible. However, watching the video of that police officer seemingly oblivious to what he was doing you know racism is still a deadly contagion.

I understand why folks were angry and wanted to peacefully protest the ugliest of that unarmed guy on the ground who had less than nine minutes to live because of actual evil person standing over him.

We need to work together all of us regardless of race, color, ethnicity, gender, gay or straight to do what Dr. King sought over 50 years ago that all of us should be judged not by the color of our skin but by the content of our character.

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"Since then people have been donating a lot through Venmo too or writing a check and we've been able to give gift cards to Stop & Shop and the Roslindale Village Market and Target so people can buy their groceries," he said.

Right now, Bayer said they also have several volunteers coordinating relief efforts in the neighborhood, many of whom they have met or interacted with before.

"We have a bunch of working groups around finances, tech support and outreach to the

community and groups working on engagement too, and we've found that there hasn't been a big distinction between those who are donating their time and those who are receiving aide," he said. "We're trying to give everyone a voice in the community, and so it's not just people saying 'here's money for you,' but they also have a voice in how the organization is run and what decisions are getting made. Everyone has something to contribute and everyone needs a voice in the organization."

Bayer said it's been an amazing thing to see the community rally around those in need and get it done for their fellow neighbor.

"It's been such a community effort and there's more than a dozen people who are putting in time and effort," he said. "It was originally the idea of Sharon Sabin and Emily Feamen, and they have done all the website and things like that and maintain it too."

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### BEDARD

Richard E. of West Roxbury, formerly of Roxbury and Hyde Park, June 1, 2020. Beloved husband of Kathryn I. (Finneran) Bedard. Loving father of Leo T. Bedard and his wife Margaret of Norfolk, Jon Paul Bedard and his wife Shara of West Roxbury, and Robert F. Bedard and his wife Kristin of Newton and West Yarmouth. Devoted grandfather of Richard, Robert, Leo T., Steven, Olivia, Lucas, and Ethan. Loving brother of Yvonne Martel, Jean Powers, and the late Valeria, Joseph, Leo, Roger, Paul, Loretta and Anita. In lieu of flowers donation may be made in his memory to The American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org Funeral services will be private.

### BONNER

Mary H. Age 95, Lifelong resident of West Roxbury, passed away on June 1, 2020, at Brigham & Womens Hospital. Beloved daughter of the late William and Helen (Greenan) Bonner. Devoted sister of the late William, John, and Thomas Bonner. Loving aunt of Kathleen Swift of Charlotte, NC., Patricia Bonner of Shrewsbury, Diane Robinson of Worcester, Linda Kane of Westborough, Gayle Bonner of Wakefield, Janet Filoramo of Wakefield, Nancy Bonner of Plymouth Meeting, PA., Karen Colangelo of Stoneham, William Bonner of Wakefield, and Linda Lambert of Phoenix, AZ. Also survived by numerous great nieces and nephews. Devoted friend of the late Ruthie O'Donnell. Mary worked at Bank of Boston for 45 years, initially as an entry level clerk, she worked her way up to Vice President of Human Resources. Upon retirement she devoted her life to caring for others. Mary enjoyed traveling with her lifelong friends. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Flowers are welcome or if you wish a donation may be made in Mary's memory to the Fisher House Boston P.O. Box 230, South Walpole, MA 02071. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

### CHAN



Yui Man passed away May 23, 2020. Beloved husband of Oi Ling Wong. Devoted father of Man Wai "Emily" Chan and her husband Yeung of Needham, and Yuk Lun Chan of Quincy. Loving grandfather of Ian Chan and

Ella Chan. A private visitation was held at P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Wednesday, June 3rd. Burial at Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

### CREEDON

Evelyn Ruth (Shiner) Born November 3, 1928, died June 3, 2020. Wife of the late Robert J. Creedon, married for over 50 years. Daughter of the late Teresa and Joseph Shiner. Sister of Joseph E. Shiner, Teresa E. Shiner, Mary Jane Carney, Joy Nazarian, Jacqueline Bardasz and the late Anna Mae Shiner, Dorothy Burr, Raymond Shiner, Marilyn Ruma. Evelyn also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Evelyn grew up in Dorchester and graduated from Roxbury Memorial High School. She worked for Employers Liability Insurance for many years following. Evie and Bob resided in West Roxbury for over 40 years and enjoyed being a part of their community. She was an active member of St. Theresa's Church in West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Theresa of Avila Church West Roxbury on Thursday, June 11, at 11:30 AM. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

### CURRAN

William Bill was 72 when he died on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 unexpectedly. He was born in Hyde Park, the second son of S. Joseph (Joe) Curran and Helen J. Curran (O'Brien) of Hyde Park. He is survived by his two brothers: Stephen J. Curran (Kathryn) of Chatham, MA and James F. Curran (Mary) of Marshfield, MA, as well as three nephews: Jonathan S. Curran (Kathleen) of Cohasset, MA, Peter G. Curran (Sarah) of Blairstown, NJ and Sean M. Curran of Providence, RI. Bill graduated from Hyde Park High School Class of 1966 and Suffolk University. He was employed by several different companies including Lotus Development and Lottero and Mason, an electrical engineering firm in Boston. However, Bill's real love in life was children of all ages. He volunteered as a religious education instructor at Most Precious Blood Church in Hyde Park. For a number of years, Bill volunteered at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale, MA. As a doting uncle, he enjoyed playing tag and "hide and seek" with his three nephews. He was an active and lively participant at the family gatherings with his O'Brien and Curran cousins. Bill was a kind, gentle and sensitive man, who enjoyed writing poetry and limericks, telling jokes and engaging in conversation with anyone and everyone he met, friends and strangers alike. He liked to participate in group activities and outings with his many friends in his earlier years in Hyde Park and for the last 11 years in Brookline and

Boston. Bill will be remembered for his curiosity and expansive recall of facts as he enjoyed the nightly challenges from Alex Trebek on "Jeopardy". To share a memory, please visit bartlett1620.com Bartlett Funeral Home in PLYMOUTH, MA is handling the necessary arrangements. A Celebration of Bill's Life will be scheduled in the future when it is safe to have a gathering of his family and friends. Donations may be made in Bill's memory to the charity of your choice or to St. Mary of the Assumption, 5 Linden Place, Brookline, MA 02445. Bartlett Funeral Home 338 Court Street Plymouth, MA 02360.

### FALANGA

Concetta (Palladino) Passed away on June 1, 2020 at the age of 107. Concetta was the beloved wife of the late Charles Falanga and the dear daughter of the late Angelo and Jennie (Mogavero) Palladino and stepmother to the late Sophie (Malone) Palladino. She was the dear sister of the late Mary Pizzano and her late husband Albert, Edith Palladino, Helen Mcleod, Rose Giambusso, Felix and Anthony Palladino. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Concetta owned and operated a restaurant with her husband for many years and later worked as a Pastry Chef at the Prudential in Boston. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Tuesday, June 9, at Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury (close friends and family welcome, limited attendance). In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Entombment will be private at Saint Michael Cemetery. Joseph Russo Funeral Home. www.Russofuneralhome.com 617-325-7300.

### MITCHELL

Rose A. (Saunders) of Hyde Park passed away peacefully on June 6, 2020. Beloved wife of Allen F. Mitchell. Dear sister of Velevia Saunders of Milton, Wendall Saunders, Jr. of Holyoke, and Damien Saunders of Springfield. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the John J. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home,

### Deaths

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## DEAR HEART OF JESUS!

In the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask for this special favor. (Mention favor). Take it dear heart of Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart where your father will see it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favor not mine. Amen.

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# New Horizons *continued from page 1*

ing difficulties, in a terrible spot.”  
 “Experiencing homelessness, they were bringing their kids into a world of child care and routine every day; the stuff that provides a good, high quality classroom life six-to-eight hours a day.

“Not only that,” Barrand said, “but 80 percent of their nutrition comes to them daily at Horizons... Now they then find themselves in a quarantine, in a shelter with other families.”

Barrand explained that many families they serve were already in tough shape before the pandemic, working long hours at low-paying jobs while experiencing homelessness.

“Their existence was fragile to begin with, and then their jobs went away. They had to buy more for their families. We provided diapers, for instance. The cost of diapers is high,” Barrand said.

“It was absolutely amazing how we turned into a vertical organization in a very short order to teaching remotely. We have 60 teachers. They pro-

vided music, circle time and reading books. They stayed in touch almost daily. They provided supplies and continued to be the family advocate. Families couldn’t leave the shelter. So food was delivered.

“Ninety-five of our families are food insecure,” Barrand said, “so we provided access to groceries, sometimes gift cards.

“We have 1,000 volunteers,” Barrand said. “A bunch of bright people in a tough situation. We didn’t wait. We distributed activity kits, children’s tablets in the shelters. We had long play sessions.”

Looking to the future, Barrand frankly didn’t know how Horizons would operate.

“We’re trying to understand the health and safety standards [issued on May 18] by the Department of Early Education and Child Care,” Barrand said.

“We’re hoping that we can reopen on June 29, but at a significantly reduced capacity,” she said. “But we don’t quite know how many kids we can take back, 30 percent to 60 per-

cent? We aren’t sure. They’ll have to spread out. We’ll do as much as we can as fast as we can.

“We know that all the play sessions will remain remote,” she said.

Kaplan Construction will begin work on June 12, Barrand said, and expects to be completed in March 2021. The building permit was issued on October 19, 2018.

“It’s an amazing facility,” she said. “State-of-the-art child-care on the second floor. Pre-school on the top, third floor. The big glass ramp from the sidewalk is where families will enter. The top floor will be infants, toddlers and pre-school. It will open out on the roof deck playgrounds over the garage.”

The building as a whole was designed by Embarc Studio. The new early childhood center will consolidate three existing childcare centers into one and serve 225 children ranging in age from two months to five years.

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**RICCHIUTI**



Lillian A. “Dolly“ also known as “Ricco” of West Roxbury, formerly of Bromley Place Jamaica Plain, died peacefully on June 3, 2020. Loving and devoted daughter of the late Peter and Maria (Colatrella). Loving sister of the late Anne, Angelina, Fred, Marty, Venduro (Rudy), Ernie, Dominic (Sonny), Mary and Rose. Also Survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews, as well as many good friends whose lives she touched in many ways. Dolly had a beautiful voice and loved to sing, entertaining soldiers in canteens during WW II. A very jovial person, she enjoyed conversation and was extremely proud of her heritage. Funeral was from the William J Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Theresa of

Avila Church at 10 o’clock. Interment St. Michael’s Cemetery, Roslindale. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dolly’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). For directions and guestbook, please visit: [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com)

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Eugene R. “Richie” of Hyde Park, June 1, 2020. Beloved son of the late Richard P. Roberts and Marie Agnes Johnson. Loving brother of Philip Roberts Jr. of

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Ann Marie of West Roxbury, June 5, 2020. Beloved wife of Robert P. Ware. Loving daughter of Salvatore Tremontozzi and Anne Coluccino. Cherished sister of Karen Garibaldi of West Roxbury and James Tremontozzi of Somerville. Devoted stepmother of Jenn, Tom, Cassandra, Samantha, Kate and Melissa. Also survived by nieces, Lisa and Sarah. Funeral Services private.

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## Pine Street *continued from page 3*

have felt more like a 'new normal,'" he said. "Our guests and staff have adjusted into some new routines to keep each other safe and healthy. I think the biggest factor holding us together as a work team and individually, as front line workers, is the commitment we have to our mission and the desire to support each other in our work. Being present and kind to our guests and each other drives us every day, shift after shift."

Director of the Women's Inn at Pine Street Caitia Perron agreed, and said that at first, organizing response was somewhat of a puzzle.

"There were so many questions and very few answers," she said. "How to keep people safe; how to accomplish social distancing, how to get PPE. There was lots of fear and anxiety, and so many details to think about. The staff had to manage both the guests, as well as their own lives – kids at home or elderly parents; personal lives were upended. But the camaraderie is really strong,

and this has brought out the best in the staff. We have had to keep a sense of humor to get through this, and eating junk food has helped."

Vice President of Marketing and Communications Barbara Trevisan said once Pine Street began testing in its shelters in April, they had a positive rate of around 32 percent.

"We recently retested many of our guests, after implementing a variety of protocols including social distancing, and the new positive rate was 4 percent, indicating the success of these measures," she said.

Currently, Trevisan said the main goal is maintaining service. She said everyone has had access to the same bed they had previously, and the organization is not taking any new guests.

"Anyone who presents at the shelter for the first time is put in contact with staff who will work with them to find other alternatives," she said. "Pine Street Inn has remained open throughout the pandemic. We have been fortunate to secure a dorm from Suffolk University for about 240 men and women who

have come from Pine Street and the city's shelters. We know that we cannot go back to overcrowded shelters and are looking for another building where these guests can stay and continue to maintain social distancing. Our larger goal is to secure permanent housing for all those who are homeless."

O'Brien said the Inn can be an emotional hothouse at the best of times, so, at least they were prepared for that during the pandemic.

"Every day, there are a range of emotions at the Pine Street's shelters," he said. "Each guest is unique and has their own story and lived experience. Most guests are hopeful, kind and grateful; also supportive to each other and staff when emotions run high or we run into collective challenges. Overall, the feeling is that we are experiencing this emergency together, facing the same hurdles and understanding each other better than we ever have before."

Perron said fear of the virus made testing difficult initially, but staff were able to coach guests through the process and get back on track.

"There was a lot of fear and anxiety initially, and many of our guests deal with mental health issues, so it was even more challenging for them," she said. "People are less anxious now – we've been able to do more testing, and the latest results have been really good – no one in the Women's Inn tested positive. Now the women are ready to get back to work on securing housing; that was put on hold because of this crisis."

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

—S.G.H.

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

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A) Keeping a battery from going low on charge is the best way to prolong battery life. Short drives with all the accessories on draws battery voltage down and the alternator can not keep it fully charged. Running the battery water below the plates will also shorten battery life if the battery is lead acid. I use a battery tender on my vehicles weekly when the vehicles are not driven for a week or so.

Q) Dear Doctor: We have a 2008 Chevy Malibu, which has been very dependable, but starting last winter it developed a cold weather issue. It starts fine, but when the engine is cold and the outside temperatures are below 50 degrees the engine bucks or lurch when slowing for a stop. Sometimes, it stalls, and the colder the weather, the worse the problem is. Once the engine warms up, the problem goes away. The car seems to run okay otherwise. There are no trouble codes in the on board computer. We have had the car to our local mechanic last year and just recently. They have not been able to solve the problem. We hope you may have some ideas and/or suggestions. —Fran

A) I have seen this fault on more than once. Each time the fault was the torque converter solenoid, or torque converter causing the transmission to stay locked with the engine. It is like having a manual transmission and not stepping on the clutch when coming to a stop. You can have your technician research the problem on either Alldata or Identifix. He can also drive the car to verify the symptom.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU20P0459EA

Estate of: Patrick Austin Hoarty

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

Date of Death: 01/13/2020

24 New Chardon St.  
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To all interested persons:

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

**Thomas G. Hoarty of Burlington, 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:

**Thomas G. Hoarty of Burlington, MA**

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

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **07/14/2020**. 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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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: June 02, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 06/11/2020

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

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU20P0797GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: **Michalene Fofana**  
Of: **Boston, MA**

**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Brigham & Womens Hospital of Boston, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Michalene Fofana** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Danhi Jackson of Boston, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **06/25/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

May 26, 2020

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