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West Roxbury resident Derek Rubinoff got some help recently from *This Old House* for some renovations and repairs.

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Mayor Michelle Wu announces \$50 million for Mildred Hailey Apartments. Behind her at top left Steve Meacham City Life and middle left Beverly Williams GBIO.

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## This Old House comes to WR

Ariane Komyati  
Staff Reporter

The home improvement series on PBS, *This Old House*, is airing new episodes about transforming a Victorian house in West Roxbury.

The series based in West Roxbury is entitled, “The West Roxbury Victorian.” The show described West Roxbury as a “small town in a big city.” The first episode discusses how the Victorian house in the neighborhood was originally built on farmland in 1894 and was the first single-family erected in the new subdivision. The crew from *This Old House* said they hope to bring the house up to the lifestyle standards of the 2020s.

The homeowner is West Roxbury resident and Architect Derek Rubinoff. He bought the house nine years ago and always had plans to renovate it.

“It was under-improved but had great bones,” Rubinoff explained. “I received an email from another architect friend back in early August forwarded from someone he knew from the show. *This Old House* had a remaining slot to fill for Season 4.”

He said he forwarded the email to his wife, Robyn Marder, who applied to be on the show. Marder and Rubinoff had already lined up the drawings, the building permit, the financing, and the



The TV show came to work on this particular West Roxbury Victorian house.

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general contractor for their home renovation.

To their surprise, *This Old House* contacted them back.

“I guess they liked the project and thought we’d do okay on TV. I know many people apply to be on the show and so I’m very grateful we were chosen, and quickly, at that,” he said.

Rubinoff and Marder were able to work out a budget with their terrific contractor, Delianro Dias Cruz of Alpha Smart Builders, and “obtained the right financing at the right time.” The staff at *This Old House* have helped them connect with manufacturers and vendors and have helped move things along on schedule.

For Rubinoff, he said the most interesting part of the filming and renovation is how

great everyone connected to the show is.

“All the stars and the production staff are just great, quality people, and very knowledgeable, experienced, and talented. The set atmosphere is a lot of fun, and so it doesn’t feel so much like we’re being filmed and more like we’re all collaborating on something special together. Furthermore, I’m learning a great deal about construction best practices, and that’s invaluable to me as an architect,” Rubinoff said.

He added that working on his own home can be as rewarding if not more so than working to improve a client’s building.

“There is no delight for an architect quite like working

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## Wu announces \$50 million for Mildred Hailey Apts.

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 20 Mayor Michelle Wu, joined by Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon, Boston Housing Authority (BHA) administrator Kate Bennett, elected officials, the Mildred Hailey Tenants Organization leaders and housing advocates announced that \$50 million would be allocated for improvements at Mildred Hailey Apartments.

“This is another step toward our commitment to Mildred Hailey [apartments].” Wu said.

“I’m excited to announce a \$50 million investment that will upgrade all 526 apartments at Mildred Hailey.”

The money will go towards ventilation, new bathrooms and kitchens, plumbing and other capital needs in apartments not part of the Centre Street Partners redevelopment previously reported by *The Bulletin*.

Wu said that in the next few weeks the BHA would hire architects to determine the scope

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## Brighton protests tree chopping

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

More than 150 protesters came out Saturday morning at the former Our Lady of the Presentation Church’s parking lot in Brighton to voice their anger about the cutting down of a 175-year-old heritage tree without their prior knowledge by a developer who owns the property.

The tree, located at 720 Washington St., was one of more than 40 removed earlier this past week, according to

several sources who attended the protest.

“This is a huge loss for us,” said District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon, who represents Allston and Brighton. “That tree is irreplaceable. This is happening at a time when we have been working on preserving and expanding the urban tree canopy.”

Breadon confirmed that her office received no notice beforehand and has no knowledge

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# 1905-1911 Centre dominates discussion

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
*Staff Reporter*

District 6 City Councilor Kendra Lara discussed development concerns with more than 30 members of the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association (WRBPA) at a breakfast meeting at the Corrib Pub on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

WRBPA President Jim Hennigan hosted the event, where he welcomed Lara as the main guest speaker. The major issue was the proposed development of 1905-1911 Centre St.

The project was first submitted to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last year at this time but was stalled after community pushback about demolishing the former Gilmore Realty building and the former Rockland Trust site to construct 21 homeownership units and a retail space.

Lara described the situation as “very ominous,” adding that the Boston Landmarks Commission is now involved.

“The intention of our office is to support the people of West Roxbury in not only stopping that development but going through a community process in deciding on what should go there,” Lara said.

Joe Impellizeri, a member of the Highland Neighborhood Civic Association (HNCA) steering committee, said that there will be a hearing concerning the demolition of the two properties on Thursday, Feb. 17.

“What’s curious about that is that there’s no real plan about what to do with the property yet,” he said, noting that the Landmarks Commission will be meeting about it the following week. Both are considered “significant structures,” although they are not currently on the preservation list, he noted.

He added that the group is hoping to preserve the house or move it to another location. Both buildings have fallen into disrepair.

An alternative may be to swap the land for a lot on Corey Street near the train station, but nothing has been solidified. Senior Director at O’Neill and Associates Chris Tracy, who has been representing CAD Development since practically the inception of the project, said this option is still being pursued by the developer in a notification letter to the neighborhood regarding the Landmarks Commission hearing.

“It’s a proposal that the development team is genuinely pursuing to try and make a re-

ality,” he wrote.

Lara said that both the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) have been “incredibly unresponsive in terms of getting answers to some of our questions.”

Carolyn Breen, also of the HNCA, said that the parking lot in question was put into the proposal for the new Planet Fitness to be used as their parking.

“It’s not something that originated from the community because it is not something that we could ever offer, as a municipal lot is from the city,” she said. “It’s a concern to us that this is how developers try to make us partner to what they want when we have not said that, and it seems kind of like an uphill battle.”

“The way that we do development in the city and the process for getting community feedback and community engagement is not in any way streamlined,” Lara said. “It’s left up to the discretion of the developer, and there’s very little accountability when it comes to the city.”

Another concern Lara is looking into is the safety of the

**WRBPA**

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## BOSTON STATE COMMUNITY TRUST, INC.

### REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

The Boston State Community Trust, Inc. a subsidiary of the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee, Inc. is requesting grant proposals from community-based organizations located in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and Roslindale. This funding round invites proposals in the following funding categories: Education & Job Training Initiatives; Youth Recreation & Social Development Initiatives; and Mental Health Initiatives. A maximum of \$10,000.00 per organization will be distributed in this funding round.

**The Request for Proposals (RFP) will only be available for distribution to interested parties via electronic mail on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.**

On March 1st interested parties must submit an electronic mail request for a copy of the RFP. All RFP requests must identify the organization that is requesting the RFP. If the organization is not identified, the RFP will not be distributed. NO REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER 6:00 p.m.

NO REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED “PRIOR” TO MARCH 1st. Upon submission of the request, an electronic version of the RFP will be forwarded to each respondent.

**The electronic mail request must be submitted to: [bjohnson@bevcoassociates.comcastbiz.net](mailto:bjohnson@bevcoassociates.comcastbiz.net).**

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# Mildred Hailey *continued from page 1*

of work. “This is in partnership with community leaders,” Wu said, “Yolanda Torres and the tenants’ organization which continue the spirit of Mildred Hailey.”

Wu said the funding would come from “a few different sources” including the city’s capital campaign and the American Recovery Fund.

In a phone call with The Bulletin, Lydia Agro of the BHA said the press conference was the result of a commitment Wu made at an August 31 candidates housing forum sponsored by the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO).

GBIO asked each of the five candidates present to commit \$50 million “to help our members at Mildred Hailey Apartments who have been dealing for years with deferred maintenance.”

A former board member of the Mildred Hailey Tenants Organization is an organizer with GBIO, according to the MHTO.

BHA administrator Kate Bennett followed the mayor.

“This \$50 million is a staggering investment in Mildred Hailey,” she said.

The ad hoc United Front Against Discrimination takes a different view and it waited until Feb. 2 to announce it. In a statement to The Bulletin UFAD spokesperson Alfonso Espinosa explained the delay.

“We did not attend the January announcement,” he wrote, “and we had no clue what was happening until after the fact. There was no prior notice to the residents or the residents that are part of UFAD.”

At their Feb. 2 press conference, attended by about 14 residents outside of 154 Heath Street, UFAD took some of the

credit for the \$50 million.

“This \$50 million would never have come if not for the tireless fight waged by resident activists including GBIO and UFAD,” Alfonso wrote in his statement.

“This activism focused on exposing the BHA corruption and negligence and mismanagement [and] shows that the government is not being honest when they say that there is no money to repair public housing and therefore privatization is the only solution.

“The Mildred Hailey Tenant Organization is currently a puppet of real estate interests.”

Tia Wheeler lives at 154 Heath Street and is a UFAD member. Her building would be included in the \$50 million renovations.

Wheeler read off three demands at the press conference: Stop privatization and fully fund public housing, account-

ability to residents in how the \$50 million is used, and elections for the tenant organization.

Alfonso said that UFAD has not had a response from the mayor to its demands.

The mayor’s office, in a phone call to The Bulletin, acknowledged that it was aware of the UFAD demands but referred further questions to the BHA.

It did say that UFAD’s allegations that the city plans to privatize Mildred Hailey and “eliminate public housing” were “false.”

In a statement to The Bulletin the BHA said it “agrees with UFAD about the need for greater federal support for public housing...but it is using

investment.

“We have a quarrel over the UFAD definition of privatization,” Meacham said. “There’s a distinction between private, for-profit ownership like Beacon and social [housing] ownership, a huge difference. Mildred Hailey is not going to be sold off in ten years. Housing is not a commodity for TCB, Urban Edge and JPNDC. Buying and selling [housing] is not in their history.”

Yolanda Torres is president of the Mildred Hailey Tenants Organization.

“UFAD has been circulating mischaracterizations about the proposed development of Mildred Hailey Apartments,” she said in a

*“This activism focused on exposing the BHA corruption and negligence and mismanagement [and] shows that the government is not being honest when they say that there is no money to repair public housing and therefore privatization is the only solution.”*

**- UFAD spokesperson Alfonso Espinosa**

scare tactics to make residents think they will be displaced which is absolutely untrue.

“We cannot properly maintain our public housing at current [federal] funding levels. UFAD is 20 years behind on this issue. Mayor Wu has stepped in to help fill the void; it will go a long way. However it is a one-time infusion. It cannot substantially fill the void left by inadequate federal operating and capital subsidy for public housing city-wide.

“That \$50 million is one half of the federal subsidy we get for all of our public housing city-wide.”

Steve Meacham of City Life has been organizing with the Mildred Hailey Tenant Organization.

“The BHA is in an incredible bind,” he told The Bulletin. “Public housing is going through a lot of ongoing dis-

statement to The Bulletin.

“UFAD’s tactics to ‘stop privatization of public housing’ is misleading and a disservice to our vulnerable families.

“It’s very concerning when they further their false information on our residents aggravating their insecurities and worries and pit residents against each other. It is harmful to our residents.

“UFAD does not speak for MHTO,” Torres said. “We are glad that non profits like JPNDC and Urban Edge are the developers of Mildred Hailey and not any for-profit.

“We appreciate the public support and resources that will make possible the redevelopment of our homes that will be 100 percent income restricted and 100 percent socially owned,” Torres said.



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# RRRd, Sen. Collins talk about environmental justice, budget issues

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

State Sen. Nick Collins discussed environmental justice and COVID-19 recovery efforts with 25 attendees of the Roseberry Ruskindale Road Neighborhood Association (RRRd), held virtually on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

RRRd co-chair Lokita Jackson pressed the senator on whether he was in support of preserving nearby Crane Ledge Woods. If approved, a proposed 10-building housing development on the property owned by the Jubilee Christian Church would be built on 14 of Crane

Ledge's 22 wooded acres with 270 rental units and 415 parking spaces.

Although he did not reference Crane Ledge Woods directly, Collins said the case could be made to use federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to go toward the purchase, provided that the church is willing to sell the land.

"The only way that we're going to be able to pay for what you're talking about is for it to be bigger than a local issue," Collins stressed. "And I think it is if you make the case to the committee."

He noted that he met with

Jackson to talk about the need for a steward either to lease or own the property and for a public entity to maintain it. Collins also said the city has not taken an official position on conservation of the woods, which makes its future unclear.

However, Collins said he did write a letter of support in the context of legislation passed last year entitled "An Act Creating a Next Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy." This law established increased protection for environmental justice areas such as the surrounding neighborhood, which is primarily a community of color.

He said his letter to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) was not specifically about Crane Ledge Woods but about the importance of climate resiliency efforts in general because the property is not technically in his district. He has not received a response yet.

Collins added that he wanted to see climate resiliency "not just as a community benefit, but as a standard."

Jackson noted that the Massachusetts Audubon Society may be a potential steward and has been supportive of the preservation effort.

Collins highlighted an accomplishment that was

achieved with the help of state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, who also attended the meeting. Funding was allocated for additional personal protective equipment (PPE) and access to vaccines and is awaiting the signature of Gov. Charlie Baker.

Small business grants from the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation are also on the horizon. Money will also be placed into a COVID-19 sick leave fund for employees of small businesses who need to take time off.

"Small business owners and their employees will be able to take time off without feeling the pinch in the wallet," Collins said, noting employers will be able to be reimbursed for the time when their employees are absent.

Collins said the VOTES Act had recently passed the Senate and had received some support in the House.

"I saw in 2020 that early voting access was huge for people, particularly in Hyde Park," he said. "There were lines around the block. Folks really wanted to get out there and make sure their vote counted, particularly with what was going on with the post office at the time."

Collins also said he would

like to see Madison Park Technical Vocational High School elevated to a standalone school outside of the Boston Public Schools system, which is how vocational schools operate in the suburbs. He said he sees the school as a means to educate and train students and funnel them into jobs.

Jackson noted that there are a couple of key community meetings on the horizon. One is regarding the proposed Starbucks at the Shops at Riverwood, which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. A community meeting on the proposal was held on Dec. 20, but because it was sparsely attended due to the holidays, the community requested a second meeting.

On Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m., the area's Community Input Board (CIB), which is comprised of members from several neighborhood associations, is holding a stakeholders' roundtable meeting on Zoom. Residents, school leaders, police, business owners and youth will be coming together with public officials and neighborhood advocates to discuss the recent clashes between merchants and young people.

"Some of the youths have

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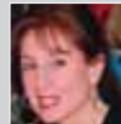
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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
February 14, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
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West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline, which has a 30-block blast zone, and its effect on air quality. Other concerns included the future of the West Roxbury Educational Complex as well as for opportunities for West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain to work together on common issues. She said that she would like the former West Roxbury High School building to be used as a school or as affordable housing.

One of Lara's first efforts as a fledgling councilor was to start a snow removal project to help elders shovel out of the blizzard.

"What we did is we fielded volunteers from all over District 6," she explained, noting

that she hopes to expand the program. "We had a phone bank where we called over 200 seniors in the district who were over 75. We sent out 14 volunteers to 22 addresses."

Lara noted that she supports a proposed pilot program for city sidewalk removal to help improve accessibility for elders, people with disabilities, and parents with strollers. While the responsibility is incumbent upon property owners and businesses, "what we're seeing is that we're having too many gaps."

"Ramps are inaccessible and sidewalks are inaccessible," she explained. "Elders

can't get by and also people with mobility devices can't get by."

Lara also announced that she is the chair of the council's Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks Committee as well as the chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee.

The other guest speaker at the meeting was Jeff Similien, the owner and CEO of LowKey Dispensary, a recreational cannabis company. He is a Hyde Park resident and a commercial real estate broker who hopes to open a recreational cannabis dispensary at 5252 Washington St. as well as another proposed cultivation site at 52 Walter St. in Hyde Park. Similien is an equity empowerment applicant who had his first retail

site approved in Dorchester. He purchased 5252 Washington St., located near the Kentucky Fried Chicken. It is accessible by three bus lines.

He said he will hold a community meeting as well as connect with Lara and the mayor's office in pursuit of a host community agreement. Similien will be a featured speaker at the March 9 WRBPA meeting, when he will present more information.

"People from Boston are not participating in this industry due to the fact that it's far away," he said, noting that many dispensaries are in western Massachusetts. "My goal is to bring these jobs to Boston so that people can participate in this industry."

Hennigan announced that

the Mary Mulvey Jacobson Families in Need program provided groceries and turkeys for more than 150 families, highlighting the increasing issue of food insecurity that has been exacerbated by the pandemic.

"We also financially helped a few members of our community who have spinal cord injuries whom we help every year, and we will continue to do that," he added.

The program, which helps people throughout the year, also purchased Christmas gifts for five families and is providing aid to Afghan refugees who have recently moved to West Roxbury. Diapers are another need, and Alan Symkus coordinated a drop box for them at Vogt Realty Group at 2085 Centre St.

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

Docket No. SU22C0021CA

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME** Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
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**In the Matter of: Myrtise Kretsedemas**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Myrtise Kretsedemas of Hyde Park, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Myrtise Sainlaire Maurice**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of **02/24/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: February 01, 2022  
Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Docket No. SU21C0452CA

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**In the Matter of: Kaitlin Higho Drouin**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Kaitlin Higho Drouin of Roslindale, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Kaitlin Higho George**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
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# BPD take ATVs and dirt bikes



The Boston Police Department (BPD) reported on Feb. 4, 2022 that members of the BPD Auto Theft Unit seized approximately 50 dirt bikes and other all-terrain vehicles from a self-storage facility in the area of 44 Lochedale Road in Roslindale. These seizures came as a result of a coordinated investigation involving the Seekonk Police Department, Boston Fire Department HAZMAT Unit, City of Boston Inspectional Services along with other specialized BPD Units.

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# This Old House continued from page 1

on his or her own home," he said. "To see the spaces transform from our plans to the reality of our home has been magical. We have been combining bold contemporary design with an affection for the home's historical character, and the results are really quite beautiful."

Rubinoff said if he had any advice to give anyone looking to renovate their own home, he said it would be to "preserve the character and the craftsmanship, but bring some personality to the project."

He explained that there have been huge advancements in technology over the past many decades. This includes the development of new materials, appliances, and lighting which can be sensitively integrated into historic homes to make them feel fresh and new.

"An old home can be made to feel both timeless and contemporary so that it inspires while suiting our lifestyle of today," Rubinoff said.

The renovation and the production started at the beginning of October, and will finish in a few weeks.

"We are very grateful to our father-in-law for hosting us during this time, but all of us are ready for us to come back home," Rubinoff added.

Watch the season online at [www.thisoldhouse.com/west-roxbury-victorian](http://www.thisoldhouse.com/west-roxbury-victorian). New episodes are aired on Thursday on WGBH.

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been complaining that they have been disrespected by some of the business owners," Jackson said, "and have been restricted from coming into some of the stores on River Street. Some businesses are complaining about some thievery and some youths stealing and causing fights with them. So we really need to get a handle on this and pull it in as a community."

In late March, there will be what is being called an "unconference" hosted by the CIB because of the informal structure of the meeting. It will be a visioning session to deter-

mine what residents want to see in their town. The information gleaned from that will be presented as a community benefits agreement to developers. The meeting may be virtual or hybrid, with more information to come.

Jackson said its purpose "is so that we can take back more control as opposed to developers just coming in and doing what they want by way of the help of the BPDA."

Also on the agenda was a half-hour presentation by representatives from the Boston Home Center. Residents

learned about several city programs that can help homeowners pay for needed repairs.

The Boston Home Center helps income-eligible homeowners with technical assistance and loans. Homes must be owner-occupied, and the owner must be current with real estate and property taxes as well as mortgage and Boston Water and Sewer Commission payments. The team fielded several questions, including one about having elders having their property into a trust for their children.

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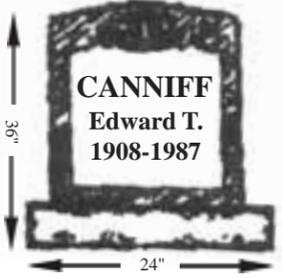
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# Heritage Tree Cutting *continued from page 1*

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of what type of housing is planned there.

“The first we heard about it was during the arrival of the crew at 7 a.m. on Monday morning last,” she said, noting that she spoke at the protest along with state Rep. Kevin Honan, who also represents Allston and Brighton.

“I would think that if you were to cut down a heritage tree like that, you would have to notify the city arborist,” she said. “All that is left now is the stump, which is about six feet in diameter. The tree was in good shape before, and it was not diseased.”

Protesters said that at least 40 other trees that lined the parking lot, some of them comparable in age, were removed. They are concerned that other trees on the property will be leveled by the veteran developer, Peter Davos of Davos Construction, as he pursues building housing.

The site, near the Newton line, was purchased by Davos last August. It includes the former church and rectory as well as its parking lot. The two parcels are separated by a few homes.

Breadon said the manner in which this was done was nearly as upsetting as losing the landmark as well as the other trees.

“With some discretion, it could have been handled better,” she said. “The developer showed he had no intention of preserving the trees. I think what’s most upsetting is that there was no consideration for the community process.”

Davos, who grew up in Brighton and currently lives in West Roxbury, told The Bulletin Monday that the situation “turned out regrettably.” He noted that the parking lot parcel contains 1.677 acres, or 73,075 square feet. The parcel with the church and rectory is 1.766 acres equaling 76,970 square feet. He said he has developed several properties primarily in Brighton and West Roxbury.

“I deeply regret that anger and harsh words have been exchanged in the last few days in the neighborhood, almost exclusively regarding the beech tree,” he said in a statement. “My team researched the status of trees on our property. We explored alternatives in every



Hundreds came out to protest the cutting of the tree, including State Rep. Kevin Honan and City Councilor Liz Breadon.

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way to retain the beech tree and still build housing on the property. We were unable to find a way. Previous plans for development would not allow that either, despite everyone’s best intentions to do so.”

He also said that the lots “are long vacant and not a credit to the neighborhood in their current distressed conditions.” Plans for housing will be presented before the community soon.

A spokesperson on Davos’s behalf said that “part of the fencing had been pulled away, but there was no permanent damage.”

“It’s not about one tree,” said Kevin Carragee, who attended the 90-minute protest. “It’s a fait accompli now, but there are other mature trees on the property he owns that we don’t want to see removed.

“People were upset and angry about the developer’s unilateral action with no notification to our elected officials,” he added. “That was a decision on his part. Usually a community meeting is a routine part of the process, even as a courtesy.”

He added that the community is not against housing on the site, but the lot with the church and the rectory will be “difficult to develop.”

“I find it difficult to believe that the exterior of the church will be preserved,” Carragee said. “My prediction is that any meeting about the development will be contentious. The fact that 150 people came out on a Saturday with less than 48 hours’ notice speaks for itself.”

Steve Ashcraft, who helped organize the protest, said he had been taking care of the tree for 49 years.

“In the summers, I would drag the hoses out to make sure

it was watered, and I would set up an irrigation system,” said Ashcraft, a landscaper who notified the elected officials and others of the situation. A client of his who abuts the property contacted him about the beech tree’s fate.

“At 7 a.m. sharp, she said they were starting to cut down the crown of the beech tree before anyone could say, ‘Boo,’” he said.

Other trees removed were a pin oak on the edge of the property as well as a sugar maple on the opposite side of the parking lot, Ashcraft said.

He added that there is a 200-year-old American elm tree that “survived the Dutch elm blight in the 1950s” still there.

“I’m not a violent person,” he added. “But I was really angry. I couldn’t sleep for days. There have to be some standards, ethics and rules about something like this.”

He added that he “witnessed a verbal assault against the developer at the protest.”

“Certainly if he wants to do anything else like this, this protest will put him on notice that the community cares,” Ashcraft said.

“It was a beautiful tree,” noted Honan, who said people walking their dogs or driving by would admire its stature. “It is sad for the community. We need to be more diligent in protecting these trees and not letting developers remove them forever for no reason.”

He added that the tree is also of sentimental value to alumni of the school affiliated with the former church.

“Every class photo would be taken in front of that tree,” Honan said.

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**GAMMACURTA**

Charles of Roslindale, died Friday, February 4, 2022, at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston. He was 92. Charles was born January 24, 1930 in Casablanca, Morocco, the son of Adolphe and Giovanna (LaGreca) Gammacurta. He earned his Bachelor's degree and worked as an electrical engineer for the Swiss Government for many years. Charles is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Maria (Bottari) Gammacurta, who he married in 1971. Visiting Hours will be held Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 11 am to 1:45 pm, at the Folsom Funeral Home, 63 Belgrade Avenue, ROSLINDALE, followed by

a procession to Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett for his interment and committal service at 2 pm. For directions and guestbook please visit funeral home website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

**KELLEY**

Christopher J. of West Roxbury, February 12, 2022. Beloved father of Jessica Kelley of Mashpee. Loving grandfather of Jonny and Jacqueline Wingate of Mashpee. Devoted son of the late Dr. Thomas F. and Eleanor M. (Anglin) Kelley. Loving brother of Robert D., Richard F., Betsey Hambelton, William P., Deborah K. Sweet and the late Thomas A. and Paul M. Kelley. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Center St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Walnut Hills Cemetery, Brookline. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, www.donorsecuritygifts@harvard.edu Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600

**McCORMICK**

Alice M. Age 88, of West Roxbury, February 7, 2022. Beloved wife of late John B. McCormick; devoted mother of Mary of West Hartford, CT, Joan of Chelmsford, Judi Flynn and her husband Tom of West Roxbury, Carol Bezreh and her husband Nick of Needham, John, Jr. and his wife Jo-Anne of Needham and Paul and his wife Melissa of Chesapeake, VA; loving grandmother of 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; cherished daughter of the late Frank A. Doyle and Alice (Hassen) Doyle; sister of the late Frank Doyle, Margaret Goode, and

Patricia Freeman. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Theresa of Avila Church. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Alice's name. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

**QUINTER**

Jessica Rose, passed away peacefully on February 5th, at the age of 28. Resident of West Roxbury and formerly of Needham, MA. Jessica was a graduate of Needham High School, class of 2012, where she loved to play basketball, earned her Varsity letter, along with many years on the Mass Elite Ducks Travel team. She was an avid Boston sports fan, and loved the Celtics the most. She enjoyed time spent in Florida with her grandparents, Nana and Pep. Jessica was employed as a clerk by the United States Post Office. Jessica will be dearly missed by her parents, MaryEllen and Bob Quinter; and sister Jodie. She is also survived by aunts and uncles, Suzanne & Warren Fish, Susan & Albie Burke, Karen & Stephen Kiser and Joan & Jake Jacobson; along with her many cousins, Colleen, Elise, Warren, Jr., Steven, Mike, Ryan, Emily & Alyson. Jessica will be greeted in Heaven by her grandparents, Geraldine & Richard Haefner and Mary and Arthur Quinter; and dog, Tucker. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation (www.epilepsy.com). Funeral services will be private. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.



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## Virtual Public Meeting

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Wednesday, March 9  
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Zoom Link: [bit.ly/FenwayCornersMar9](https://bit.ly/FenwayCornersMar9)

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Meeting ID: 160 952 2252

**Project Description:**

BPDA-hosted Article 80 Public Meeting in connection with the Draft Project Impact Report ("DPIR") submission for the newly renamed Fenway Corners project, which was filed with the BPDA by WS-Fenway-Twins Realty Venture LLC (the "Proponent") on Monday, Feb. 7th, 2022. Please register in advance for this meeting through the link provided above. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Chinese interpretation will be provided for this meeting. Should you require interpretation in a language other than Chinese, please contact Aisling Kerr through the contact information available below.

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Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU21D0683DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Chloe Levette Comma vs. Trevor Vivian Comma
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
To the Defendant: Trevor Vivian Comma
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
February 9, 2022
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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of: Francis Ashwin
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Francis Ashwin of Allston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Francis Ashwin D'Souza
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 03/14/2022. 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: January 31, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 02/17/22

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOCKET No. SU21P1452EA
Estate of: Dang Duong
Also Known As: Dang V. Duong, Dang Van Duong
Date of Death: 12/07/2020
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:
Tiffany H. Ta of Quincy, 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: Tiffany H. Ta of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Personal Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 07, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 02/17/22

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division
Docket No. SU22P0238PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405
In the matter of:
Joy Valerie Susanne Wangnoon
Of: Hyde Park, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Joy Love of Roxbury, MA
In the above captioned matter alleging that Joy Valerie Susanne Wangnoon is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Joy Love of Boston, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
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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
February 14, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 02/17/22

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOCKET No. SU21P2464EA
Estate of: Laurence F. Ward
Date of Death: 10/06/2021
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA. 02114
617-788-8300
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mark R. Steward of Cambridge, 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: Mark R. Steward of Cambridge, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 03/16/2022. 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: February 09, 2022
Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 02/17/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOCKET No. SU21P2061EA
Estate of: John P. Lang, Jr.
Date of Death: 04/13/2021
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: John Lang, Sr. of West Roxbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: John Lang, Sr. of West Roxbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 10, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
West Roxbury Bulletin: 02/17/22

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOCKET No. SU21P2357EA
Estate of: Mary L. Tumarkin
Date of Death: 04/20/2014
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Ruth Kleinfeld of Manchester, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Ruth Kleinfeld of Manchester, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 03/22/2022. 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: February 14, 2022
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