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A rendering of the courtyard of 3390 Washington St. residences slated for construction in Jamaica Plain.

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BMS Paper gets SNA/BPDA approval

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The second week of May was one to celebrate for Bob Harrington, owner of BMS Paper; after three years and five months, his \$47 million housing/restaurant project at 3390 Washington St. received a vote of confidence from Stony Brook Neighborhood Association (SNA) and vote of approval from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). Harrington made a return visit to the May 8, SNA meeting three years and five months after his debut in Jan. 13, 2020.

As reported by The Bulletin, the BMS development proposal has remained as three connected components, housing, restaurants and the BMS store of bulk paper and cleaning products, grocery and deli counter.

Yet it has evolved dramatically, especially with the reduction in housing units from 155 to 82 and from one large building to two smaller ones. Harrington admitted this to the SNA.

“The way the building evolved, it was just a big box on a hill,” he said. “It was a learning curve for me. I think it’s going to be a good-looking building on the street.”

Chris Tracy has been Harrington’s longstanding consultant.

“It took an awful long time,” he said. “This was pre-pandemic. We’ve been at this because Bob wanted to improve the community. It started with a lot of units.”

“It was a very lengthy process,” Tracy said. “The process has matured in a good way with the decrease in units. We’ve put the massing in back of the site away from Washington Street. The Washington Street front of BMS will appear as always.”

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Residents pivoted from a discussion on Ross Field to their feelings of neglect from the city.

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ERNA says neighborhood ignored Arroyo slammed for absence

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The East River Neighborhood Association (ERNA) met on Monday, May 8, in a virtual format and expressed anger about issues being brought up by the neighborhood and their issues not being addressed, and are tired of being ignored by the City of Boston.

Resident Nerlande Brice discussed an earlier issue where she said her driveway was blocked by someone attending church services in the area and was told by the Boston Police Department (BPD) dispatcher that there was nothing they could do.

“That shouldn’t have happened,” said BPD Community Service Officer for District E-18 Paul Broderick. “You give me the date and time that happened we’ll find out about that... He should have told you that he would have that car towed.”

“The guy wouldn’t even tow the car, he said I had to wait, and so I had to wait three hours of my own time for them to move their car,” Brice said. “I said something to the person

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WR High School coming back

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Last week, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said the city is looking at resurrecting the West Roxbury Educational Complex, also known as the West Roxbury High School (WRHS) in one form or another.

The Boston Capital Budget Plan currently has \$150,000 for a study that will determine how the city best rebuilds the old high school to serve students.

The building was shut down back in 2018 after it was found to be structurally deficient. A concerted protest campaign from students, residents and teachers had saved it from being shut down the year before at the time School Superintendent Laura Perille said the building was no longer in a condition to handle students. Councilor Kendra Lara said the city is now looking at possibly keeping the building if it’s fixable or demolishing it and starting from scratch.

“My assumption is it could be either rebuilt or renovated, or it

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The WRHS has been shuttered to students since 2018, but funding has been allocated to start the process of bringing it back in some form.

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Royce Abel of SNA asked about the affordability mix.

Tracy replied that there will be 23 percent, or 19 units rented as affordable, with 17 units at 60 percent area median income (AMI) and two at 50 percent.

"We continue to negotiate [the affordability] with the BPDA up to 48 hours of the [May 11] BPDA meeting. The market rate has decreased," Tracy said.

As reported by The Bulletin, Harrington has been vexed by the government process.

"The BPDA wanted more of a mix of affordable," he said, adding that three will be three-bedroom apartments.

"We've had this argument over the number of bedrooms. I thought I owned the building but other people at City Hall have other ideas about what I can do," Harrington said. "I had to fight City Hall to get this passed."

Harrington has long experience in the hospitality business, managing supper clubs and night clubs.

"I'm really excited about the restaurant part of it," he said, noting that it will have three individual restaurants with different menus.

"Different spaces for different people at different times," he said.

"We have some ideas but we want to keep these under wraps. Sort of surprise concepts, and we don't want them hijacked."

SNA chair Alcurtis Clark asked if there were any community benefits. Harrington said one would be "free community meeting space. A space for community groups to meet."

Architect David O'Sullivan said the restaurant will be one story over the BMS store accessed

by a "monumental staircase."

Another main feature O'Sullivan said will be the eight-foot-wide covered arcade cut into the existing building that will lead to a courtyard and entrance to the BMS store, restaurants and residences.

"The courtyard will have lots of trees, lots of landscaping and seating. A gathering space for outdoor events," he said.

It will be a landscaped courtyard: a shared space and connecting space between BMS and Pine Street housing.

O'Sullivan began his outline of the BMS plans with the admission "that a lot of people haven't seen this for ages."

O'Sullivan described the housing as the front building, five stories behind BMS with 35 apartments and the six-story back building with attached garage set into the hillside below Forest Vale Apartments.

"The number of units have changed from 155 to 82," O'Sullivan said. "Thirty units were dropped that were studios to add more two bedrooms."

"The management office for the rental properties will be in the back building," he said.

The six-story back building will have 47 apartments and an attached garage with 87 spaces set partially into the hillside.

O'Sullivan added that, "there will be a lot of balconies on most units on the back building."

The covered entrance façade at Washington Street will continue to be the main entry to BMS Paper. BMS will share the current drive with Eversource to a loading dock behind the building.

Paige Sparks, who like several on the May 8 SNA call said

she was not a member three-and-a-half years ago, questioned the amount of parking near the Green Street T station.

"Parking is my livelihood," Harrington said. "It's the nature of my business. People come in and buy bulk items. They can't take that home on the train."

The SNA in its customary way voted with 14 voting not to oppose and with Sparks abstaining.

Testimony in support was warm.

"He [Harrington] was as cooperative as he could be," said Jennifer Uhrhane, "given the clunkiness of the city development process. He's a business person in the community rather than another outside developer."

Sue Cibulinsky said thank you.

"Thanks for keeping in mind the community needs and sticking with it," she said.

The BPDA Article 80 agreement was reviewed by no less than 12 BPDA staff before the May 11 board vote,

Kathleen Onufer, BPDA assistant director of planning, told the three member BPDA board on May 11 that 3390 Washington St achieved three goals: 23 percent affordable units that exceeds Plan JP Rox guidelines, building housing on underutilized land, and retaining an independent business.

Chris Tracy told the board that 3390 Washington St. was "in a wonderful location in the middle between Forest Hills and Egleston Square."

The BPDA board seemed to agree and it voted unanimously to approve.

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could be a form of both," she said. "The study will direct us. It's going to tell us how we can get that school back up and running."

Lara said the city is currently putting out a request for proposal to hire a consultant to undertake the study.

When questioned as to why the city should reopen this school when several schools in Roslindale and Dorchester/Roxbury are slated to be combined as part of an attempt by the city to consolidate schools, Lara said for one thing, it's something that residents in her district really want to see.

"When I was running for office it was one of the major issues in the district," she said, adding residents want at least the chance of having their children attend a Boston Public School in the neighborhood. "There are a lot of young people and families asking for that... It became very evident to me while I was talking to voters that giving West Roxbury residents another comprehensive, high-performing 7-12 high school was something that people in the neighborhood really wanted to see."

The site's fields and proximity to Millennium Park provide opportunities for students to spend time in extracurricular outdoor activities, and it's really a waste that those facilities aren't getting used as much as they could be.

"When I think about that school, I think of how this would be an incredible place to have a state-of-the-art student athletic program for the Boston Public Schools," she said. "And I think it would be a draw for student athletes in West Roxbury, especially when I think about how big youth sports are in West Roxbury."

If residents want to help push for the new WRHS, one thing the city needs is advocacy for the MBTA Route 36 Bus Service, which Lara said could be cut in the future.

"I've gotten multiple emails about it. I've been getting emails about it from folks concerned about access to Millennium Park, but we've definitely heard from people about access to the school because it's so far away from everything."

Lara said residents should reach out to Mayor Wu at mayor@boston.gov to advocate for the school and keep the process moving for its rebuild or renovation, as well as the Capital Budget office at budget@boston.gov. She said emailing her office at kendra.lara@boston.gov would also be helpful.

For more information on the total capital budget and to see it in its 1,186-page entirety, go to <https://bit.ly/3pHogMZ>

Centre Street Safety meeting coming up on May 31

The City of Boston will host a Community Meeting on May 31st from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Ohrenberger School at 175 W. Boundary Road regarding the upcoming Centre Street Safety Project. This meeting is for residents, businesses, and other community members who are interested in learning more about the project. This community meeting serves as an introduction to the project and will be followed by multiple drop-in sessions in June at the West Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library with Boston Transportation Department staff on hand to answer questions. For more information, please visit www.boston.gov/transportation/centrestreet or email the city's staff at centrestreet@boston.gov.

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Show draws attention to older HP residents

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The spring art show at Hyde Park's Blake Estates elderly residential complex drew a crowd of nearly 100 people on Saturday, May 13, allowing residents to display and sell dozens of their works.

This weekly art group was envisioned 15 years ago by artist and native Hyde Parker Rosemarie Clinton. She was encouraged to pursue her art by the late Paul Nolan, a founder of the Hyde Park Art Association (HPAA) that is based in the Menino Arts Center (MAC). The Paul Nolan Group of freestyle artists, formed by Clinton 20 years ago, meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at the Hyde Park branch library from 10 a.m. to noon. Both groups participated in the event.

"I saw that many seniors were trapped in their apartments, especially since COVID-19," Clinton said. "They would say, 'Is that all there is?' I wanted to help them uncover their hidden talents.

"I'm so grateful for the turnout," she added, calling the programs "a gift from God."

Like her students, Clinton pursued art later in life at the behest of Nolan. She received several awards for her watercolor impressionist paintings, including the Gold Medal Grumbacher Award and awards at Boston City Hall exhibits.

The groups almost didn't happen this year because Clinton sustained a shoulder injury last fall and just recently returned to teaching. She called upon local artists Harikleia Harriet Kuliopulos and Larry Johnson to substitute teach in her absence. The group of 10 regulars recently began learning pottery, and a jewelry-making class may be in the works.

Barbara Russo has been with the Blake Estates group since its inception and also serves as a volunteer. She showed off 15 pieces, including paintings and religious sculptures. Her sister, Jean Reitsma, came up from Plymouth to spend the day with her and has come to every show.

"It all started because of Rosemarie and the art people from the MAC," Russo said as she served people a luncheon of sandwiches, fruit, chips and a carcuterie board. "We are really grateful to them."

Geneva Kingwood, 91, said she began painting about a decade ago and uncovered a hidden talent while meeting her neighbors. The subjects of Kingwood's art spring from her memory and imagination. In addition to intricately detailed forests and seascapes, she painted a stirring portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. in black and white.

"When I first got here, I didn't know anybody," she said. "I only came out to go to the mailbox until I saw this group."

Mary Parham, 80, discussed her work with her three daughters, her grandson, and his wife. They came to visit her as a prelude to Mother's Day. She has been painting for about four years and has lived at Blake Estates since 2010.

"I did it for something to do because I get bored," she explained. "I just do it for fun."

"I came to support her because she loves what she's doing," added daughter Gail Flattes, who bought two paintings.

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Residents are advocating to close Centre Street temporarily to create the kind of street festival Allston, Brighton, Jamaica Plain and other neighborhoods in the city are going to see this year.

COURTESY PHOTO

No Open Streets in WR this year

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston recently announced the schedule for the second annual Open Streets Boston, and several neighborhoods are off the list this year.

The idea is to close streets off to vehicle traffic temporarily to bring pedestrian and bike spaces to otherwise congested roadways.

The Open Streets festivals are an initiative by Mayor Wu aimed at helping bring business and celebration to Boston communities post-pandemic. Music, dancing, painting, food trucks, drinks, rollerblading, bubbles, games and more are all a part of Open Streets Boston. Last July, the Open Streets event in JP was a big success, attracting thousands of residents and community members to Centre St., free of vehicle traffic. Other areas, like Birch Street in Roslindale, have permanently closed to vehicle traffic to great success.

West Roxbury resident Mary Tenenbaum attended a few of the Open Streets events last year and said she loved them.

"I feel like making space for people, along with the fun festival atmosphere, provides an opportunity for community members to engage with each other and their neighborhood in a way that nothing else I've been to does," she said. "It was great to discover some of the hidden gem types of businesses that I might never have otherwise noticed in Jamaica Plain and Dorchester when I went there, and great to see people outside having a good time celebrating the neighborhood."

Some West Roxbury residents said they would like to see Open Streets Boston come to Centre Street in West Roxbury in 2024 or 2025. The wide array of restaurants and local businesses make West Roxbury the ideal Open Streets candidate. If the neighborhood hosted an Open Streets event, community

members could enjoy gelato, hand-cut donuts, bubble tea, pizza, banh mi, burritos, acai bowls, coffee, greek wraps and more on Centre Street. Community member Patricia Connors remarked that an Open Streets in the neighborhood would encourage visitors to try the numerous local restaurants Centre Street has to offer.

"The Boston Ale House is a great place to stop for a drink and an appetizer in between meandering down the relaxed, car-free street," she said. "Of course, topping any meal off with a gelato at Delini Gelato would be the pièce de résistance. It's a win-win for both businesses and the public!"

Connors added that one of her personal local favorites is the bubble tea from Sharon Korean Kitchen.

Centre Street offers a wide ribbon of space that could be used for vendors, artists, musi-

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A time for delayed gratification?

Full disclosure: I once left a teaching position in the District of Columbia Public Schools to return to Boston. I hated leaving at the beginning of April but the open position offered me a chance to relocate back in Boston near my aging parents. I regretted leaving the 100 or so fourth graders who I taught and inconvenience my colleagues in SouthEast Washington: a new teacher had to be found and “broken in” to the culture of the school two-thirds into the school year.



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

So it is with some trepidation, if that’s the word, of commenting on the departure of two state representatives as, presumably, they seek better jobs, whatever “better” means—less stress, fewer night-time meetings, more fulfillment, less boredom, less commuting time, or better pay in their new positions.

Recently some neighborhoods in Boston—Roxbury, the South End, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and West Roxbury (as well as South Brookline)—had to hold primary elections for the 9th and

10th Suffolk—and the same or even fewer is predicted for the end-of-May voting day.

Regrettably, serious money had to be spent by the Election Department this month to rent trucks to move the voting equipment, pay overtime for its staff, rent various halls/schools, pay hundreds to poll workers to staff the elections sites, and hire police—one for each precinct—for at least 12 hours to ensure the integrity of the voting process.

I like to think that the two people vacating office had cogent reasons for making the city incur such heavy costs to replace them. Usually the death of an elected official occurs to necessitate such an ill-timed election.

The Mayor and the City Council cannot be blamed for this monetary fiasco. Such an unusual time of this election is embedded in the state constitution, Chapter 54, Section 141, giving the Speaker of the House the authority to call for a special election depending upon the time of the incumbent’s resignation; for instance, if the time of his/her withdrawal were in the summer, the Speaker may delay and hence merge the election with others in the September primary. Too bad this delay could not have occurred for the 9th and 10th Suffolk: it wasn’t money out of the Speaker’s pocket to pay for this untimely election—it was out of ours.

10th Suffolk districts to elect someone to continue representing them on Beacon Hill. Elections in May are as common as pumpkins on front porches in June.

At no small expense the city had to staff a number of precincts to accommodate the single item on the Boston ballot—did the voters want which Democrat, Republican, or Libertarian? On May 30, voters will vote in the final election for the same, even if there are no candidates from the other parties running. There are no other questions on the ballot—for offices or referenda issues. Not surprisingly, the voter turnout for May 2 was very small—a tad over 2,000 votes for the Ninth Suffolk (Roxbury and the South End) and fewer than 7,000 votes (from JP, WR, Roslindale, and South Brookline combined) for the

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Letters to the Editor

EGREGIOUS GERRYMANDERING

To the Editor:

It appears that the Boston City Council is going back to the drawing board on its redistricting plans for the nine district lines, especially those in Districts 3 and 4 where by a vote of 9-4 boundary lines appear to have been, according to a judge, unconstitutionally redrawn in violation of the equal protection guaranteed in Article 14. The judge did not seemingly buy the premise that what happened in Districts 3 and 4 were in compliance with the Voting Rights Act either.

Time is of the essence with candidates already garnishing signatures to get ballot status. What the majority of city councilors supported appears to be the worst case of gerrymandering I have ever seen. It would have made Governor Eldridge Gerry proud. However, all this gerrymandering actually impacted residents of both districts. Carving up a woke political agenda at the expense of actual voter rights should never have happened.

The city council needs to quickly sit down and fix this mess they created. The only agenda that matters is the one that provides equal justice under the law for all. Voters are not simply different colored jelly beans to be mixed and matched.

This time fix it by doing right by all. Nothing less will do.
Sal Giarratani
East Boston

THANKS FOR THE TRUST AND SUPPORT

To the Editor:

To the Residents of the 10th Suffolk District:
There aren’t words to describe how excited I am to represent this community — it’s the place where I grew up; went to school, worked, and now where I’m raising my family.

Our campaign was always about delivering for residents of the Parkway, Jamaica Plain, and South Brookline and leading on policy that makes our communities more livable and affordable.

I want to thank Rob Orthman and Celia Segel, who both ran great campaigns, for their grace and dedication to our community.

Most importantly, thank you to the voters of the 10th Suffolk for your trust and belief in me. Together, we will confront our greatest challenges as a community and move our Commonwealth forward.

Bill MacGregor
Boston

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(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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—V.C.

who parked there and she said it didn't look like I was going out. I try not to engage with these people."

Broderick recommended calling 911 for issues like this, even if residents are concerned that it might not be an emergency.

"That's what gets us to these locations, the 911 calls," he said.

In another discussion, ERNA members said they've had difficulty getting neighborhood services. While discussing another resident going to Ross Field and feeding the geese, a broader discussion of lack of responses from public officials commenced. Brice first commended the Boston Parks Department for cleaning up the field, but then said when she called Boston Animal Control the response did not get there in time.

"He comes and he pulls up and I've sent them (Boston Animal Control) photos and videos of the guy," she said. "He comes and he pulls up and he feeds them."

Brice said she's forwarded photos and identifying information to the Parks Department. District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo's representative Justin Gardner recommended telling the police department, but said that might

not be as helpful as residents would like.

"They can't make them leave, but they can talk to them," he said. "It's not illegal. A police officer could go out there and say they're concerned about the geese and here's why. But they can't tell the person they can't do it."

Brice said she's getting frustrated with the lack of support.

"I mean Hyde Park is a beautiful area; Ross Field is a beautiful area, but when you have geese and nobody picking up after their dogs and all that other stuff, it just breaks my heart," she said. "I just, I don't know. I don't even know what to say anymore."

Odom said she feels support for the neighborhood around East Street is lacking.

"I've renamed Hyde Park. We live in the low area of Hyde Park and then there's the high area of Hyde Park where you make one call and you get action," she said. "We almost have to threaten somebody to get help. It's sad to say but it's not the same. When I first came around here you could get a lot of help. You used to have police officers walk the street and you could talk to them. Now, they only come when there's a shooting."

"I'm going to say it, I don't

care if they hear me, but I don't feel supported by the police because every time you call you get lip," Brice said. "I thought they were there for us, but I don't feel like it."

Odom asked Gardner to have Arroyo come to the ERNA to hear their concerns and try to help.

"Sometimes it would be nice for him to come, and don't get me wrong, we respect you and you're doing a lot to help and bringing it back to him (Arroyo), but sometimes it's best to have him on," she said. "I think the police department sees he's not on and doesn't come around, and no one's

pushing it. But I think if he comes on and sees the issues that we seriously have, maybe that will make a difference."

ERNA President Barbara Hamilton pointed out Arroyo has never come to the association.

"This neighborhood association has felt really disrespected by Councilor Arroyo," she said. "In years past, we've always had somebody come on. He doesn't have to come on all the time, but when he's look-

ing for votes he seems to come on. Quite honestly Justin, he has not supported this community or neighborhood association. I don't know whether he's gone to Ruskindale or Belnel, but he's not here."

Hamilton said she wants Arroyo to come to the ERNA at least once.

"Just so you know we meet every month of the year, and he has 12 opportunities to come to our meetings, and in two years, he has not," Hamilton said.

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“I am running out of wall space now.”

Lucille Bell, 89, said she found the pottery class especially exciting. A Blake Estates resident for 10 years, she was a passionate knitter and basket weaver in her younger days living in Guyana.

“I love working with my hands,” said Bell. “We live as one here and have fun.”

“I always liked drawing, but I never thought I could really do art,” said Karimah Rashid, a retired daycare director who enjoys painting nature scenes. “Now I tell people to just try it.”

She enjoys the pottery class because it reminds her of using Play-Doh with her former students, she added.

Paul Nolan Group members Mary Harrington, Kathleen Creighton and Harold Foppiano came out to support their Blake Estates counterparts. Harrington’s mother, Mary Pagliarulo, started the Paul Nolan Group with Clinton.

“I got involved in this because my mother loved to paint with watercolors,” Harrington said. A former perfectionist, Harrington said

Clinton helped her loosen up.

“I couldn’t produce anything with that attitude,” she explained. “You have to allow yourself to stink at it before you get good at it. The point of it isn’t to produce masterpieces, and that’s what makes it fun.”

Foppiano decided to check out the program when he saw a newspaper article in The Bulletin about it. He always felt he was creative and was looking for a way to express it.

“Rosemarie told me I have talent, but I didn’t believe it,” he said, noting that he now specializes in 18th and 19th century drawing. “But every week I get better and better.”

Creighton, a former photographer, took pictures at the show. She became inspired to paint with water soluble pencils. It reminded her of watercolor painting with her children and has been a relaxing activity for her.

During the event, Clinton proposed starting an art group for teens who are facing socio emotional challenges in the wake of the pandemic. She hoped this would harness their creativity and keep them from turning to



Many residents at the Blake Estates in Hyde Park have been trying their hands at art recently, and the residential complex held an art show to celebrate residents' progress in their work. The show is part of two art groups at the building, which started more than a decade ago as a way of bringing residents together.

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drug use, noting that her grandson died of a fentanyl overdose. MAC instructor Adele Rothman and MAC program director Erik Gehring said they were interested in exploring the idea.





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DEATHS

ADAMS



Ellen M., longtime resident of West Roxbury, passed away on May 2, 2023. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph A. and Eileen M. (Trainor) Adams. Loving sister of Joseph Adams and his wife Sandra of Weymouth, Donald Adams and his wife Judith of VA., William Adams of NH., Alice Candler and her husband William of Weymouth. Michael Adams and his husband David Cope of NY., and Brian Adams of Quincy. Loving aunt of Julie, Suzanne, Samuel, Monique, Ashley, Lucas, William, Joseph, and Christine, and great aunt of Neil, Paige, and Joey. Ellen leaves many close friends, whom the Adams family would like to thank, for their love and support, throughout her life and particularly in the last two years. She was employed for 40 years as a facilities planner for Liberty Mutual. Visiting hours will be held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Saturday, May 20th from 1-3pm, followed by a service in the funeral home at 3pm. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Ellen's memory to the National Scleroderma Foundation 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

CONNORS

Noreen F. (Davis) In Laconia, NH, formerly of West Roxbury, suddenly on May 8, 2023. Beloved wife of Timothy V. (Ret. Sgt. BPD). Loving mother of John V. of Tampa, FL, and Maura A. of Wakefield. Grandmother of Luke, Hannah, Isabel, and Madelyn. Sister of Pam Farry, Anne Kane both of West Roxbury, Mark Davis of Roslindale and the late Paul Davis. Former Dental Assistant at the Veterans VA Hospital in Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. For directions and **g u e s t b o o k**, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

DiCESARE

Pasquale "Pat" of Roslindale, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 8, 2023. Loving husband of Emily (Apostol) DiCesare for 65 years. Devoted father to Robert DiCesare of Roslindale and Laura DiCesare of Potomac, MD. Brother of Marie DiCesare of East Boston. Son of the late Emilio (Henry) and Emily DiCesare of East Boston. Long-time letter carrier in Waban, MA and hockey coach for Roslindale Youth Hockey. Funeral from the Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Good Shepherd Community Care Hospice of Newton, 160 Wells Ave., Newton, MA 02459. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com 617-323-5600.

GROVES

Kenneth Dwight "Ken" of Roslindale, passed away on April 15, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Judith (Collins) Groves. Loving brother of Pamela Seasonwein of Silver Spring, MD and the late Robert Groves. Step-father of

Ronald Burgess of Swampscott and Cheryl Willette of North Attleboro. Also survived by many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Ken was a United States Army Veteran and United States postal worker for over 30 years. Ken's urn was interred in Massachusetts National Cemetery on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 1:45pm. For online guestbook, peumurrayfuneral.com. Funeral arrangements by P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

HAMROCK

Ann-Marie (Birmingham) of West Roxbury, formerly of Natick, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loving family and friends on May 5, 2023. Born in Natick on April 12, 1960, to the late Felicitia (nee Brovelli) and Francis Birmingham. Ann-Marie was a graduate of Saint Patrick's School of Natick and Marian High School in Framingham. She earned her nursing degree at Elms College in Chicopee and recently pursued a Master's in Nursing Education at Emmanuel College in Boston. Beloved wife of Dr. Michael G. Hamrock; cherished sister of Marisa Zulch, Francis Birmingham, and the late Diane (Birmingham) Shea. Survived by countless in-laws; and 25 nieces and nephews. Ann-Marie was a dedicated nurse at Faulkner Hospital for 40 years, earning the prestigious DAISY Award for her exceptional care and commitment. A woman of deep faith, she was a devoted parishioner and Eucharistic Minister at both Holy Name in West Roxbury and Holy Redeemer in Chatham and taught religious education at Holy Name. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Interment at Saint Joseph Cemetery. Ann-Marie's kindness, dedication, infectious

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ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on June 7, 2023, at 9:15A.M., in connection with Map Amendment Application No. 756 and petitions for approval of the First Amendment to Master Plan for Planned Development Area No. 127, Allston Yards (the "Master Plan"), the First Amendment to Building A Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 127, Allston Yards, the First Amendment to Building B Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 127, Allston Yards, the First Amendment to Building C Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 127, Allston Yards, the First Amendment to Building D Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 127, Allston Yards (collectively "the Amendments"), and the Building E Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 127, Allston Yards, Allston (the "Development Plan"), filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said map amendment would add the designation "D," indicating a Planned Development Area overlay district to approximately 20,586 square feet (approximately 0.473 acres) of land located at 52 Everett Street in Allston. Said Amendments would incorporate the land and vacant building located at 52 Everett Street into the Master Plan and Planned Development Area No. 127 site, make corresponding changes to the other Allston Yards Development Plans to account for the construction and addition of the building proposed at 52 Everett Street, Allston, and update the Allston Yards project commitment to advance construction of homeownership units. Said Development Plan proposes to construct an approximately 150-unit residential homeownership building with an approximately 1,950 square foot retail space to activate the ground floor along Guest Street.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC_June2023. Copies of the petition, the Master Plan, Amendments, and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov.

Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2023. Please request interpreting services no later than June 2, 2023.

For the Commission
Jeffrey M. Hampton
Executive Secretary

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smile, and unwavering faith will be remembered by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ann-Marie may be made to Golden Opportunities for Independence (gofidog.org), 323 High St. Walpole, MA 02081, or Power Forward 25 (powerforward25.com), 3 Webster Square PMB#465 Marshfield, MA 02050. For directions or to leave a condolence message for Ann-Marie's family, please visit gormleyfuneral.com. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

MORELLI

Biagina M. "Gina" (Freni) of Jamaica Plain, May 10, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Aldo Morelli. Loving mother of Maria Morelli of Jamaica Plain, and Aldo Morelli, Jr. of Jamaica Plain. Gina was a beautiful woman with profound empathy for others, especially the most vulnerable, and deep faith in God. She listened without judgment and saw the beauty and goodness in each person she met. She loved her family with all her being, and honored her friends with generosity, integrity, and acts of loving kindness. A talented cook and fiber artist, she extended her warmth with homemade meals and hand-knit gifts. To honor her gentle love for babies and children, her son and daughter ask you to offer an act of kindness for a child in need. Funeral from The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made in Gina's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org, or to The Italian Home for Children at www.italianhome.org Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

SETTEDUCATI

Irene A. (Agostinho), age 93, of West Roxbury, formerly West Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully, on May 13, 2023. She was a devoted mother to Diane Setteducati of West Roxbury and Gina Tritschler of Bad Soden, Germany and her husband, Joachim; beloved grandmother to Anna Lena and her fiancé, Korbi Liebl of Munich, Germany, Sophia and Leo of Bad Soden. She is survived by her sister, Alice Cardim; and her family of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Funeral Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Irene's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org/donate For more details about the obituary, go to www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

THOMAS

Marshall Jr. of West Roxbury, formerly of Boston's South End, unexpectedly passed away, on May 7, 2023. He was 83 years old. Marshall, also known as "Junior" to friends and family, was born in Boston in 1939 to Marshall and Sophie (Haddad) Thomas. He attended Boston English High School and graduated in 1957. During his life he wore many hats, to include owning and operating a fleet of Boston Taxi Cabs, from which he retired in 1999. He married the love of his life, Evelyn (Solomon) on May 2, 1965. Later, he and his wife would move to West Roxbury, where they raised their family of three sons, Marshall, III, John and Jimmy. He is also survived by his daughters-in-law, Corinna, Anna and Kelli; and was a loving Jidoo to his grandchildren, Dalton, James, Tyce,

Marshall, JJ and Chase. He was the loving brother of Ernest Thomas and the late George Thomas, Victoria Thomas and Herbert Thomas. Marshall loved watching his grandchildren's sporting events and will be remembered for the love and pride he had for his family. He will be deeply missed. Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. WEST ROXBURY. Interment at Mount Benedict Cemetery, in West Roxbury. Contributions in Marshall's memory may be made to the Church or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. Guestbook at www.KfouryFuneral.com

WATSON

David L., age 82, of Roslindale, sadly passed away on May 8, 2023. Beloved husband of Martha (McCormick) Watson; devoted father to Deirdre Watson O'Donnell; proud father-in-law of James O'Donnell; and adoring "Papa" to Vivian Watson O'Donnell. Graduate of Belmont High and Boston College. David was a long-time employee of Anheuser-Busch in Medford, MA. David enjoyed spending time with his family, practicing his talent for music including playing the guitar, and being a member of the Parkway YMCA. Also survived by his sister, Arline Govan of Hingham; niece, Maria Swanson and her husband, Derrick Swanson; grandnephews Travis and Hugh Swanson; nephew, Matthew Govan; and grandniece, Grace Govan. David's family thanks all the staff of Old Colony Hospice and the Dr. Ruth McLain Hospice House in Braintree for their kind and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley St. West Bridgewater, MA 02379. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.



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At this time, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

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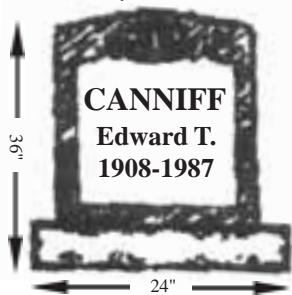
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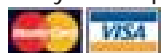
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