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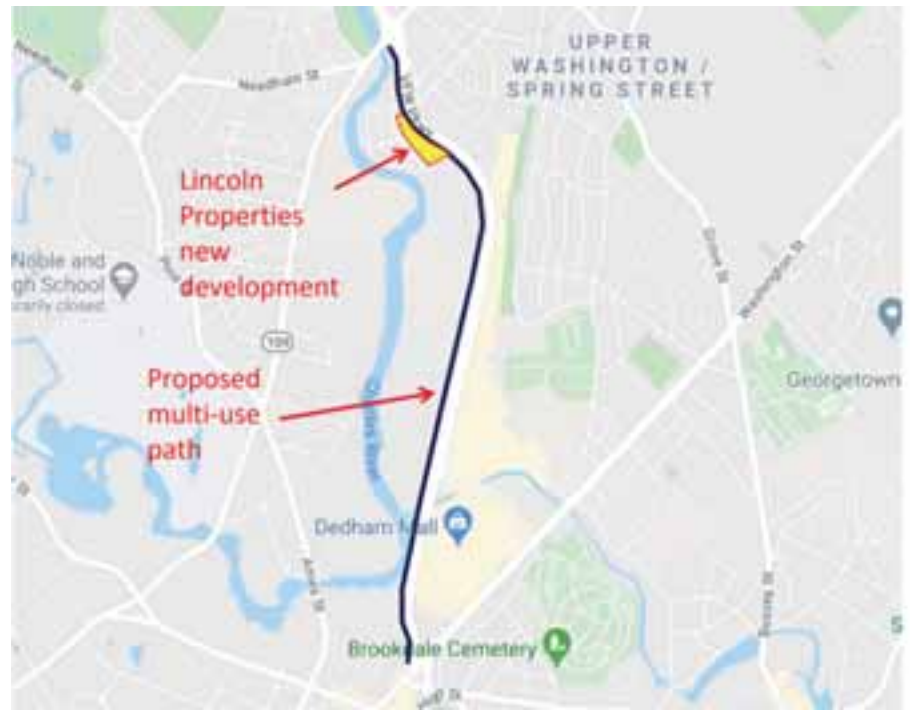


WR family gets surprise visit



West Roxbury residents Bill and Ann Downey had a fall surprise when their daughter Linda, her daughters and the couple's great granddaughter Lineas (pictured) braved the 13-hour drive from Charlotte, North Carolina, to come up back to Boston. The family said they took quarantine precautions before heading up north. "This photo captures the joy and love, even in hard times and far distances," said Brianna Downey.

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The path would allow for safe pedestrian and bicycle travel along VFW Parkway, something that isn't very feasible right now.

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West Roxbury Bikes considers multi-use path

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

Over the past month, West Roxbury Bikes (WR Bikes) has been collaborating with local biking and walking groups like Dedham Bikes to push forward an idea for a bike path along Route 1 between Spring Street and Dedham Square.

This proposed multi-use, two-directional path would begin where VFW Parkway and Spring Street intersect, go along the VFW towards Providence Highway (the Western side of Rt.1), past the Dedham Mall, and end near Dedham Square. It would be on one side of the VFW. The idea is currently in very early stages of a proposal, and has been discussed a few times at Dedham meetings. It currently has no official name yet, but is nicknamed "Route One Study." WR Bikes

members hope the project will start its "study phase" in early 2021.

"I became aware of this idea last year - I heard bits and pieces about funding for a Route One improvement project - by the VA Hospital on Spring Street up to Dedham Square," stated Cindy Gillan of Dedham. "There's different perspectives on how quickly this process will move. I think the Dedham Planning Board has had some discussions about their objectives and what the scope of work could be. Right now, there's \$150,000 that has already been granted to look at the project and study it. Our goal is to get it moving as quickly as possible so that engineers and those interested in the project can get fired up about it."

"We [WR Bikes and the Dedham Cycle Club] have met together two

WR Bikes

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3227 and 3221 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain. The owner of 3227 may be getting cold feet about redeveloping the house.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Owner changes his mind to sell, surprising developers

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

A routine review for a two-to-three family conversion of 3227 Washington St. got rearranged during the virtual Sept 16 JP zoning committee when the live-in owner popped up on the screen to announce he didn't want to sell after all.

Cougar Capital partner Ian Hislop described his plans to upgrade and add a unit to the wood-frame, two-story house.

It was being thrashed out by committee members and the armchair ar-

chitects in the audience debating skylights, ceiling heights and enclosed porches when Alex Ponte Capellan from City Life asked in the chat to speak.

"This is taking rental units off the market," he said, "and turning into homeownership. There's ten people living in that building. Will they be displaced?"

"Nelson Valdez is the owner and he's now thinking about the agreement," Ponte added.

Nelson Valdez then appeared on the

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BFNA plans protest at Burger King Saturday Holds neighborhood cleanup, efforts recognized by Councilor Arroyo

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Belnel Family Neighborhood Association (BFNA) held its quarterly meeting virtually on Thursday, Sept. 24 with a number of issues on its plate. But the hottest item was the planned protest at the new Burger King this Sat., Oct 3 from noon to 3 p.m. This protest is one of a trio of efforts to keep the new franchise at the Shops at Riverwood from taking a foothold in the neighborhood.

"We will be walking the sidewalks in front of the Burger King," announced BFNA president Helena Tonge. "For those of you who have been on this journey, opposing this Burger King since January, we ask you to please come out and join us in this protest as we make our statement about how this Burger King was moved through without a significant amount of community input."

She added that "more than 560

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screen.

"I really regret it. I want to get my contract reversed," he said.

"My concern is that I'm 68 years old. It's tough for me to move on with my life. I've been thinking about where should I go? What should I do?" Valdez asked.

"I'm seeing now what's going on," he said. "I don't feel good with my health. I'm concerned about my tenants. I'm afraid of losing my home after 15 years. COVID-19 broke down all my plans and my health."

Ponte-Capellan broadened his argument.

"My main job at City Life is non-displacement," he said. "Then I found out this company was kicking people out to make micro condos. Ten people live in this building. They have nowhere to go. These folks don't want to go anywhere."

The purchase and sale agreement requires an empty building.

Committee member Lee Goodman was taken aback.

"You're doing this without the owner's consent?" he asked Hislop. "This is not what we expect of owners. Maybe we should defer now. You need to figure this out."

Ponte-Capellan had it figured out.

"The best thing is that the sale doesn't go through," he said. "Your group [zoning committee] has the power to tell City Hall this is not the type that we want."

Ponte-Capellan then introduced the next door building 3221 Washington St currently being converted to a three unit building by Matt Javitch of 3221 Washington St LLC; it received JP zoning committee support and zoning board of appeal approval in March 2019.

Vania Chen then popped up on the screen. She called herself an artist, said she was a former tenant at 3221 Washington St., and wanted to "share my story of what happened."

"The owner sent over a constable and we had three days to vacate. We had to move out in December," she said. "I'm still trying to look for housing."

That opened a debate about whether Javitch's company and Cougar Capital were related.

Committee member Marie Turley wanted the project denied.

"This is not to support," she said. "This raises fundamental questions. Two projects run amuck. A small unit has become speculation."

Committee member Kyle Smith is also an attorney who

often represents developers at the zoning board of appeals.

"Was the owner strong-armed?" he asked Hislop. "Were they properly counseled?"

Committee Chair Dave Baron wanted that questioning to end.

"What, are you trying to tease the property owner?" he asked.

Cougar's attorney Marc LaCasse, who was also on the call, wanted to reconsider.

"I request a deferral," he said. "We need to regroup the contract and report back if this is ever going forward."

Some committee members wanted to deny with prejudice and one was Lee Goodman.

"The attorney is doing verbal gymnastics," he said. "It's all shady. So unseemly, the whole situation."

Baron disagreed.

"I'm strongly against this motion," he said "There is a contract here with the developer so the developer can pursue the zoning process. If we deny we've committed something on behalf of the property owner. Deferral gives the proponent a chance to regroup."

A motion was made to defer that was carried with only Turley voting against.

Baron had the last word.

"It would be better if nothing had happened," he said. "I want this meeting to end. This is absolutely outrageous."

LaCasse agreed in a phone call with The Bulletin on Sept 23.

"We were blindsided and ambushed at a community meeting egged on by a community organizer apparently sitting in Mr. Valdez's living room," he said.

"Lindsey Santana hosted an abutters meeting on Aug 4 and Mr. Valdez spoke in favor," LaCasse said. "We then went to Brookside and ESNA."

According to LaCasse, Valdez put his house on the market on Aug. 3, 2019 with a broker and was under agreement with Cougar Capital in December, 2019.

"All renters are family members Valdez said and there would be no problem with relocation," LaCasse said. "He agreed to deliver a vacant building in the purchase and sale."

LaCasse told The Bulletin that Cougar's attorney Rich-May delivered a demand letter on Friday Sept. 18 stating that Valdez's testimony at the JP zoning committee constituted a breach of contract.

Valdez has 14 days to respond.

1515 Com Ave. reduces size, unit count

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

After a first meeting in June, that's June 2019, the proponents for 1515 Commonwealth Ave. in Brighton came back to the table with a smaller project, responding to community comments from last year's meeting.

The project was originally pitched with two buildings, one wide rental building with 175 units and one tall condo building at 96 feet, with 155 units, totaling 330 units. The new design has 250 units, with its highest point on the condo building at 85 feet, with 100 condo units and 150 rental units in the shorter building.

"This is the second public meeting of this project and a lot has changed," said proponent Davis Companies Managing Director Stephen Davis.

One aspect of the project the development team touted was its increase of open space and public access to the site from the carriage road on which it sits. While the address is Commonwealth Ave., the building itself sits on a side carriage road running two ways and parallel to Commonwealth Ave. Right now, visitors to Overlook Park/Fidelis Way Park only have access walking either from the parking lot for the park or from the Mon-

astery Path off of Warren Street. The proposal would give a public pedestrian access from the carriage road to the park.

"The exciting part, I think, from the original proposal is that we had a lot of positive feedback on this notion of increased open space and greenspace around the buildings," said Rode Architect Eric Robinson. "And we're pretty close to meeting a similar amount of open space, which is exciting for the project."

Davis said there would be 34,000 gross square feet of outdoor publicly-available open space for the building. He said the public path to Overlook Park would be maintained by the buildings' staff as well as from Commonwealth Avenue's carriage road to the park. They would also be donating funds to pave and stripe the parking lot at the park, and are currently finalizing what he said would be a "six figure payment" to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

Davis said both buildings will also have income-restricted affordability requirements over what Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's Inclusionary Development Policy requires. He said for the condominium building, there will be 14 percent of the units required to be affordable and 17 percent for the rental



The development proposes about 34,000 square feet of publicly-accessible greenspace at the top of the carriage road between Warren Street and Washington Street in Brighton.

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units. He said the area median income (AMI) requirements are however, still being worked out, but he said they were ranging from 50 percent to 70 percent AMI for the rental building and 80 percent to 100 percent for the condo building. He added there would be a deed restriction for a 35 percent cap of investment units on the condo building.

The last public benefit included the installation of a BlueBikes station somewhere

nearby, but it hasn't been finalized yet.

Robinson said the design of the buildings and their facings had the area's history in mind, as the site used to be a major quarry in the late 19th and early 20 centuries. He said the facings on the buildings will be granite-colored, and a publicly-accessible courtyard in the front of the building will be stylized of granite. The two underground parking floors will, presumably, also

reflect the history of said quarry.

Howard Stein Hudson Traffic Engineer Liz Peart and Robinson both said they heard residents' concerns from the previous meeting on the sensibility of having the carriage road contain two-way traffic, and they said while that is an issue controlled by the city and being looked at in a Boston Traffic

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times in the past month. We're primarily trying to figure out where the project is, what's happening with the project, and if the project goes forward that it's considered a multi-use trail - a pedestrian and bicycle trail. It seems like the perfect opportunity - there is a lot of room for it by the Charles River," explained member of WR Bikes Ben Wetherill.

Wetherill also stated that this multi-use path would go past the Lincoln Property Co. 254-unit multifamily development that is currently under construction on 1545 and 1555 VFW Pkwy. He added that he felt this would be a great path for future residents.

Wetherill explained that a lot of the land between the Charles River and the road is owned by the Federal Government and Army Corps. of Engineers because it is wetlands.

"I have talked with the Charles River Watershed Association and they like the idea and would like to help us," stated Wetherill. "This connects West Roxbury to

other neighborhoods like Dedham. This is important - we want to make sure West Roxbury has recreational connections in all directions - to Newton, to the center of Boston, to Hyde Park, etc."

West Roxbury community member and supporter of the project, Jason Brown, stated that these improvements would be beneficial to pedestrians as well as cyclists.

"Any of the cycling improvements are running improvements as well. They benefit all of the street users or walkway users," Brown stated. "I run along the 109 side - I don't even try to run along the Route One side. On a summer day, it's very exposed and hot."

Like West Roxbury, Dedham has been having many discussions about how to make their town more pedestrian and cyclist-friendly.

Due to the ongoing global pandemic, many community members are spending more time outside and participating in outdoor activities. During

the summer, there were noticeably more people biking in the Parkway area.

West Roxbury Bikes, a neighborhood bicycle advocacy committee that works on bicycle infrastructure and safety in the West Roxbury area, mapped out a family-friendly bike map from West Roxbury to the Neponset River. The ride is mostly off road or on quiet streets. It begins at the West Roxbury Post Office, goes up Stratford Street, through Bellevue Hill, through Stony Brook Reservation, down Gordon Avenue in Hyde Park, then down River Street towards the Neponset River. Round trip, this bike ride is 8.1 miles - but the group warns the uphill route back to West Roxbury is not something to be taken lightly.

WR Bikes members also mapped a walking/hiking trail from West Roxbury to the Museum of Science in Downtown Boston. One can hike from West Roxbury to the Museum of Science almost completely in parklands. The walking trail mapped by WR Bikes members covers Allandale Woods, the Arboretum, Jamaica Pond, Olmsted Park, and the Charles River Esplanade. The trail length is 9.8 miles.

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Department study yet to be completed, they have planned on both outcomes.

"Our understanding is the city will be conducting a separate study on what that carriage road will look like in the future, but our layout will work with the existing two-lane configuration or a one-way," Peart said.

She said the the pair of buildings will have a combined parking space-to-dwelling-unit ratio of .64. The condo building will have 100 spaces for a one-to-one ratio and the rental building will have 60 spaces for a .4 space-to-dwelling unit ratio.

"That ratio of .64 has aligned really nicely with what the city's parking goals are," Peart said.

She added that the development team has committed to either participating in an already-established shuttle program for dense developments in the area or will create a separate program themselves. She said the developers will also be looking to incentivize residents not to drive and not to own a car through a legally-binding transportation access plan agreement.

Peart said each building will have separate geolocators for ride share services like Uber and Lyft. The condo building will have its drop off area in a courtyard, while the rental building will sit on the street a little further west. While she said taking up a travel lane is not ideal, it is sited in a way that drivers and pedestrians will have good line-of-sight for safety purposes, and would be a properly-designated drop off zone if the city decides to make the road one-way.

Peart also went through Howard Stein Hudson's traffic management plan, which looked at local intersections, vehicle trip generations during peak hours and increased MBTA Green Line usage during peak hours.

For vehicles, she said the building would generate 60 vehicles for the a.m. peak hour and 75 during the p.m. hour for an average increase of one vehicle per minute. She said for transit ridership increases, that would translate to 39 extra riders for the a.m. peak hour and 44 for the p.m. hour.

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Council tackles pest control, city announces use of dry ice

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met for a hearing on Sept. 23 to discuss pest control, which has become an urgent issue during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rats in the city have always been a problem, but have become more aggressive and branched out further than they have before because of a lack of food sources following a decrease in restaurant waste because of the COVID-19 responses.

District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon sponsored the hearing, as Allston has been sometimes known as “Allston Rat City,” an homage to its other nickname, “Allston Rock City.”

“It’s a very distressing situation,” she said. “I had a con-

versation with a constituent last week who had rats in his home.”

Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Commissioner Dion Irish said during the hearing that the department will soon start using dry ice again to reduce the rat population. The idea is not new, and was first used in the city in 2015 and then scrapped a year later because the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stated that dry ice is not an approved rodenticide, even though it was used at the time in such entertainment uses as fog machines and martini garnishes.

The EPA has since allowed dry ice to be used as a rodenticide, but it required the provider to have a certification for that use. This took place about a year-and-a-half ago. The only certified provider in range of

Boston is Nokia Bell Laboratories in Rockland, and since that company trademarked its Rat Ice at the time, the price went up considerably, almost three times the price of any other dry ice. Assistant Commissioner Leo Boucher said originally, they

used the ice very heavily back before it was regulated.

“At the time we started, the price to buy 50 pounds of dry ice was 25 bucks, which wasn’t a bad day,” he said. “So it became registered, and the only company that has a registration

for it – and they call it Rat Ice now, but it’s no different a chemical compound than CO2 – it’s Bell Labs. But for us to use dry ice we have to purchase labels from a pesticide company

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WFHCG holds meeting with City officials on voting, schools

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The West Fairmount Hill Community Group (WFHCG) held a comprehensive virtual meeting on Mon. Sept. 28 where City officials gave presentations on the upcoming election process and the opening of the Boston Public Schools (BPS).

City Election Commissioner Eneida Tavares gave a presentation on the success of the preliminary election in September and the upcoming election on Tues. Nov. 3.

September's election was the first time that all registered voters received a mailing with an application for a ballot. There were 91,072 residents who requested a vote by mail ballot, of which 59,200 were returned. Another 10,886 voters opted to vote early in per-

son. On Election Day, another 77,334 participated.

"The overall turnout was 35.07 percent, which was an increase of 26 percent from the 2016 state primary," Tavares said.

Because of concerns with the postal system, there is now an online portal to request a ballot. Voters can go to www.mailmyballotma.com to request a vote by mail ballot. The site www.trackmyballotma.com can track when the ballot was sent and returned.

Early voting will be expanded to 21 locations throughout the city, with another eight locations expected, she added. It will start Oct. 17 and run through Oct. 30 and be held on two full weekends. Voter registration ends Oct. 24. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by the Election

Dept. by Nov. 6 in order to be counted.

Seventeen drop boxes will be placed around the city "for an additional layer of security," according to Tavares. Polls will continue to be open.

Tammy Pust, senior advisor to the BPS superintendent, gave an update on the school reopening. Right now, remote learning has begun. About 50 percent of students have signed up to attend school remotely, while the other half will be attending in the hybrid model.

In the hybrid model, classes are split into two cohorts. Each cohort attends in-school sessions for two days a week, either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. The rest of the days, students participate remotely from home.

"We took all this time to learn what worked well and what didn't," she said, saying

staff met with parents in every neighborhood in a series of 35 community meetings from mid-May to mid-July. Three plans were filed: a return to school, a remote and a hybrid.

"Every family is different, and every family knows what's best for them," she said.

Before these issues were addressed, co-chair Marcia Kimm Jackson updated the 25 people in attendance on a number of key local issues. She recognized Marie Wilson, who has been running a community food bank out of her home with the help of a couple of volunteers.

"Working for the Boston Public Schools as a lunch mother for 21 years, I look towards it's feeding the kids," Wilson said, noting she served lunches at the neighboring Roosevelt School.

In her work, she noticed that the school lunch would most likely be the only meal some students would receive for the day.

"You don't realize who is in need," Wilson explained. "They might have those Nike sneakers on but - you know what - they might not have that dinner. It doesn't matter how you dress. You never know what's behind that door."

This inspired Wilson to create a food bank from her home at 27 Cranmore Rd. It operates on Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. While Star Market donates all of the meats and other compa-

nies contribute, she could always use donations of food and money to sustain the effort, as well as volunteers.

"I want to thank you for setting such a good example," added District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo as he spoke about the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. "The one bright spot for me is watching how neighbors have stood up for other neighbors and really come through."

He is in the process of getting an official City citation for Wilson in recognition of her efforts.

The group also will be submitting a proposal for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for the third year in a row, according to member Nathaniel Thomas.

"We initially submitted a Community Preservation Act application in 2018," he said. "We were then suggested by the City to work with DCR (the Department of Conservation and Recreation), which we did, for the supplemental application in 2019."

He added that DCR had offered \$40,000 to match the request in the proposal to the City. However, it was not funded in the second round because the City focused more on housing efforts.

Member Cathy Horn, the founder of Keep Hyde Park

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Univar up in Woburn who is the only local vendor. We have to take those labels to Rockland Dry Ice Corporation, who's the only licensed vendor for dry ice and we have to pick it up there."

Boucher said they currently have a worker on the newly-created 6 a.m. rodent shift who lives close to Woburn, now picks up those stickers and brings them to Rockland on his way in to work.

"We're going to start using it heavily again, in the public parks first," he said. "The difference between the dry ice and the poison is there's no chance of residual poisons. A dog or cat can't dig it up, it stays in the burrow systems, so it's being applied in the burrow system completely."

Boucher said the dry ice is also more effective than poison as well, after an experiment his department led on 20 burrows in a local cemetery.

"It's very effective, but now what's happened is, and I don't know how it's happened, but Bell Labs has the license for it, and we have to use those two vendors," he said. "We've set up a mechanism where we can heavily use it and set up a weekly run to Rockland to pick it up."

At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said he believes that this situation has created a monopoly on Rat Ice, which can be reflected in the price.

He said the lock down in the spring created the perfect conditions for the rodent population, in that it was their breeding season and there were fewer pest removal services in action during that time.

Boucher said the city's use of Rat Ice is coming just in time, as the rat populations have been following where the food goes.

"We've eliminated all that commercial trash they were used to eating," he said. "That commercial trash has reverted back to the neighborhoods in terms of take out, as most of you folks on this call probably reverted to take out food and things of that nature as opposed to going to the supermarket, and people are us-

ing Doordash and Uber Eats, and I know my nephew is making a fortune delivering Burger King. All of those changes resulted in trash moving from commercial areas to more heavily residential areas."

Boucher added while he has seen evidence to support reports that rats have become more aggressive since their usual commercial food sources have dried up, he emphasized that they have only become more aggressive with each other, and do not pose any serious danger to humans.

The Council voted the next day at its regular hearing to continue to work on reducing the rodent population in the city.

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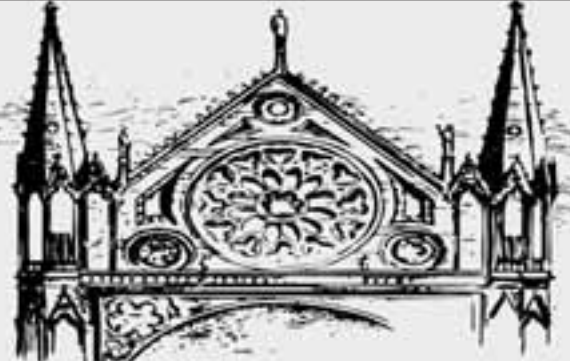
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neighbors were totally against this Burger King.”

Also, two court cases are in the process of moving forward in Suffolk Superior Court against the restaurant’s presence, although the dates are not on the docket at this time. Tonge and four neighborhood associations had filed a suit against the Boston Licensing Board and the franchisee, which they lost in August and are in the process of appealing. The second is a civil suit to close the Burger King altogether.

The group has been involved in community improvement efforts since their last meeting in December. District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo praised BFNA for working with him to get trash cans installed on River Street from Huntington Ave. to Cummins Hwy. A review will be conducted by the City within the next two weeks, he said, to figure out the best locations along that stretch.

Also, BFNA has engaged in two community cleanups on July 18 and Sept. 19 and planned to participate in the Neponset River cleanup, which occurred on Sat. Sept. 26. They are planning a third neighborhood one on Sat. Nov. 7.

“I want to thank folks on this call because I know that the cleanups have been done by residents and not the City

even though it’s City’s property, because it’s not how it should go,” Arroyo said. “The City has agreed to come out and do a cleaning of that area.”

He added that the issue of overhanging trees will be addressed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT) within a couple of days of the City’s maintenance effort. There had been an issue of which government entity owned it, but it was determined that land is the City’s responsibility, Arroyo explained to the group of about 30 participants.

“That just wouldn’t be possible, I want to make that clear, without the work that Helena did and the work of this organization,” he added.

Arroyo also announced that his office has been raising money for two local schools – the Roosevelt and the Channing – over the past couple of months. In partnership with local nonprofits, the office raised about \$3,000 to buy special education tools for the Roosevelt. They were also able to raise another \$5,000 for the Channing so the school could donate gift cards to food insecure families.

“The good news is that we’re not across the finish line yet,” he added, noting there are one or two more schools that are in the pipeline for assistance.

Arroyo also explained the proposal he co-authored for the police civilian review board with Councilor At-Large Julia Mejia and District 4 Councilor Andrea Campbell. Instead of the three-branch system proposed by the City, they created a system with one office. There will be a meeting with Mayor Marty Walsh and then

a community review process.

Tonge introduced newly-elected State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, who represents the 12th Suffolk district. She thanked those who voted for her as well as Jovan Lacet, who was present and ran against her.

“Looking at the impact on COVID-19 on our community both in terms of economics and also on our healthcare and education systems ... especially since there are studies that have shown that we will be living like this up until the middle of next year if not the end of next year is something that I am most committed to,” she said.

In association news, communications co-chair Weddee Henry announced the creation of a newsletter and a revamped Facebook page that was launched this week.

On Oct. 10, the group is going on an apple picking trip. In December, Tim Fitzgerald, the youth committee chair, will be serving as Santa and delivering candygrams throughout the neighborhood.

Fitzgerald also works with a group called Youth Police in Partnership. He would like to do a Zoom with local police to continue to strengthen a bond with young people and the local departments in the near future.

The group discussed the possibility of purchasing a vacant City-owned lot at the intersection of Belnel and Poydras Sts. The cost would be \$100 for 5,625 square feet. The idea was to involve residents, the neighboring Match Charter School students and possibly Boston Preparatory Charter School students in a community gardening venture. Benches, trees and community meeting space were suggested.

Obituary Policy

The Bulletin Newspapers and The Boston People’s Voice publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@bulletinnewspapers.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

Deaths

FRIEL



Marjorie A. (Keefe) of Medfield and Osterville, formerly of Needham and West Roxbury, September 21, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Thomas F. Friel. Loving mother of Kathleen M. O'Neil and her husband Daniel R. of Medfield, Elizabeth A. Dulkis and her husband Michael S. of Medfield, Thomas D. Friel and his wife Nicole J. of North Andover, and Daniel E. Friel and his wife Julie Bowers of Needham. Grandmother of Colin, Madison, Mat-

thew, Katherine, Abigail, and Brandon. Sister of Paul Keefe formerly of Needham, Nancy D'Ercole of Needham, and the late Donald Keefe, Philip Keefe, and Joan Reardon. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Marjorie was an active member of St. Bartholomew's Church and St. Edward's Church. She enjoyed gardening, reading, traveling with her husband, and spending time on Cape Cod with her family. A private visitation was held for immediate family only. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Marjorie's memory to the Alzheimers Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Arrangements by George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home.

MAVROPOULOS

Michael G. of Roslindale, formerly of Somerville, passed away on September 25th, at the age of 88. Beloved companion of Dorothy Maguire. Devoted son of the late George and Sofia Mavropoulos. Adored brother of the late Nicholas Mavropoulos

and his wife Santa of Somerville. Loving uncle of George of Haverhill, Steven and his wife Sheila of Reading and Michael of Somerville. Also survived by a grandniece and many grand-nephews. Mike graduated from Somerville High School, class of 1950. He was an outstanding Somerville high school athlete. From there he went on to Boston University in 1950, where he became a four year starter playing football for the terriers, having a stellar collegiate experience. Upon graduating from B.U. in 1954, Mike went on to serve 2 years in the U.S. Army. He then started his 40 year career working for Rex Lumber Co. Funeral from the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 29 Central St., Somerville, MA 02143. Funeral Arrangements under the direction of Cota Funeral Home in NORTH READ-I N G .
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Around the Neighborhood

BEACON HILL ART WALK RETURNS

The Beacon Hill Art Walk is moving to the fall with a special online format. For health and safety reasons the event cannot be held in person, so artists have gathered some of their favorite works from the past year for a two-day art sale. The event will take place Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 at <http://beaconhillartwalk.com/>. The website will go live Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 AM. Each of the artists selected to participate in this year's event will submit 20 pieces of work to the sale. There will be a wide selection of one-of-a-kind works from painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelry makers, illustrators and more. "These artists really need our support right now," said Jen Matson, a Beacon Hill Art Walk Organizer. "COVID has had a profound effect on Boston area artists. Not just in terms of lost revenue, but many have struggled to remain inspired and creative in a time of isolation." The Beacon Hill Art Walk normally takes place on the first Sunday of June throughout the nooks and crannies of Beacon Hill's North Slope.

Residents open up their private gardens, alleyways, and courtyards and allow artists to display and sell their artwork. It is a chance for visitors to tour the private spaces of Beacon Hill while viewing original, handmade artwork. Thousands of people attend each year. It is a free popular event in the neighborhood, with a festive atmosphere and volunteer musicians playing in various gardens throughout the day. Around 100 artists usually participate, with a variety of styles, media, and subject matter. Visitors enjoy a unique atmosphere boasting bursts of colors at the back-

ground sound of live classical, klezmer, and folk music playing in various gardens throughout the day. Organizers hope to welcome everyone back to Beacon Hill in the summer of 2021. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Boston Cultural Council, a local agency which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts + Culture. The Beacon Hill Art Walk will take place Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 at <http://beaconhillartwalk.com/>.

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FRANKLIN PARK ZOO ADDS ADDITIONAL NIGHTS & TIME SLOTS TO DAZZLE AND DELIGHT

Resulting from the popularity of Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience at Franklin Park Zoo, Zoo New England has added 18 additional nights & new time

slots to give more guests the opportunity to see the majestic lanterns this fall. Starting September 21, Boston Lights, presented by National Grid, will be open nightly (including Monday - Wednesday, in addition to the current schedule of Thursday - Sunday) through November 1.

Additionally, beginning October 1, Franklin Park Zoo will open Boston Lights an hour earlier at 5:00 p.m., and has added two additional time slots (5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) for tickets each night from October 1 through November 1. For the full schedule as well as ticket prices, visit www.zoonewengland.org.

Spanning the 72 acres of Franklin Park Zoo, Boston Lights initially debuted on August 21, and is impressing visitors of all ages with more than 50 large scale displays comprised of hundreds of colorful lanterns. Featuring stunning, dramatic entrance arches, a walk-through 66-foot-long shark tunnel, a 26-foot-tall giant panda, a 197-foot-long dragon, whimsical ocean scenes, vibrant flowers, traditional Asian lantern scenes and much more, the whole experience has been dazzling and delighting audiences since it opened. Boston Lights also shines a light on the importance of conserving the incredible biodiversity on our planet. From snow leopards to Panamanian golden frogs to the local Blanding's turtles, each species plays a role in healthy ecosystems.

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Jean Daniel Souffrant vs. Henriuse Michaud

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Jean Daniel Souffrant, 76 Central Ave. Apt. 1, Hyde Park, MA 02136** your answer, if any, on or before **11/24/2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
September 8, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU20P1276EA**

Estate of: Gloria Marie Terranova Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
Date of Death: 07/18/2018 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Nancy C. Allen of Boston, 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:
Nancy C. Allen of Boston, 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: September 11, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 10/01/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU20P1686EA**

Estate of: Richard Michael Ward Sr. Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
Date of Death: 12/31/2015 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Richard M. Ward, Jr. of North Weymouth, 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:
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Estate of: Gracelynn Donna Means Suffolk Probate and Family Court
Also Know As: Donna Lynn Means-Bias 24 New Chardon Street
Date of Death: 07/16/2015 Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

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A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Debra L. Bias of Hyde Park, 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:
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 11, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU20P1621EA**

Estate of: Adelle Fontes Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
Date of Death: 1/31/2020 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Monique L Townsend of Hemet, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Monique L Townsend of Hemet, CA 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 **10/27/2020**. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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: September 15, 2020
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of the lanterns are illuminated with energy saving LED lights. The same health and safety measures in place for a daytime visit to the zoo are also in place for Boston Lights. These measures include advance online and timed ticketing for a designated day and time, guest capacity limits, one-way paths to control guest flow, clearly designated 6-foot distance markers, enhanced cleaning protocols, and more hand sanitizer stations throughout the zoo. In accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, visitors (over age 2) to the zoo are required to wear face coverings. Zoo New England has partnered with Tianyu Arts and Culture to bring this experience to Franklin Park Zoo.
Goddard House Events

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Parkinson's Classroom Support Group
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Beautiful (KHPB), announced there will be a neighborhood cleanup on Sat. Oct. 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the corner of Wakefield and Badger Rd. and clean the area around Moynihan Park, Washington St., Wakefield Ave. and Truman Prkwy.

Kimm Jackson also spoke about the recently formed community advisory board, which was created to work with the City around future development efforts. On Oct. 13, there will be a racial justice forum to discuss what Hyde Park would look like as a racially equitable community.



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