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Passengers boarding Bus 16 on their way across town to Andrew Square in South Boston.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

## Better Bus program explained

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

One of the biggest criticisms by many opponents of the proposed Arborway bus garage is that it will be designed for 200 electric buses, which many think is excessive.

At the virtual Nov. 20 Jamaica Plain Housing Arborway subcommittee meeting, five MBTA senior staff, including two from communications, came by to explain that the Better Bus Program is the reason why. The MBTA is planning to implement the plan in 2029, the same year as the predicted completion of the Arborway bus garage.

Melissa Dullea, senior director of service planning, gave a presentation of the Better Bus Program which, for many, was the first time in two years of garage meetings that a rationale was given to explain the 200 busses.

"It's an improved bus network redesign for the whole city," Dullea said, "more and better connections within the city; more service and more drivers. Every 15 minutes in more high frequency routes, every 15 minutes to Brookline Village, The Longwood Medical Area (LMA) that is now underserved. Multiple new bus connections will be added such as the number 22 and 28 buses," Dullea said, "an expansion of the 28 bus to LMA.

"The size of the bus fleet and more articulated [60-foot] buses will also be expanded. This will require more garage capacity than we have at Cabot Street and Albany Street [bus garages]. Cabot is an old garage," she said.

It also serves red line rapid transit cars.

"We're not going to find 10 acres in downtown Boston," Dullea said. "Modernization of the bus fleet [means] we can't

fit as many buses. There are significant space constraints.

"Out of the Arborway garage four main bus routes, the number 39, 31, 32 and 16 will have 15 percent increased service, with more mid-day, evening and weekend service," Dullea said.

The number 39 serves the LMA and Copley Square; the 32 is one of the busiest routes down Hyde Park Ave, serving Cleary Square; the 16 goes to Andrew square and UMass Boston and the 31 goes to Uphams Corner and Andrew Square.

"The aim is to add 750 more operators with an increase in 25 percent better service," Dullea said. "The number 16 and number 31 would be higher frequency to Roxbury."

Dullea estimated that 40,000 more riders will have faster and more frequent ser-

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BWSC CFO Luciano Petruzzello explains the proposed stormwater charge at the Dec. 4 meeting.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MACDONALD

## BWSC outlines proposed stormwater fee Public hearing on Dec. 12

**Matthew MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Monday evening, Dec. 4, Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) representatives were to update an audience of about 30, at the Hyde Park Municipal Building/BCYF Center, regarding a proposed change to its billing system.

If approved by its Board of Commissioners at its Dec. 21 meeting, the BWSC will add a stormwater line item to the water and sewer service charges that are currently listed on its standard monthly bill. This change would go into effect on April 1, 2024.

As Chief Financial Officer Luciano Petruzzello explained it, the new charge – rather than being a straight fee increase – would reflect the separation of stormwater service from the sewer service it now falls under, and would result in a reduced sewer charge.

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## RFC delivers for Friday After

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

Hunger does not take a holiday, and neither do the dedicated volunteers of the Roslindale Food Collective. With the help of dozens of volunteers, the Roslindale Food Collective (RFC) packed and distributed over 180 boxes of food to the community for their "Friday After" program on Nov. 24. In a span of three-and-a-half hours, over 4,000 pounds of food was sorted, packed and delivered in Jamaica Plain. No IDs were required to pick up a box.

Over 45 volunteers from Food Rescue US Boston (FRUS), RFC, the local community, and the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp. (JPNDC) worked together to box and distribute 180 boxes of food. The surplus food also filled up three community fridges - in JP, Allston/Brighton, and Brookline. The E-13 Police in JP aided with the traffic from people picking up the boxes, and a few extra boxes at the end of the event were given to the police officers helping.

"The Friday After event really showcases the power of

community, the quality and diversity of recovered food, and sharing of resources at a time of year that is stressful and expensive for so many of our neighbors," explained Site Director for FRUS Charlie Burns.

"I could not have hoped for a more successful event. Pulling together to make this happen was simply beautiful. We can't forget Charlie Burns - who planned, coordinated and organized for months, and the FRUS Volunteers who work behind-the-scenes the day before

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Dozens of volunteers boxed up and delivered 180 boxes of food to the JP neighborhood recently.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LEAH ARTEGA

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fore Thanksgiving as well as the entire day after Thanksgiving, this truly made this event a tremendous success," said RFC leader and Roslindale resident Leah Arteaga.

The RFC food distribution was part of the third annual collaboration with the Neighborhood Food Action Collaborative (NFAC) and FRUS. The "Friday After" event, which takes place the Friday after Thanksgiving, helps reduce food waste and provides free groceries to Boston communities. Through FRUS, dedicated volunteers actively collect surplus food or items nearing their expiration date yet still fit for consumption. The food comes from nearby grocery stores/businesses and is donated to agencies committed to addressing the needs of individuals and families grappling with food insecurity.

Whole Foods, Wegmans,

Stop and Shop, Panera Bread, Trader Joe's, Amazon, and Tatte Bakery are some of the many grocers/businesses that donate their excess food through FRUS. After Thanksgiving, many grocery stores have dozens of boxes of excess bread, turkeys, mashed potatoes, pies and other holiday meal staples that would be thrown out if not for the hard work of the FRUS volunteers.

In addition to the RFC, three other local food distribution groups that are a part of NFAC - Hyde Park Pop Up (HPPU), Mattapan Food Program, and Food Access Volunteers of Roslindale (FAVOR) - also took part in the Friday After event, distributing boxes of free groceries in Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Mattapan. In total, these four NFAC groups rescued 15,000 pounds of food and distributed nearly 600 boxes the Friday after Thanksgiving.

"We at Food Rescue US are incredibly grateful for the local businesses that donated food, the spaces that hosted our dis-

tribution sites, and our partner rescue organizations who lent us their donations for the day. Of course, we could not have done it without the over 20 food rescuers who picked up food for the programs," remarked Burns. "We are especially grateful to the Neighborhood Food Action Collaborative - their dedicated program leaders and volunteers worked hard to deliver food to the community on what is traditionally a day of rest for everyone. We're proud to be partnered with them in our effort to alleviate food insecurity and reduce senseless waste of precious resources." FRUS - Boston has recently been selected as a lighting partner for the Prudential Center's 31 Nights of Light. The Prudential Center in Boston will be lit up orange on Saturday, Dec. 9, in honor of FRUS's food recovery work and efforts.

For more information about the RFC and their upcoming free food distributions, visit [www.facebook.com/rosifoodcollective](http://www.facebook.com/rosifoodcollective).



The Queer Neighborhood Council recently held its first artist market in Allston on Sunday.

PHOTO BY EMMA STOUT

## TQNC hosts first Artist Market

Emma Stout  
Staff Reporter

The Queer Neighborhood Council (TQNC), a recently established group that fosters civic engagement and nurtures queer community throughout Boston, hosted its inaugural artist market on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Allston's Fields West restaurant. The night featured 19 vendors offering everything from jewelry and candles to 2D art and poetry books.

This market's success reflects the speed of TQNC's achievements since its inception in July. Co-founders Jack Imbergamo and Matthew Broude said they just met this past May, and added they connected originally over a mutual understanding of the need for a more cohesive LGBTQIA+ neighborhood network, and have been trying to make it happen.

"Getting together with Matthew, we realized the need - especially in civic spaces - to feel like you can go somewhere and advocate for yourself and to feel safe not just in the month of June," said Imbergamo. "We had originally planned on having the neighborhood council be in the downtown area, but in our inaugural meeting in July we had 12 different Boston neighborhoods represented, so we felt like there was a need [to expand]."

Imbergamo added that they felt that representation was not happening in the outlying city neighborhoods.

"Obviously, if downtown neighborhoods don't have these queer resources, then it makes sense that other neighborhoods don't either," he added.

TQNC has hosted myriad events all across Boston, from roundtables to community connection events and socials. "We've

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# TQNC Market

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been to Jamaica Plain, Allston, Roslindale, Dorchester, Brighton,” said Imbergamo, “and we try to get feedback— ‘What do you need? What’s missing? What can we help you get access to?’”

The market provided an opportunity not only for artists to sell their pieces, but also to meet and encourage peer community members. Vendors and attendants could buy drinks, engage in meaningful conversations, and support local queer artists.

A vendor who went by the name Red – whose art can be found @gingersnaps\_studio on Instagram – said it was their first time showcasing work at an art market.

“I’ve done crochet for a long time. I was taught it by my two grandmothers as a kid, and I picked it back up during the pandemic. But this is going to be my first craft market ever. I am super, super excited to be here. We’ve got a great turn out and people seem really excited about it,” said Red.

Many vendors showcased pieces that accented LGBTQIA+ pride, such as pronoun earrings (@calciumandlavendar) and screen-printed pride bags (@leedrawspics).

While many of the market’s attendants were new to TQNC, the council has so far been able to rely on a preexisting network of people who already had an interest in being engaged.

“This is a lot of work,” said Broude. “I’m not underselling how much time we’ve put into it. But at some point, what we’ve learned in the past six months is

that you can just do this. We were basically just like, ‘what if we had these meetings and got people together to discuss this?’”

“And it’s come together pretty fast,” said Broude. “There’s just this huge network of people who had this interest in being engaged, and we’re just give them the opportunity to do that in lots of different formats. The engagement on the other side is something we can’t control, but there’s this vacuum – a ton of interesting groups are doing amazing stuff, but many of them are disconnected. We’re just trying to plug holes between the neighborhoods. It’s already there, we’re just solidifying a network.”

“For me, as someone who’s trans, I’m usually the only trans person in any space I occupy, and I don’t feel safe ever,” added Imbergamo. “These events have saved my life; they’ve made me feel so much less isolated and so much less alone.”

TQNC’s events, such as the artist market, have enabled the queer community across Boston to connect in person, share resources, and partake in civic engagement. As is written on their website, “Yes, sometimes that’s queer-specific issues – but it’s also our kids’ education, the upkeep of our sidewalks, construction disruptions, and rats... When you’re queer, every neighborhood issue is a queer issue.”

Next week, on Wednesday, Dec. 13, the council is hosting a Queer Community Connection meeting in Dorchester. To learn more about TQNC and their upcoming events, you can visit [tqnc.org](http://tqnc.org).

# Kettle Campaign needs help

Jeff Sullivan

Staff Reporter

A West Roxbury mainstay is back on its feet and needs your help this holiday season.

The West Roxbury Kettle Campaign, run now by Jim Hennigan and the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association (WRBPA), took three years off because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hennigan said this year felt like the time to finally bring it back and help raise money for the Salvation Army.

“This will actually be our 20th year,” he said.

Hennigan said they will need the help of residents to fill the schedule and he is confident the community will help out.

“Since we haven’t done it in several years, in some ways it’s been like starting over,” he said. “But this is a community thing. People who have already signed up to do it include the West Roxbury Roslindale Kiwanis, the Parkway Rotary, the Parkway YMCA, and more. It’s a lot of community-involved people who I reach out to and they get their organizations into it.”

Hennigan said they are still looking for volunteers to fill some slots. He said the work isn’t too bad, and since it’s only an hour shift it’s not too much of a time commitment.

“People come, they ring for an hour and are replaced by other volunteers,” he said. “Some people sign up for more than one spot while others only sign up for one. Whatever people can do throughout the season is a great help.”

The bell ringing started on Monday and residents Steve Morris and Doug McClure said the real joy of it is getting to see friends and neighbors and other folks you might not have seen in a while.

“Obviously it’s a great cause, and we love it because we run into so many people,” said Morris.

“And we get to mess with friends too,” McClure said with a laugh.

“We really have a blast,” Morris said. “At first you’re like, ‘Oh man, we have to do this for an hour?’ and the next thing you know, the hour’s gone.”

Helen Hennigan, Jim Hennigan’s sister, said she had one overriding reason for coming to “volunteer” on Monday.

“My brother!” said with a laugh and added she was only kidding. “We’ve done this for a long time, and it’s honestly really fun. You get to see people you haven’t seen in a long while. You’re doing a good thing and you’re socializing also.”

And then, just like that, former District 6 Boston City Councilor Matt O’Malley walked by. It’s true; you really do get to see everybody on the bell circuit.


Hennigan said it all started when he was at home watching the news and saw a spot explaining the Salvation Army was having a tough time getting volunteers.

“And I thought, you know, in a community like West Roxbury, we’d be able to get volunteers in no time,” he said. “The next day, I called up the Salvation Army.”

Hennigan said the rest is history. He said the Salvation Army Captain he spoke to asked which day Hennigan would like to do.

“I said, ‘We’ll do them all,’” he said. “I said, ‘We’ll do every day from now until Christmas Eve.’ And they were quite surprised and happy with that and they came out and we go the ball rolling. And it really came down to the same thing I’m doing now, which is making a ton of phone calls, calling people up and asking, ‘Can you do an hour?’”

If you’re interested in volunteering, reach out to Hennigan at his office either by email at [jim@henniganinsurance.com](mailto:jim@henniganinsurance.com) or by phone at 617-327-9200.



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# Letters to the Editor

## CIVILITY SHOULD BE THE ORDER

To the Editor:

It is the holiday season so let's practice civility. I understand people have strong opinions on the reconfiguration of Centre Street. The civility I am calling for is regarding people expressing their opinions on it on the West Roxbury Facebook site, 'West Roxbury Connect'. Maybe a new way to achieve sainthood is to be an administrator of a Facebook page.

It is fine for people to express different views on the reconfiguration, but it should be done politely. I read a post in support of it by one person and the comment referring to it was 'Shut Up'.

Another post had an attached comment asking how long have they lived in West Roxbury. Personally, I really dislike it when that comment is made at neighborhood meetings.

I have read unfair characterizations of Mayor Wu and the West Roxbury Liaison of Neighborhood Services, Dan Hudson. Again, feel free to disagree but a line is crossed when the comments and posts are mean spirited and personal.

It is far too soon to know if this reconfiguration is going to succeed or not. What is needed from the City of Boston is follow up in the months ahead. Are cars speeding less? Has there been an increase of cars on side streets? These are just two examples of necessary follow up.

In the meantime people need to take a deep breath and practice civility.

Stephen Smith  
West Roxbury

## TO WHOM IS WU LISTENING?

To the Editor:

Last month, Ben Weber, Mayor Wu's hand-picked contestant, won the District 6 City Councilor seat. Last week, Mayor Wu finished the installation of the Centre Street Road Diet against the wishes of the large majority of West Roxbury residents. Mayor Wu had refused to listen to our Community and conducted in the summer only one sham meeting (open to non-residents) and 3 sham drop-in sessions. She is not deaf. Mayor Wu has also installed these unsafe and polluting Road Diets in Jamaica Plain against the wishes of those District 6 residents. She is not deaf.

For 2 years, a coalition of City residents has asked Mayor Wu for a meeting to discuss the unfairness of zip code criteria placed on student applicants to our 3 exam schools. This anti-West Roxbury rule has been effective- very few of our children have since been admitted. Mayor Wu refuses to hold this meeting time after time.

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# A tale of two Christmases

It was the best of [Christmases] times, it was the worst of [Christmas] times. . . - Charles Dickens, "Tale of Two Cities"

I wrote this piece exactly 10 years ago this month. It bears repeating for four reasons: it's seasonal; it's about uncommon valor; it's about opposites uniting for a good cause; it's about the uncommon valor of the young military, thousands of whom will be in Foxboro this weekend for the Army-Navy game.

The story was told to me by a friend who offered to travel from Jamaica Plain to chauffeur an old Navy man from Concord to Logan at a very, very early hour. It reveals the valorous exploits of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Thomas Hudner, who died six years ago, and Naval Aviator Jesse Brown from rural Mississippi, who died 73 years ago.

When hordes of Chinese infantry poured across the Yalu River in 1950 to fight for the North Koreans, they boxed our Marines in the sub-freezing cold with inadequate winter clothing. The leathernecks dug in around the Frozen Chosin Reservoir, with the few survivors in later years being labeled the "Chosin Few."

Hudner and 5 other Navy pilots were dispatched to fly over the nearby Jangjin Reservoir in North Korea, not unlike dozens of missions in prior months. They were part of the Navy's elite Fighter Squadron 32.

Hudner's wingman on December 4 was Jesse Brown. Both in their twenties, the two could not have been more different. The former was a New Englander who as a graduate of prep school had been invited to Harvard University. Brown, the son of a Mississippi sharecropper, broke the Navy's racial barrier for pilots, just months after President Truman had ordered



Korean War veterans Jesse Brown, left, and Thomas Hudner, right.

COURTESY PHOTO

the desegregation of the Armed Forces in 1948.

Navy life was not easy for Brown, but the 32nd protected him any way they could. They valued his consideration of others and dedication to flying.

In the late afternoon of that winter day—six months after the first American casualty there, which would eventually total more than 30,000—Brown's plane was hit by ground fire, forcing him down behind enemy lines. When Hudner saw Brown waving for help from his smoking, crumpled cockpit, Lieutenant Hudner made a quick decision: he couldn't leave behind his colleague trapped in a burning plane.

Among high winds and snowcapped rocks, Hudner crash-landed his own plane nearby. As fire engulfed Brown's plane more and more—and still under the threat of ground assault—he tried to pack the flaming fuselage with snow. Burning his hands in the process, he pulled his own cap over Brown's head. With the injured pilot bleeding heavily and still trapped in the cockpit, Hudner radioed for help.

A Marine helicopter ar-

rived but its lone pilot and Hudner, working together, could not extricate Brown from the wreckage. His leg was crushed and his body temperature was dropping steadily in the subzero conditions.

A decision had to be made about staying or leaving before the enemy infantry advanced. Before Brown lost consciousness, he whispered to his lieutenant to tell his wife in Hattiesburg that he loved her.

Hudner and the helo pilot reluctantly left. Brown is believed to have died soon thereafter. The next day American planes napalmed the wreckage to prevent the North Koreans/Chinese from accessing the two planes and from desecrating the body of an airman who would posthumously receive the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Three weeks later Christmas was celebrated in Massachusetts by relatives grateful that their native son had survived a close call. That same Christmas a widow and her infant son in south central Mississippi were still reeling over the loss of their beloved Jesse in spite of Hudner's valiant attempts to rescue him.

Mayor Michelle Wu

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# HPBOT gets update on The Pryde, project close to completion

**Matthew MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Board of Trade (HPBOT) gathered for its monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 28. It was held at the recently opened Boston Restaurant Bar & Grill (1263-1269 River St.) and drew approximately 25 owners and representatives from a range of neighborhood businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations.

Gretchen Van Ness – Executive Director of LGBTQ Senior Housing, Inc. – was the guest speaker, and the Hyde Park resident’s presentation focused on The Pryde: a redevelopment project that will provide 74 affordable apartments, as well as an environment friendly to the senior LGBTQ community, and to the neighborhood.

The project – the construction of which has been ongoing since mid-2022 – is a primarily internal overhaul of the former William Barton Rogers Middle School (15 Everett St.), a local and historical landmark dating back to 1902.

As Van Ness described it, its classrooms have been refitted as apartments, while retaining their essence. “Everywhere that they could, they have taken the blackboards off of the classroom walls, and they’ve put them back up now with some restoration and new trim, and stuff like that,” she said of the work being done. “Everything about this building echoes the fact that it was a school

for so long, and preserves the history.”

As part of the transformation, there will be elevators in the building and external work done to make the site ADA accessible. The former gym is also being converted to a public community center, with additional space to be reserved as a permanent base of operations for the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, a ceremonial unit of the National Guard that honors the African-American regiment that trained in Readville, saw much action in the Civil War, and achieved lasting fame with the 1884 memorial across Beacon Street from the State House and the 1989 Academy Award winning film Glory.

Throughout her talk, Van Ness returned to The Pryde’s driving motivation: to provide a welcoming environment to senior members of the LGBTQ community. Stating at one point that there are only a couple of other LGBTQ friendly apartment communities in the country, she went further. “We hear from people all over the country who are forced back into the closet as they’re aging, who are harassed as long as they’re gay and lesbian and members of our community.” Many, if not all, in the room were also aware of the fact that the site’s project signs had been vandalized with anti-LGBTQ graffiti shortly after the groundbreaking ceremony that was held last June. The case remains unsolved.

The City’s housing lottery for The Pryde will open in January,

and residents meeting the age and income requirements are eligible. Van Ness stressed LGBTQ Senior Housing’s involvement, and that it is searching for temporary office space to “bring people in, get their applications done, and have all of that happening as we move into the lottery.”

She estimated that move-ins may possibly begin in April or May of the coming year.

For anyone interested in LGBTQ Senior Housing or applying for an apartment in The Pryde, visit [www.lgbtqseniorhousing.org](http://www.lgbtqseniorhousing.org) or contact the Mayor’s Office of Housing.

In other Board of Trade business:

Joe Okafor, representing the Youth Engagement Committee of the Community Input Board of Hyde Park, announced the first annual Hyde Park Road Race for Youth and Family Wellness. The 5K run/walk is scheduled to go off at 9 a.m. on April 21, 2024. To volunteer, visit [bit.ly/volunteerhpr](http://bit.ly/volunteerhpr) and fill out the online application.

Finally, if you are out and about in downtown Hyde Park this Friday night, you may see (or hear) a mob of people (some of whom may be wearing “ugly” sweaters) making their way – establishment by establishment – from Logan Square to Cleary Square and sporadically bursting into joyful and familiar song, most likely not too far from the bar.

If you do, you will have experienced the Carol Crawl. Kicked

off 10 years ago by HPBOT Acting President Scott Batey, he explained its underlying goal. “It’s supposed to be about having a good time and celebrating the holidays, but also getting people to go out in the Square.” Noting the common complaint that there isn’t

anything happening downtown, he went on. “The event really tries to promote the businesses... and bring out the community to actually celebrate what we have here in Cleary/Logan Square.”

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department**  
**Docket No. SU22C0588CA**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**                      **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
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 617-788-8300

**In the Matter of:** Andrew James Gavin Quigley

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Andrew James Gavin Quigley of Brighton, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Andrew Gerard Quigley**

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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 12/14/2023. 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: November 16, 2023  
 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**                      **Docket No. SU23P2591EA**

**Estate of:** Maria R. Tenaglia                      **Suffolk Division**  
**Date of Death:** August 09, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Petitioner Anna Tenaglia of Newbury, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Anna Tenaglia of Newbury, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**                      **Docket No. SU23P2620EA**

**Estate of:** Gerald J. O’Neill                      **Suffolk Division**  
**Date of Death:** October 7, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Petitioner: Mary J. O’Neill of Gwynn Oak, MD** **Paul J. Casey of Hingham, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/07/2023*

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**LAND COURT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
**Docket No.23 SM 004456**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**  
**TO: Marie R. La Roche;Whitney Verdieu La Roche**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): **Mortgage Assets Management, LLC** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Hyde Park (Boston), numbered 957 River Street, given by Verdieu L. La Roche and Marie R. La Roche to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated October 26, 2009, and registered at Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 771294 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 139293, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant/s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 01/15/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

**Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 11/30/2023**  
 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

*Hyde Park Bulletin: 12/07/23*

vice and improved weekend and Sunday service.

Council member and Asticou Road resident Bernie Doherty asked how the increase in buses would impact Forest Hills Station.

“We have not looked at the individual stations,” Dullea said. “Not sure. Not necessarily projected on the Arborway yard. There is no assignment of routes to separate garages. This is separate from the Arborway garage construction. I will be back to you with more cogent answers.”

Dullea said there would be additional travel lines to West Roxbury.

One caller said that the Faulkner Hospital is badly served by the number 38 bus to West Roxbury.

“We’re looking at the number 38,” Dullea said, “looking at the underlying travel pattern. Are we missing routes where people want to travel?”

Part of the Better Bus plan is bus stops and Dullea said the rule of thumb is seven stops every 800 to 1,200 feet or seven-to-10 stops every 500 to 800 feet.

“We’re trying to find the

right balance for reasonable walking distance,” Dullea said. “We’re thinking about stop spacing.” She added that Boston street improvements impact stop spacing.

As reported at the Nov. 28 neighborhood council, on Oct 26 the Boston Transportation Department reviewed its Bus 39 route improvements that centered mainly on sidewalk improvements, additional bus shelters and traffic light timing realignments that prioritize buses.

In an email to the subcommittee chair the next day, Dullea said she would like to return for future updates on the Better Bus program.

Alexandra Markiewicz, manager of bus facility modernization, put the Better Bus program into context.

“It’s a matter of equity,” she said, “one project at a time. Facilities take a long time to design and plan. We have to choose which projects get electrified first. We can electrify these routes sooner.

“This is a structure [the Arborway garage] to build more growing room. Don’t build the size just for today. This is a ser-

vice expansion.”

Markiewicz said there were no updates from the Oct. 24 meeting.

“We heard you vocal, loud and clear the direction you wanted,” she said.

The design firm Jacobs Engineering is completing the 15 percent design drawings and another design firm, which Markiewicz couldn’t name yet, will take the plans to 50-75 percent and 100 percent.

“Our goals we looked at,” she said, “are specific space requirements and operations needs and we’re confident this is a feasible concept.”

The targeted completion date is 2029, Markiewicz said, thirty nine months to build. The Arborway subcommittee took some time to discuss the presentation but could not reach a consensus to approve or oppose, leaving it open until the December meeting.

Gert Thorn seemed unhappy. “The city sold us out. The state sold us out. We ain’t got friends here.”

Sue Cibulsky had another point of view. “I’ve not heard spoken another perspective,” she said. “These are benefits to us, to our low-income communities by adding more bus service. This is not a burden. We can all ride these buses.”

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She is not deaf.

Mayor Wu is now in the process of moving the Mass-And-Cass horror to the Shattuck Hospital in our District. She is doing this despite (or, in spite of) a large pushback from our District. She is not deaf.

She is not deaf, but to whom is she listening? If a hearing problem isn’t the issue, who is she representing? She has shown that she doesn’t care about our Community. Her coldness borders on hostility.

Now, the big question is “What will Councilor-Elect Ben Weber do?” Mayor Wu endorsed him. What does he owe her? Does his debt have limits or will he do the right thing and represent our Community? The City Council is supposed to act as a check and balance to the Mayor. Will he do that?



One of his first votes on the Council in January will be to vote for Council President. Wu is backing Ruthzee Louijeune. A better check to Wu’s power would be Erin Murphy.

Contact Mr. Weber now through January and ask him to do the right thing.  
[info@weberforboston.com](mailto:info@weberforboston.com)

At Large Councilors Julie Meija and Councilor Elect Henry Santana (also endorsed by Wu) need to hear from you too.

*Stephen Morris  
West Roxbury*

## STOP RUSHING RE-ZONING: SQUARES AND STREETS

*To the Editor:*

A loud and clear call for the BPDA to pause on Squares and Streets is emanating from neighborhoods across the city. Specifically, nearly 120 Boston residents representing 20 organizations and 17 neighborhoods signed a letter to Chief Jemison of the BPDA. All of

the neighborhoods covered by the Bulletin are represented.

Our neighbors assert that the BPDA is rushing Squares and Streets without meaningful community engagement. “Pop-ups” and office hours have yielded little concrete information to inform us. Moreover, these strategies fall short of engaging our neighbors who will be impacted. Neighbors who work during the BPDA-chosen hours, neighbors who do not mine social media for opportunities to have input, and the like, are not able to attend the BPDA meetings.

Important questions need to be answered as stated below. Here in Roslindale, gentrification is likely the most serious concern as we see our legacy and diverse businesses threatened. We must be vigilant to assure that the Squares and Streets and other zoning initiatives protect our businesses and residents from displacement. Mandates for stabilization must be concrete and clear.

We must assure that the BPDA and BTM understand that no single organization speaks for Roslindale or for Roslindale businesses. As such, the BPDA and BTM must solicit meaningful input from all those who will be most impacted by any new zoning.

*Laurie Radwin  
Coordinator, Roslindale  
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# Holiday market a hit

**Susan Kryczka**  
Staff Reporter

Despite some brief showers, the Third Annual West Roxbury Main Streets Holiday Market on Dec. 1 at the Hastings Street parking lot brought out a good crowd, drawn in by the holiday lights, bright gas torches, craft booths, music, free hot beverages and, of course, an appearance by Santa.

"This is a way to support the local community. It's just a beautiful thing to see...Santa's here. You couldn't ask for anything more," remarked Karleen Porcena as she offered hot chocolate to passersby, compliments of Donna's Cakes. The booth manned by the boy Scouts had free hot cider and holiday wreaths for sale.

A variety of uniquely created items were available throughout the market for those looking for a special holiday gift. Donna's Cakes displayed an array of cakes, cupcakes, cookies, chocolate hot cocoa "bombs," gingerbread cookie kits, brownies, and candy. Asked about a favorite, Elise Roberts said "Our buttercream cupcakes."

Sarah Loftus' booth offered a range of her landscapes and flower prints. "I do prints, illustrations, pen and marker,"

said Loftus. "My first market was in Jamaica Plain which was a great market for me. There were a lot of people there who really resonate with my art." Loftus says that markets offer buyers many options when it comes to art.

Trish Elliott of SewGood exhibited her handmade gnomes and pillows made entirely from recycled textiles. "I buy old textiles; people give them to me because they know I do this. This is sleeve of a sweater," she said pointing to one of her gnomes. "Something like this was made from an old drape," pointing to a pillow. She says that many people buy

these as good gifts for a Yankee Swap.

Scott Macintosh of Two Cats Designs creates various cat theme items including all-natural catnip, tote bags, and t-shirts. Inspired by his own cats and years of making t-shirts, he wanted to experiment. "I started to do some designs with the cats, and people liked it." Macintosh also offers non-cat shirts including images of stamps, sound waveforms, and quirky sayings. A previous satisfied customer stopped by to examine Macintosh's catnip packs and said, "Our cats love them. They went nutty."

Some potential buyers

strolled the market without any specific gift in mind though interested in what the market had to offer. "Nothing in particular, but our eyes are open," said Amanda Wein, saying that she and her husband Peter hadn't started their holiday shopping yet. "We came to this one last year. We try to go to a lot of the local events to see if we can support buying local."

Another couple, Greta and Riley, along with their baby Roxy, were surveying the entire market as their decision to attend was more about going out than shopping. "We were looking for something to do and we thought, why not?" said Greta. "I think we're excited for anything Christmas related and season that we can come out and support," added Riley. Like others, they expressed interest in neighborhood markets having attended Snow Port in the Seaport area of Boston recently.

"It didn't look like there were small businesses like this, so we like this one better," said Greta.

Some people dropped in by chance. "We were driving by, and we saw the lights and decided to park. We were coming home from picking these guys up," said Chonel pointing to her three children. She and her husband Ken had just picked up the kids from daycare. They had already visited a number of vendors with a purchase from Donna's Cakes and got some free hot chocolate. "We got a decoration from SewGood. We saw Santa." The couple, who live in Hyde Park, said they plan to attend an upcoming holiday market in Roslindale next week.

The Roslindale Holiday Market will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7 (rain/snow date Dec. 14) from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. along Birch Street Plaza. ?



Dozens of residents braved the rain last week and went to the annual WR Holiday Market.

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**DEATHS**

**CRAIG**



Gordon G., age 94, of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, on November 29, 2023. Gordon was born on June 27, 1929 in Bangor, Northern Ireland to the late Douglas and Mary Craig. Gordon was a devoted father, grandfather, brother and friend, who was happiest spending time with his family, tending to his garden, and traveling the world. His unwavering faith and generous spirit were a comfort to all who knew him and will live on through the family and friends he leaves behind. He was a loving father to Brian Craig and his wife, Anne-Marie of Mooresville, NC, James Craig of West Roxbury, Christine Craig of Jamaica Plain, Brenda Craig of West Roxbury and Jeffrey Craig and his wife, Christy of Weymouth. He was a dedicated brother to John Craig and his wife, Mary of Dedham, Eileen Irvine and her late husband, Thomas of Plymouth; his late brother, James and his wife, Pamela of Milton; his late brother, Robert and his wife, Roberta of Palm Springs, CA. He is also predeceased by his sister, Olive and her husband, Walter D'Agostino of Tampa, Florida; his sister, Audrey Winston of Wilmington; and his brother William and his wife June of Dedham. He was an enthusiastic grandfather to Maura and her husband, Matthew, Patrick, Kevin, Keegan and Corbin. His grandkids were truly his life's joy. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. For guestbook, [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

**FOLEY**



Claire I. of Roslindale and Norwood, passed away on November 28, 2023. Beloved daughter of the late Charles and Anna (McCarthy) Foley. Dear sister the late Dorothy Foley, Mary Keville, Theresa Wallace, Helen Twitchell, Evelyn Sullivan, and Francis, Charles, James, Paul, John, and Robert Foley. Claire is survived by many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Dear friend of Sister Elaine Butcher. Claire was a longtime school teacher for the Archdiocese of Boston. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000, Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline.

**GOODE**



Maria C. (Egersheim) of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, entered into peaceful rest on November 28, 2023, at the age of 76. Beloved wife of Joseph L. Goode, Jr., with whom she shared 60 wonderful years of marriage. Mother of Joe Goode and his wife, Carrolanne

of Duxbury, Steven Goode of Dedham and Cynthia Goode of Weymouth. Devoted grandmother of Ryan and his wife, Julia, Thomas, Griffin, McKenzie and Nolan (Goode). Loving great-grandmother of Liliana and Mason. Cherished sister of Leonora (Egersheim) Brown of Middleborough; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Maria was predeceased by her parents, George and Leonora (Pezzulo) Egersheim; and brother, James. Funeral from the Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition Research Fund at <https://support.multiplesystematrophy.org/give/310191/#!/donation/check-out>

**KELLEHER**



Margaret "Peg" (Miller) of Harwich passed away on November 28, 2023, at Cape Cod Hospital. She was born on Christmas Day, 1927, in Athol, Massachusetts, the daughter of Perley (Bill) and Agnes Miller. After graduating from Athol High School, Peg moved to Boston, where she worked in a series of secretarial positions, culminating in a position as executive secretary to the chief justice of the Massachusetts Superior Judicial Court. She served a series of chief justices in this role and was a highly respected member of the court staff. In the early '70s she began another adventure when she married the late William Kelleher, a widower with five children. In 1990, Peg and Bill retired to Harwich. As a

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**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**  
*(Never known to fail!)*  
 Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.  
 —V.C.

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

**Novena to St. Clare**  
 Ask St. Clare for three favors, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say nine Hail Marys for nine days, with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful novena. Say "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, now and forever, throughout the whole world. Amen." *Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem.*  
 —V.C.



# Deaths *continued from page 8*

young woman, Peg volunteered in the nursery at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton. She was an avid golfer who played alongside her Dad from an early age. Peg had two holes-in-one to her credit. She loved the game and continued playing into her 80s with her aunt and close friend Edie Horrigan. Peg leaves her stepchildren, Dennis Kelleher and wife, Mialana Mac of Roslindale, daughter-in-law, Jo Thomas of Chicago, Nancy Kelleher and husband, Robert Connolly of West Roxbury, Janet Harter of North Concord, VT and Joan Casey and husband, Paul of Chestnut Hill; her sister, Nancy Murphy of Athol; grandchildren, Susan Limardo, Kathleen Angres, Marjorie and Nora Connolly and Ronan and Garrett Casey; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her parents and husband, Peg had lost her brother, Thomas Miller of Hopkinton; stepson, William Kelleher of Syracuse, NY; and grandson, Aidan Connolly of Boston. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Boston, 275 West Broadway, Boston, MA 02127, [www.ccab.org](http://www.ccab.org) To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit: [lawlerfuneralhome.com](http://lawlerfuneralhome.com) Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home (617) 323-5600.



## LOCKE

Leo F. of the Villages, FL., formerly of Bourne, Dedham, and Roslindale, November 23, 2023. Beloved husband of Rosalie B. (Vanti) (Swift), and the late Pauline (Jette), and the late Franca Franzaroli. Devoted father of Leo, Richard, and Judith Locke and Susan Campbell, and Alyssa Blumenthal. Dear Grandfather of Julianna Williams, Nathaniel and Joia Locke, Luca Campbell, and Kyra, Kyle, Logan, Taylor, and Aliana Blumenthal. Great grandfather of Louie Williams. Dear brother of Maureen Martin, Gerard Locke, and the late John, Donald, and Marilyn nieces and nephews and their families.

Locke. He also leaves many families. Leo was a former selectman for the town of Bourne, former member and past president of the Rotary Club of Bourne-Sandwich, U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. Past member and commander of the Roslindale American Legion Post and member of the VFW. Late employee of Boston Edison Co. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1999, Memphis, TN., 38101 or Corner Stone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Rd. Tavares, FL. 32778.

## MacPHERSON

John D. "Jack", longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Roslindale, and Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada, passed away, surrounded by his loving family, on December 3, 2023. Loving father of Patricia Reissfelder and her husband Robert of West Roxbury, Lauren MacPherson and her husband William McDevitt of Dedham, Cherilyn MacPherson of Quincy, and the late Daniel MacPherson. Former husband of Claire O'Brien. Loving Papa of John, Christopher, and Briana Reissfelder and Kailyn Sullivan. Great-Papa of Amund, Kinley, Keegan, Zane, and Raylee. Brother of Peggy Collins and the late Daniel MacPherson, Cindy Howard, Priscilla Crewe and Adeline McLean. Before leaving Canada, Jack, spent four years in Germany with the Canadian Armed Forces. He was a "Jack" of all trades, a barber, a milk-man, a carpenter, and ended his career doing what he loved, working for the School Department for the Town of Medfield. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, bowling, watching the Red Sox, but most of all spending time with his children and grandchildren, and his special pal, "Maci." Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Roslindale. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

## McCLUSKEY

Antoinette M. "Toni" (Sheehan) of Roslindale, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on November 29, 2023, after a brief illness. She was 79 years old. Beloved wife of 57 years to J. Corby McCluskey of Roslindale. Loving mother of Daniel J. McCluskey and his wife, Susan of Weymouth and Matthew S. McCluskey and his wife, Christine of Mansfield. Adoring grandmother to Nolan C. McCluskey. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment, MA National Cemetery Bourne. For guestbook, [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

# Stormwater Fee *continued from page 1*

While water and sewer charges are calculated based on metered flow, the stormwater charge would be determined based on the square footage of a property's impervious area: its hard surfaces – asphalt driveways, decks, and roofs – that water cannot penetrate.

Customers would be charged based on their properties' equivalent residential units (ERU), with an ERU equal to 2,164 square feet of impervious area.

Small residential properties (1-6 units) would all be charged for one ERU, no matter the amount of their impervious areas. Larger residential properties – as well as institutional, commercial and industrial properties – would be charged for their actual number of ERUs.

The monthly stormwater rate range, as proposed, would be \$7.50-\$9.50 per ERU.

According to Petruzzello, the proposed rearrangement of the BWSC's rate structure is an attempt to recover its increasing costs of installing and maintaining a pollution filtration system – per its consent decree with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – designed to protect the city's natural watersheds, such as the Neponset and Charles rivers.

Petruzzello added that another reason for the proposed restructuring was to bring online properties that do not use water and sewer, such as parking lots and other industrial areas, but benefit from the stormwater system. "There are thousands of properties that don't pay a dime toward service, but they use the service," he said of bringing in that new revenue.

Because of this expected influx, Petruzzello stated that "we anticipate about 60 percent of our customers – current customers – will actually see a reduction in their rate."

Discounts for senior and disabled customers would also apply to the stormwater charge.

During the Q & A that followed Petruzzello's brief presentation, there was a general lack of clarity regarding the proposed charge, with most unaware of the details, and others questioning aspects of information released as part of the run-up to the anticipated change.

There were also recurring questions from attendees – many, if not all of whom, were small property owners – regarding the possibility of receiving some sort of credit for their stormwater running off in a way that does not use the public drainage system.

While Petruzzello mentioned that there would be a 30 percent credit available for customers meeting stormwater retention and infiltration standards, he also noted that the application process would require a profes-

sional engineer's stamp, and that it was geared for larger commercial and industrial properties, rather than small residential ones.

He also outlined a grant program that would reimburse up to half the cost – maxing out at \$4,000 – of a customer's approved investment in a green infrastructure program for their property that would assist the BWSC in meeting its EPA requirements.

However, the CFO made clear throughout the meeting – which ran about an hour and a quarter – that the focus would be on collecting those fees. "Everybody's going to be assessed," he said of the restructuring of the fee system, which he was optimistic would be approved. "Unfortunately, we have a cost that we have to support here, and everybody will be

assessed that particular stormwater charge, if you qualify."

To learn more about the proposed change, visit [www.bwsc.org/stormwater](http://www.bwsc.org/stormwater). There, you can link to the Bill Estimator page and – using your most recent water and sewer bill – determine what your monthly payment would be under the new billing system.

You can also call the BWSC at 617-989-7995 if you have questions or need assistance.

The public hearing regarding the stormwater service charge will be held in a hybrid format at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12. To attend virtually, register in advance by visiting [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org) and searching for: Notice of Public Hearing Proposed 2024 Rates.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE DOCKET No. SU19P2063EA

Estate of: Raymond W. Sleeper Suffolk Division  
Date of Death: February 17, 2015

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of  
Petitioner **Raymond W. Sleeper, Jr. of Brighton, MA**

**Raymond W. Sleeper, Jr. of Brighton, MA**  
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the state to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU19P2064EA

Estate of: Josephine D. Sleeper Suffolk Division  
Date of Death: August 16, 1989

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner: **Raymond W. Sleeper, Jr. of Brighton, MA**

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU23P2618EA

Estate of: Valerie Dawkins  
Also known as:  
Valerie Birneatta Dawkins  
Date of Death: 04/24/2022

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Jacqueline Adams 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:  
**Jacqueline Adams of Boston, 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 01/10/2024. 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: November 29, 2023  
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

*Hyde Park Bulletin: 12/07/2023*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

DOCKET No. SU19P2138GD

In the interests of:  
John A Blakey  
Of: Watertown, MA

RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Department of Children & Families of Hyde Park, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 12/22/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, Brian J. Dunn  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: November 24, 2023  
Stephanie L. Everett,  
Register of Probate

*Hyde Park Bulletin: 12/07/23*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET NO. SU23P2516EA

Estate of: Eftychia Kourtelidis  
Also known as: Eftehia Kourtelidis  
Date of Death: 11/09/2022

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Semeon Kourtelidis of Ashland, 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:  
**Semeon Kourtelidis of Ashland, 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 01/04/2024. 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: November 22, 2023  
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/07/2023*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

Docket No. SU21P0934PM

In the matter of: Cynthia Ruth Lass  
Of: Roslindale, MA

Protected Person/Disabled Person/  
Respondent

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 1st and Final Temporary account(s) of **Velma J. Brinson of Hyde Park, MA** as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/26/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

### 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 of 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  
Date: November 28, 2023  
Stephanie Everett, 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. SU23P2517EA

Estate of: Dorothy T. Blaney  
Date of Death: 09/14/2023

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Brian D. Bixby 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:  
**Brian D. Bixby of Boston, 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 01/04/2024 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,  
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