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## Roslindale Parade delights thousands

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators gathered around Roslindale's streets on Sunday for the 44th annual Roslindale Day Parade.

The weather seemed like it might rain early on, but ended up holding out for residents and parade marchers. Jamaica Plain American Legion Post 76 members Michael Casey, Robert Craven and Dan Casey said it is always an amazing time.

"I've been doing this for 15 years, and I guarantee you we've been in the parade for more than 40 years," Michael Casey said. "It's good to honor veterans and everybody who sacrificed. It's a nice day."

"It's a great event and I've been doing it for about eight years," Craven said.

Dan Casey said he's been marching for 35 years.

"It's pretty close to the life of the parade," he said. "It's wonderful to see all the people come out and support the Legions and the neighborhood. It was a good turnout this year; we've seen better but it wasn't bad."

Former Sacred Heart Teacher and now anchor at the Boston Neighborhood Network Glenn Williams emceed the event around the middle of South Street. He interviewed every dignitary as they went by.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "It's a beautiful day, the atmosphere's great, everybody's upbeat and there's a lot to be excited about."

Williams added that this year's turnout seemed a bit larger than recent previous years.

"It's not too hot, not too cold, it's kind of perfect, so people came out and they are really enjoying themselves," he said.

Resident Allyson Behiler said she literally moved to the neighborhood on

South Street three weeks ago from the Midwest. She said it was kind of a surprise, but she said she was glad she was already moved in and didn't have to have moving trucks negotiate the parade.

"We've been here for three weeks and it's great, I love the small town feel," she said. "Boston is always a little bit busy, but this is more my speed. I love how they have so many of these types of events so often, like the parade and the Farmers Market, there's just so many community resources that are accessible."

Resident Victoria Ramirez said to see peaceful gatherings of neighbors and families is always a good thing.

"It's a nice tradition to have in the neighborhood, and I really like to see people coming together," she said. "You don't always see people gathering like this a lot of the time, and here we get together, it's families and it's peaceful."

Ramirez added that the free candy for the kids is also a nice enticement, both for her and her young daughter.

"We've got free candy everywhere, she loves it!" she said.

Residents Meg, Richard and their son Henry Secatori said they were surprised to hear the parade has been going on for 44 years.

"I didn't know it was going for that long," Richard said. "We've only been here 12 years mind you."

Residents Patty Pisano and Kathy Gill said they grew up in the neighborhood and wouldn't miss the event.

"It's good to see people still coming out for it," Pisano said.

"It's always great to see," said Gill.

Residents Mike and Joan Kennedy said they love the parade and have been coming for a couple of years now.

"It's very homegrown," Joan said.

"It's fun to see people and the representatives it's really great," Mike said.



# WR resident heading to Youth Olympics



West Roxbury resident Alina Tschumakow and her team, Team Herbert, won the 2020 U.S. Youth Olympic Team Trials for Curling at the Denver Curling Club in Golden Colorado over the weekend. They will now represent the U.S. at the 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games (WYOG) Jan. 10-22 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Alina is 16 years old, lives in West Roxbury and is a junior at Boston Latin School. She curls out of The Country Club in Brookline, MA and at Broomstones Curling Club in Wayland, MA. Pictured: Alina Tschumakow, Charlie Thompson (Eau Claire, Wis.), Kaitlin Murphy (Fairview Park, Ohio), Ethan Hebert (Lowell, Mass.), 15, and Coach John Benton (Blaine, Minn.).

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The school has been the subject of much debate over the last few years in the neighborhoods of Roslindale and West Roxbury.

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# Roxbury Prep High School application deferred, again

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

After two-and-a-half hours of waiting for the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals to convene on Oct. 8 due to an issue with Open Meeting Law, the Board voted unanimously to defer the application of Roxbury Preparatory High School at 361 Belgrade

Ave. in Roslindale.

The delay of the meeting was due to an error on the first released agenda – not concerning Roxbury Prep – and they had to reissue the agenda. Due to Open Meeting Law, that meant they had to wait to start the meeting to allow 48 hours of notice. Acting Chair for the Board Markk Erlich, filling in for Christine Araujo, said any

representatives of appointments that were supposed to present to the Board before 11:30 a.m. could defer without any other explanation.

For Roxbury Prep, that wasn't the reason for the deferment. Attorney representing Uncommon Schools Joseph Hanley said they were

**Rox Prep**

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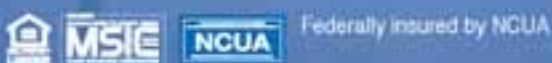
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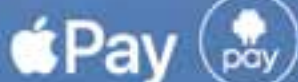
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## Working at 65, So What About Medicare?

**Dear Rusty:** My husband turns 65 in December of this year, but he is employed and will be on his employer's health insurance at least through this school year (May 2020). How should we inform Medicare of this situation and must we let Medicare know that he is presently insured by BCBS? When must we let Medicare know about these details? I know there is a certain window when no health questions are asked but what is that time frame? If my husband quits teaching in May, when does he let Medicare know he wants to start Part A and B in June 2020? Is there only open enrollment in the 3-month window of his birthday? Signed: Confused by Medicare

**Dear Confused:** If your husband has creditable healthcare coverage from his employer, he need not enroll in Medicare when he turns 65. His creditable employer coverage will exempt him from a late enrollment penalty when he enrolls in Medicare Part B (or D) later ("creditable" coverage is a group plan with at least 20 participants). When his employer coverage ends he will enter a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) which will last for 8 months from the date his employer coverage ends. As long as he enrolls in Medicare Part B before his SEP expires, your husband will not incur a late enrollment penalty. To sign up for Part B shortly before his employer coverage ends or during the 8 months after his employer ends, he should complete and submit an Application for Enrollment in Part B (CMS-40B) and a Request for Employment Information (CMS-L564), both of which can be found at this website: [https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms-List.html](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms-List.html).

Your husband may want to enroll in Part B prior to his employment coverage ending in order to avoid a lapse in healthcare coverage (it usually takes a couple months for Medicare Part B to become effective). Note that unless your husband is contributing to a Health Savings Account (HSA), he may wish to enroll in Medicare Part A at age 65. Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) is free if your husband is also eligible for Social Security, and he will need to be enrolled in Part A in order to enroll in Part B (doctors

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**Russell Gloor**  
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and outpatient services) and Part D (prescription drug coverage), both of which have a premium associated with them. He will also need to be enrolled in Part A to collect Social Security after age 65.

If your husband is already collecting Social Security when he turns 65, he will be automatically enrolled in both Part A and Part B, but he can, if desired, decline Part B until his employer coverage ends. Please also note that if your husband wishes Part D prescription drug coverage (provided by private insurance carriers) he must enroll in a plan within 63 days of his existing employer drug coverage ending to avoid a Part D late enrollment penalty. After age 65, one cannot go more than 63 days without creditable prescription drug coverage without incurring a late enrollment penalty for enrolling in a Part D plan later.

For your awareness, if your husband does not enroll in Medicare before his SEP expires, he will not be able to enroll again until the General Enrollment Period (GEP) the following year (the GEP runs from January through March of each year, for coverage to start on July 1 of that year). I suggest your husband enrolls in Medicare a couple months before his employment ends (to avoid a lapse in coverage), but in any case he should not miss enrolling during the special enrollment period, because the late enrollment penalties are significant and are recurring (he'll pay the premium penalty for the rest of his life).

Finally, there is no "window" for qualifying medical questions to be asked when enrolling in Medicare; everyone who is eligible by virtue of paying FICA payroll taxes, or via a spouse who did so, is covered regardless of their current health.

Ask most people which state could be—how shall I say this?—the most crooked, with a high number of employees capturing the trifecta of being overpaid, underworked, and dishonest, many of whom relish being seen frequenting churches, temples, mosques, and other places of worship. To this question some will answer, "Massachusetts" because of all the Herald's true stories over the years. The ranking of number one is due to a number of events ranging back to the graft with the Boston Common garage and UMass construction, the recent Registry of Motor Vehicles and State Police scandals as well as the hordes of political appointees and beneficiaries of nepotism at various state agencies as well as at authorities, such as Mass Port Authority, Mass Convention Center Authority, Boston Planning and Development Authority, and the MBTA. (I know there is a lot of painting with a broad brush here, but . . .)

If not the Bay State, maybe New Jersey would surface as a top contender in the "crookedness" quotient. Any other candidates?

So it came as a surprise to me recently read that the residents of North Dakota are being duped by that state's employees. Perhaps the surprise resulted from my holding rural

residents, who live closer to the land, in high regard, as opposed to us city folk, who are more acclimated to filth and slime.

In recent years North Dakota has been a mecca for the oil and gas companies. The small town of Williston is regarded as the fastest growing community in the country because of its location, as it outgrows its capacity for restaurants, motels, and bars as well as police and medical services. (The need for increased schooling has not grown that much because the oil and gas workers tend to come alone and live in trailers.)

North Dakota's Health Department indeed has egg on its face after a liquid natural gas pipeline leak that was much more extensive than originally reported; this one may take ten years to clean up.

The Associated Press obtained records that the Health Department has identified more than 8,000 reported leaks in the last five years but did not issue public updates on a spill's severity, nor did the department issue any notices to the public on cleanup status.

The worst instance of a coverup occurred six years ago in the northwestern part of that state when a wheat farmer—not the pipeline company—discovered what



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was to be an 840,000-gallon spill. The debacle was hushed by a week and a half by state regulators and only acknowledged when the Associated Press inquired about the leak.

Nebraskans cannot help but be discouraged by a recent court ruling that permits construction of a pipe line through its pristine farmland. Are they worried about spills or the spills in conjunction with state officials and politicians lying to them about the deleterious effects of spills?

Yes, since misery likes company, it's nice to know that Massachusetts has competitors in the category of employees not doing their jobs.

## Letters to the Editor

### CENTRE STREET ROAD DIET'S HARMFUL IMPACTS

*To the Editor:*

I realize the Centre Street "Road Diet" plan is the number one topic of discussion in West Roxbury and I have been opposed to this from the very start. I currently live on Mt. Vernon Street off of Centre Street and a life-long West Roxbury resident. There is another issue with the City's plans that has been rarely discussed that I would like to point out for your readers' attention.

I have reviewed the City's Transportation Department plan for the lane reduction and installation of protected bike lanes. The City also proposes to remove the traffic signals at both Mt. Vernon Street at Cen-

tre and Park Street at Centre. This aspect is very troubling for those of us who depend on these traffic signals to both enter Centre Street safely in vehicles and also for pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections.

The intersection of Mt. Vernon Street abuts the Lyndon Elementary School, the YMCA, the West Roxbury branch library, and local businesses. How does the removal of traffic signals promote greater pedestrian safety at this extremely busy intersection? I can imagine the difficulty and anxiety parents and kids will experience as they try to navigate across that street without a pedestrian activated signal to stop traffic. There better be a police officer on hand at that location for every school day

if this nonsense goes through.

Also, if these traffic signals are removed how do I and my neighbors on that side of Centre Street take a left to get to Roche Brothers for example? One option is to go to LaGrange Street or Corey Street in order to take the left onto Centre Street but those feeder streets are continuously backed up, particularly at peak traffic hours (which gets longer and longer each week). The other option is to attempt to take a left off of Mt. Vernon onto Centre across a bike lane, a parking lane, a travel lane, a left turn only lane, and merge into another travel lane—all without a traffic signal giving me a right of way. I'm sure all the drivers on Centre Street will graciously allow me to cut across that street after having sat in backed-up traffic. Good luck with that!

And the same situation will occur at Park Street at Centre.

This plan was designed by the student of the nutty professor from Northeastern who lives in JP. Clearly, the teacher

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Residents have noted a lack of response from 911 operators and also an increase in crime around the neighborhood.

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# Indecent problems plaguing Dale Street

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

The most pressing crime issues brought up by the 25 attendees at the monthly Dale Street Crime Watch meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Weider Park were not matters on the police report, but the 911 calls that did not make the list, including drug dealing and public intercourse.

Part of the problem, ac-

ording to group leaders Kim O’Connell and Beth Columbo of Roslindale, is the attitude of the officers who answer the emergency calls.

“It’s an ongoing thing with the 911 dispatch operators,” Columbo said. “We’ve had several incidences over the past month, and we wanted to bring it to your attention to find out what can be done.”

“There was a gentleman who came out of the park and

got into a Lincoln,” O’Connell said. “He got into a car and tried to drive off legless.

“My son called 911, and they put him on hold,” O’Connell said. “He hung up, and when he tried to call back, he was put on hold again. He stayed on hold for a while, and then he hoped he would get a call back. He did – 20 minutes later. He got a description. My

Dale Street

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again asking for a deferral this time for the same reason as before. The project has not been approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and he said his clients, Uncommon Schools, needs to continue the BPDA process before coming before the board.

“We are still in the Article 80 Process of Review with

the BPDA,” Hanley said. “This is a project that has obviously had a lot of eyes and participation on it, and we look forward to having our day here and I also understand the need not to have continual deferrals, so I would ask the Board to give us three to four months to finish the process with the BPDA.”

Hanley said he’s hoping for the Article 80 Process to be concluded by the end of the year 2019. The School was scheduled to present at the June BPDA Board meeting, but according to BPDA Project Manager Aisling Kerr: “BPDA staff has determined that the proposed Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School project at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale will remain under review, and will not be brought before the

BPDA Board of Directors for a vote at their monthly meeting,” she said in June.

The Roxbury Preparatory High School proposal has been on the books for at least two years now, and even after the school reduced its size by about 50,000 square feet and more than 250 students, many residents are still conflicted with the plan.

Opponents cite traffic concerns. They feel the transportation plan presented by the school – which involves a heavy reliance on the MBTA - is not sufficient to keep parents off the streets during rush hour dropping off their children. Others feel that the students themselves would have cars, despite the school’s assurance that they would put a disciplinary system in place to discourage that practice. Opponents still say the school is too big for

which representatives have repeatedly said they had tried, but the BPS is not willing to sell land to a charter school.

Roxbury Preparatory High School currently operates out of two locations, in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, and does not have a cafeteria, theater or a gym; problems the new development is looking to solve. It also means many students have to commute back and forth between those locations and proponents have stated they believe the students deserve one single location.

The current proposal encapsulates 49,520 gross square feet for 562 students containing a three-story classroom wing, cafeteria, gymnasium, administrative offices and storage space. It would also contain two second-level exterior usable



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The school is planning to use the MBTA Commuter Rail to bring students to and from school.

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the location, which up until recently housed Clay Chevrolet and Auto Center.

Many other residents have expressed support for the school, both from the Parkway and abroad. Some cite the lack of a high school, as the Roslindale High School closed down in the 70s and the West Roxbury Education Complex was shut down earlier this year for extensive renovations or even a demolition and replacement. Many opponents have repeatedly asked why the school just doesn’t buy that land from the Boston Public Schools, to

rooftop courtyards, and 30 spaces of valet-assisted surface parking and 46 below-level garage spaces.

The October BPDA Board Meeting is set for Oct. 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., but as of the date of publication no agenda has been set. To view more about the Roxbury Prep High School plans, go to [bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/roxbury-preparatory-charter-high-school](http://bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/roxbury-preparatory-charter-high-school).

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concern was that it could have been a domestic issue. It could have been anything.”

O’Connell said she had called a week later about an incident, but a car never came in a response to a 911 call.

Another woman said she was outside on Thursday, Sept. 26 at around 4 or 5 p.m. in the same area when she called 911, but received no response to her call. There was no record of the call in the police report, which officers checked on site.

Captain Joseph Gillespie, one of four Boston Police Department Area E-18 officers who attended the meeting, asked for a list of dates and times of the incidents so that he could check into what had been going on in the neighborhood.

The alleged rudeness of the 911 department has gone beyond the Dale Street vicinity to other parts of E-18, according to Columbo.

“A couple of nights ago, Kim and I were coming down by the Beech Street projects,” she said. “There was a woman who jumped up and slammed her hands on the front of the car. Then she went to the next car and started doing the same thing to the cars behind us as well.”

“I had her call the West Roxbury Police,” O’Connell said.

According to Columbo, “The officer was so rude; she didn’t want to take the call because we didn’t have a street address.”

On Sunday, Oct. 6, O’Connell and Columbo were driving on Truman Parkway around midnight on their way home when a car came around the corner with its flashers on. The car hit another vehicle, which was leaking gas.

“The driver appeared to be drunk,” Columbo said. “She got out of the car and started throwing beer cans. So I call 911, and again I get the woman with the nasty attitude. She wants the street address. I gave the cross streets. What are we supposed to do?”

Sgt. Daniel Keane said the protocol would be to ask for the person’s supervisor. Also, a caller can get the dispatcher’s identification number, which an officer is required to give.

“When complaints are filed against them, it’s pretty cut and dried,” Keane said. “There’s a recording of the call. They should still treat you nice when they answer.”

Gillespie noted that he used to be a 911 operator, so he knows the officers are trained to be respectful.

Columbo asked if she and O’Connell could visit Boston Police Headquarters to speak with the 911 staff to find out about the breakdown in communication. Gillespie said that would have to be worked out with the operations department at BPD headquarters. O’Connell noted that in the previous decade, the captain facilitated that.

Gillespie noted that this is one of

the biggest districts in the city, and that to be more effective in policing the area it would be helpful to get specific dates and times.

“We can’t just hear at a meeting that cars have been speeding on Dale St.,” he said. “If we have a list of dates and times, that’s more helpful.”

O’Connell said she will provide a list of the incidents she and other residents mentioned.

Another problem a resident mentioned are drug deals and people having intercourse in a car at the end of Dale Street.

“On Friday and Saturday night there is a car that parks at the end of the street,” a neighbor said. “The younger kids are rolling blunts. What really concerns me are the people with needles. I was walking my dog around 11:30 at night, and when I walked by a car, I saw a guy’s bare backside.”

“There was somebody having sex at the end of my driveway Friday night,” O’Connell said. “I turned on the floodlights in front of my house, and they never moved. I called 911, and nothing happened.”

“I have never heard anything like this from the other neighborhood groups,” Gillespie said. “I’m shocked that no one’s coming for you guys. I’d like to look into it.”

On a happier note, Gillespie noted that there will be extra officers patrolling the area on Halloween to watch over the area’s Trick or Treaters.

“I want to thank the police,” O’Connell said. “Our children felt very safe last year, and so did the par-

ents.”

On the MBTA police front, resident were excited about the progress made on the Dale St. Bridge after months of complaints. There were two attacks on the footbridge, which runs to Hyde Park Ave. The bridge had been littered with graffiti and overgrown with brush.

Lauren Margharita of Roslindale said she has “never seen the bridge so clean in three years.” “When we first came here, there was a couch down there, a toilet and a bike,” she said.

O’Connell said there was a grill at one point.

Margharita added that she felt the police were trying to “establish a good rapport with the neighborhood.”

“Keolis finally owned up to the fact that the bridge was their responsibility,” Keane said after the meeting. “They cleaned the bridge and patched up some cracks and potholes. They also looked into some lights and cameras.”

“The MBTA did follow up with what they promised to do,” Adriana Cillo said. “They cleaned up and they removed the paint.”

“We have a great relationship with Dale Street,” Keane said. “We are looking into these issues. They are a very good group and they are good to work with. We will have some extra patrols out here for Halloween.”

The Dale Street Crime Watch will not meet again until April 2020. The group will remain active via Facebook.

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# Community comes together for Rose's Bounty

Kevin Perrington-Turner  
Staff Reporter

Last Saturday, night more than 100 people came out to support the Rose's Bounty Food Pantry Fundraiser at Mosley's ballroom in Dedham.

The Rose's Bounty Food Pantry on 77 Stratford St. in West Roxbury held the event with raffles, donations, and live music from "The Urge" for the night.

Director Darra Slagle said she's proud of the community holding up the organization.

"As usual, the community shows up. It's a community organization," she said. "We can't do it without our neighbors helping us to support our most vulnerable neighbors in need."

Slagle added that they do far more than provide food to those who need it.

"I want to make people aware that we are more than just a food pantry. Although we are providing food to people, we also have multiple other programs. For example, we have a children's elementary

backpack program, and we just sent food to kids over the weekend who were hungry so they have the nutrients to do better in school" Slagle said.

Slagle continued by speaking of what else the Rose's Food Pantry does to support the community.

"We have our veterans program that we are super proud of. We are currently serving over 54 veterans... nobody in this country should be going hungry."

Slagle went on, "My general concern is that there are people we are not reaching. And we need to figure out how we get to the people in the community that we aren't currently serving."

Resident and volunteer Alice Donaldson said it's just the right thing to do to support Slagle and the pantry's programs.

"I think it's a wonderful cause" she said. "A lot of people are not able to take care of themselves for one reason or another. We help. That's the most important thing."

She also touched upon chil-



More than 100 residents came out to support the Rose's Bounty Food Pantry in West Roxbury last week at the group's annual fundraiser.

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dren and the importance of feeding them.

"There are children involved. And you know it's a sad thing to see a child go hungry, and in this country it should never happen, but it does. For one reason or another, whether a person has mental problems or can't help themselves, that's why we are here."

Donaldson spoke on what she hopes to see from events like this in the future.

"We want to see less poverty in the world. We want to see less people hungry. And

that's really the long terms goal. But in the meanwhile, let's help."

"I think it's great, they've been doing it for a very long time" said local supporter Ellen King.

She spoke on her ideas of what steps to take to solve the issue of hunger.

"Mental health. We need to start training people about mental health. We need to understand the reasons why some of these people are in the positions that they're in. Nine times out of 10 it's a mental health issue that's

been flying unaddressed for a very long time.

"if you need a hip replacement or some special surgery every doctor knows right away who's the best person to see." King continued "But, when you ask about mental health, they just send you on your way with a phone number. It's very frustrating."

For more information on how to donate or volunteer visit their website at [stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org](http://stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org). The pantry is open every second Saturday from 2-4pm and every third Tuesday from 11am-1pm.



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# Neponset River Greenway Council discusses upcoming celebrations

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The Neponset River Greenway Council's (NRGC) 15 members met on Wed., Oct. 2 at the Area E-18 police station to plan the fall's upcoming community celebrations and discuss area issues.

It was Hyde Park's turn to host the meeting, as the venues rotate among the neighborhoods of Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester and Milton.

Chair Jessica Mink of Roslindale announced that on Sept. 25, the Neponset River Greenway, a multi-use trail system along the banks of the Neponset River, was named one of six "Great Places in America in 2019" by the American Planning Association (APA). One of the reasons for the award was improving access to the trails for Mattapan residents, including the addition of a blue bikes station and affordable housing along the greenway.

"The public spaces recognized this year demonstrate the importance of planning in creating welcoming, multi-use spaces for the entire community to enjoy and come together," said Kurt Christiansen, APA president, in a press release. "The Neponset River Greenway is a national example of how improving accessibility to community assets can drastically improve the lives of residents and make communities more inclusive."

The area was once an industrial corridor with factories and a paper mill. Now it has been transformed into a publicly-accessible network of open spaces and trails where people can enjoy the environment and stay in shape, thanks to the efforts of environmental activists.

"On the second day after this section first opened, I saw a man in a wheelchair using the trail," Mink said. "This shows how accessible the area that was once hidden has become for residents."

She added that the Neponset River Greenway joins the Emerald Necklace, the Back Bay, Leventhal Park, Washington St., and Fields Corner as Great Places in America.

To celebrate this achievement, the NRGC is planning on holding an event on Sun., Oct. 27. A community walk will begin at Mattapan Station, with guest speakers at the Harvest River Bridge near Ryan Playground. The walk is about 1.3 miles and takes an average of 45 minutes to complete. Walkers can

collect trash along the way. Member Lee Toma of Milton volunteered to lend his public address system. Several members volunteered to share the history of the organization, the development of the area's trail system and the building of the Harvest River Bridge, and the importance of the award. Members of the APA will also be in attendance.

Hyde Park leader and Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) board member Martha McDonough said she would reach out to Keep Hyde Park Beautiful (HKPB) to join the effort. She also suggested borrowing bike carts for people who could not complete the entire walk to offer a transportation option.

Vivien Morris of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (MFFC) told the group she would reach out to groups like Mattapan Love and Mattapan Walks. She currently involved in organizing a six-team Mattapan walking challenge on Saturdays with MFFC.

Vivian Ortiz, a Mattapan organizer, offered to reach out to Boston Harbor Now to see if representatives would like to speak about the harbor's connection to the Neponset River.

Sarah Lensing, a planner at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) the said she will give a presentation of the 125-year history of the river "and put it in a larger context."

Another event the group is planning is a pumpkin float in the spirit of Halloween. The DCR and the NVGC are joining forces for the annual event, which will take place beginning on Davenport Creek at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester at 5 p.m.

The pumpkins will be lit by NVGC volunteers with battery operated candles. DCR volunteers at the river banks will place them on floats to cast into the Neponset.

Volunteers offered to place flyers along the trails in all communities, as well as at pumpkins at grocery stores, farmers markets, local coffee houses and ice cream shops, and Lambert's.

McDonough addressed traffic mismanagement in Wolcott Square, which is comprised of several dead-end neighborhood streets near the Father Hart Bridge.

"The road was closed down at 6 p.m.," she said. "Traffic can be backed up through Readville and beyond going toward Truman Prkwy. There was no email



The Neponset River Greenway Council met at the E-18 Police Department Station in Hyde Park to discuss upcoming events, awards and clean ups.

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from the City. The Father Hart Bridge was totally closed."

She added that she was approached by a state trooper, who told her the route was closed. "And there has been construction on the Dana Ave. Bridge, too," McDonough said.

McDonough added that the local businesses have been impacted because their parking has been shut down after 6 p.m.

"I talked to the guy who owns the liquor store," she said. "He just opened two months ago, and he had no idea this was going to happen. Why is this coming in front of our businesses? These businesses do

most of their work in the evenings."

State Commander Lt. James A. Bazzinotti of the State Police told the group that it is the construction company's responsibility for signage.

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# Trick-or-Treat Centre Street moving to Billings

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

West Roxbury's annual trick-or-treat celebration is moving to a bigger venue this time around, as the event has outgrown several of its previous locations over the years.

The event is put on by the Parkway in Motion (PIM) group, which aims to raise money for community events and scholarships. PIM Secretary Katelyn Doherty said the trick-or-treat event held around the West Roxbury neighborhood has really grown, and in turn, raises more awareness for what the organization does to help students and families in the area.

"We gave out \$10,000 in scholarships this year and it's growing every year," Doherty said.

Doherty said the group raises money for middle schoolers attending tuition schools, to help families shoulder the burden. She added one of the big changes this year is that the group is also offering summer camp scholarships to

include students who go to the Boston Public Schools.

The rest of the funds go to big community events like Trick-or-Treat on Centre Street and the annual Easter Egg Hunt, both of which attract hundreds of smiling faces every year with the promise of candy.

"Trick-or-Treat Centre Street has grown so much from the first one at the St. Theresa School," Doherty said. "We were just upstairs in the gym then and the kids went to a few stores, and it's grown so much. We've had it at Holy Name too and now that's too small, so we've moved to Billings."

The event will kick off at 11 a.m. with children heading out to participating businesses along Centre Street. Doherty said she believes residents appreciate the timing, since as a teacher she knows the school schedules can make trick-or-treating on a weekday tough.

"I work for the Boston Public Schools and our school doesn't even get out until 4:30 p.m.," she said. "Events like this on the weekend help to give parents the ability to participate in a



The annual event attracts hundreds of kids and parents and organizers, most in costume, to descend on Centre Street's businesses with the promise of free candy.

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Halloween event during the day when everybody is more often around."

Doherty said they already have 50 local businesses participating and they are hoping for more.

"Those are on the route, but representatives from different businesses and communities are going to set up tables on the Hastings Street Lot too," she said. "We're working on getting the rest of the businesses along the route, some are closed on Saturday and some have been

closed when we call or the manager wasn't there."

Doherty added the admission price for the event is definitely a draw too.

"It's a free event and I feel like that's a big thing for people," she said.

Doherty said it's not just the kids who get excited about dressing up for the season.

"It's definitely a blast, the kids have such a great time and the adults do too," she said. "We have parents put on costumes as

well. We'll have a DJ there too with other activities at the field afterwards. It's going to be a great day."

Doherty said she's relatively new to helping out the organization, but said it's been an amazing time.

"I've been with Parkway in Motion for about five or six years now, and I just became the secretary three years ago," she said.

For more information on PIM or the event, go to <http://parkwayinmotion.org/>.

## Edwards wants ZBA changes, Wu says throw the BPDA out

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Last week, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards filed a call for a hearing to the Boston City Council to look at ways to improve transparency at the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Then this past Monday, At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu launched a campaign to dis-

solve the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and its legal entity the Economic Development Industrial Council (EDIC) and replace them with a City Planning Department. Wu has apparently been planning the campaign for some time, as there is now a web site at [abolishthebpda.com](http://abolishthebpda.com) where residents can get more information.

"Boston's development sys-

tem is broken; it's a system of special approvals and exceptions designed to shut out community voices and it's been this way for six decades," she said in a statement Monday.

Wu also wants to abolish any agency's power for urban renewal, which allowed the then-named Boston Redevelopment Authority to demolish the West End.

Wu's plan calls for BPDA

employees to become employees of the City of Boston. Many residents may be unaware that the BPDA is a quasi private public entity, and is not as beholden to the city as one might expect. According to Wu's report, her plan is to split employees into 14 new departments under the new planning agency.

"The BPDA Board is seen as a rubber stamp for the Mayor and high-profile developers—and there's good reason for this perception. A review of BPDA Board meetings from 2014-2018 found only 22 non-unanimous votes out of an estimated 1,708," the report stated.

Also detailed in the report is Wu's plan for the financial side. The report states that while the city will be taking on the 252 full-time positions within the BPDA, those costs would be offset by the city taking on the property assets that generates income for the BPDA.

Wu's proposal would have to be approved by the state legislature in the form of a home-rule petition from the Boston City Council, so there are some hurdles for this proposal. Other aspects of her plan listed include the creation of a model community benefit agreement or a community benefit ordinance and a home-rule petition to amend the Zoning Enabling Act to change the requirements

for the ZBA's appointed seats to create a wider representation of the community interests.

BPDA Director Brian Golden said in a statement that the agency has created more than 100,000 jobs and 6,000 new income-restricted units since 2014.

"Proposing to abolish the BPDA ignores the reality of the present day community-based planning agency, and discredits the hard working staff who are in our neighborhoods every single day engaging residents on how we prepare for Boston's future," he said in his statement.

Earlier last week, North End/East Boston Councilor Lydia Edwards proposed a new plan to organize transparency within the ZBA.

"We clearly need to update the ZBA," she said.

Edwards represents two neighborhoods experiencing severe development, with several high-profile cases involving neighborhood opposition to development and the ZBA approving them anyway.

Edwards' plan is to give the community more input and information on the ZBA. While this is all up in the air at this point, she said she wants to establish a report on variances by neighborhood and zoning dis-

BPDA

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tract that would help to inform future zoning by clearly indicating where actual development practices and the zoning code differ. Basically, it would identify areas of the city where developers ignore the zoning code by requesting zoning relief in dozens of instances on one singular project.

"We're dealing with an extreme development boom in Boston's history, which is a wonderful thing that's happening; we have recently learned that we are halfway through with 30,000 units coming online," she said. "And yet, we're going through that development, that boom, that change of our city that's extreme, fast and intense, with a 60-year-old plan. This is the beginning of a conversation to say we need to do better."

Edwards also said she wants to review the records and notice policies at the ZBA, as well as increase the representation on the ZBA of renters, civil rights and fair housing experts and environmental experts on the board, which she feels is not currently the case.

"There are actual positions reserved for real estate agencies, for labor, for all the different perspectives, and that I wonder, if it's really setting us up to have a limited conversation," she said. "We need to hear from renters and homeowners, planners and fair-housing experts, experts in environmental protections and those who are experts in workers' rights and safety and those who are specifically interested in historical preservation, ensuring that we are developing a Boston for all. Today's law actually requires the membership of parties at a risk of, I think, creating a conflict of interest. The real estate industry should not sit on any board making regulatory decisions about real estate."

Edwards pointed out that when she first sat on confirmation hearings – the City Council can vote to approve or not approve appointed members to the ZBA – she found the kinds of questions they could ask to inform their decision-making were limited.

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**DEATHS**

**ANTONYAN**



Vyacheslav "Slava" of Roslindale, passed away on October 3, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Nelya Antonyan. Devoted father of Marat and Nana Antonyan. Loving grandfather of Adam and Arman. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury.

**BORAN**

Laurence J. of West Roxbury, September 28, 2019. Beloved husband of Martha A. (MacDonald) Boran of West Roxbury. Loving father of Joseph and his wife Laura, William, James G., Robert A., Jane Steeves and her husband Kenneth, Richard, Claire Gongas and her husband William, Stephen L. Boran and his wife Fatima, and the late John M. Boran. Devoted grandfather of Daniel, Naomi, Ian, James, Rachael, Noelle, Christian, Richard, David, Mark and the late John. Loving great-grandfather of Courtney, Kristien and Tristan. Loving brother of Dolores Caraher. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Late WWII Navy Seabees Veteran, Korean War-era Army Veteran. Larry was an Atomic Veteran. Member of the West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association and the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council. Member of the American Legion. Donations may be made in his memory to the Fisher House, or

to St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury. [www.lawlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawlerfuneralhome.com)  
Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600.

**GRIFFIN**

Lt. Col. John C. Passed away peacefully and surrounded by family at his home in Boston, Massachusetts, on September 30, 2019. Jack served a distinguished 24-year career in the United States Army Chemical Corps., including overseas service in South Korea, West Germany, and with the United Nations Special Commission in Iraq, and is a recipient of the Legion of Merit. After retiring from the Army, he became a board-certified mathematics teacher at Walter Wellborn High School in Alabama, where during a 20-year career he was twice named the District Teacher of the Year. While living in Anniston, Alabama, he served on the Vestry at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church. He was well loved by friends, family, former students, and by his partners at the bridge table. Jack is survived by brother Robert in Arkansas, sister Sherry in Indiana, and son John in Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations be made to Black Cat Rescue (599 Broadway #2, Somerville, MA 02145; [blackcatrescue.com](http://blackcatrescue.com)) from whom he adopted one of his many companion cats. Services private. Folsom Funeral Home [www.folsomfuneral.com](http://www.folsomfuneral.com)

to St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury. [www.lawlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawlerfuneralhome.com)  
Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600.

**LOFLIN**

Marguerite (Quinn) of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2019. Beloved wife of the late James T. "Tom" Loflin (U.S. Navy, Retired). Loving mother of Brian, Kevin and the late Thomas Loflin. Devoted grandmother of Kevin, Brendan, Kathleen, Emily, Amy and Danielle. Great-grandmother of 6. Marguerite is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Marguerite was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association, and past President of the Parkway Senior Club. At Marguerite's request, all services will be private. In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions in Marguerite's memory may be made to the Carmelite Monastery, 25 Watson Ave., Barrington, Rhode Island 02806, [barringtoncarmel.weebly.com](http://barringtoncarmel.weebly.com)  
For guestbook, please visit: [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

**MICHOULIS**

Thomas of Westwood formerly Roslindale and Greece passed away on September 27, 2019. Beloved husband of Mary (Primes) Michoulis. Son of the late Anthony and Anastasia Michoulis. Loving brother in law of George and Sylvia Mouradian of Norwood, Peter Primes and the late Katherine of Hyde Park, the late George Primes and his surviving wife Litsa of Lexington and the late James and Helen Primes. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews as well as relatives in Greece. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury. Interment in The Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury.

**OHMSTEDE**

Harry of West Roxbury, passed on October 6th at the age of 83. Beloved husband of the late Mary D. (Rizzacasa). Devoted father of Harry M. of Providence, RI, Michael of West Roxbury, and Anne Potts and her husband Robert of Franklin. Cherished brother of the late Karl Ohmstede. Loving "Papa" of Jillian and Olivia Potts and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Funeral from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak Street, HYDE PARK, Thursday morning at 10:30, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury at 11:30. Interment at the gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury. Harry was a late Marine veteran. For directions and guestbook, please visit [thomasfuneralhomes.com](http://thomasfuneralhomes.com)

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—B.P.D.



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## WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

### FALL INTO FASHION FUNDRAISER

Fall into Fashion fundraiser will place on Sunday, October 20th, from 12pm-3pm at the Boston Elks Lodge, One Morrell Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Fall into Fashion will be an exciting afternoon featuring a Fall Runway Fashion Show, cash bar, food donated by local restaurants, (The Brickhouse Cafe, B.C. Baking Co., Salem Food Market, Wegmans and more) a tantalizing Girl-Equin Giving Tree and a vendor fair, featuring Fabutique, Jewelings Designs, Top It Off Accessories and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Fall into Fashion event benefits Chefs Table Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that teaches legally blind students basic cooking skills and provides a culinary scholarship to in need veterans and young adults. For information/tickets: [www.chefstablefoundation.org](http://www.chefstablefoundation.org)

### WRFORP HARVEST BRUNCH

The West Roxbury Friend's of Rosie's Place invite you to its 27th Annual Harvest Brunch and Raffle on Sunday, November 3rd from 10:00-12:00 noon. This worthwhile fundraiser supports homeless and poor women, Rosie's Place Food Pantry, Roslindale Food Pantry and sends homeless and poor children to summer camp. It will be held at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury. Gift certificates from some of your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled-off. Join the fun and connect with your friends and neighbors over brunch while helping out a beneficial cause. Admission is \$20.00. You may pay at the door, by check to WRFORP, PO Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or by credit card on our website

[westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org](http://westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org). If you need additional information, please call 617-469-4199 and be sure to check out our Facebook page and like us at [facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies](https://www.facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies).

### PENNY SALE

Saturday, November 9, from 6:30PM to 10PM, Sponsored by the Antiochian Women of St. George Church, 55 Emmonsedale Road, West Roxbury. An evening of Raffles and Prizes for all ages! Imagine.... for as little as \$5 you may be going home with very valuable prizes - toys, linens, small appliances, bath accessories, food baskets, special drawings. Refreshments and free admission.

### 43RD ANNUAL BAZAAR & FOOD FAIR PLANNED

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### PROGRAM FOR BECOMING CATHOLIC

St. John Chrysostom, 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury, a welcoming, inclusive community of Catholics following Christ, invites adults who are considering becoming Catholic to register for our preparation program which begins in the Fall. Contact Mary Campion, pastoral associate at [Marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org](mailto:Marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org) or call 617-323-4410.

### AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH MUSIC AND DANCE

On Saturday, November 2nd at the Irish Social Club, there will be an evening of Scottish Music and Dance co-sponsored by the Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Highland Dance Boston, and the Scots' Charitable Society. The program features music by A Parcel of Rogues—Susie Petrov on keyboards, Dan Houghton on pipes, and Calum Pasqua on fiddle. Calum was the first American fiddler to win the coveted Glenfiddich Championship in 2007. You can hear him play at the 2019 event at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA\\_vfkRNjUQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA_vfkRNjUQ).

Performances of Scottish highland and country dancing will be interspersed with ceilidh dances for all, with callers skilled at enabling inexperienced dancers to participate in the fun. A cash bar is available along with complimentary salty snacks, tea, and coffee. A light Scottish buffet is also an option for those who order tickets in advance. Tickets and more information at <https://m.bpt.me/event/4281482> This is a wonderful, family friendly event, that celebrates the music, dance, and vibrant cultural heritage of Scotland. All proceeds go to the Scots' Charitable Society Scholarship Fund; the SCS helps over 30 American-Scots fulfill their academic potential each year.

### EILEEN MCNAMARATO SPEAK AT THE WEST ROXBURY BRANCH LIBRARY

Eileen McNamara, author of "Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World" will speak at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury. The Annual Meeting will begin with a reception for Friends' members at 6:30 p.m. McNamara's talk will begin at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

In her talk, McNamara, the former Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Boston Globe, will contend that Eunice Kennedy Shriver leaves a more profound legacy than any of her vaunted brothers. McNamara had access to Kennedy Shriver's never-before-seen papers in writing "Eunice." She argues that the determination and vision which led Kennedy Shriver to found the Special Olympics was born of rage. The rage was directed at the medical establishment that failed her sister Rosemary; at her revered but dismissive father; at the government's failure to provide equality to the intellectually handicapped.

McNamara recounts that while Joe Kennedy was grooming his sons for political power, cigar-smoking, determined Kennedy Shriver was using her father's fortune and her brothers' political power to ignite a civil rights movement that benefits millions of intellectually impaired adults and children.

Copies of "Eunice" will be available for sale and signing at the event. Friends' memberships can be purchased at the door or on the Friends website, [FriendsOfTheWRLibrary.org](http://FriendsOfTheWRLibrary.org)

### CANDIDATES NIGHT

Come hear the At Large and District 5 Candidates speak at a Candidates Night at the Irish Social Club hosted by Lord Mayor Richard Gormley Wednesday October 23rd, starting at 7 PM. The Candidates Night is being sponsored by the Ward 20 Democratic Committee, the West Roxbury & Professional Association and the West Roxbury/Roslindale Progressives.

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## Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19D0908DR**

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**Joycelyn Springale vs. Michael Mitchell**

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

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the marriage.  
The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Joycelyn Springale, 3924 Washington Street, Roslindale, MA 02131** your answer, if any, on or before **11/29/2019**. 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.**  
October 4, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court  
*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/10/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. **SU19P2203EA**

Estate of: George A Ricci Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 03/17/2018

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:  
**Marie A Kadlick of Walpole, 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:  
**Marie A Kadlick of Walpole, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2019. 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 27, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/10/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** DOCKET No. **SU19P2102EA**

Estate of: Daniel Harb Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 03/01/2014

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by:  
**Maurce Harb of New Port Richey, FL**  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Maurce Harb of New Port Richey, FL**  
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 11/07/2019. 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: September 26, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/10/19*

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and his acolyte have absolutely no idea of the pedestrian and vehicle traffic patterns in our neighborhood and the residual impacts of this road diet. The signal's removal is a method to supposedly allow Centre Street traffic to move more smoothly. So yet again, the residents on the sidestreets will bear the brunt of increased cut through traffic, much greater inconvenience, and safety—all to make this drastic road diet somehow more palatable.

On another note, I see that all the remaining candidates for At-Large City Council have come out in support of the Centre Street Road Diet plan. I think maybe one actually lives in West Roxbury. I know I'll leave them blank on my November ballot and write in Mickey Mouse. He's got big ears and maybe he'll hear the majority of folks and merchants in our neighborhood opposed to this.

As I've repeatedly stated

since this plan first came out in February—improve the Centre Street pedestrian crosswalk areas, get a visible police enforcement effort and then leave us alone.

*Frank X. O'Brien  
West Roxbury*

### **DID YOU SEE THE VET AT THE VA ON FOX NEWS?**

*To the Editor:*

Well if you didn't, the 78 year old vet had to park hundreds of yards away to get to his appointment at the VA. I bring this up because I'm sure parking is being used by people catching the bus. Traffic to the VA, Faulkner and the Beth Israel complex is a large part of our overall problem and could be relieved with a parking garage built on the Parkway and serviced by buses, both institutional and MBTA.

The place across the street from the VA is already over built with luxury condos, and I've heard talk about another salt box complex going up by the trailer park. Boston and the Climate would be better served by a large parking garage with service to the hospitals. This facility would also be very useful to locals during snow emergencies.

Can you really trust people at City Hall who want to fix climate change by building thousands of units which no doubt come with thousands of SUVs and greatly increases closed, cemented surfaces without exposed soil, vegetation and trees for shade, water drainage or absorption by plant life?

So let's get on with the road diet because I know I'm going to find this very entertaining. And while you're at it, finish building out apartments from the edge of the sidewalks to as far back as possible along the length of Centre St, Spring St, and the Parkway.

*Kirby Boyce  
West Roxbury*

### **A SERIOUS NEED FOR WALK LIGHTS**

*To the Editor:*

On Wednesday evening at 6:40 PM, I was nearly hit by a car while crossing Centre St. at Hastings. I was in the middle of the crosswalk, and the vehicle came within two feet of me. (Fortunately, I was able to get out of the way in time). Centre St. on a road diet would not have solved this near-miss incident. Traffic planners, please, please install red-light-on-demand walk lights at key crosswalks along Centre St!

*Mark Horenstein  
West Roxbury*

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** DOCKET No. **SU19P1756EA**

Estate of: Burt Alan Hopkins Suffolk Division  
Also Known As: Burt A. Hopkins, Burt Hopkins  
Date of Death: June 13, 2019

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner: **Jon E Hopkins of Natick, MA**  
A Will has been admitted to informal probate  
**Jon E Hopkins of Natick, 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.  
*Boston Bulletin: 10/10/19*

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**CASE NUMBER: JG 13059**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA –MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of Guardianship of:  
Zavion Ikequan Brooks  
DOB 01/25/2005 minor(s)

The Court has reviewed the CERTIFICATE OF READINESS (Request to Set Hearing). Based upon the Court's review, IT IS ORDERED:  
Setting a Hearing on the Petition for Guardianship of a Minor  
WARNING: Failure to bring the documents identified on the "Certificate of Readiness" (Request for Hearing) may result in the hearing being cancelled.  
Signed this 13th Day of August, 2019.  
*/s/Illegible*  
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Read this Notice Carefully. An important court proceeding that affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice, contact a lawyer for help.  
1. NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Petitioner has filed with the Court a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor.  
2. HEARING INFORMATION. A court hearing has been scheduled to consider the petition as follows:  
HEARING DATE AND TIME: 10/22/19 @ 9:30 AM  
HEARING PLACE: 3131 W. Durango Phoenix, AZ 85009  
BEFORE: COMMISSIONER ALLEN  
COURTROOM: #A  
3. RESPONSE: You can file a written response to the petition. File your original written response with the court, mail a copy of the original response to the petitioner(s), and provide a copy of your response to the Judge/Commissioner named above at least 5 business days before the hearing. Or, you can appear in person at the hearing. You must appear at the hearing only if you wish to object to the petition.  
*Boston Bulletin: 9/26/19, 10/3/19, 10/10/19*



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