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Dozens of residents came out to celebrate the official opening of the Alice Hennessey Playground in West Roxbury last Saturday.

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## Hennessey Playground reopens

Susan Kryczka  
Staff Reporter

Despite the cloudy morning skies and cool temperatures, the mood was buoyant at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 10 celebrating the opening of the newly renovated Alice Hennessey Playground at Millennium Park. An estimated 60 people were at the ceremony, with children making up at least half of the crowd. Present were Mayor Michelle Wu, members of the Hennessey family as well as Mrs. Angela Menino, widow of late Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods, Councilor Erin Murphy, newly elected State Representative Bill MacGregor, and area residents.

Hennessey, the former staff director of the Boston City Council and a longtime aide to Mayor Thomas Menino, passed away in 2017 and was instrumental in supporting the original playground at the park as well as other projects throughout the city. The playground underwent a renovation that began in 2022 and was just recently completed.

Mayor Wu kicked off the brief formal ceremony by noting that she'd brought her own children to the event, who were busy testing out the new playground equipment. She thanked Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods



The new space at Millennium Park will give more reasons to head down to the VFW.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA

and his department for their work on all the parks in Boston. "My kids know the park system so well," she said.

Wu went on to laud Hennessey's commitment to Boston.

"Alice Hennessey is such an example for all of us to continue to strive for public service and to think about the breadth and depth of what it means to give to community. She loved the city, loved her community...she refused to settle for anything less than our young people in our neighborhoods deserved. This neighborhood was particularly special to

her."

Wu mentioned that the land Millennium Park sits on was a former dump and land fill and that it was hard to imagine then what the park has become today. She reminded everyone to look to the future.

"We need to fight for what is possible. Not only did Alice take care of neighborhoods across the city and West Roxbury, and signature projects like this one, she was a dedicated public servant who was one of the Boston Public Library's biggest champions."

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About 80 residents, teachers, officials and alumni came out to the site of the O'Bryant School for the announcement of its move.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

## O'Bryant moving to West Roxbury

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced last week during a ceremony at the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science that the exam school, situated in Roxbury, will be making the move to the old West Roxbury Educational Complex by the VFW Parkway.

The current site of the O'Bryant will be taken over by the Madison Park Technical Vocational High School.

"The two school communities here each deserve to have the fullest of opportunities reflected not just in the work they do day-to-day, but in the spaces that empower them to be able to access the tools and resources that they need," she said. "As the intellectual capital of the world, Boston has to be home also to opportunities for our students to tap into the knowledge and resources, not just in our classrooms, but across the entire city."

Wu said the West Roxbury High School will be seeing major updates when it is rebuilt so as to be a brand new STEM-focused school. She said they will have expanded programming in biomedical sciences, engineering and computer science.

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## Phase II Jackson Square to Ruggles planned

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

"Buses take center stage" the Boston Globe reported when the 0.7-mile-center busway opened from Walnut Avenue to Centre Street at Jackson Square on Nov. 4, 2021.

Planning for Phase II, a one-mile center busway from Jackson Square to Ruggles Street began as soon as Phase I was completed and got underway with a public meeting on Dec. 12, 2022.

The second public meeting was held virtually on May 23, 2023 and in-person at Roxbury Community College on May 24. As first reported by The Bulletin in January 2020, the Egleston-Jackson center busway, with four new covered passenger platforms, was the first of its type in Massachusetts; as the MBTA noted in 2020 it was the beginning of an agency

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Residents will be recreating the Hyde Park Street Festival from the 150th anniversary of Hyde Park, and organizers say they want to make it an annual event.

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# Festival in the Streets returning to HP

**Matthew MacDonald**  
*Staff Reporter*

The Festival in the Streets will take place in Hyde Park's Logan Square (Fairmount Avenue and River Street) from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday night, June 24.

For it, Logan Square and the lower block of Fairmount Avenue – home to the most condensed, thriving section of the

neighborhood's business district – will be closed off to traffic in order to make room for people 21 and older to come out and enjoy beer gardens, live music on two stages, food trucks, and downtown Hyde Park's establishments.

Planning for this event – which is being coordinated by Celebrate Hyde Park (www.celebratehydepark.org) – began in February, but the

seed for it was planted in 2018, when a yearlong series of community activities were held to commemorate the neighborhood's 150th anniversary, all of which culminated in a nighttime street festival held that June. It proved to be so well attended and well-received that the idea was quickly floated to and amongst the HP150 orga-

**Festival**

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# Noise and bio concerns for proposed 103 North Beacon lab

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a virtual meeting last week regarding the proposed lab space at 103 North Beacon St. in Allston.

The proposal is for a mixed-use life science development with retail and amenity space on the ground floor. The project, from IQHQ Development, which is similar to the proposed mixed-use life science building down the street at 155 North Beacon St., also from IQHQ, is a bit smaller at 265,000 square feet of gross floor area, whereas the 155 project sits at 409,395 square feet.

The project will likely need zoning relief for its floor area ratio of 4.36 (2.0 allowed) and its height of 112 feet (45 feet allowed). CBT Architect Philip Casey discussed the green infrastructure involved with the plan. He said they would be following the state's Energy Stretch Code that Boston recently adopted, with some nods

to future green needs, as well as going for a LEED Gold rating.

The project will also have a public pocket park on the North Beacon and Arthur Street sides of the building.

"It's just an opportunity to stop and perhaps rest as you're walking down North Beacon, and there are some trees there on the north side of the building with a lot of sun and a seat wall with a large bench and round tables," said Senior Landscape Architect for Bohler Engineering.

One resident asked through the chat what the proposed bio safety level would be for the project. IQHQ Director of Development Kim Thai said the company mostly deals with the development side of the project and has to comply with certain regulations for safety levels up to a certain point, and said the exact level of bio safety would be determined by their tenants.

"We develop and build the core shell building and then from there we operate the buildings and maintain them, but lease out to the tenants," she

said. "It's really whichever company coming in that determines what bio safety level they would be at. I can assure you it will not be a bio safety level 4, which is the highest level. Those are very rare and federally-regulated. There's only one in Boston and that's not what we're designing for but we don't know ahead of time what the actual level will be."

Resident and Impact Advisory Group member Ellen

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## SSIH Trail: no Boston Irish need apply

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The nine towns constituting the South Shore Irish Heritage (SSIH) Trail are Weymouth, Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Kingston, Marshfield, Duxbury, and Plymouth. It's sort of local diaspora of Irish people who, originally from Dorchester, Charlestown, and South Boston, have migrated to these leafy suburbs there after becoming financially well-off to escape from the three-deckers in which they grew up.

Except for Hull, the other coastal communities have seen fit to exclude the remaining Boston Irish and other nationalities from refreshing themselves at their beaches. Much of the Hull coastline is now Nantasket Beach, administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. [Kingston has no ocean access.] This exclusion is so effectively done by resorting to parking prohibitions and non-resident restrictions.

It would seem to be a safe bet that a significant number of the citizenry of the 8-coastal towns within the SSIH are Democrats and were schooled—when they lived in Boston's triple-deckers before "striking it rich"—in parochial schools. There at Gate of Heaven, St. Brigid's, St. Ann's, St. Brendan's, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Margaret's, St. Gregory's, St. Mark's, St. Matthew's, St. Peter's, St. William's, St. Ambrose, St. Margaret's, and so many other schools—many of them defunct now—they were taught about sharing by nuns who worked for a pittance to spread the Gospel message about sharing and concern for others. Now they have arrived in well-to-do circumstances, they are intent upon shutting the door behind them, pulling-up-the ladder, or whatever other metaphor one wants to use.

Perhaps they fear that their coastal areas will be overrun by the great unwashed from the city and inland suburban areas, such as Norwood and Dedham. Admittedly, if only a very few of the South Shore coastal communities opened up their beaches to non-residents, perhaps the crowds would be somewhat intense, but if all—including North Shore's Winthrop, Beverly, Swampscott, Marblehead, and Gloucester—did the same, the numbers would be spread out and manageable.

When the Irish living in the South Shore Irish Heritage area talk about the "troubles" and the incivility, cruelty, and injustices imposed on them by the Crown, perhaps they should look inward.

### MURPHY OPPOSES "ROAD DIET"

*To the Editor:*

I oppose the implementation of the so-called "road diet" on Centre Street on both the merits and procedural ground. The rights of West Roxbury families are being trampled, and they're being told there's nothing they can do about it. I disagree.

The proposal to impose the "road diet" on Centre Street would impinge emergency rescue vehicle access, choke residential neighborhoods with spillover traffic, squeeze four lanes down to two with a middle lane for turns at some intersections, harm local businesses by restricting customer access, and add bike lanes. And it's being rammed through despite significant local objections, in service to an agenda that does not align with community desires.

City officials should step back and listen to the concerns of West Roxbury residents before proceeding with an expensive plan that will likely exacerbate traffic problems. Centre Street is the spine of a fabulous neighborhood, and dramatically changing one of our city's greatest boulevards in the face of well-founded objections of residents and neighborhood groups is a dangerous overreach.

More broadly, I have concerns about the erosion across the city of neighborhood control. In the last few months, in neighborhoods like Charlestown and Dorchester, we've seen unequivocal local sentiment trumped by the top-down demands of developers and investors from outside those neighborhoods. Efforts have been made to circumvent the Article 80 process – which the BPDA itself describes as "the vehicle through which every resident is given a voice to ensure Boston is shaped by all of us who care about its future." This is a worrisome trend.

Improvements and develop-

ment are crucial to a neighborhood's progress, and we should never fall into the trap of thoughtless NIMBYism or resisting change for the sake of resistance alone. But we must also remember that these neighborhoods are home to the families who built them and keep them healthy, and that those families have earned a say in how their neighborhoods look and grow.

Centre Street needs improvements, particularly around pedestrian safety, and West Roxbury residents have ideas: new, high-visibility crosswalks and on-demand traffic signals to make foot traffic easier and safer, common-sense upgrades when necessary. The Boston Transportation Department should develop an alternative proposal to enhance pedestrian safety while preserving travel flow along Centre Street, a vital corridor of both commerce and community life.

As an At-Large City Councilor, my job is to weigh the needs of the whole city. Force-feeding unwanted mandates down the throats of concerned neighborhoods has become a troubling trend that doesn't just strike at our proud tradition of self-governance, it takes important decisions out of the hands of local residents and empowers technocrats and bureaucrats who are disconnected from neighborhood life. Instead, the city should work collaboratively with the community, listen to and incorporate its input, and realign its plans to fit the needs of Centre Street and West Roxbury.

*Erin Murphy  
Boston City Councilor  
At-Large*

### PLAN IS USELESS WITHOUT ENFORCEMENT

*To the Editor:*

A number of years ago I attended several meetings on the reconstruction of Centre Street. It was done in two phases. There was something said by a person

representing Boston's DPW at the first meeting that has stuck with me and is something that needs to take place on any plan to make Centre Street safer while not hurting businesses. The DPW person spoke on the importance as he called it of the three E's and if all three are not involved in any plan, then the plan will not be as successful as it could be.

The three E's were Engineering, Education and Enforcement.

It is the last of these that gets little mention in plans to make Centre Street safer. During reconstruction and afterwards there have been attempts to make Centre Street safer with various degrees of success. These attempts were largely educational and what is lacking is enforcement. Rarely do you see the sight of a car pulled over on Centre, Spring or Washington streets.

Those of us of a certain driving age remember Officer Killduff. He was a one-person enforcement team for BPD Area E-5. Yes, he pulled me over (once). Yes, I was at fault. He was kind and I got a warning. He would rotate between the main roadways.

Officer Killduff is remembered for another reason. At the time there was the myth that the reason Centre Street was unsafe is because of drivers from outside West Roxbury. At a presentation before the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council, Officer Killduff's tickets were broken down by zip code. The myth got shattered as a large majority of those tickets had the zip code of 02132. It reminded me of the saying, "I have met the enemy and it is us."

Some have mentioned cameras be a part of the enforcement. Currently, Massachusetts is not one of those states where traffic cameras can be used to issue tickets.

I am not suggesting a police presence 24/7 on Centre Street. I am saying that any plan to make Centre Street safer needs an enforcement component.

*Stephen Smith  
West Roxbury*

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## Hennessey Park *continued from page 1*

She added, "For more than 20 years this park has been a fixture because of her and because of Mayor Menino."

Matt O'Malley, former city councilor, also praised Hennessey. Holding his daughter Margo in his arms he said, "This is one of Margo's favor-

ite playgrounds." With a nod to the family, he added, "This is such an amazing tribute. Hennesseys, we love you."

Sean Hennessey spoke for the family. "Alice would be absolutely thrilled by this. This is just a wonderful, wonderful asset for the people of Boston. Thank you very much." The ribbon-cutting itself included the family and any of the numerous children present who wanted to help out. Many stepped up.

The new playground is colorfully designed in shades of blue, yellow, and green. There

are now two play areas with one for 2-to-5-year-olds that includes a bird house playhouse, toddler swings, and a shaded picnic area. The other area serves 5-to-12-year-olds and is equipped with agility ropes, a three-level tree house with slides and a rock climber, swings, and a natural stone seating area. The entrance plaza has benches and a gate. It is also wheelchair accessible. Details relating to the renovation project can be found at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-millennium-park>.



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Members of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers Company A marched out to the Boston Common recently to reenact the regiment shipping out to fight in the south.

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# 54th Regiment musters out

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The 54th Massachusetts Regiment of Volunteers Company A Reenactors shipped out from Camp Meigs in Readville to Boston on May 21 in a recreation of the 54th's mustering from training camp to Long Wharf to Boston Harbor and eventually out to South Carolina.

"On May 18, 1863, Frederick Douglas, William Lloyd Garrison and other abolitionists in Boston took a train to Readville in Hyde Park where the army

camp was at Camp Meigs," said Cpl. Emmett Bell-Sykes of the 54th. "They made a large square formation in the camp, and on behalf of the governor, the colonel was presented four flags: a federal flag, a regimental state flag, a flag with the Goddess of Liberty and a blue flag with a white cross that said, 'In hoc signo vinces,' which means, 'In this sign, you will conquer.'"

It was then the regiment received its orders that it would muster out to begin its participation in the fight against the Confederacy. In 10 days, on May 28,

the regiment took the train from Readville Station to Boston. Members of the 54th Reenactors also took the train from Readville to Boston to arrive at the Robert Guild Shaw Memorial on the Boston Common to educate residents and tourists alike about the regiment. It's hoped they made better time on the MBTA than on the rail company of the 1860s.

"Oh God I hope so!" said 54th Private Tonya Grimes, portraying Pvt. Tony, with a laugh.

Grimes said she came to the

**54th Regiment**  
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## Miracle Prayer

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McCrave said she had a problem with the project not having any drop off areas for ride-share and delivery vehicles.

“You need a place for people to pull over for drop-offs,” she said. “You can’t continue to ignore the fact that there are going to be ride-share drop-offs.”

Casey said they are continuing talks with the Boston Transportation Department, and BPDA Project Manager Quinn Valcich said actually not having such a space was a directive from the BPDA.

“That’s something BPDA staff has been pretty vocal about in our internal meetings with proponents, and they actually did have one included and we asked them to remove it,” he said. “Our transportation planning staff felt the volume would be low enough so the turn lanes southbound on Arthur could be used for drop-offs. We didn’t want to lose the pedestrian activity there along Arthur.”

McCave said she feels drop-

off space inclusion really helps mitigate traffic.

“All you have to do is spend a little time on Guest Street to see what a difference it makes; they put in the drop-off in front of New Balance that was done ages ago and just compare that to Guest Street now,” she said.

Casey said there would be a dual-bay loading dock for deliveries which would be fully-enclosed for trucks.

Thai said they are in discussions with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) regarding the redevelopment.

“With our last project we actually directed our housing funds to the Faneuil Gardens and are in communication with the Faneuil Gardens and the BHA,” she said.

Thai was also asked about opportunities for local residents for jobs and workforce development.

“STEM training has been a part of all of our projects within IQHQ and we will be open to having conversations,” she said. “We have a relationship

with Brighton High School right now as well as Just to Start, which is a job-training program in life sciences, and so there are definitely opportunities that we can discuss.”

Lastly, residents asked about noise control, specifically in noise being amplified and bounced back and forth between the large building and its neighbors, as well as noise from its mechanical apparatuses for elevators and ventilation. Casey said they would be doing noise studies for the mechanicals at least.

“We don’t see any acoustical impacts for the neighbors there,” he said.

As far as noise amplification, he said that’s probably not going to be an issue.

“It’s something we can take a look at from a pedestrian environment standpoint,” he said. “Typically though that only happens when there are a lot of buildings of higher scale around you. Right now there’s not a lot of context to echo that but it’s something to consider.”

One resident pointed out that the area is getting developed over time and that it could be an issue in the future.

The comment period for this project goes until June 21. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/3c9xz4yf> to see more information and leave a comment.

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regiment years ago with her brother Gerard Grimes. She said it's something of a family tradition now after a few decades.

"My family has been involved for about 23 years," she said. "It's a tradition. I enjoy sharing the history because people don't really know much about the 54th or the history of the time. It's not something that was covered in the schools when I started. I hope it is now."

Grimes said she's happy to make the trek from Readville to Long Wharf.

"As a history nerd it's really cool to be a part of that," she said.

Bell-Sykes, along with U.S. Park Service Park Guide Meaghan Michel explained the history of the trek from Camp Meigs, as well as the history of the monument and several notable enlistees and proponents of the 54th. Michel noted the life of Lewis Hayden, a noted former slave and vehement abolitionist, and Shadrach Minkins, an escaped slave who was recaptured in Boston, escaped and eventually made it to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

Bell-Sykes discussed veteran 54th soldier Eli George Biddle, and related a story in which during his schooling in Beacon Hill he was required to sing 'My Country, tis of Thee,' as part of his education. He flatly refused, noting that the song didn't speak to his people's discrimination in the north or of the slavery in the south. So when he was expelled from the only Black school in

Beacon Hill, he was walking along the streets trying to think of how he would explain that to his mother. It was there he met a recruiter and signed up for the 54th, and distinguished himself fighting in the Second Battle of Fort Wagner, where the 54th famously charged up the ramparts of a fort with a myriad of defenses.

"He stopped complaining and he did something about it," Bell-Sykes said.

Bell-Sykes said he's always happy to have events on the Common.

"We kind of have a captive audience with folks naturally in the area for tourism," he said with a laugh. "We did a tiny bit of marketing and we did reach out to some of our partners here in the area. It's always great to run into people from all different parts of the world. But it doesn't matter where you're from, everybody can relate to a group of people fighting against injustice and fighting to make life better for their community, and that's what the 54th is about, in a huge nutshell."

Over in Readville, Bell-Sykes said they had a smaller but still dedicated following of residents coming out to support their efforts.

"We had some folks from the Hyde Park Historical Society and we had a bit of a crowd and we got to engage with them too, so that was great," he said.

Sgt. Gerard Grimes said the idea for this mustering came from

former Captain Benny White, who passed away on July 4 of 2020.

"It was three years ago and he passed on the Fourth of July, I mean of all the days for him to go, he went on the Fourth," he said. "What a way to go. But this was his baby."

Cpl. George Brown said he joined up when the company first started about 30 years ago. He said then a reenactor came to the Legion Post in Mattapan and got him involved in the organization.

"But I was just, more or less, on the board," he said. "I had never reenacted until the Inauguration of Barrack Obama in 2008. But I joined up and I'm glad I did it, knowing the history of the 54th."

Tour guide Dana Smith of Hub Town Tours said he wanted to make sure his group came by for the 54th, as he previously worked for the National Parks Service taking residents on tours of National Black Heritage Trails for 20 years.

"I think it's absolutely magnificent and powerful and such a tribute to this group," he said. "I've been friends with some of these guys for years and they're hear a lot talking to people. It's just such a great moment of history."

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# Kidney donor needed

Thomas (Tommy) McAnulty, long time Walpole resident, formerly of Roslindale, loving husband, retired State Trooper of 30 years, and friend to many, has been battling End Stage Kidney Disease and needs a Kidney transplant to continue to live. Although there have been many who have stepped up to be evaluated, there is no match yet. We ask this community to rally around Tommy and we encourage others to consider being evaluated too. We know that there are truly kind and selfless individuals among us, willing to help save Tommy's life.

Individuals aged 21 -70 who are willing to donate a kidney may be a match for Tommy. If after thoughtful consideration you are moved to contact the Beth Israel Transplant Institute please identify the recipient as Thomas McAnulty when completing the intake form, a short medical history that starts the evaluation process. Please understand that the evaluation process can take some time. The Beth Israel Transplant Institute is always excited to speak with potential donors. Anyone willing to consider being evaluated please visit [bidmc.org/kidneydonor](http://bidmc.org/kidneydonor), call

the Transplant Institute at 617-632-9700 to speak to a Living Donor RN.

It has been three years since this devastating diagnosis and over two years that Tommy has been on the national deceased donor list. It could take years before a kidney becomes available. With close to 100,000 Americans waiting for a deceased donor kidney, the wait for Tommy is still at least 7 years away. He can't wait that long. Due to various medical issues, McAnulty's family members who were tested were not cleared to donate. Consequently, his family has decided to pursue a living kidney donor and are turning to their community for help. The search for a Living Kidney Donor is the responsibility of the patient, there is no such thing as a Living Kidney Donor List. While many people believe they are donors when they check the box on their license, and that is a wonderful act, what it really means is Tommy and all the others waiting for a donor from "THE LIST" need someone to die before a potential kidney becomes available, and for those who have checked the box, only about 3% will actually ever be able to donate.

Although Tommy is in des-



Tom McAnulty

perate need of a transplant, he is hanging in there. His kidney function continues to diminish and it is now dangerously low, at only 5%. Although increasingly challenging, he continues to manage all of the other issues that come along with end stage kidney disease with a positive attitude. His medication list continues to grow, his list of Doctors and caregivers is expanding and he is fatigued most of the time. But, he is a Trooper after all and is dedicated to persevere through this hardship and difficulty without complaint. He continues to display courage and fortitude while confronting the worst, and will not let this life altering blow change the end of his story.

So efforts continue on to appeal for help and support. The best way to help besides donating a kidney is to share Tommy's story with all of the people you know, as much as possible. In this situation the more folks who know the bet-

ter his chances are of finding his match and surviving. You can follow Tommy on Facebook or Instagram at [kidneyfortommym](https://www.facebook.com/kidneyfortommym) and help spread the word by sharing his posts with your family and community of friends. Who knows Tommy's donor may just be on your friend list or someone following you?

"Tommy is a loving husband, brother, uncle and friend," explains his wife Kathleen of 32 years. "He believes in the importance of service and has spent his entire life doing good for others, never asking for anything in return. He keeps to himself and stoically refuses to ask for help. He is 63 years-young and one of the most fun, kind and giving people you will ever meet. He

loves his family and friends passionately, and tends to these relationships with immense care. He is simply one of the best people on earth. Please, we need the help of anyone and everyone willing to consider donating the gift of life."

The Norwood Record and Bulletin Newspapers will continue to share Tommy's story! We thank you the readers, who we know will become part of this campaign to find a Kidney for Tommy M. We are fortunate to live and work in a community full of people who care enough to want to help any way they can.

If you have any questions, you can email Kathleen at: [tommysnewkidney@gmail.com](mailto:tommysnewkidney@gmail.com)

## Council wants to expand EMS

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted to hold a hearing on expanding EMS staffing to keep up with the city's population growth.

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta called for the hearing and said the City of Boston is expected to grow its population by about 150,000 individuals by 2030, and she said EMS services may be hard pressed to respond to the correlating rise in emergency medical calls.

"Little attention has been paid to how we can absorb this growth responsibly and how city services will be able to keep up," she said. "This order will focus in on the city's exponential

growth on emergency services. EMS and fire are trained to care for patients and answer the call, and they have for 134,000 medical emergencies just in 2022 alone. They serve admirably and deserve adequate support from the city."

Coletta said the order is inspired by an incident concerning an elderly woman from Charlestown in May of this year. She said the woman was in need of assistance and called 911.

"A fire truck came in 15 minutes, but an EMS ambulance arrived an hour after they were dispatched," she said. "The ambulance was coming from a different neighborhood, and that woman waited precious minutes for that service. Short response

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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.

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# Festival *continued from page 2*

nizers to make it an annual happening.

By 2019, the idea had traction, but further plans were put on hold when the pandemic hit, and they stayed that way until February, when a meeting was held to determine if there would be enough volunteers to bring the street festival off in 2023. When it drew about 50 in-person attendees and additional sign-ups, the green light was on,

and about 100 volunteers went to work on 11 different committees pertaining to all aspects of the event, including food, music, beverages, logistics, outreach, marketing, and finance.

Based on the HP150 street festival, the anticipated budget for this year's event is \$100,000. To help meet it, a \$50,000 grant was secured by State Representative (14th Suffolk) Rob Consalvo. Addi-

tionally, in-kind support has come in from participating local businesses, with the balance of the money penciled to come in from festival revenue.

"It's been very, very fast," Scott Smith – Hyde Park resident, non-profit consultant, and head coordinator of HP150 and the festival – said of the process during a telephone interview last Friday. "We've been running at a rapid pace because to put together an

event this big in the span of less than four months is a tremendous amount of work."

Last Thursday, a meeting was held for volunteers to spread the word about the festival, and to work the event itself. Speaking of this, Smith emphasized two goals that go beyond drawing positive attention to the neighborhood while having a good time: to promote community volunteerism and to build on what was established by HP150.

"We're cultivating the next generation of people who will be running this event after I'm gone... for the next, hopefully, 10, 20, 50 years," Smith explained. "So it's a great, solid mix of that institutional knowledge, and that new energy, and new ideas, and new blood coming into it." The meeting, while not heavily attended, reflected this, and the way Smith had identified the larger volunteer pool: as a mix of longtime and recent residents falling within a wide range of demographics and backgrounds, all looking to contribute.

As Smith described it, the festival itself – while involving local businesses (most notably, the beer gardens will be watered by Hyde Park's Roundhead Brewing Company) – also hopes to bring in people from other communities with its live music and food trucks and, in so doing, introduce them to the neighborhood. "This could be a draw for people who say, 'Oh, wow. I love that band and I'm going to go listen to them.' It might be their first time coming to Hyde Park," Smith put forward. "That's a win for me. That's fantastic."

The festival will feature music from six bands on two bandstands, and four food

trucks will be stationed on Fairmount Avenue. All of the bars, restaurants, and shops in and around the festival area will also be open for business. Entry to the grounds will be from Fairmount Avenue at Davison Street (by the firehouse) and from the drive-through at the Rockland Trust Bank (the old Hyde Park Savings Bank) at 1196 River Street.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, and can be purchased on the Celebrate Hyde Park website. They can also be purchased onsite using cash or Venmo. The Festival is a 21+ event.

Speaking of the post-festival future, Smith said that it is open, with the promotion of HP150's main theme – Celebrate Hyde Park – as a goal, perhaps assisting other events, such as Juneteenth or the Anderson Tree Lighting. "I think there's a bigger conversation to be had around what 'Celebrate Hyde Park' means," he said of the possibilities.

"The goal this year is just to get it back up on its feet, and then let it kind of blossom from there," he said of the more immediate future. "I'm excited to see where it goes."

For event information, tickets, or to volunteer, visit [www.celebratehydepark.org](http://www.celebratehydepark.org).

## BFD gathers for 130th Firefighters Memorial Service in JP



The 130th Boston Fire Department memorial service was held at Forest Hills Cemetery on June 11. This marks the 130th observance of this remembrance for those Boston Firefighters who lost their lives. The service and parade line goes by the 152 graves of firefighters buried at the site in Jamaica Plain. Sixteen of those firefighters buried there died in the line of duty. Though the day was a solemn ceremony, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Tully said he was hopeful that the department would continue to grow and serve in the tradition of those 152 souls buried in the Forest Hills Cemetery Grounds.

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**DEATHS**

**CONNELL**

Carol Ann (Bonner), age 87, died peacefully, with family by her side on June 8, 2023. Born August 25, 1935, daughter of former Boston Fire Department Lieutenant and Irish tenor, Francis J. Bonner and homemaker Gertrude (Curran) Bonner. Predeceased by husband, Brendan M. Connell; baby son, Christopher; and brother, Robert F. Bonner. Survived by children, Brenda O'Brien (Thomas) of Scituate, Susan McCann (Michael) of Fairhaven, Carolyn Eichhorn (Kurt) of Westport, Brendan, Jr. (Rich Yeung) of Los Angeles and David of Washington, D.C.; grandchildren, Kelly O'Connell (Will), Colleen and Mary Grace McCann, Anna and William Eichhorn; step-great-grandsons, Luke and Jase; sister-in-law, Patricia Bonner, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Burial at New Westwood Cemetery. Full Obituary at [www.chapmanfuneral.com](http://www.chapmanfuneral.com) Chapman Funerals & Cremations Falmouth 508-540-4172.

**MCSWEENEY**

John Michael Sr. "Mac", retired Boston Firefighter of Hyannis, formerly of West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on June, 7, 2023. Mac was born on September 17, 1942, the devoted son of the late Michael J. and Ann (Fahey) McSweeney. He was the beloved husband of Mary Jane (Wells), with whom he shared 57 years of marriage. Loving father of John, Jr. of Concord, NH, Karen Noyes and her husband, Richard of Walpole, Joseph of Dennis and Cheryl Dillenburg and her husband, Jerry of Clarendon Hills, IL. Cherished grandfather of Mark, Andrew, William, Lauren, John, Mark, Julia and the late Matthew. Great-grandfather of Owen, Aiden and Amelia. Dear brother of June Dray and her late husband, Robert Dray. Mac spent most of his career protecting and serving the residents of Boston at Ladder 11 in Brighton prior to being assigned to Fire Prevention at Fire Headquarters. He was an excellent cook and loved cars and Motown. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in The Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury, on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mac's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA

02472 or at [alz.org](http://alz.org) To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

**O'BRIEN**



Elizabeth M. "Bette" of West Roxbury, formerly of St. Patrick's Parish, Roxbury, passed away on June 10, 2023. Beloved daughter of the late John (BPD) and Madeline (Connolly) O'Brien. Sister of the late Thomas O'Brien (BPD) and his surviving wife Jan. Niece of the late Albert "Dapper" O'Neil, long time Boston City Councilor, Mildred Walsh, Evelyn Lowney, William "Brother" O'Neil, and Mae Connolly and Thomas Connolly. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Funeral from the funeral home on Thursday, June 15th at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury at 10am. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

**SIDEROPOULOS**



Sodira died at home, in West Roxbury, on June 8, 2023. Born in Norwood, MA on July 26, 1933, she was the fourth of seven

daughters of Efthimios "James" and Sophia (Ostopoulos) Sideropoulos, Greek immigrants who came to the U.S. from Turkey. Dear sister of Despina "Desi" Sideropoulos of West Roxbury, Porta Fruci of Norwood, Christine Bowles of Norwood, Thalia Sideropoulos of West Roxbury, and the late Joanna Bakas, and Esther Percoco. Loving aunt of Stephen, Joanne, Anthony, Deborah, James, Jimmy, Donna, David, Tina, Michael, and the late Steve and Timothy. Also survived by many grand nieces and nephews. Sodira attended Norwood High School, graduating in 1951. In her day, she had a petite stature of nearly 5 feet, an 18-inch waist, and a twinkle in her eye. Very popular as well as a night owl, she could often be found at late night Moss Hill hockey games, or propped up on a juke box at the old Head-In Diner, enjoying good times with friends into the wee hours. At age 23, Sodira moved with her family to West Roxbury's Bellevue Hill neighborhood, and she developed a taste for life's finer things. She traveled by commuter rail to her job in Boston at the Securities Research Company, which was the nation's oldest provider of independent stock-charting information. She served as their devoted secretary and receptionist for decades, and was the trusted contact for the Company's international clients. Outside work, Sodira loved to shop for Ralph Lauren and other fine labels. A generous gifter, she was affectionately dubbed "The Waterford Queen" by her family. She was a great baker and kept a file of special recipes, including one for carrot cake that she procured through a savvy trade with the baker at a Newbury Street shop. Among her sisters, Sodira had an exceptionally sweet disposition. Nevertheless, she was a passionate defender of her convictions and those she loved. In later life, she remained at home as a loving companion to her mother and sisters. She delighted in quality time with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as their children and extended family. She will be missed, and remembered with deep fondness by many. Visiting hours will be held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Thursday, June 15th from 4-7pm. Funeral service on Friday, June 16th at the Hellenic College of the Holy Cross, Holy Cross Seminary Chapel, 50 Goddard Ave. Brookline at 10:30am (please go directly to the chapel). Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, please donate in memory of Sodira to the Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, 50 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA 02445, or to Brain Tumor Center Education and Research Fund (Make a Gift to Mass General) or checks can be made payable to Brain Tumor Center Education and Research Fund and sent to Mass General Development Office, 25 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.



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*To help cut down on wait times, four bus routes now travel only in way lanes at Jackson Square*

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## Phase II *continued from page 1*

emphasis on bus transit lines.

Phase I was a two-year project completed during the pandemic and had three main components: center bus lines serving three major intra-neighborhood bus routes, the 22, 29 and 44, four new boarding platforms in the center lane, and enhanced crosswalks and signalization mainly in Egleston Square.

The cost during those two years rose over 40 percent, from \$10 million to \$14 million at the time of ribbon cutting.

As explained at the Dec. 12 meeting, the Jackson-Ruggles busway is funded with \$12 million in federal and \$2 million in city funds.

The busways are a collaboration between the MBTA and the City of Boston. Phillip Cherry is the MBTA senior project manager of Phase II and he was joined at the May 23 meeting by Maya Mudgal, MBTA transit planner.

The worldwide firm WSP is the engineering and construction company hired by the MBTA for Phase II.

David Lee, of Stull and Lee Architects, is also consulting on Phase II with the MBTA and he was at the May 24 in-person meeting at RCC. Stull and Lee designed both RCC and the Ruggles Orange line station.

Mudgal said at the May 23 meeting that “a lot had been learned from Phase I. There is a significant time savings,” she said, “of from four to eight minutes.

“Both the drivers and the passengers like it,” she added, “The drivers because they don’t have to fight through traffic and can pull up to the passenger platforms and the riders because it saves time.

“Riders say it’s a faster trip and a more pleasant experience,” Mudgal said.

“A thousand people a day stay on the bus from Egleston

Square,” Cherry added.

Mudgal said that there has also been a drop in speeding.

“There has been a 10 percent rise in the number of drivers obeying the speed limit of 25 mph,” she said.

“Also the increase in motorists’ time of driving through Egleston to Jackson is 20 to 40 seconds longer,” Mudgal said.

Cherry said that the one-mile bus route on Columbus Avenue includes “the highest concentration of bus lines in the entire MBTA system “especially at Roxbury Crossing.”

The goals of Phase II, as explained in December and May, are the same as at Egleston Square, transit priority over general traffic, safety for riders and pedestrians and enhanced center bus shelters.

Cherry explained what he called “the Jackson Square logjam” because there are only one-way traffic lanes through the station.

“With a one-way traffic flow there is five-way, circuitous bus movement. The station carries 50,000 passengers a day and serves three main bus routes, the 22, 38 and 41,” Cherry said.

He added the MBTA first thought of moving the buses to Columbus Avenue.

“But this would be an inconvenience in snow and rain for passengers getting a transfer.

“Now there’s some exciting changes at Jackson Square; the change is a two-way busway through the station that will eliminate bus tie ups for passengers during peak ridership.

“The routing of buses at Jackson occupied a lot of our focus,” Cherry said.

“There’s a lot of engineering involved. It’s still in the planning stages through 2023. Jackson Square improvements will impact the entire

bus system and save riders three to five minutes.”

Cherry noted that the Jackson to Ruggles busway changes add to the changes in the community, especially at Mildred Hailey Apartments.

“It’s a way to improve things for all the new development coming,” Cherry said.

In addition to the 223 apartments being built at Mildred Hailey, there are the 122 apartments nearing completion across the street at 250 Centre St.

Added to the new turning routes at Columbus Ave and the Jackson Square bus ramp, there will also be improvements at the Centre-Lamartine and Columbus-Richie intersections; curbing, ramps and signalization to improve pedestrian access.

At Centre-Lamartine the improvements will be made to benefit both walkers and bikers who come across that traffic light, Cherry said.

The Columbus-Heath intersection near the Positive Zone School will be rebuilt and widened to 10 to 15 feet to eliminate the conflict between pedestrians and bicyclists.

The center lane busway with its distinctive red swaths will begin at Heath Street. There will be three center platform bus shelters after Jackson Square, Cedar Street, Roxbury Crossing and Prentiss Street opposite the Whittier Health Center.

Cherry said the lines are open for more public comment, but he seemed confident of success. He said that the Phase II busway should be completed in 2024 or 2025.

“Once the network redesign is implemented,” Cherry said on May 23, “it’s likely that there will be 50 or 60 buses per hour on the one-mile extension” especially at the Roxbury Crossing interchange.

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The new West Roxbury Educational Complex will have an open floor plan that, as the rendering shows, would allow a lot of natural light into the building.

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## School Moving continued from page 1

“With full state-of-the-art labs and facilities to support that,” she said. “There will be new and advanced STEM course work, partnerships across private industry, higher education, arts and cultural institutions, healthcare and community-based organizations. It also means world-class athletic facilities, dedicated space for sports and enrichment on a campus like no other in our city. And it means room to grow with space for 400 new students.”

Transportation is an issue for the high school, since it’s not near any rapid transit and is somewhat of a hike from the West Roxbury Commuter Rail stop, but Wu said the schools plan to provide shuttles from transit hubs across the city, as well as the West Roxbury Commuter Rail Stop, which allows access from a number of stations in the Commuter Rail network.

Wu added that there will be a continuing process to make sure the school will work well with the community.

“Today we kick off the community engagement process to ensure this would be done with full involvement and full empowerment of all the various pieces of our school communities with a goal of construction starting in 2025,” she said. “And I want to acknowledge, that even as we are proud and excited to put forward a plan to build a brand new, state-of-the-art school on a one-of-a-kind campus in our city, we are aware of how significant a decision it is to bring a school that serves predominantly Black and Brown students to a different community. As we work to build a new school community that serves our O’Bryant students, we will be in deep, sustained engagement with all the stakeholders at the school, the school community and our generational alumni.”

Wu said that for the Madison Park School, classes will now expand to include seventh and eighth graders as well as high school students, and maybe some even older students.

“It would mean this campus would become a full-service, round-the-clock resource for Roxbury and the city at large for young people and adult learners alike to have the space they need right here on campus,” she said. “That means adult education classes and workforce training onsite.”

Wu said the project at Madison would include renovating and expanding across the entire campus.

Many Madison alumni came to the event to celebrate its expansion.

“We’re all alumni who jumped into the trades because of this school,” said Luichy Pina. “I used to be a student here, taking sheet metal, and I just jumped into the trades. I love it; it got me out of poverty.”

Madison alum Domingos DaRosa said he’s happy to see the Madison getting more space.

“It was how Madison started; I mean we had the whole school at one point,” he said. “O’Bryant came in and took it over, but I think it’s beneficial for the students themselves if we can expand and bring the middle schools over and start them younger. College is not for everyone, and teaching them a trade and getting them going young is a good start.”

DaRosa added he felt the move of the O’Bryant to West Roxbury would be a good thing for the school.

“They can have an identity more than what they have here,” he said. “Here, they’re sharing a space with Madison, where it feels like they’ve always been in a shadow, even though they’re an exam school.

There, they can establish themselves to be greater than what they already are.”

Madison alum Genaro Ortega said he’s excited for the expansion, but feels community engagement in West Roxbury will be key.

“We have got to get the community to welcome the idea too,” he said. “Westie has to be willing to accept that, where in the past that’s been an issue.”

For Madison Park, Ortega said he feels that the school needs more promotion and more students telling their stories of how it changed their lives to be able to attract the numbers of students it will soon have the capacity for.

“As alumni, as staff, as community members, we need to promote it so people could really understand the importance of it. I graduated here in 1996, and nobody told me I could come out of here making \$70,000 or \$80,000 walking into any union. That’s something we need to change.”

## EMS Expansion

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times save lives. It is crucial that as we grow, we are adequately investing and staffing emergency services to quite literally have the ability to save lives during these meetings.”

Coletta added that the woman in question was eventually seen to and is currently fine.

Coletta engaged with the EMS Chief James Hooley during the budget meetings, but felt that a more detailed review was needed to see how the city could provide more runs and better services to residents.

“I asked for benchmarks of what is the ideal ratio of ambulance bays to people and population so that we can grow responsibly,” she said.

District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon said her neighborhoods of Allston and Brighton have been seeing a huge increase in residential development and therefore, population.

“Real population in District 9 is 80,000” she said. “Our projected growth is probably going to hit 95,000 or 100,000 in the coming years. We have two ambulance bays and we do not have any advanced life support. That has to come from Beth Israel in that area, and as we all know traffic in Allston and

Brighton is pretty heavy. So it’s a bit like Charlestown and East Boston; there are parts of our city that are cut off, and we really feel strongly we need more EMS stations and more trucks out in Allston Brighton.”

District 2 City Councilor Edward Flynn said he found the current response rates for ambulances disturbing. At-Large City Councilor Erin Murphy pointed out that the council recently had EMS representatives in the council chambers to be recognized for their service.

“They’re not always able to respond as quickly as they need to,” she said. “By properly funding our EMS and responding properly to growth in different areas of the city, this will ensure response time within minutes and save lives.”

Murphy pointed out that Flynn and At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty have been advocating for a new EMS station at the South Boston Waterfront.

“I do know that in these hearings we will discuss that it’s not about shifting money and allocation, it’s about adding,” she said. “We need to add more to our EMS, not just shift staffing.”



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

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** **DOCKET No. SU23P1070EA**

**Estate of: Elaine J. Stearns** **Suffolk Division**  
**Date of Death: December 15, 2022**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Petitioner Michelle Clayton of Norwood, MA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Michelle Clayton of Norwood, MA**

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. SU23P1209EA**

**Estate of: Yung Chun Kwan** **Suffolk Division**  
**Date of Death: March 13, 2023**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of **Walter K. Kwan of Newton, MA**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Walter K. Kwan of Newton, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the state to serve without surety on the bond.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** **Docket No. SU20P0199**

**Estate of: Eleanor Ann Crehan** **Suffolk Division**  
**Also known as: Eleanor A. Crehan**  
**Date of Death: May 21, 2019**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Petitioner: Mary-Ellen Crehan of White Plains, NY** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 06/15/2023*

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

**CITATION G.L. c. 210, §6** **DOCKET No. SU23A0275AD**

**In the matter of: Gabriella Keisha Silien** Suffolk Probate & Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, Ma 02114  
617-788-8300

**To: Paulaine Silien**

Any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A Petition has been presented to said court by:  
**Anne Saint Louis Clerge of Dedham, MA**  
**Jean Bernard Saint Louis of Dedham, MA**  
requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to: **Eliana Gabriella Saint Louis**  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn First Justice of this Court.**  
**Date: May 26, 2023**  
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

*Boston Bulletin: 06/1/23, 06/08/23, 06/15/2023*

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

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Docket No. SU23P1215EA**

**Estate of: Mary Gaffey**  
**Date of Death: 06/22/2022**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Elizabeth Differ of West Roxbury, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:  
**Elizabeth Differ of West Roxbury, 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 07/12/2023. 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: June 07, 2023**  
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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department**

Suffolk Division Docket No. SU18P2380EA

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300

**Estate of: Offia Warren**  
**Also known as: Offia Warren**  
**Date of Death: 12/23/2016**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:  
**Edward C. Pearsall of Baltimore, MD** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

**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 07/11/2023. 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.**

**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
**Date: June 6, 2023**  
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 06/15/2023*

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court — Probate and Family Court Department**

**SUFFOLK Division** **Docket No. SU23P0473GD**

**NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR**

**In the matter of: Elijah G-C Pons Cora** Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
**Of: Boston, MA** 24 New Chardon Street  
**Minor** Boston, MA 02114

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **03/03/2023** by **Exavier Pons Cora** will be held **08/22/2023, 8:30 AM Review Hearing.** Located **Edward Brooke Courthouse – 3rd Floor Probation**
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:  
File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor ( or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- Counsel for the Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over the age of 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
**May 30, 2023**  
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