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Attorney General cites Boston Planning and Development Agency Violated Open Meeting Law



Police escort people from the BPDA meeting room leaving empty seats.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 28, 2018 the Attorney General's office found the Boston Planning and Development Agency guilty of one count in a five-count complaint that it violated the Open Meeting Law at its March 2, 2017 vote adopting Plan JP/Rox.

At one of the rowdiest public hearings in recent memory, the BPDA board voted 4-1 to adapt the Plan JP/Rox guidelines.

City Life/Vita Urbana and its ally Keep It 100 For Real Affordable Housing (formerly Keep It 100 Egleston) held a

sleep-in at City Hall before the vote and jam-packed the meeting hall with angry people opposing Plan JP/Rox.

Unhappy with the vote, Keep It 100 decided to declare it invalid and on March 31, 2017 sent a letter to the BPDA alleging that the Board violated the Open Meeting law in five instances.

Filed by Lisa Thompson and Ruth Rickenbacker, both from Jamaica Plain, they alleged that the BPDA violated the Open Meeting law by

1. Failing to post proper notice.

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Baker Street apartments approved

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While last week the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved Richard Olstein's plans to put up 60 apartments near Baker Street in West Roxbury (in a project formerly known as 270 Baker St.), more development meetings are also on the horizon.

The ZBA unanimously voted to approve the proposal for 60 apartments across from the Catholic Memorial ball fields in West Roxbury with 90 parking spaces both divided between two buildings. The project originally had an access point on Baker Street in the plan, but residents fought the

idea during meetings with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). The access point will now go through the parking lot connected to VFW Parkway.

"The property is currently accessed off the VFW Parkway across an easement across two parcels that are in front of it, this parcel does not front on the Parkway but is accessed across the Parkway and will continue to be accessed in the same way," said Olstein during the hearing.

Dennis Quilty, of McDermot Quilty and Miller, said that was done because of community concern in terms of

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Storm shopping: impulse or strategy?



Residents cleared the shelves before Tuesday's storm at the Hyde Park Stop & Shop on Truman Highway.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

With the recent spate of storms to hit the city over the past days and weeks, familiar patterns – semi-forgotten in what has been a relatively mild winter – have re-established themselves midway through March: muttering about the weather forecast, making alternative plans, and stocking up on food.

Regarding that last pattern, the image of the impulse storm

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A customer inspects the bread aisle at the Hyde Park Stop & Shop on Monday night before the storm.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Roslindale Wetlands Task Force meet to discuss protecting wetlands

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Wetlands Task Force (RWTF) met with the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) on the night of March 12 to discuss how could protect the Roslindale Wetlands Urban Wild area.

The meeting came as Feeney Brothers once again has come to develop the area of 104-108 Walter St. The problem is that while 104 Walter is already a single family home, the developers want to combine 104-108 and build

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The RWTF met on Monday to discuss how they can better protect the Roslindale Wetlands Urban Wild.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Shamrock Splash raises over \$50K for beach programming

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While it wasn't as frigid as last year or as icy as the year before, more than 150 brave and hearty Massachusetts residents came out on Sunday to support Save the Harbor Save the Bay (SHSB) for the seventh annual Shamrock Splash polar plunge.

The fundraising event received more than \$50,000 for the organization to help beach programs across the Boston Harbor beaches, including Carson Beach in South Boston where the event was held. The event also supported the Boston Centers for Youth and Family (BCYF), and Commissioner William Morales said getting Boston youths out to the beach and out of their neighborhoods always helps to broaden horizons and get kids interested in saving their own natural resources.

"We've been a partner since the beginning, and we have kids who, unfortunately, feel like their locked in their

communities. They believe that their reality is in four blocks, and it's very important to kind of become blockbusters," he said. "And it's important to get the kids out and help them to figure out what life it all about. So some of the programming that SHSB has provided for us and the kids that opportunity to show them that Boston is more than what they live within their four blocks."

SHSB Director Bruce Berman took part in the plunge and thanked all the "brave souls" who joined him in the water. He also thanked a contingent of Revere Beach Partnership members who made it out to Southie.

"They asked me to remind you that Revere is America's first public beach and it's an important part of our life in this region," he said.

Revere Beach Partnership's Carol Haney said there's a reason that Berman remembers their organization so much, in that she pushed him in the water



Hundreds of residents came out on Sunday to cheer on brave swimmers in the 2018 Shamrock Splash to benefit Save the Harbor Save the Bay.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

when this event first started when he was admittedly a little timid about jumping in.

"I've been doing this since its inception about seven years ago," she said. "It's because I firmly believe in what SHSB has been doing and has done for the beaches and I'm really interested in the beaches. I'm on the beaches commission and I just want these beaches to be what they were and SHSB has done a lot for that."

Haney admitted that while

it might have been a little warmer on Sunday than in years past, it's still not a day at the beach.

"Last year was brutal, this year if we didn't have a wind it wouldn't that bad," she said. "They're all bad, let me tell you, there's never a good one!"

Resident James Guidod – sporting an outfit of shamrock green – said he came out because of his involvement with the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority

Advisory Board.

"This is kind of showing our partnership with SHSB because we're another organization with environmental concerns," he said. "Last year was my first year and it was cold, but this year I'm very excited, you can stand outside this time."

Resident David Kruger said he came out because it was just a fun thing to do and a good cause.

"We're just trying to make it an annual thing, it was cold but it was fun," he said.

Correction

In last week's West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, it was incorrectly stated that the owners of West Roxbury Motors, Gerald Nasif and Joseph Moussalli, sold their business to developers after Mr. Nasif was subpoenaed. According to Gerald Nasif, the sale of the property took place before any subpoenas were issued. Also, according to Moussalli, he bought Ernest Nasif's house for \$1.05 million, not \$1.2 million as was stated.

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Roslindale Egg Hunt returning to Healy Field

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

After a quick relocation, the Roslindale Village Main Streets (RVMS) announced that this year, the 24th annual Roslindale Egg Hunt will be returning from Fallon Field to Healy Field at 11 a.m. on March 31.

RVMS Executive Director Alia Hamada Forrest said they are also ramping up their egg count this year.

“This year we have 10,000 eggs prepared, so in the past we’ve had 6,000, but we’ve seen this event grow every year and there are more and more people so we got more eggs just for that reason,” she said.

Forrest said this is her third Egg Hunt in Roslindale and she said it’s an amazing time for the community and the kids.

“It is probably the most photogenic event that we do because the eggs are all pastel colors and they fill a whole field,” she said. “It’s 10,000 eggs in a field with a bunch of young kids wearing their Easter outfits. It’s a very warm community event, even when it’s not warm out. You see all your neighbors there for that one-hour event.”

Though Forrest said Fallon

Field wasn’t a bad spot, she felt that some of the children lost their way there.

“We used Healy two years ago and we really liked it,” she said. “The hope is that the kids actually stay in the field and kids don’t get lost as much because at Fallon Field there’s that big hill and I saw kids just end up at the playground. At Healy, everybody’s just more visible and there’s bathroom access at the Flaherty Pool, which is ideal.”

Forrest said that if there is still snow cover at Healy, they will place most if not all of the eggs in local Roslindale businesses for the kids to collect as their parents shop. She added there still should be at least some eggs in the shops if the event occurs as planned.

“There will also be some eggs in businesses for post-egg hunt fun if the kids want to continue,” she said.

Forrest added that the egg hunt is a boon for local businesses regardless, as the West Roxbury, Dorchester and Brighton Egg Hunts are usually held on the same day.

“There are people who come from all over Boston and beyond and they do what’s now called the Egg Hunt Circuit,” she said. “They hop from Brighton to Roslindale to West

Roxbury or Dorchester, so there are families that do the Hop Along and we’re part of that stop, so we see a bunch of new faces every year. We like to use that exposure to promote our businesses, and we have some great sponsors this year, like A Plus Realty has provided some awesome face painters for the last three years. The great Glenn Williams will be emceeding the event, which is always fun and we’ll be managing the bunny hop and egg toss games that will happen after the egg hunt, so it will be a great time.”

Forrest also said that the event would never be able to happen without the help of Roslindale Parade President Tom Donohue, who helps them obtain permits and licensing for the task of distributing 10,000 eggs across the field.

“He’s been a very active volunteer since the beginning,” she said. “Without him, this event would not happen, he’s the reason why this event is such a success.”

Sponsors for the event include the Green T Coffee Shop, the Sacred Heart School, the Tremont Credit Union, Sebastian’s Barber Shop and Salon and the Committee to Elect State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez.



More than 10,000 eggs will be placed at Healy Field on March 31 for the egg hunt, an increase of 4,000.

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Editorial

POWER UP

Look, no one can argue that three major storms in barely a month is business as usual (and, sadly, one or two may still be on the way later this month). It certainly seems that we have a recent trend of all our winter storms piling on just as we start thinking about spring.

We also have nothing but praise for the hardworking men and women who are working nearly around the clock to repair downed power lines and restore power to those who lost it. Nothing we say should reflect on their efforts.

Something, however, needs to be done in an attempt to rebuild and strengthen our utility infrastructure so that future power losses are neither so common, nor so prolonged.

As of Wednesday morning, more than 140,000 customers in Massachusetts were still without power, according to the Boston Globe. The third nor'easter in two weeks left more than 240,000 households powerless at some point during the storm.

A major complication, apparently, is that high winds, the hallmark of a nor'easter, preclude the use of bucket trucks when making repairs. Wind gusts may still complicate matters for days to come.

What we need to do, and it is long overdue, is to embark on a comprehensive study of blizzard preparedness. 'Oh, great,' you may say, more studies. The reality, however, is that cities, towns, and the state are all throwing money away each winter.

Is there anything we can do to either reinforce power lines or even bring them underground?

Why are seawalls so easily damaged when seas get rough?

Why did the state waste (at least it seems like a waste) \$3 million on new sand for the South Shore's coastline, when this storm very quickly blew it all away?

Are new building restrictions needed in coastal areas, and even inland locations where flooding is perpetual?

Are schools reviewed for the safety of their premises to at least try to ensure that there are no roof collapses or other high-priced damage?

Rather than ticket and whine about un-shoveled sidewalks, cities and towns need to understand that not everyone is capable of the task and dispatch teams to assist the elderly and disabled.

These are all issues that arise every winter and it seems absurd not to plan for them.

In the meantime, we leave you with some great advice from the Town of Norwood's Light Department:

Always have an adequate supply of flashlights and batteries on hand. Candles, if used, should never be left unattended.

If you own an outdoor grill make sure you have access to it. If you lose power you can use it for cooking as well as for boiling water. (Do not bring the grill into your house to use it as it may cause a fire.)

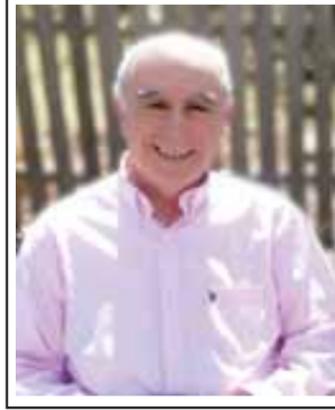
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Four Green Fields, Fields of Athenry, and Danny Boy

During this St. Patrick's Day weekend many a Guinness will be hoisted to toast many things Irish. The objects of the toasts may have been long-since departed Irish gathering places such as Jamaica Plain's Kilgariff's on Green Street or the Triple D's (Devlin, DeCourcey, and Devlin) on South Huntington Avenue or to modern Irish food emporia downtown, or to those in the neighborhoods. Or maybe the honorees of the toasts may actually be persons such as James Michael (no last name necessary here), other politicians, or just plain other people. Or the toast may merely be to Irish culture.

With banjos flailing this weekend, there will be lots of merriment in the songs but there are three songs whose content bring no joy to those with short memories and hence very little, if any, 5-string banjo accompaniment.

"Four Green Fields" is actually an allegory. It can refer to the divvying up of Ireland into four provinces years ago, with one (the North) being kept under British rule. When interpreted literally, the song is about a fine old woman whose four sons go off to war to fight the British. No matter how the song is interpreted, it ends on an upbeat thought



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

"But my sons have sons, as brave as were their fathers"

"My fourth green field will bloom once again," said she.

In "The Fields of Athenry," thought by some to have been written in the 1880's, it refers to the Great Irish Famine and a fictional Irish husband/father. Sentenced to be transported to Australia's Botany Bay for stealing food for his starving wife and children, Michael calls to his wife, lamenting how much he will miss the low lying fields of Galway. He admits to pilfering Trevelyan's corn, which is a reference to a highly placed British administrator, who in his hate for the

Irish rivaling that of Oliver Cromwell was supposed to have said that "the judgment of God sent the calamity [the potato famine] to teach the Irish a lesson."

And then there is "Danny Boy." A mistaken few think of it as Scottish because of its reference to pipes (bagpipes). But the song does have a British connection, when an English lawyer's Irish sister-in-law, having heard the melody in a Colorado coal mine, sent him a copy of the tune, to which he composed the lyrics. Then his established lyrics were even changed to suit the needs of the British soldiers in WWI, thereby leading some to think of it as a British song.

Like "Four Green Fields," the song can be interpreted on more than one level. It could be parents merely saying a sad goodbye to a son as part of the Irish diaspora or, worse, bidding adieu to a son heading off to war. Perhaps it could be a girl leaving a sweetheart.

There are many other Irish songs that at first and erroneous glance may seem maudlin. But far from it, these songs evoke melancholy because of the tragic history of imprisonment, famine, and death imposed on a whole nation, including my beloved Irish ancestors from Kerry.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Letters to the Editor

THE COMMUNITY CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify a few points addressed in Jeff Sullivan's March 8 Bulletin article, "Roslindale Wetlands under proposed development again". That article reported the owner-developer's renewal of its early 2000s proposal to build up to six two-family condominium structures on two contiguous, front-to-back parcels at 104-108 Walter Street. The original proposal drew overwhelming community opposition. In October of 2005 Mayor Menino personally informed the community at a local event that the proposal had

been withdrawn. His promise was unambiguous. The proposal was dead and buried. Nothing would ever be built on Nos. 104-108.

This mayoral bombshell was based on his discussions with the developer, the Feeney Brothers, and the promises he secured from it. He affirmed that neither housing nor anything else would be built on 108 Walter Street, a landlocked rear parcel abutting the Roslindale Wetlands. No. 108 is located directly behind 104 Walter Street, which fronts on the street. The Mayor added that nothing other than a new garage would ever be added to No. 104, which is the site of a preexisting single family house.

The Mayor had an additional important announcement concerning a third Feeney Brothers property, a separate and distinct 1.09 acre interior lot directly beyond 108 Walter. To wit: he had secured a deed from the Feeneys conveying this vacant land to the City. Although disappointed, the Feeneys had conceded in 2003 that this third lot was largely if not entirely wetlands. They agreed that it was unbuildable and therefore commercially worthless. All parties had been aware of that fact for some two years on the evening of the Mayor's announcement.

That verdict on this third piece of land was based on the conclusions of an engineering firm hired by the Feeneys themselves. The City and community groups requested and received this information and supporting materials in 2003. But one man's trash is another man's treasure. And in this case this land was a common sense and appreciated

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RUFF hosting fundraiser, planning dog park grand opening



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Responsible Urbanites for Fido is hosting a small fundraiser next week to help support the maintenance and programming the group provides.

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The dog park advocacy group Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) announced recently they will be holding a fundraiser at Shake the Tree in the North end on March 19, and they are also planning their grand opening for the North End Dog Park at the DeFillippo Playground for sometime in April.

“We are hosting a small fundraiser at Shake the Tree, and 20 percent of the proceeds of the night will go towards RUFF,” said RUFF co founder and President Leslie Horn.

“The owner is hosting us with snacks and drinks and also a raffle, which she has also generously offered to donate.”

The while the dog park itself has been opening sequentially for a few years now, Horn said they still need more funds for day-to-day operations. The park is a state-of-the-art facility that provides doggy bags for owners and a series of off-leash play areas for the dogs. It also has a permeable surface to allow for drainage of liquid dog waste and has received positive feedback from most of the neighborhood. Horn said they were able to build the park mostly from private donations.

“The park was 90 percent paid for through private funding, mostly grants. But we held many small and medium size fundraisers in the past few years to contribute to the effort,” she said. “This is a small-scale fundraiser but we are of the mindset that every penny helps.”

Horn said there also a few tweaks they have to make to the park before the grand opening, set for April 28.

“Most of our past fundraising was 100 percent for the build of our dog park,” she said. The park is now built with some minor items to be completed in April for our Grand Opening for April.”

Horn said though there are some items they want to con-

tinuously provide for four-legged patrons and their owners, and they still need some funds to do that every year.

“We currently supply dog waste bags in five locations throughout the North End including within our park,” she said. “Additionally, our funds go towards the park build, maintenance, which is not covered by any of our grants and educational events for members.”

Horn said even a very small fundraiser for the dog park can really help them with maintaining the area and providing programming for residents.

“We are extremely small so even a fundraiser like this makes a big difference. For example, a case of dog waste bags costs us roughly \$144 per order,” she said. “This winter we supplied seven cases - so just over \$1,000 in waste bags for members. Money we raise on Monday evening will go towards this and other efforts for the park.”

Horn said that they have not confirmed a lot of the events set for April 28th’s grand opening, so she said to stay tuned to their web site at ruffboston.org/.

“The Grand Opening should be a blast, we just need to finish a few large items in the park which are weather dependent,” she said. “So I don’t want to confirm too much till we check those boxes off.”

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BPD camera program works, but it's going to be expensive

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met with representatives from the Boston Police Department (BPD) and community stakeholders on Monday to discuss the recently released study on the BPD's body worn camera pilot program that came to an end in September of 2017.

According to BPD Commissioner Billy Evans, the results have been good, but he said he is concerned about the cost of full implementation.

"From an organizational standpoint, it's all positive," he said. "The only negative is that the officers, when they're in foot pursuit, they lose the cameras, sometimes when they're in fights, they get ripped off their body, but other than that, things have gone real well. I think year to date, we have 38,200 videos that we've gotten in that year. Forty six hundred hours of footage for the most part, and at least two cases complaints brought against officers was cleared by viewing the video, It's been good to back officers also for frivolous complaints."

Evans said for the year, they had 12 fewer complaints of use of excessive force citizens, which he said is not significant for 12 months and seven fewer counts of use of force as counted by the officers themselves.

"We don't really have a problem with use of force in the department, back in 2011 there were 80 complaints of excessive use of force from citizens, and in 2017 we just had 21, so it's steadily declining over the years, anyone complaining about excessive force in the BPD, and also with citizens' complaints," he said. "Back in 2013 we registered 360, last year we had 211, so you can see without the body cameras, our numbers in the behavior complaints department has significantly gone down. This most likely only improve that as this study has shown, but I come in here right from the get go, I don't think Mayor Walsh and myself have really opposed this, the biggest question always has always been how much is it going to cost."

The study was conducted by Northeastern University and its Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Anthony Braga. Braga said the body worn camera pilot was launched in five districts and the Youth Violence Strike Force, and he said the pilot was a randomized experiment with random allocations of cameras throughout those five districts and another control group with-

out cameras.

"Which is considered the gold standard for program evaluation," he said.

He said they had 100 cameras, and said they selected officers work the day shifts and afternoon shifts, and said the two groups were chosen based on their similar characteristics in terms of age and sex etc., but also for average number of complaints and excessive use of force complaints filed against them in the past.

"So we were able to receive that apples to apples comparison," he said.

Evans said his major concern with outfitting all officers with cameras is that of the officers' use of their own discretion. He brought up the example of Las Vegas, which has instituted a body camera pilot, and he said the results were at best, mixed.

"Officers wore the cameras and what happened was that complaints in I think use of force came down a little bit but what went up was the amount of arrests and the amounts of tickets written," he said. "It takes away a lot of the discretion where officers used to be able to probably give kids breaks on something and what they found in Las Vegas is the amount of arrests went up because officers are on video and I think sometimes they're compelled where they could have given someone a break that they're going to have to make an arrest."

Deputy Superintendent of the BPD Information Services Group said that the cost of full implementation would be about \$5 to \$7 million in the first year.

"Now some of those costs could go down, we will negoti-

ate with vendors, but this is based on the high level estimates and quotes that we've received from some of the vendors out there," he said. "Some of these costs are recurring, others are first-year implementation costs, so depending on what kind of deal we get from whatever vendor, we're probably looking at between \$5 to \$7 million on a yearly basis moving forward for a full implementation."

Daley said they could also phase in the program and ramp up from there to lower the cost impacts.

Chair of the NAACP Office of Legal Redress Rachel Rollins said that her organization is asking for full implementation immediately and said that though there can be instances of discretion among officers without cameras as Evans said, there is one piece of that that needs to be addressed in terms of staffing.

"We really need officers that reflect the community, that they reflect the rich and diverse communities of Boston," she said. "We also ask that there be policies in place that determine when the cameras are turned on and off and there's transparency and citizen oversight."

American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts Racial Justice Director Rashaan Hall said that since his organization released their 2014 report, Black, Brown and Targeted, he said they strongly urged the Boston Police Department to adopt a body worn camera program.

"It was particularly disturbing when that report was released that showed racial disparities in who was stopped, interrogated, observed and frisked by the BPD, despite



Body worn cameras are expensive and BPD Commissioner Evans says he's still not convinced they're necessarily worth it.

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only making up 24 percent of the city's population, black people made up 63 percent of those police civilian interactions and we felt it was appropriate at that time that the department adopt body worn cameras," he said. "Certainly by no stretch of the imagination are they a panacea, but they are a valuable tool to increase transparency and accountability."

Hall said that incidents like the one a few weeks ago where

a black Boston youth was questioned by police on camera. Many in the community felt that the police officer's actions were at least over the top and at most could also have violated the youth's constitutional rights.

"While there's a tension between community and police officers, we can really get to the heart of why people are less willing to engage with police when we see videos like that," he said.



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Running the race, embracing the future, shedding the past

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

This upcoming Patriots' Day, the 122nd Boston Marathon will go off as scheduled with runners of all abilities making their way to the city on their own unique 26.2 mile journeys.

For all of them the stories of how they came to run this race are just as unique and contain – in many cases – just as many twists, turns, ups, downs and challenges as this famous route.

Bryant Hollins, of Hyde Park, will be one of those runners, and his crossing of the Start Line in Hopkinton and – if all goes well – the Finish Line on Boylston Street will represent the successful completion of not only the race, but also of – in a symbolic way – a far more difficult course.

“There’s a lot behind this running of the Marathon. There’s a lot behind it, yeah.”

Hollins sits at his kitchen table as he talks, calling into the living room for his two young daughters Jada and Laila to come in and introduce themselves and, later on introducing his adult son Teron.

Hanging from a peg on the wall behind him are the bibs and medals earned from entering and finishing a small handful of races in 2017.

If all had gone according to plan, this chapter of his story would have been closed a year ago. That is when he had planned to run the race, training for it with his brother Charles in the second half of 2016.

It had been an awful year for Bryant, who – by August – had lost his father and divorced his

wife. It got worse when he received a call from his doctor telling him that he had prostate cancer.

Choosing to get through the rest of 2016 and to enjoy the Holidays with his family, Hollins waited until February of 2017 to have surgery.

Immediately afterwards, he kept thinking about all that had happened in the prior year.

“How do I put this behind me? How do I move forward in my recovery?”

Lying in bed two weeks after surgery, he got up to pull his sneakers on “just with the intention of going outside to walk around a little bit.”

Instead, he found himself putting on his running clothes, then stretching, then...

“I started running. I did a Forrest Gump thing. I was just, like, running.” He ran through the neighborhood on his familiar one mile circuit and, getting back home, went around again.

Exhausted but otherwise suffering no ill effects, he went out again the next day, running an extra mile and feeling better for it. He ran another two miles on the third day.

“At that point, I started charting my path as to how I was going to make it to the 2018 Marathon. I had no idea. It’s a tough thing to do.”

The prior year, he’d had the opportunity to officially run through sponsorship provided through his brother’s company but had to pass on it after getting his diagnosis, but in 2017 he was on his own.

Increasing his training regimen, he finished the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) 10K in



Hyde Park resident Bryant Hollins running the 2017 BAA Half Marathon. He will be running in next month's Boston Marathon after a serious bout of cancer.

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June.

“I knew that I was on my way to the Marathon. I just had no idea how I’d be able to get a bib.”

Reaching out to charitable organizations for the opportunity to officially run to raise funds, Hollins was unsuccessful but, by that point, he was so committed to the idea that he was telling everyone that he would be running the Marathon in 2018.

The race had taken on a spiritual significance, with his belief that his running of it would provide him the ability to “shed away any of those conditions from my past and brightly move into the future.”

Just after running the BAA

Half Marathon, Hollins got his bib.

Working as a senior project manager in the IT Division of Blue Cross Blue Shield, he asked around and was immediately connected with one of the company’s non-profit partners: Playworks New England.

At around the same time, Hollins was slowed by an injury that has kept him out of serious training and in therapy since late fall but – only a month away from the day of the race – he needs to run again.

Hollins’ plan is to get up to 10-15 miles “comfortably” before the Marathon “and then the other 11 miles, 12 miles... That’s

where the mental toughness comes in.”

But, for now, he sounds optimistic and motivated.

“This is something that I have to do. I have to do it in order for me to move on and, at the same time, there’s no better organization for me to do this with than Playworks.”

For more information about Bryant Hollins, visit www.crowdrise.com/bryanthollins1.

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54th Re-enactors hosting 3D exhibit



A member of the 54th Regiment Re-enactors makes an announcement at a recent Hyde Park Board of Trade meeting regarding “In Camp at Readville: A 3D Exhibit Installation by the 54th Regiment Re-enactors.”

The exhibit, which runs from March 15 through April 27 at the Menino Arts Center (26 Central Ave., Hyde Park) visually brings to life – through a mock camp pitched in the main gallery, period artifacts, photos, and participating members of the 54th Re-enactors – 1863 Camp Meigs.

The regiment – made famous through the Augustus Saint-Gaudens relief sculpture facing the State House at the top of Beacon Hill, and through the 1989 film “Glory” – was the first African-American regiment organized in the Northern states during the Civil War.

The opening reception will be held on Friday, March 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will also be a children’s reception on April 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

“In Camp at Readville” is presented in conjunction with Hyde Park’s 150th anniversary year.

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The Allston-Brighton Kiwanis Club is hosting its tenth annual "Kiwanis Star" Talent Show to benefit local charities.

WHEN: Saturday at 7:00 PM, April 7, 2018 WHERE: Saint Joseph Preparatory High School Auditorium (located at 617 Cambridge Street in Allston, MA) Celebrity Judge Panel will select the winners at the event. Runner up wins \$250, third place \$100. Auditions to Select 13 Finalists for the Show

WHEN: Saturday, March 17, 9:30am-noon and 1:00-3:00pm

WHERE: Abundant Grace Church Office 640 Washington Street, Suite 204, Brighton (Located in the Presentation School Foundation Community Center across from the Oak Square YMCA; accessible by the 57 and 64 buses; parking lot off Tremont Street)

Contact: Email Dave Hill at kiwanisstar@gmail.com to sign up for an audition on March 17.

COST: AUDITION FEE IS \$20, PAYABLE IN CASH at the time of the audition. Your fee helps us to raise money for charities that serve local children. Auditions are limited to 5 minutes and perform-

Around the Neighborhood

ers should bring their own music— CD, iPod, or instrument (CD player will be available) if they desire musical accompaniment during their audition.

HYDE PARK

TEEN ANIME CLUB

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Come play, build, and learn together at a block party – library style. Playing with blocks provides opportunities to learn about math and science, pre-reading skills, social skills, and motor skills. Various building blocks will be available including wood blocks, magnetic blocks, KAPLA blocks, soft blocks, and baby blocks. No registration is required. The Block Party takes place on Saturday, March 17, 9:30 – 11:30am. Located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library 35 Harvard Avenue Hyde Park, MA 02136

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Boston Police Department

Area E-18 & the BCYF Hyde Park Community Center invites you to join us for an Easter Egg hunt, Sunday, March 25th from 12:30-2:00 pm (egg hunt to begin promptly at 1:00 pm). Hop on down to the community center for an egg hunt, spring activities, light refreshments and FUN! 1179 River Street, reservations required please call 617-635-5178 or email michellehpcc@gmail.com by March 19th. Event is for children 9 and younger.

WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

WEST ROXBURY POETRY CONTEST

The theme this year is listening. All poetry submissions due March 28, 2018. Awards ceremony is May 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM. This event is Ongoing through Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Located at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library 1961 Centre Street West Roxbury, MA 02132

Award categories include grades K-8, high school, adults, and seniors. Questions? E-mail FriendsOfWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com

FALL TRIP TO FATIMA, LOURDES AND BARCELONA

St. John Chrysostom's Parish, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury, announces a new trip for Fatima and Lourdes to be scheduled this fall, with an included journey to Barcelona, Spain. It will be booked through the Collette Gateway. An informational presentation

will be given in the Parish Center at 4740 Washington St. on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m. The trip is scheduled from October 14-23.

For more information, please contact Fr. John Carroll at 617-323-4410 or johncarroll4@aol.com

WR FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE MARCH 24TH COMMUNITY DINNER SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready to have some fun and support a worthy cause! The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place (WRFORP) will hold its 16th annual Spring Community Dinner fund-raiser on March 24th.

The Community Dinner benefits Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women, the Roslindale Food Pantry, and provides summer camperships for homeless and needy children. A representative from Rosie's Place will join us and share how your support makes a difference. Gift certificates, gift baskets, sports items, and more will be raffled during silent and live auctions. You can also try your luck at a 50/50 auction. Wonderful items for reasonably priced bids will be yours to take home. Our friend and neighbor, Beth Germano, will be the Emcee for the evening. As many of you know, Beth is an Emmy award winning reporter with WBZ-TV.

In addition, we are very fortunate to have a wonderful evening of music thanks to MCO Productions in Brighton. The dinner will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55M

Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and includes dinner and beverages. To reserve your place, make checks payable to WRFORP and return to WRFORP, P.O. Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or go to our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. Questions?

Contact Doris Corbo (617) 327-5902. The WRFORP is a non-profit all volunteer organization. We are so fortunate to have so many loyal supporters. We look forward to having you join us on March 24th for a good time for a worthwhile cause.

PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2018 season. Games begin in April. There will be 2 seasons, spring and fall, played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the 'parkwaysoccerwestroxbury' site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at the Roche Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's Barber Shop in West Roxbury and Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale.

Parkway Youth Soccer is in its 40th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2003 and Dec. 31, 2013 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2000 and 2002 are eligible to play in the Senior Division. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-962-4271.

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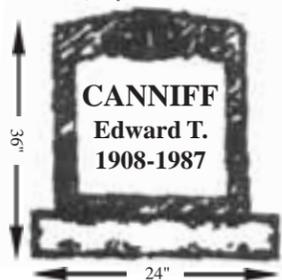
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MAHAN

Theresa M. 58, of West Roxbury, formerly of Milton and Jamaica Plain, died surrounded by her family March 5, 2018 at Seasons Hospice in Milton after a long illness. Beloved wife of Michael A. Spinello; loving mother of Meghan C. Kates and her husband Jesse of New York, Thomas J. Carey and his wife Bonnie of West Roxbury, and Grace M. Carey of Chicago, Ill.; loving stepmother of Michael J. Spinello and his wife Katie of Milton, and Nicholas M. Spinello and his wife Sarah of Westwood. Devoted grandmother of Dylan, Ryan, Daisy Grace, Michael and Olive. Sister of Jeanne M. Mahan of Worcester, John L. Mahan of Milton, Julianne M. Wich of New York, Maureen E. Mahan of Mansfield, Jennifer M. Golden of Quincy and Patricia M. Welsh of Mansfield. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late John M. and Elizabeth A. (MacDonald) Mahan. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill. For directions and guest book www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

PALUMBO

Richard A. "Richie" Of

West Roxbury, February 27, 2018. Father of Michael, Jonathan and Marc Palumbo. Beloved son of Pasqualina (Cutone) Palumbo of West Roxbury and the late Antonio Palumbo. Loving brother of Sal Palumbo and Ana of Saugus and Diane Bellanti and her husband James of Norwood. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Member of Local 103 IBEW, Boston. Funeral was from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was in St. Theresa of Avila Church, West Roxbury. Entombment was at St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. For directions and guest book pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

SMIGLIANI

Margaret (Andreas) Passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family on March 8, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Anthony Smigliani, sister of the late Anna Palladino, survived by her brother John Andreas of Avon. Loving mother of Andrea and her husband Paul Micheli of Mansfield, Michelle Smigliani of West Roxbury, Karen and her husband Geno Mastro of Mansfield, Anette and her husband Tom Coyne of West Roxbury, Donna and her

husband Steven Rabb of Sharron, proud second mother to Phylisan Palladino and her husband Bob Mudge of NJ, Mario Palladino and his wife Barbara of Bridgewater, Katie McGuire and her husband Artie of Marshfield. She was adored by her sixteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, five grand pets and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visiting hours were held in the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Holy Name Church. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Margaret's name to St. Jude Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.stjude.org Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home

TOBIN

Kathleen A. (Fulton) (Loubier) 66, of Stoughton, formerly of Brockton and Hyde Park, peacefully on March 8, 2018; wife of Michael J. Tobin; mother of Renee Loubier of Brockton, Noelle Gardner of E. Bridgewater, Jennifer Gray & her husband John of East Haven, CT, Brianne Loubier of Raynham, & the late David O. Loubier Jr.; grandmother of Donald, Jordan, Emilia & Lily; stepmother of Kevin Tobin of Coventry, RI & Brian Tobin of

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RWTP bringing Disco Alley and risk

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The playground advocacy group Roslindale Wants to Play (RWTP) is hosting several events in the coming months to advocate for better play opportunities for Roslindale children.

Firstly, the group discussion from Anji Play advocate and Roslindale resident Lawrence Cohen has been postponed due to this week's storm. The talk was originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, but will now occur in April or May. Cohen's Anji Play format, originally developed by Chinese educator Cheng Xueqin, tries to help children create their own format for play while introducing an element of risk.

RWTP co founder Adam Rogoff said Cohen's ideas on Anji Play and how it could be introduced in Roslindale could really help to enrich the lives of children in the neighborhood.

"He's a natural resource

for us," he said. "Anji Play focused very much on kids creating their own infrastructure for play as they do and collaborate and involve themselves and it does involve elements of risk in it. He's witnessed it in China a number of times and is really very excited about it and he's going to share a bit about what Anji play is, what's he's learned about it and how it could be integrated in America."

Rogoff said Anji Play involves playground elements that can be manipulated by the children using them. He said it's like life-sized Legos, but with actual bricks.

"It's not like American playgrounds, which are focused on everything being fixed in place," he said. "This would have everything unfixed. It allows the kids to build bridges and ladders...The typical American approach is to eliminate all elements of unpredictability and things that a kid could potentially hurt themselves with even if

they use it in the correct way."

Rogoff said the risk of possibly getting hurt is there, but said it helps to build the child's sense of accomplishment and pride. He said this is what happened to his near six-year-old daughter when she first tried to tackle the slide at Fallon Field. He said she had to work herself up to the challenge of climbing the ropes to reach the nearly 25 feet in the air required to access the slide entrance.

"When she did it for the first time, she was just incredibly proud of herself and it wasn't like a threshold she crossed and once she did it she would never be afraid of it, she frequently finds herself apprehensive, but every time she does it there's a tremendous amount of pride around that mastery," he said.

Rogoff said they are also hosting a new event on April 6 and 7 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the alley off of South Street in Roslindale Square heading

RWTP

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Open Meeting *continued from page 1*

2. Holding the hearing in a room too small to accommodate everyone

3. Permitting recording the meeting without making the required announcement.

4. Improperly removing members of the public from the meeting room and denying access to empty seats.

5. The vote was inaudible from the audience.

This was later supplemented by an eight-page document with a frame-by-frame analysis of the BPDA video of the hearing showing people being removed from the hall with allegations that these were largely people of color. City Life also videotaped the hearing.

Assistant Attorney General Kevin Manganaro wrote the ruling letter to BPDA General Counsel Renee LeFevre.

“We find that the Board did not violate the Open Meeting Law with respect to many of the allegations. However we find that the Board violated the Open Meeting Law by failing to admit members of the public to fill empty seats in the meeting room... we now consider the complaint ... to be resolved.” Ruth Rickenbacker, one of the two plaintiffs, is a 26-year-old communications coordinator who lives on Hyde Park Avenue in Forest Hills.

“I’m a supporter of Keep it 100,” she said. “The BPDA was out of line, people of color were singled out for removal.”

Rickenbacker said she attended some of the Plan JP/Rox workshops.

“This [JP Rox] is fundamentally about displacement,” she said. “You can’t trust them [BPDA].”

She arrived late to the crowded hall outside the meeting room and could not get in.

“A security officer at the door let people out but would not let people in; he never let anybody in.”

“In conversation with KeepIt100 we decided to file a complaint. The BPDA was disrupting the democratic process.”

In a March 5 press release. KeepIt100 for Real Affordable Housing spokesperson My’Kel McMillen demanded that the BPDA not repeat such actions in the future.

“It wasn’t fair to the people inside and it wasn’t fair to the people outside not allowed to come in,” he said. He vowed to keep fighting. “Although they are going to try and silence out voices but fear only wins if you allow it to.”

But KeepIt100 plans no action on the heels of the ruling and McMillen is pessimistic.

“It’s a slap in the wrist,” he said in a phone conversation on

March 5. “It won’t change anything.”

Rickenbacker was more optimistic.

“I’m disappointed that only one violation was counted,” she said. “It should’ve been all counts. It was very evident that people of color were discriminated against.”

“But more importantly,” she added. “The BPDA knows we’re watching them and holding them accountable and won’t go away. This is what gives me hope.”

In a statement to The Bulletin, The BPDA admitted it failed to allow people into the hearing room.

“We take very seriously the decision that finds that the BPDA failed to admit community members to fill empty seats after the Boston Police Department took action in what they determined to be a public safety matter. The BPDA prioritizes creating an inclusive and welcoming environments for all and we are working with the Attorney General’s office for guidance and best practices in the event a similar situation occurs at a future BPDA-sponsored meeting.”

It wasn’t for lack of trying that the hearing room was overcrowded. In response to the complaint the BPDA wrote that it anticipated a very large crowd and sought to find a larger hall, but City Council chambers were unavailable and the meeting room at 26 Court Street too small. As The Bulletin noted, the BPDA also added more chairs to the existing eighty in the meeting room and set up a television monitor in the hall.

Between the jeering and

shouting in the meeting hall, the frequent evictions of speakers considered out of order, and the pounding and chanting outside, it was difficult to hear testimony or board member questions. The vote was taken so quickly over the shouting in the audience that few in the meeting hall heard it. The Bulletin got confirmation only by asking a BPDA staff person.

Nevertheless, as the Attorney General stated, in the video of the hearing the vote was clear and audible.

The Attorney General closed the case but Plan JP Rox is not closed in Jamaica Plain. In response to the Attorney General ruling, Representative Liz Malia – never warm to Plan JP/Rox – could only say in a statement:

“I look forward to seeing the BPDA follow the law in the future.” To the consternation of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council, in February the BPDA said that the zoning review process of Plan JP Rox – legally enforcing the guidelines – would be delayed until a transportation study of the boundary area is completed.

Neighborhood Council member and Egleston Square resident Carolyn Royce told The Bulletin that the real impact of Plan JP/Rox is getting lost.

“The noise of the protests and the fine points of the Open Meeting laws are obscuring the key issue which is housing costs,” she said.

“For me the AG’s ruling and the memory of the raucous protests of the BPDA meeting last March serve as yet another reminder of the basic question ‘Where will people live?’”

Deaths *continued from page 10*

Stoughton; sister of Jackie Golabek & her husband George of Canton, Diane Nepini of Wirtz, Virginia, Michael Fulton & his wife Tara of Milton, & John McNair of Sarasota, FL. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family & friends. Funeral was from Waitt Funeral

Home. Funeral Mass was at St. Edith Stein Church and burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Stoughton. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Seasons Hospice or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Visit www.waittfuneralhome.com or call 508-583-7272.

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Wetlands *continued from page 1*

six dwellings with two housing units a piece. RWTF members are concerned as the 108 is a landlocked parcel, cut off from the street, and is within the 100-foot buffer of the wetlands behind.

There is about 1.09 acres wetlands behind 108 Walter that RWTF members say is unbuildable and was gifted to the city by Feeney back in 2005, and RWTF members attest that Feeney's engineers said the area was unbuildable as well, when they originally tried to develop the properties in the early 2000s. LANA Board member Caterina Toste said that the meeting was supposed to have representatives from Feeney to come and talk about the group's proposed plans, but they decided not to come to the meeting.

"This is not to be a presentation and a conversation on whatever that project was or is going to be, this is going to be an informational session we're not going to get into the dirty deeds of what could be coming," she said.

RWTF member Jim Taff went into the history of the parcel, which he said started in

2001 when residents first saw surveys out on the land.

"Back in 2000 or 2001 thereabouts people living on the perimeter living of the wetlands saw some men with some survey sticks taking measurements and wanted to know what was going on," he said. "We found out the property had been sold and there was a plan to build some structures some housing."

Taff said that after years of organizing, protesting and speaking with then Mayor Thomas Menino, they finally won out to keep the area undeveloped, but with one caveat: no binding agreement was made.

"The Mayor met with Feeney and they decided they weren't going to build. (Menino) never told us how he did that it was the subject of a lot of speculation at the time but he said they weren't going to build anything and they were never going to build anything in perpetuity... The back 1.09 acres went to the city. That's the thing we got this land for the wetlands it has nothing to do with those other two parcels, they made a sepa-

rate agreement with the Feeneys, but he made a promise based on the promise that the Feeney's made which was a promise to the community."

Taff said that while no new plans are on the table from the Feeney's (since the Bulletin's previous article on the subject) they want to start organizing with the community now to help clean up and advocate for the wetlands there. RWTF member Deborah Mel. said the wetlands there really help with keeping flood waters in check and it would be a huge detriment to the surrounding neighborhoods if that buffer is lost to concrete foundation.

"The plan is keep everybody informed and get everyone involved by helping out in some way or just discovering the space if you haven't been out there before or lately," said Mel. "After a rain storm it's especially interesting to go back there and see how much water is retained and how that area is acting like a natural sponge and handling all that overflow so your basement doesn't have to."

Mel said they have in the past organized cleanups for little and invasive species, as well as putting in new native plants. Though it was said that the group could work with Boston Shines this year to get a neighborhood cleanup for the

area, the invasive species in the area – mainly Japanese Knotweed – would need more consistent care as it grows back very quickly. Residents through the Boston Shines Cleanup could be a good starting point, but they need more residents to continuously help maintain the area.

"If you do organize a cleanup, I'll pay for pizza and water for afterwards," said District 5 City Councilor and Chair of the council's Committee on Environment and Sustainability Matt O'Malley.

Resident and member of the Friends of the Allandale Woods Tony LaCasse said the best thing they can do now is map out where exactly and legally the boundaries of the wetlands are.

"One of the things that I was wondering is the wetlands delineations, which can be sometimes very contentious," he said. "The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) can help determine that by plant types and soil characteristics and it's been used successfully for the 64 Allandale site for which we're suing the city for."

Resident Alan Wright said one of his concerns is that the area around the abandoned barn there is that much of the soil was imported and is fill from other sites, which he said can be unstable, especially if built upon for condos. He said this added water along with the predicted

increase in rainfall from climate change would spell serious flood risks for area residents.

"I think that fill soil creeps into where they want to build," he said. "If you have more water, we'll begin seeing more water coming off of Weld Street through the yards and into the wetlands."

Taff emphasized the need for younger generations to get involved, especially with the cleanup initiatives.

"We have hauled away enough stuff in the past to fill this building, but I'm 71 and I can't do that anymore," he said. "There is a crop every spring of glass that comes up from below, there's still an engine block out there and I think a trailer."

Taff also wanted to make sure residents knew where he was coming from and invited any area resident, in Boston or otherwise, to come out and see the wetlands there.

"We were always very conscious that although we knew we would be charged with this we didn't reasonable people to say we're a bunch of NIMBY's (not in my backyard)," he said. "That's why that we did that work that I described earlier and worked with the city to build that trail there, we want everybody from all over to come into our backyard and enjoy this resource."

For more information on the Roslindale Wetlands, go to roslindalewetlands.org/.

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Storm Shopping *continued from page 1*

shopper – cart piled up with enough milk and non-perishables to outlast a natural disaster of Biblical proportions – is a popular one.

Is this, however, reflective of the way things actually are? Stop & Shop Spokesperson Phil Tracey would argue otherwise.

“Everyone has a strategy and it’s not a panic anymore,” he said late last week during the down time between snowstorms. “I give our shoppers all the credit in the world because they come into the store, they’re planning for – potentially – a few days, they know what they need, and they’re not in a panic.”

Tracey chose to focus on – rather than the basic milk and bread buyers – parents preparing for being at home with the kids for a day or two. “What they’re doing is buying rotisserie chicken and pre-made sandwiches and meals... and meats for sandwiches, cheese for sandwiches...”

“Turkey.” It’s Monday at 6 p.m. and deli clerk Dion Thompson – on his way out the door of the Stop & Shop located at 1025 Truman Parkway in Hyde Park – stops by the customer service counter near the check out lines to say hello and muse a little on his just finished shift.

He’s been busy for all of it, and points over to the deli to prove it. The number on LED sign above it reads 197: the official customer count so far. It might be the busiest day that Thompson can remember and he’s ready to beat the snow home, but not before sharing the most popular cut of the day: turkey.

Store Manager Fitzgerald Iyamabo walks over after being paged to the counter. He has been in Hyde Park for just over a year. “It might be one of the bigger ones,” he said, referring to the pre-storm rush. “Certainly bigger than the last couple.”

Over his shoulder, the checkout lines crowd out nearly to the aisles, bending to allow passersby a little room. “It usually happens in waves,” he continues. “We had many, many customers last night, and all day today was busy.”

The crowd has picked up since my first visit at 4 p.m. and the milk and eggs are beginning to deplete, though the bread is still holding on.

As Iyamabo described it, orders are put in for the next day, with close attention paid to the forecast and adjustments made accordingly. By 8 p.m., the milk has been restocked, though the pickings are getting a little slim in the bread aisle.

“We consider what we do a service to the community. I find it very rewarding.”

Over Iyamabo’s 20 years at Stop & Shop, and having been through many storms and observed many shoppers, his opinion fit closely with that of Tracey. However, he did comment on “the fact that people buy so much food – especially ice cream – in a snowstorm, knowing that they might lose power.”

When informed that – in a pinch – the food could always be buried in the snow, Iyamabo nodded his head and started chuckling. “That’s true. I’ve done that before!”



Residents at the Hyde Park Stop & Shop were packed in tight prepping for Tuesday’s storm.

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Correction

In the March 8, 2018 edition of the Hyde Park Bulletin, the photo accompanying the page 1 story on the Haitian Artists’ Assembly was taken by Steve Morris.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18P0089GD**

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

**In the matter of: Winston D McNeil RESPONDENT
Of: Mattapan, MA. Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Angie R Sanders of Dorchester, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Winston D McNeil** is in need of a Guardian
and requesting that

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian
to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that
the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is
appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for
certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your
attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the
return date of **04/12/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by
which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail
to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter
without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your
attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your
objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

March 01, 2018

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 03/15/2018

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE
UNDER GLM 183A:6**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of the Boston Municipal Court, West Roxbury
Division (Docket No. 1706CV0246) in favor of the Trustees of The Village at Cleary
Square Trust against Carlos Rosario establishing a lien pursuant to GLM 183A:6 on
the real estate known as Unit 21A of The Village at Cleary Square Condominium for
the purpose of satisfying such lien, the real estate will be sold at Public Auction at
Twelve (12:00) o'clock P.M. on the Twenty-Ninth (29th) day of March, A.D. 2018 at
21A Business Terrace, Hyde Park, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02136.
The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

Description: The condominium unit known and numbered as Unit 21A, with a mailing
address of 21A Business Terrace, Hyde Park, Boston, Massachusetts 02136, (the
"Unit"), in the condominium known as The Village at Cleary Square (the
"Condominium") located at 54-64A Business Street and 2-33 Business Terrace, Hyde
Park, Boston, Massachusetts 02136, created pursuant to Master Deed dated as of
April 1, 2005 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 36794,
Page 211, as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed dated June 29, 2005 and
recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 37434, Page 126, by
Second Amendment to Master Deed dated February 14, 2006 and recorded with the
Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39341, Page 225, and by Third Amendment
to Master Deed dated November 17, 2006 and recorded with the Suffolk County
Registry of Deeds in Book 40839, Page 116 (the "Master Deed").

The premises are conveyed subject to all easements, restrictions, building and zoning
laws, agreements, rights of way, and encumbrances of record to the extent in force
and applicable, including without limitation a certain Notice of Activity and Use
Limitation dated March 29, 2005 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of
Deeds in Book 36794, Page 170. The premises are also conveyed subject to and with
the benefit of the terms and conditions of (a) the Master Deed, (b) the Condominium
Documents (as defined below), and (c) Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A.

The Unit is shown on the Master Floor Plans of the Condominium recorded with the
Master Deed and on the Unit Plan of the Unit (the "Plan"), which is attached [] as
Exhibit A [to the Quitclaim Deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds
in Book 43642, Page 54], and which contains a verified statement of a registered
architect in the form required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Sections
8 and 9.

The premises are conveyed together with (a) an undivided 2.824 percentage interest
in both the common areas and facilities of the Condominium and the organization of
unit owners through which the Condominium is managed and regulated, and (b) such
other rights and easements appurtenant to the Unit as may be set forth in any document
governing the operation of the Condominium, including, without limitation, the Master
Deed, the Declaration of Trust dated as of April 1, 2005, and recorded with the Suffolk
County Registry of Deeds on April 4, 2005, in Book 36794, Page 314, and any
administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto (all of which are
hereinafter referred to as the "Condominium Documents").

The Unit is further conveyed with the exclusive right and easement to use Parking
Space No. 39 as described in the Master Deed and as shown on the Site Plan of the
Condominium recorded with the Master Deed.

The Unit shall be used for residential purposes only.

Terms of sale: A deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank
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balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the office of Schofield Law Group,
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full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description
of the premises contained in the Quitclaim Deed recorded with the Suffolk County
Registry of Deeds in Book 43642, Page 54 shall control.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

The Trustees of the Village at Cleary Square Trust, Lienholder, by their attorneys:
Schofield Law Group, LLC, 20 Park Plaza, Suite 1115, Boston, Massachusetts 02116,
(617) 557-4545.
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addition to what is now an al-
most 10 acre urban wild. It is
important to understand, how-
ever, that the 2005 conveyance
of this land to the City was a
separate and distinct matter
from the no-build agreement
with which it coincided in time.
The Mayor was a man of his
word, and we certainly accept
his account of the promises the
Feeneys made to him, and
through him to the community.
Moreover, the developer had al-
ready publicly pledged much
earlier that it would drop its ef-
forts to build if the community
opposed its proposal.

And that is exactly what
hundreds of residents and sev-
eral neighborhood groups did.
Among the latter were the
Longfellow Area Neighbor-
hood Association and the
Roslindale Wetlands Task
Force. All objected to cram-

ming this construction onto too
little land, and land that was so
unsuitably located right along
the wetlands edge. And they
visibly and dramatically dem-
onstrated that point of view by
turning out in large numbers for
public forums on the issue, and
with their phone calls, petitions,
and signs blanketing the neigh-
borhood. We believe it was this
level of community engage-
ment and determination that led
to the Mayor's "October sur-
prise".

Shortly thereafter, as re-
ported in the March 8 article,
the neighborhood groups did
indeed ask administration offi-
cials to obtain from the devel-
oper a conservation restriction
on 104-108 Walter consistent
with its promises to the Mayor
and the community. This was
a "belt and suspenders" ap-
proach to giving the parties'

expressed intentions and prom-
ises some additional legal teeth.
The City responded that this
was unnecessary and that the
Feeneys' remaining land was
inadequate in size and configu-
ration for any future resurrec-
tion of their proposal in any
form. Perhaps that will prove
accurate. Evidently the Feeneys
do not agree, because history is
repeating itself. Hence the
community cannot take any-
thing for granted.

We are hopeful that the cur-
rent city administration will
honor the promise made by its
institutional predecessor, and
that it will work with the
Feeney Brothers and the com-
munity toward a permanent al-
ternative to building on this
land.

Jim Taff

*Roslindale Roslindale
Wetlands Task Force*

Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU17C0573CA**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300**

In the Matter of: Meredith R Doumas
Of: Boston, MA.

To all person interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Meredith R Doumas requesting that:
Meredith R Doumas be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:
Anna R Murphy

**IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST
FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Boston
ON 04/05/2018**

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: March 8, 2018

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin, 03/15/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. **SU17D2821DR**

**DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS
Katherine Abreu vs. Angel Abreu**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Katherine Abreu, 865
American Legion Highway #61, Roslindale, MA 02131** a copy of your answer to
the complaint for **COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED 12/29/17** which is herewith
served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of
the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and
adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint
in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before
service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

March 1, 2018

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 03/15/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

DOCKET No.17P1861

Estate of: Geraldine Ann Cassidy Murphy Suffolk Division

Also Known As:

Date of Death: January 05, 2015

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner George Murphy of Boston, MA

George Murphy of Boston, 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
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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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towards Taft Hill. The new
event, called Disco Alley, will
be working with Roslindale
sound man Glenn Williams to
create an interactive disco with
LED lights embedded in the
walkway, a disco ball and
disco music to create a new
play space there.

"Disco Alley is a reflection
of an emerging interest of ours
to create serendipitous experi-
ence of play along the
streetscape for pedestrians, be-
cause doing so – besides en-
gaging people with play – it al-
lows pedestrians to find the ex-
perience of walking along the
sidewalk to be more enjoy-
able," he said. "Which we ex-
pect will also reinforce the
businesses and increase the
amount of people you'll see on
the sidewalk which reinforces
community and the more
people on the sidewalk and not
in their cars means more of the
dynamic of community. We are
excited about doing this disco
and it's the first of several ideas
that we hope to roll out in the
next year or so."

Rogoff also said the
group's second annual Build
Zone event for April 28 and 29
respectively. The event allows
children to build their own
auto-kinetic structures similar
the one at the Boston Science
Museum. Called Archimedean
Excogitation, the idea is to al-
low children to learn physics
and construction firsthand, and
last year attracted hundreds to
the site of what is now slated
to become the Roslindale
Brewery. This year, they are
hosting the event at the
Roslindale Substation.

"We had such an incredible
response when we did it last
year and we're excited to try
it again this year," Rogoff said.

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traffic. Residents at past community meetings had serious problems with the additional traffic facing students from CM crossing the street. Residents added that due to a bridge going over the Needham Commuter Rail Line, it would be very difficult for vehicles exiting the property off of Baker to see oncoming traffic.

“So after a number of meetings we decided to do away with the Baker Street entrance and come and go from the VFW Parkway which people found more palatable,” said Quilty. “Just for an example of what changes were made, when this started out in 2014, the proposal was for 156 units, and today it’s at 60 which resulted from our last (Impact Advisory Group) meeting, and we

had Catholic Memorial on board, we had Parkway Little League on board, we had the IAG members on board for that number and the parking that was provided.”

Abutter Arthur Dineen spoke in opposition to the project because of additional traffic and his belief that the developers have not been good neighbors and does not think they would be in the future.

“They’re not maintaining it now,” he said. “The neighborhood they’re putting this in is basically one-family homes and they’re putting 60 families in an area that traditionally has been commercial going as far back as I can remember. It adds nothing to the neighborhood in terms of any benefit and it’s going to take away from the entire neighborhood in many ways.”



West Roxbury will also soon be seeing a meeting for 29 single-family homes on Willet Street in the coming weeks.

Also for West Roxbury, a meeting is coming up next week for March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Boston Center for Youth and Families Roche Community Center on 1716 Centre Street for the 23-52 Willet St.

Extension. The proposal is for 29 single-family homes on Willet Street, which is mostly a paper street. The project will encompass eight acres between Washington and Thrush Streets.

In Roslindale, the 289 Walk Hill St. development for 106 rental units (approved by the BPDA in May of last year) has sorted out its parcel and title issues and will be starting construction soon.

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