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HPNA takes a jab at ISD on 11 Dana Ave.



HPNA President Jim Kirker, left, and HPNA member Ralph Cotellesso discussing 11 Dana.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) came armed to the Area E 18 police station with a packed agenda at its monthly meeting on Thurs., Jan 9., which included the Rogers development proposal, an all-Hyde Park organization summit discussion, and the ongoing saga of the 11 Dana Ave.

What struck the HPNA was an email late that afternoon to put the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) representa-

tive Kim Thai-Durrigan on the agenda to discuss answers to a set of questions a subcommittee sent to her regarding the proposed development of 11 Dana Ave., which they still assert is not “as of right,” as the developer claims.

When ISD representative Flavio Deveiga showed up in her place to take questions rather than provide answers, chair Jim Kirker took a jab squarely at what he called the incompetence of ISD.

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Busway planned from Egleston Square to Jackson Square



William Moose, BTDA planner for Jamaica Plain, explains the busway plan.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

William Moose, Boston Transportation Dept. planner for Jamaica Plain, came to the Jan. 6 meeting of the Egleston Square Neighborhood Association with what he said was “good news.”

“Dedicated bus lanes on Columbus Avenue,” he said. “This was highly favored in the over 900 responses to the [2018] JP/Rox Transportation Plan.”

“The T is unusually flush with cash and one of its priorities is to build a
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WRCIA debates Wash/Centre road safety



The WRCIA met with police, Boston Transportation officials and members of the West Roxbury Safety Association on Monday regarding safety on Washington Street.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association (WRCIA) met on Monday, Jan. 13, and discussed traffic issues facing the neighborhood.

WRCIA, which was founded in part on road safety on Washington Street after co-founder Olivia Waishek’s mother was killed in a colli-

sion there, has pointed out in the past there have been three fatalities on Washington Street in the last year, and therefore they brought in the West Roxbury Safety Association to present its recent ideas for Centre Street.

The crowd packed into the St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church for the meeting, which included At-Large City Councilors Annessa Essaibi-George and Julia Mejia, as well

as representatives for Councilor Michelle Wu, Councilor Michael Flaherty, State Rep. Angelo Scaccia and State Sen. Michael Rush. About 40 people attended the meeting. Boston Transportation Department (BTD) also sent Coleman Flaherty and Brad Garrett to represent the BTD at the meeting.

“I want to thank all of the

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Councilor Wu talks transportation and development history, possible future at MHC



The MHC met with At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu last Thursday and discussed redevelopment and potential improvements to the MBTA Bus Service in the neighborhood.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) met on Thursday and hosted At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu, who dis-

cussed the city’s development boom and the effect the Boston Redevelopment Authority/Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has had on development in the city since its inception.

Wu echoed a refrain from

residents all over the city, in that taking each housing development on a case-by-case basis does not allow for residents to take in the whole development picture in their neighborhood.

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West Rox Bikes holds joint meeting with West Rox Walks



The two groups strategized last week on how best to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in the neighborhood.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

Ariane Komyati

Staff Reporter

West Rox Bikes (formerly known as the West Roxbury Bicycle Committee) held a joint meeting with West Rox Walks on Wednesday, Jan. 8th at the Theodore Parker Church.

Around 20 people were present at the meeting, which was led by Ben Wetherill of West Rox Bikes. This was West Rox Bikes first ever joint meeting with West Rox Walks, the biking group has held joint meetings in the past with other community groups, such as Rozzie Bikes.

“There’s a lot of overlap [with the two groups] in terms of shared interests. Walkable streets are largely bikeable streets, and walkable neighborhoods are also bikeable neighborhoods, so it makes sense for us to work together - and Centre St. has been a common ground for us,” said Will Vincent of West Rox Walks.

Agenda items included West Rox Walks’ goals and ideas for 2020, West Rox Bikes goals and ideas for 2020, and brainstorming outreach activities for this year.

Vincent opened the meeting by discussing the work West Rox Walks did last year and what they plan on accomplishing in the upcoming year. West Rox Walks is a community group “advocating for the safety of people who walk in West Roxbury”. The group was created last April.

Vincent said that he is proud of the work they did in 2019: “We did a nice job meeting with city and state electives over the past few months and letting them know that there is a group of residents in West Roxbury interested in improving the safety here in our main street district.” He also stated that West Rox Walks members “will continue to advocate for the Centre St. redesign” this year.

“West Roxbury has the lowest walkability score of any neighborhood in the city,”

Vincent stated. A “Walk Score” measures the walkability of any address using a patented system. For each address or neighborhood, the Walk Score analyzes walking routes to nearby amenities. Walk Score also analyzes population density and road metrics, such as block length and intersection density. Vincent remarked that while West Rox Walks has paid a lot of attention to Centre St. over the past year, the group should also pay attention to Washington St., another very dangerous road. In Nov. 2018, a pedestrian was struck by a car and killed while walking on the sidewalk on Washington St.

West Rox Walks members suggested advocating for places on Washington St. where there is a lot of pedestrian activity, such as the Beethoven School and Draper Playground. “We should create a list of places and/or areas to focus on,” stated Vincent. Another meeting attendee suggested reaching out to neighbors that live close to these places, and asking them if they would like to participate in walk audits, which includes studying data involving pedestrian and car crashes). Vincent stated that “neighborhood involvement” is key when trying to make streets and neighborhoods safer. One West Rox Walks member mentioned the fact that many people are confused about the speed limit on Washington St., so there should be more speed limit signage.

“Neighbors should want walkable neighborhoods - higher walkability scores means higher real estate,” noted one meeting attendee. Other members suggested pushing for developers building on Washington Street, Centre Street, and the VFW Parkway to create more walkable areas around their developments. Vincent also said that walkability can help local businesses:

“Getting that message out would be helpful.”

Another member mentioned

how difficult it is to walk to Star Market.

“There are little to no walking paths in the Star Market plaza,” said one member. Another meeting attendee noted the parking lot is even more difficult for those who are handicapped, and it could possibly be a violation of the Accessibility Code.

After West Rox Walks’ discussion, Jason Bylsma of West Rox Bikes discussed their 2019 events and projects, as well as plans for 2020. Bylsma discussed Centre St. to the Arborway, which is a critical connection from/to West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. West Rox Bikes is pushing for more protected bike infrastructure along this route, since many cyclists take this route to get to and from work downtown.

Another topic of discussion for West Rox Bikes was the Arborway Redesign. The Department of Recreation and Conservation (DCR) held a meeting last November at the Faulkner Hospital regarding the safety and possible redesign of the Arborway. A “Safer Arborway” petition was created and signed by West Rox Walks, West Rox Bikes, and other safety and biking groups. Safety issues identified by the DCR included speeding, missing pedestrian, ADA and bike accommodations, insufficient lighting, missing signs, and poor traffic signal operation. West Rox Bikes hopes to work with the DCR to improve the safety of the Arborway in 2020.

West Rox Bikes voted and confirmed their name change from “West Roxbury Bicycle Committee” to West Rox Bikes at the end of the meeting. “You don’t have to be a cyclist to be a supporter of better bike infrastructure,” remarked Ben Wetherill.

For more information and upcoming events for West Rox Walks, like their page on Facebook @westroxwalks or follow them on Twitter @WestWalksbury.

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Boston, MA January 3, 2020

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COMMITTEE ON LICENSES

Boston Bulletin: 01/09/20, 01/16/20, 01/23/20

Residents have informal meeting with O'Malley on 1905 and 1911 Centre

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

A small group of residents discussed two demolition permits that were filed for 1905 and 1911 Centre St in a “very informal” meeting they called with City Councilor Matt O'Malley and staff members at Local 338 Bagel on Wed., Jan. 8.

Neighbors were up in arms when they learned that a demolition permit had been filed for the old Rockland Trust bank building and the house next door by the developer, C.A.D. Builders in Canton, on Dec. 26. Both buildings are more than 50 years old, with the house being there for at least 150 years, according to residents.

There was confusion about the meeting being public, as it was posted on Facebook. Some posters thought the meeting was open and thought the timing was too early for a neighborhood meeting, criticizing O'Malley. The Bulletin learned about it on Facebook.

“This is a very informal meeting, and it is very early in the process,” O'Malley stressed, noting that this discussion was requested by an abutter. “I am always happy to meet with constituents at their request, and I do it three or four times a week. I've been doing it for ten years, and I hope to

do it for ten more.”

O'Neill and Associates Attorney representing CAD Christopher Tracy stressed that this is very early in the process for the project, and that they do not have any designs ready for public consumption yet.

“We're in the infancy of this process and for those neighbors who have concerns we'd love to talk to them, and we look forward to working with them,” he said.

Tracy added designs will be forthcoming in the next few weeks and the public process would be soon to follow, however he stressed that the process is so early that they have not filed any plans as of the date of publication.

Five abutters attended the meeting as well as O'Malley, his West Roxbury liaison, Shannon Murphy, and his chief of staff William MacGregor, who scheduled the meeting.

Because both structures are more than 50 years old, as part of the City's zoning code, under Article 85, the Boston Landmarks Commission has 10 calendar days to determine if a property is historically significant, which is what the residents wanted to confirm. That period expired on Jan. 5.

Vincent Finn, who requested the meeting, said that he called out of concern for the lack of notification about work

being done on the house. Once yellow, it is now stripped bare.

“The week before Christmas, a bunch of men pulled all the asbestos shingles off the house,” he said, noting that the men did not speak English. “Since then, the dentist's property has been covered in asbestos flakes.”

“My position to you, through your office, is to set up a meeting,” Vincent Finn said, which would include the dentist, Jack Duggan from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, neighbors and the developer. “As many of 18 of us petitioned the Landmarks Commission to put this on their agenda.”

“The whole thing has kind of fallen to us,” his wife, Rosemary, added.

“I understand that folks are feeling as though the die was cast where you hear from the Landmarks Commission and it's a very short period and it's the holidays,” O'Malley said. “But it's actually very preliminary in the process.” O'Malley added that the company most likely bought the property contingent upon development, “and that they probably paid a king's ransom for it.”

What the next step would be, once the Boston Landmarks Commission confirms the historical designation, is an Article 80 process, which would be run by Duggan. He would coordi-

nate a meeting with all concerned parties.

“That sort of gives the ability to act as an honest broker to act on behalf of the neighborhoods to make sure we can address the concerns, particularly around density, particularly around parking, particularly around landscaping or construction,” O'Malley said.

O'Malley added that his office found out simultaneously and set up a meeting with Tracy for this week.

“There were two demolition delay applications - one for 1905 and the other for 1911 Centre St. Landmarks has determined both structures to be significant,” a City official confirmed on Fri. Jan. 10.

Residents expressed concerns about blasting if the ground were leveled. There was also issues about the ledge behind the property and the impact construction would have on the water table and flooding.

A major issue was the way in which the asbestos was removed.

“There was no permit in the window, and it was done very, very quickly,” Richard Gutman said.

“One thing that I know this administration and Jack Duggan in particular have done well is notify all abutters,” O'Malley said. “Once something has been proposed – and

nothing has been proposed yet – there will be a notification process.”

Rosemary Finn said a day care center wanted to move in previously, but was denied. Her husband noted that oil may have seeped in the back because of an old gas station.

“We don't want to have any more situations where the crew is there and we don't know what's going on,” Gutman said.

He added that he has a degree in architecture from Cornell University and is knowledgeable about the historical significance of the properties.

“Obviously, you have my word that I will do the best that I can to make sure that there we have as a robust and transparent a process as possible,” O'Malley said.

Everyone agreed that something would be put on the property. However, they wanted something in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

“I appreciate what you're doing, but my concern is they're just going to demolish these buildings to put up some cookie-cutter housing stock,” Gutman said.

“We're losing some of the character of the fabric, the personality, the individuality, some of the architectural diversity,”

Demolition

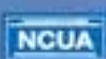
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No love for the No Name

In the spectacular duet of 1980, “Our Faded Love,” singers Willie Nelson and Ray Price re-released the Patsy Cline hit of 1963 about wanting to rekindle affection for a lover of long ago. But no such feeling are simmering within some Bostonians regarding the No Name restaurant on The Fish Pier, which just went belly-up.

Once upon a time this waterfront restaurant with the iconic name, or lack thereof, fed the appetites of countless Bostonians, originally fish workers, cabbies, and truck drivers with moderate-priced fares, bring-your-own-beer/wine, relatively easy parking, and great food. But during the last few years the quality of food changed, and not for the better. Truly it was sad to see the quality of their fried clams, my favorite, take a dive.

The disappointing fact about the No Name’s seeking bankruptcy is that it had not paid city real estate taxes since 2013: it got away owing Dame Boston almost three-quarters of a million dollars with back taxes and appended interest. As thousands scramble to pay off Christmas card debt this month and come up with the rent money, homeowners just received their tax bill due February 3, causing no small amount of financial juggling in order to meet the increased levies effected by the city’s unrestrained, ever ballooning budget. The owners of the famed restaurant just off Northern Avenue probably just shrugged with a “Meh” when they’d receive four mailings a year over the past several years from the city’s Treasury Department.



My Kind
of Town/
Joe Galeota

The other disappointing aspect of this revolting development is that the city let the No Name’s absence of tax-paying slide for several years. Imagine what would have happened to Mary/John homeowner if they did the same. Imagine if the city had publicized the restaurant’s refusal to pay taxes a year or two after the first refusal to pay: the public pressure would have been intense. It remains to be seen whether the city will ever receive the back taxes.

Thus the No Name, once the only moderately priced joint on Northern Avenue along with Santoro’s Sub shop and Jimbo’s Fish Shanty, enters into gastronomical oblivion with the higher-priced restaurants on that street of years gone by—Jimmy’s and Anthony’s Pier 4—as well as with some of the other city’s iconic dining establishments such as Doyle’s, Green Briar Pub, and Durgin Park’s. The No Name’s only recent saving grace, it seems, is that before it died, its employees were paid.

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Letters to the Editor

CITY DICTATED BY BAD SCIENCE

To the Editor:

Why do we bother having a mayor, and a city council when we can save time and money by letting the folks at the International Council for Local Environmental Initiative (ICLEI) run the city? (Mayor Walsh signs historic wetlands ordinance The Bulletin Jan 2, 2020). Mayor Walsh and his rubber stamp city council prove once again that bad science and leftist politicians lead to bad ordinances. In this case, protecting Boston from the impact of climate change, i.e. rising sea levels. No, West Roxbury will not be beachfront property in five years, and our apple orchards will not be turned into orange groves.

The Bulletin article read like a news release from Walsh’s office. If the reporter

Mary-Ellen Gambon needs credentialed local scientists who refute the environmental fright peddlers, she can start with Joe D’Aleo, co-founder of the Weather Channel, Professor Willie Soon of the Harvard-Smithsonian Institute, and Professor Richard Lintzen to name just a few. I will be happy to introduce these men to her.

Hal Shurtleff,

*Director, Camp Constitution
West Roxbury*

WU NEEDS TO REPRESENT EVERYBODY

To the Editor:

Dear Councilor Wu, Do you know where West Roxbury is located? Do you know what your constituency wants? It doesn’t seem like you know the answer to either question.

The last time you or your assistant made it to a West Roxbury Community meeting

was when you attended the Bellevue Hill association meeting while you were running for office in the Summer of 2019. We miss you...we think.

In November, after you were safely re-elected to the at-large position which presumably encompasses the whole City, neither you or, at least, your assistant, felt that the meeting hosted by the WRSA at the Irish Social Club regarding the ill-designed, and horribly-communicated, Centre Street Road Diet was important enough to attend. This was your silent response despite numerous invitations from WRSA. Had you attended, you would have learned that over 95% of West Roxbury residents favor the proposed WRSA plan over the terribly designed Road Diet.

Over a month ago, WRSA

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East River Street uneasy about Burger King

Matt MacDonald

Staff Reporter

The East River Street Neighborhood Association (ERNA) held its monthly meeting in the community room at 912 River St. (the Perfect Dental Building) on Monday, Jan. 13.

The major agenda item for the 20 people who attended the one hour meeting was the Burger King that is under construction one block away as part of Finard Properties’ ongoing phased retail development of The Shops at Riverwood.

This was spurred by a Licensing Board hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15 that had caught many there – residents and community representatives alike – by surprise.

Sharing the development’s history, ERNA President Barbara Hamilton explained that the group had “reluctantly” agreed to the Burger King when it had been proposed by Finard Properties CEO Todd Finard five years earlier in an effort to draw business to the site.

“Todd couldn’t get anything to come in over there, and Burger King wanted to come,” Hamilton said of the ERNA’s decision. “That was going to get something going.”

She went on to add that – because of the decision to bring the burger chain in – more businesses had followed which she described as “pluses to the community.”

She also spoke of the new Burger King’s proposed 2 a.m. closing time – which there seemed to be unanimous opposition to – and her communications with Finard about it:

“I told him that 2 a.m. is totally unacceptable, and they got back to me and said that that wasn’t even what they agreed to,” Hamilton said of the exchange. “They agreed to midnight, which was standard for the other restaurants that are in the area. So it’s definitely not going to be 2 a.m. and they asked the guy to adjust his application.”

Although Hamilton’s statement was met receptively, there was still considerable concern about the fast food chain opening up shop at all, with Helena Tonge – president of the nearby Belnel Community Neighborhood Association – announcing that her organization was in complete opposition to the project, that a petition was being signed, and that members of the group would be attending the Wednesday hearing at City Hall.

“When it gets to be 9 o’clock, it’s really like a desert right here on this corner,” Tonge described that section of River Street at night. “So from 9 to 2 a.m. – or even 9 to 12 a.m. – that’s going to be a major issue and a major problem. There’s going to be a lot of fighting, a lot of littering. It’s going to be a hangout. We have to recognize that it’s going to be that. It will be. And we’re trying to be proactive and not reactive.”

Tonge added that she had also spoken with representatives of the Boston Preparatory Charter School at 885 River St., almost directly opposite the Burger King site.

“The school is not happy,” she said. “I’ve spoken with the CEO. I’ve spoken with both principals and they’re going to see if they can have someone

there [at the hearing], but they are providing a strong supportive statement of opposition.”

In response, Hamilton made clear that Burger King – not Finard – had paid for the building, “so there will be pushback because it’s their dollars that built that building.”

Hamilton also pointed out that – at the time of the agreement to bring Burger King in – Boston Prep wasn’t yet there “and I’m not sure whether you’re going to get your way.”

“But we’re going to try,” one person replied. “I mean, we’ve got to try, right?” We can’t just suck it up. This is our neighborhood. This is our neighborhood! These are our kids!”

Another cautioned that to oppose the development after having initially approved it would damage the ERNA’s credibility in its continuing dealings regarding the project.

Hamilton then directly responded to Tonge’s statement of opposition by noting that when the vote had been taken years earlier, longtime regular ERNA meeting attendees from Belnel had been there, as well. “So it wasn’t done in a vacuum.”

“I get it. I get all of that,” Tonge replied. “But we’re here where we are today. So where we are today is we have 800 students filing out from a school going in to a Burger King.”

She summed up by saying that “the basics of what I’m saying is where we are today, and does it work and does it fit to where we are today. That’s it.”

“But the building’s there,” Hamilton countered, ending that

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City councilors and everyone from BTM and any local politician who came out tonight," said WRCIA President Larissa Castro. "We have been talking ad nauseam of the safety issues on Washington. We have had multiple deaths on Washington, however with all the work we've been doing for the last two years that I've been here at least, this has been one big concern I feel like now we're getting a little bit of traction."

WRSA Co Founder Stephen Morris led the presentation that was basically a shorter version of the one presented in October at the group's first public meeting at the Irish Social Club. He said he wanted to boil it down to ideas that could work on Washington Street. The WRSA was founded at least in part to increase safety on Centre Street without the proposed road diet plan the BTM originally proposed in March of last year after resident Marilyn Wentworth was struck and killed near the Hastings Street Centre Street intersection.

"All we want is safe streets, we don't care how it gets done," said Wentworth's son Matthew.

Morris said one of the things

his group is proposing is an on-demand crosswalk light for Hastings and Centre. He pointed out that there are fewer traffic signal lights on Washington Street than on Centre, which makes it more difficult for pedestrians to cross. Castro said she agrees, and has seen first-hand residents not using crosswalks to cross the street.

"The street is so busy and it's children, it's kids and it's the elderly and unfortunately people are walking across the street at 7:30 in the morning with their kids not in the crosswalk to get to the Beethoven School," she said.

Castro added they are hoping to host a follow up meeting with the city in April or May to conduct a walking survey of the area and a walk through to solicit ideas for safety improvements.

Morris said his group had serious concerns about the proposed Road Diet, and felt that existing problems with road diets across the country, mainly in New York City and Los Angeles, could manifest themselves here. He pointed to two examples in New York where New York Firefighters are in opposition to current road diets because they block

emergency vehicles and add critical seconds to response time that they feel could mean the difference between life and death for many residents in New York. He also pointed to the Providence bike lane on Eaton Street that was implemented with poor safety consideration and taken down weeks after it was installed. According to Providence officials, the street became too narrow for emergency vehicles after the bike lanes were installed.

Morris also said he believes the reduction in lanes on Centre Street would result in more cut through traffic on West Roxbury side streets.

"I'm on a street of 12 homes and I already see 100 to 200 cars a day," he said. "We feel very strongly if this went through it would go up."

West Roxbury Bikes Member Ben Wetherill asked Morris about whether Morris' research included success stories for road diets, for which he said there were many. Morris said he felt apps like Waze has diverted a lot of traffic into side streets and felt that removing traffic lanes from Centre would divert more traffic to side streets. Wetherill also said he's been

watching the traffic at the Faulkner Hospital during rush hour.

"Traffic is not diverting from Centre, it's diverting from the VFW Parkway," he said. "It's usually traffic from the West Roxbury Parkway and VFW that goes on the side streets. The VFW is a real bottleneck and the real thing causing cut through traffic is Waze diverting people from the VFW... So a change in the through put of Centre, I don't believe it would actually affect the side streets."

Wetherill asked Morris if a member of West Roxbury Bikes would be able to join WRSA, to which Morris said definitely.

Morris admitted they do not have any traffic engineers at the WRSA, but he said that allows them to see more common sense solutions than federally-backed programs like the road diet idea.

"People left the city when they didn't like what the city was pushing down their throats before, and the city imploded," said WRCIA member Terry Halliday, warning of what might happen if the city goes forward with the diet.

BTM's Coleman Flaherty said they are working on a plan right now, and Morris said he is hopeful it will not include the road diet. Flaherty added they

are working on improving safety on Washington Street as well.


"There's a lot of people spending a lot of time trying to make everything safer for everyone, and I think it's important to know that the Mayor, in his State of the City speech last week, talked about transportation being one of the most important things," he said. "The BTM has a design coming for DeSoto and Washington Street which includes a crosswalk light."

He added there will be a retiming of the traffic lights on Washington to reduce the "raceway" feel of the street if drivers get a line of green lights.


"It may take people a little longer to come down the street but it will reduce speeding," he said.

Castro said they will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 to discuss impacts of recreational and medical marijuana dispensaries have had on cities and towns with residents from those cities and towns.

Bellevue Hill Neighborhood Improvement Association Member Ginny Gas invited residents to make themselves heard at a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing on Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall on the proposed Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade.




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ties are buses,” Moose said.

“The T has selected this for implementation funding and design. Consultants are already lined up. This is on a fast track as part of the JP Rox Transportation Plan.” “This is great,” he said. “The T is footing the bill. It will provide for safer pedestrian crossings and accessibility.”

“It’s pretty exciting,” he said. “There will be a center running bus lane with boarding platforms.”

It was also back to the future for the T; streetcars ran down the center of Columbus Avenue until 1955.

This was the first public presentation of the center bus lane plan for Egleston-Jackson. In December, Moose met with Egleston Square Main Streets director Denise Delgado and that same week with Carolyn Royce and Alvin Shiggs of ESNA to review the plan and get reactions.

Moose said that the BTM has learned from experiences with curbside bus lanes in Roslindale and Brighton Avenue.

The MBTA will bid out and build the bus lane that Moose said is on a rapid implementation schedule. The T has three on-call consultants, Howard Stein Hudson, McMahon Associates and the giant Minneapolis firm WSB.

“There were real issues of enforcement with other bus lanes,” he said. “This is a rare opportunity to get the highest and best use. It was very obvious that putting it down the center would be self enforcing.”

There will be four stops from Walnut Avenue to Jackson Square serving three heavily used bus routes, number 22, 29 and 44; there will be two platforms at each stop for inbound and outbound buses. The platforms will be longer to accommodate two buses with safety barriers much like those on Green Line at the MFA.

“It’s in the design phase now,” Moose said. “Approaching the 25 percent design stage, so there’s still opportunity for changes, but it’s a fairly advanced conceptual design.”

Moose explained that there will be two lanes of bus traffic taken out of the present travel lanes. There will be a single

lane in each direction for through traffic.

Moose said he was confident that with improved signalization, single lane through traffic would work.

“We’ve done a pretty thorough study of traffic,” he said. “Some parking might be lost but also gained with the removal of curbside bus stops.”

“The median strip will not be touched,” Moose said. “The signals are built in with underground conduits. We might shave some back, remove some portions.”

“The design of the platforms is still being worked out,” he said. “There will be a minimum of eight feet of clear space plus a safety barrier with another two feet for accessibility.”

The bus stops will have shelters, lighting better signage, countdown clocks and emergency call boxes. Pedestrians will have shorter crossing distance and additional pedestrian signals.

“This will help a lot with speed,” Moose said. “The narrow traffic lane will slow traffic down. We’re trying to design for a 25 mph speed limit.”

This makes Denise Delgado director of Egleston Main Streets happy.

“The speed of traffic on Columbus Avenue can be treacherous,” she told the Bulletin the next day. “I don’t think it’s bad thing to reduce through car traffic. The new bus lane will come with improved way finding signals and other public infrastructure improvements. The new center bus lane will be safe and more accessible. It will be a positive change for the business district.”

Urban Edge owns the most housing on the Columbus Avenue route, all of which is income restricted.

In a statement to The Bulletin, Emilio Dorcelly, CEO of Urban Edge, said he looks “forward to hearing more from BTM about this project and these infrastructure changes.”

He said that BTM recently met with Urban Edge to discuss the project and its impact on the community.

The bus lane will start to taper into the center lane at Seaver Street and Walnut Av-

enue said Moose. There will be a general travel lane shift; one lane will have to turn right.

Other traffic changes will be a ‘no left turn’ onto Weld Avenue and a dedicated left turn at Washington Street.

“Weld Avenue was not intended for the traffic it gets,” Moose said. “The traffic study we did showed 1600 cars a day going down Weld Ave.”

Moose said that the center bus lane would also be open to fire trucks, ambulances and public school buses and the platforms would be designed for wide turns by big trucks, such as at Weld Avenue.

Moose was vague about timeline and construction costs.

“We’d like to start at the end of July,” he said. “We’ll have a great deal more detail at the end of the month. I’m unsure how long it will take. A lot of it is painting. The platforms have to be built, that takes about a month each.”

“There’s no cost estimate,” Moose said. “But a very initial cost is the two to three million dollar range.”

“The T will do the work but the city will monitor it. We meet with the T weekly.”


ESNA chair Carolyn Royce was insistent that Moose spend more time in discussions with the community, but overall she and the other six residents at the meeting were happy with the good news.

Moose said he intends to do more talking with merchants and residents; he gave a briefing to the Neighborhood Council Public Service Committee on Jan 7.


Moose said that he has scheduled two open houses to gain more information. He said there is website on Boston.Gov. Boston Transportation Dept., but there are no graphics or visuals up yet, something Delgado requested.

MBTA and BTM staff and the consultants will staff the open houses.

The meeting dates are Monday, January 27 from 5- 8 pm at the Egleston Square YMCA and at the Egleston Square Library on Thursday, January 30 and Thursday, February 6 from 3- 6 pm.



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hood. “Even in my neighborhood on Augustus Avenue (in Roslindale) we’ve had four buildings torn down and new ones put in their place,” she said. “The city does need to grow... but rather than saying we need to have growth just anywhere we have to say what kind of growth we want.”

Wu discussed the history of redevelopment and redevelopment agencies in the U.S. Basically, redevelopment was called urban renewal in the 1940s to 1960s and was handled by redevelopment agencies throughout the world, not just in the U.S. The U.S., however, gained a poor reputation for it, as it has been generally agreed upon by historians that urban renewal resulted in poor residents being moved out of their neighborhoods and then priced out again when the reconstruction was finished.

Wu said the system allowed for full reimbursement of construction from both government and private organizations, as the new building generated a lot more money.

“The neighborhoods that ended up getting cleared out were nearly entirely low-income communities, people of color and immigrant communities,” she said. “And the buildings went in and did not have

nearly enough units and the people who were there before could not afford to return.”

Wu point out that many cities started dismantling their redevelopment authorities around the 1970s, as public reaction to urban renewal was starting to show in the ballot box. Both San Francisco and Boston halted major highways planned to cut through the heart of the city (the Southwest Expressway) and Atlanta had lost 60,000 residents to outlying areas because of urban renewal construction. In several cities throughout the country, many blocks remained demolished and were never rebuilt.

Wu said many cities moved to front-end planning organizations run by their own municipal governments, but Boston went in the other direction. The then BRA in the 1980s became semi independent.

“Boston disbanded the independent planning board and put all those powers into the BRA,” she said. “Unlike elsewhere in the country, this mega agency that was supposed to be doing planning and development and was supposed to be streamlined and thinking about the impacts of development became a political entity.”

Wu pointed out that making the now BPDA semi independent in terms of funding – the

BPDA is currently self-sufficient and takes in monies from its owned properties and other revenue sources – the organization does not answer to the city’s elected City Council.

“When they went off the book, it was framed as ‘we’re going to save taxpayer money because we think we can be self-sufficient.’” she said. “But it also meant the oversight was gone and it was all run by a board appointed by the Mayor.”

Wu pointed to the Seaport as a prime example of too much development with too little planning. She pointed out that the Seaport is already flooding when big storms hit the city, there is no real public infrastructure in the neighborhood, and traffic and transportation infrastructure is so bad it makes it difficult to say the least to get in and out of the area.

“And out of all the money that went into developing those buildings, all of the wealth generated, not one single mortgage went to a black homeowner in the neighborhood,” she said.

Wu said she wants to dismantle the BPDA and bring back a city-run planning department that would not only handle development but also take an overall look at the city’s zoning code, which she pointed out has not been fully reworked since the 1960s. She said while

there have been several zoning code updates in specific neighborhoods and areas, it doesn’t allow for overall planning in the entirety of the city.

“For all intents and purpose, the zoning code is obsolete, every developer coming before the city is asking for variances,” she said. “Across the board the rules don’t make sense and therefore everybody has to get some sort of special attention to make their projects work financially.”

Wu pointed to the work her colleague District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards is doing to change the makeup of the ZBA. Edwards has called for hearings to discuss changing the ZBA to have more representation from homeowners and residents rather than solely industry representation.

Resident Frank O’Brien said he feels changing the makeup of the board wouldn’t be enough.

“In my assessment it could make the problem worse,” he said. “Change the rules, not the membership of the board, because the membership, no matter who they are, will still seek to further their own interests and not zoning.”

Wu also discussed issues with transportation in the city. She said right now the best bang for the MBTA’s buck would be in investing in bus service. She said even if you double the current ridership for

the MBTA’s Commuter Rail, it would not come close to the current ridership of the MBTA’s bus service.

“All in all, it’s \$300,000 a year to add a bus to a bus route,” she said. “For the amount we’re talking about increasing T prices (about \$30 million) we could put 100 buses on the road and that would dramatically decrease problems we have right now.”

Wu said there are 1,100 buses currently in the MBTA’s fleet and 800 usually on the road as the rest are in for service. She added that more buses would help decrease racial disparity on bus routes, as she said black riders and people of color spend 64 hours more on a bus a year than white counterparts, as bus routes in areas populated by those people are most often the ones that get pulled from their routes, have longer overall routes and fewer stops.

Roslindale representative for the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Joseph Coppinger said there will be two meetings in the coming months, one in Hyde Park and one in Roslindale, to discuss with residents how to reshape bus routes on Hyde Park Avenue. He said those meetings are not concrete yet, but there is a survey out now, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/36U6wzt>.



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CITY OF BOSTON KICKS OFF FREE WINTER FITNESS SERIES

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) have announced the Boston Parks Winter Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts from January 5 through May 1. The four-month-long series will offer free classes at 11 locations across the city.

Winter offerings include walking group/snowshoeing at Franklin Park, yoga at BCYF Paris Street Community Center in East Boston and Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton, strength training at BCYF Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan, Zumba Gold at BCYF Golden Age Senior Center in Charlestown, bootcamp in the ADSL Building at Town Field in Dorchester, barre at BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury, POUND at Anna Mae Cole Center in Jamaica Plain, chair yoga at Morville House in the Fenway, Zumba at BCYF Curtis Hall in Jamaica Plain, and cardio fitness at the Bubble at Carter Field in Roxbury/South End.

The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for kids and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. By engaging in a

citywide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, BPHC and the Parks Department aim to further reduce barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active year-round thanks to the expansion of this program. Outdoor activities are weather permitting. For more information including dates and times, please visit Boston.gov/winter-fitness. For information on cancellations, check Twitter at @healthyboston and @bostonparksdept or call (617) 534-2355.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

* Ring in the Lunar New Year at Franklin Park Zoo! Guests will have the chance to make their own traditional Chinese Lantern and watch the Lion Dance Team perform, all on January 18.

* In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo will offer free admission on January 20. Guests at Franklin Park Zoo are also invited to write messages of peace on the mural within the Tropical Forest Pavilion.

* Meet your favorite PAW Patrol pups, Chase and Skye! They're racing to the ruff-ruff rescue to meet you on January 25!

* Celebrate Little Joe's 27th birthday on February 17! Sign a birthday card for Little Joe and enjoy cake from Montilio's Baking Company before exploring the rest of the Tropical Forest! Bring an old phone or tablet to recycle in honor of Little Joe.

* Dance and limbo your way through the Tropical Forest at the 21+ event on March 21! Please see the media advisories below for additional information. I've also included photography here:

* Lunar New Year: <https://marlomarketing.egnyte.com/fl/279vDz6ILl>

* PAW Patrol: <https://marlomarketing.egnyte.com/dl/4qp0jmsdfN>

* Little Joe's Birthday: <https://marlomarketing.egnyte.com/fl/Y6TIrrz1Vg>

CITY'S VETERANS SERVICES TO HOST COFFEE HOUR IN ROSLINDALE

This Thursday, January 16, Veterans Services Commissioner Robert Santiago will host the first Commissioner's Call in Roslindale, a coffee hour series where residents can ask questions, discuss issues, and learn more about the services the city provides to veterans.

The Commissioner's Call series will reach every neighborhood, providing a unique opportunity for residents to meet Commissioner Santiago in their neighborhood in an informal setting.

WHEN: Thursday, January 16, 2020, 1 p.m.

WHERE: The Square Root, 2 Corinth St., Roslindale

CITY YEAR BOSTON HOSTS 'DAY OF SERVICE' IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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day and throughout the year—and how together, we can help build strong and vibrant communities for all of us. Monday, January 20, 2020 at 9:00am – 1:00pm at the Excel High School (95 G Street, Boston, MA 02127)

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<https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/quickbooks-workshop>

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The Players is for students 7th grade and up and rehearses at Driscoll on Wednesdays, 4:00-6:30pm. The Players perform fully stage shows at the Park School theater in early May. For more information call Kippy Dewey: 617-274-6065. <https://rehearsalforlife.org/freelance-players/>

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

FRIDAY NIGHT JUSTICE FILM SERIES

Al Helm (The Dream): Martin Luther King in Palestine, Friday, January 24, 7 p.m. A film presenting an intense cultural exchange between an African American gospel choir and the Palestinian National Theatre that explores their respective struggles for liberation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m., and includes free admission, popcorn, and beverages. The church is located at the corner of Centre and Corey streets, West Roxbury. For other films in this series: tparkerchurch.org

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A) Occasionally I have seen receiver problems with audio systems relating to both XM and blue tooth as well as navigation issues. On vehicles out of warranty, some times the least expensive way out is an aftermarket radio replacement. The aftermarket radios are very good quality and have the same features as the stock radio. You can always contact XM for a refresh signal, they do not mind at all.

Q) Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Chevrolet Lumina. I thought the guy behind me was blowing his horn in a hurry making a turn, but turns out the horn blowing was coming from my car! Can you tell me how to fix this first-time weird experience so that drivers ahead of me don't become irate thinking that I've got road rage?! —Ed

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MAC art reception has Big Draw



The Hyde Park Art Association held a reception on Sunday called the Big Draw at the Menino Arts Center. The reception featured several local artists, including Myrna Balk, Gail Bos, Terry Boutelle, Patricia Burson, Sasja Lucas, Mary McCusker, Mardi Reed, Ann Turley and Ginny Zanger. The exhibition will go on at the MAC until Jan. 25. For more information, check out <http://www.hpa-mac.org/exhibits>.

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members had reached out to you to discuss this much preferred WRSA proposal. All WRSA received was one lame email from an aide to an aide to whatever.

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Where are you Councilor Wu? And where are you on the Road Diet?

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BTD is currently considering Centre Street safety measures and anxiously await your representative input. Their output relies on your input.

Stephen Morris
West Roxbury Safety Association Member

ROAD DIET FOR A BETTER BUSINESS DISTRICT

To the Editor:

I am a West Roxbury resident and frequent patron of Centre St. businesses who would like to see the road diet implemented to make the area feel more like an actual business district rather than a highway that happens to have stores on both sides. I recognize that there is fear among some residents, including some Centre St. business owners, about the proposed changes. However, it is my strong feeling that Centre St. will become more vibrant as a result—a friendlier environment where people want to spend more time and more money. Opponents at the November meeting of the West Roxbury Safety Association presented cherry-picked cases where road diets have not been successful to help make their case. It is easy to find cases that support your viewpoint with hundreds to choose from, but there are also many examples around the country where road diets have led to improved business districts in addition to the added safety they bring (reduction of crashes by 19-47% in areas with road diet implementation nationwide according to FHWA). Sure, there are risks that any change will have unintended negative impacts, but that's why we have professional planners who can learn from mistakes in other communities and do ours the right way. To those who haven't already dug their heels in on this, give change a chance and be wary of selectively chosen data.

Jesse DeLaughter
West Roxbury

Novena to St. Clare

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—S.G.H.

Miracle Prayer

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

—S.G.H.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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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.

—S.G.H.

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BALAGTAS



Miriam E. (Sheehan) Of Mission Hill, passed away on January 6, 2020. Devoted mother of Marsha Sortino, Frank N. Balagtas, both of Mission Hill, Vanessa Podgorski of IL, Yvonne Haxton of HI, and the late Alexis Balagtas. Stepmother of Sonny Balagtas and Susan Francisco both of FL. Loving grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 5. Sister of the late Sr. Leonie Sheehan S.S.N.D., and Cornelius "Neil" Sheehan. Longtime faithful parishioner of Mission Church. A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, January 14th in the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mission Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mission Church, 1545 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02120. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home.

CONLON

Frances J. Of West Roxbury, January 10, 2020. Fran was 92 years old, born in Boston on May 6, 1927, daughter of the late Charles and Bridget (Lally) Conlon. Beloved sister of the late Joseph, Charles, and Paul Conlon and Mary Elizabeth Boyd. Beloved aunt of Anne McNamee, Mary Holleran, Jane Ricci, Robert Conlon, Ellen Kramer, Lawrence Conlon, John Conlon, Jeanne Chappuis and the late Paul Conlon, Jr. After graduating from Northeastern University, Fran worked for many years as an accountant at RCA. She was an independent, clear-minded soul who spoke her mind, cared for others, supported her favorite charities, and enjoyed activities with her friends. She volunteered at soup kitchens and food pantries. She loved bowling and line dancing. Fran was a devout communicant at St. Theresa's Church in West Roxbury. In recent years, Fran lived at Traditions of Dedham where she made new friends and continued to be a vibrant force. She will be missed by young and old. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, January 14th in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to VNA Hospice, 100 Trade Center, Woburn, MA 01801. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

DONOVAN



Mildred Jeanne Donovan (Geist) "Millie" of Dedham, formerly of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 11, 2020 at the age of 90. She was the only child of Peter & Mildred Geist of West Roxbury born on August 2, 1929. Millie attended Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury and went on to attend Fisher Junior College in Boston. She worked as an executive secretary for the Kendall Company in Walpole. After raising her family, which she always considered her greatest accomplishment, Millie returned to work as a secretary for the Dedham Public School Department, first at the Riverdale School then later in the Guidance office of the Middle School, for 27 years before retiring in 2004. She was a devout Catholic and enjoyed daily mass both at St. Mary's Church in Dedham and St. John Chrysostom Parish in West Roxbury. She loved spending summers on Cape Cod. Her kind and generous spirit touched the lives of many people, but her greatest joy in life came from her family.

She is survived by her son Peter John Our of West Roxbury (from her first marriage to the late John L Our of Chatham) and his wife Paula Stevens-Our. (From her second marriage to the late Charles T. Donovan of West Roxbury), her daughter Susan Jeanne White and her husband Greg of Tucson, AZ; her son David Charles Donovan and his wife Tonia of Eastham; and her son Andrew Charles Donovan and his wife Rachel of Ashland. Her grandchildren, Jocelyn and Zachary Our of West Roxbury, Theodore White and his wife Ashleigh of Santa Barbara, CA, Sarah White of Cambridge, William White of Los Angeles, CA, Zuzu and Cleo Donovan of Eastham, and Lauren Donovan of Ashland, and one great-grandchild Violet White of Santa Barbara, CA. Mille had been living at Edelweiss Village at the DeutschesAltenheim in West Roxbury up until the time of her death. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to DeutschesAltenheim Foundation in Millie's name. Monies collected will go towards the purchase of a memorial brick and support the fine senior programs a n d services. www.germancentre.org

Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home 1803 Centre St., West Roxbury, on Saturday, Jan. 18,

at 9:00am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. John Chrysostom Church at 10:00am. Visiting hours will be held in the funeral home on Friday, Jan. 17, from 4:00 to 8:00pm. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment Mt. Benedict cemetery. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com 617-323-5600

FAULKNER

Eleanor P. (Caputo) Of West Roxbury, January 10, 2020. She was 100 years old. Loving mother of Karen Faulkner of West Roxbury, Warren L. Faulkner, III and his wife Anita of Dudley, MA and Judith Cleveland and her husband Ted of Omaha, NE. Devoted grandmother of Sarah, David, Megan, Emily, and Nicole. Also survived by 4 great-grandchildren. A special thanks to Rose Donohoe for the loving care and kindness she showed to Eleanor these last 6 years. Funeral Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Eleanor's memory to the charity of your c h o i c e . www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

GALVIN

Joseph R. Of Hyde Park, passed peacefully on January 12th, at the age of 84. Loving son of the late John T. and Christina I. Galvin. Cherished brother of Betty Galvin and Joan Galvin, both of Hyde Park, Walter and his wife Judy of Andover and the late Mary Galvin, Robert, Margaret Galvin and John. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak St., HYDE PARK, Friday, January 17th in the morning at 10, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Pius X Church, Milton, at 11. Visiting Hours Thursday evening from 4-7, relatives and friends invited. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. For directions and guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com

GAY



Claire (Keefe) Of Walpole formerly of West Roxbury, passed away on January 12, 2020 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Frank Gay. Loving mother of Joan Duggan of Norton, John Gay of Walpole, Patrice Frazier, Marilyn Kent, and Edward Gay of Norwood, Richard Gay of Mansfield, Robert Gay of West Roxbury, Donald Gay of Arlington, VA, Paul Gay of Revere, Christopher Gay of

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Newburyport, Francis Gay of Fremont, NH, and Thomas and James Gay of Florida. Proud grandmother of 28 and great-grandmother of 17. Loving sister of the late Anna, Winifred, William, John, Joseph, Paul, and Leo Keefe, and Sister Sheila Keefe and Father James Keefe. She also leaves her dear caregiver Angela Thyne of Walpole as well as many nieces and nephews.

Claire was an active member of St. Mary's Church, Dedham. She was an avid round and square dancer and active in many senior groups.

Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, Thursday, Jan. 16 at 9am followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church, Dedham at 10am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Visiting hours at the funeral home on Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 4-8pm. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in Claire's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 or to the charity of your choice. Online guestbook at gfdoherty.com.

HOEY

Catherine T. "Dolly" (Moriello) Of Millis, formerly of Hyde Park and Mission Hill, passed on January 9, 2020 after a long illness. Beloved wife of Joseph T. Hoey. Loving mother of Maryann MacEachern and her husband Dennis of Plymouth, Joanne McLaughlin of Walpole and Cathijean O'Connor and her husband Eric of Canton. Dear grandmother of Dennis, Joseph, Michael, Ceili, William, Kaitlyn and Matthew. Great-grandmother of Jacob. Daughter of the late Ralph & Catherine (Fuccillo) Moriello. Sister of Patricia Calderone and her husband Lawrence of Millis and the late Michael and Judith Moriello. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at The Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Mission Church, 1575 Tremont St., Roxbury on Wednesday, January 15th. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Catherine's name may be made to The American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave. Ste. 6, Waltham, MA 02451. For guestbook condolences, visit www.bradyfallon.com Brady & Fallon Funeral Home 617 524 0861

MARTIGNETTI



Elisabetta (Capone) Passed away peacefully, in her 104th year, on January 12, 2020. Long-time resident of Roslindale, formerly of Montemiletto, Avellino, Italy. Beloved wife of the late An-

tonio Martignetti (KIA, Italian Army, WWII). Devoted mother of Rosina M. Perry of Roslindale and her late husband Manuel G. Perry, and the late Carmine Martignetti. Loving grandmother of Ferruccio Barletta, and Jenny, Sabrina, and Toni Martignetti and the late Elisabetta Martignetti. Visiting Hours at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Wednesday, January 15th, from 4-6pm. Funeral from the Funeral Home on Thursday, January 16th, at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale, at 10am. Relatives & friends kindly invited. Entombment St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. For directions and guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

MAZZA



Edward F. Age 79, of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 10. Beloved husband of Mary (Tarallo) Mazza. Devoted father of Angela and her husband Kevin, John and his wife Leesa, David and his wife Erica, and Peter. Cherished grandfather of Elena and Benjamin Fields, and Lucas Mazza. Loving brother of Lynne Mazza. Also survived by his sisters-in-law, Ann Pouloupoulos and her husband Nicolas, and Helen Tarallo. He leaves his three nieces, Georgia, Luciann, and Julie, six great-nieces and nephews, and many cousins. Edward was predeceased by his parents, Ferdinand and Iolanda Mazza, and his beloved niece, Linda Hanlon. Edward will be remembered for his love of family, his generous personality, and his quick-witted sense of humor. Most recently, he enjoyed spending time with his three young grandchildren. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Friday, Jan. 17, at 9:00am. A Mass of Christian

Burial will be celebrated in Holy Name Church at 10:00am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours in the funeral home on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 3:00 to 8:00pm. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery. Donations in Edward's memory can be made to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

MOYNIHAN

Edward Brian "Monk" Of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on January 8, 2020. Born in Boston on October 23, 1945, the son of the late Cornelius "Frank" and Bridget (O'Rourke). He was the beloved husband of Mary J. (Keohane). Loving brother John and his wife Mary R. Moynihan and Kevin and his wife Eleanor, all of West Roxbury, and Neil and Mary H. Moynihan of Quincy. Cherished brother-in-law of Ellen Fisher and her late husband Donald of West Roxbury, Nancy and Paul Ryan of Dedham and the late John C. Keohane. Also survived by many, nieces, nephews and cousins here and in Ireland and England. Monk was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy serving on the USS Garnet #706. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, January 15th in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Monk's memory may be made to either Care Dimensions Hospice House, 125 Winter Street, Lincoln, MA 01773 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or at stjude.org For guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

PALIE

Michael, C Of Hyde Park, 54 years old, passed away suddenly on November 15th. Loving son of the late Carmen P. and Angelina M. Brother of the late Peter A. & his wife Barbara of Mansfield, Robert D. & his wife Rebecca of Foxboro, Maria A. (Palie) Pirone & her husband Bruce Pierce of Fredericksburg, VA, and Thomas J. & his wife Joyce of W. Bridgewater. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and his many housemates and friends. He graduated from Hyde Park High and worked for 30 years at WORK Inc. in Quincy & Dorchester. Recently he participated in a control group of healthy, aging Down Syn-

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Saturday, January 11, 2020 - Hyde Park Youth Basketball Week 4.

The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association (HPYBA) had another exciting weekend. The players of the Instructional Division for 6-9 year olds at the Ohrenberger Community Center are working hard to get their skills up. The Ray Foley and Craig Curran divisions had some stellar performances across the board as we make our way into the heart of the season. There are still many weeks left, but with every week passing the players are getting better and the teams are working more cohesively.



Foley Division Results

3-Pointers 58 - Hoyas 24

The 3-Pointers started the game off strong and never looked back. Their offensive charge was led by Andrew Igharo scoring 23 points and Freddy Johnson who assisted the flow of the offense and scored 11 of his own points. It was MacKenley Pierre and Jerry Langston who kept were able to keep the 3-Pointers from scoring like they did back in Week 1. MacKenley had the majority of the Hoyas offensive and defensive rebounds while Jerry made the low post an impossible position to play. On offense for the Hoyas, it was Jerry and Timothy Trotman had 7 and 6 points respectively as well as many assists for their teammates. Points for both teams were distributed across all players with the 3-Pointers having 7 of 8 players score and the Hoyas having 6 of 8 themselves. The 3-Pointers look keep the train rolling as they prepare to Cowboys next week and the Hoyas look to bounce back against the Darkside.

Darkside 50-Cowboys 31

As was the case in the first game, the Darkside came out of the tip fast and never slowed down. Their offense was run through cousins Jay Jackson and Justin Elow who scored 32 and 12 points respectively. These two were able to control the pace of the game and their offense. On the defensive side for the Darkside it was Phalen Brown with a handful of blocks and Marvin Egbon who made it difficult for the Cowboys to find a lane to the hoop. Even with this tough defense, Chris Martinez was still able to score 21 points with additional baskets made by Amir Mollineau, Isaiah Figueroa, and Keyona Raines. The defense of Bryan Castillo and Chris Martinez was stellar but just did not stand up to the quickness and passing of the Darkside. The Cowboys look for their first win of the season next week against the 3-Pointers and the Darkside look to remain undefeated as they prepare to play the Hoyas.

Foley Division Standings

	W	L	T
Darkside	4	0	0
3-Pointers	3	1	0
Hoyas	1	3	0
Cowboys	0	4	0

Curran Division Results

Raptors 17 -Blue Devils 13

The Blue Devils came out to a rusty start but were able to get their spirits up and finish strong with the help of newcomer BJ O'Neil. Their offense was controlled by Chandler Frederick who scored 5 points. He was aided by Jaden Pinet with 4 points off of offensive rebounds. For the Raptors, it was a well distributed offense with 6 of their 10 players scoring in this game. They were led by Feliciano Tavares with 8 points. On defense for the Raptors it was Isaac Joseph and Zharia Watkins who made getting into the paint a difficult task for the Blue Devil offense. First year player Eleanor Thompson and Vasani Figueroa whose improved defense at the top of the key made the Raptors drive inside and kept the score tight. The Blue Devils will look to get out of this rut as they look forward to their next game against the Sonics, and the Raptors hope the baskets will fall next week against the 3-Pointers.

Sonics 37 - 3-Pointers 29

In a game that could have gone either way, the Sonics handed the 3-Pointers their first loss of the season. The Sonics offense was run by Gionni Centeio and Quinton Aveyor who had 18 and 11 points respectively. However, it was their defense that sealed the game for them. Peyton Cook and Jada Zayas held down the top of the key causing many untimely turnovers for the 3-Pointers. The 3-Pointers did not go down without a fight, with their best player, Oscar Torres, scoring 21 points. He unfortunately got into foul trouble early and that is when we saw Jeremiah Andrade and MJ Bruneau step up for their team both offensively and defensively. Unfortunately their effort fell short with Ritchmark Exantus scoring a very important bucket in the 8th period sealing the deal for the Sonics. The Sonics look to keep their winning streak alive as they prepare to play the Blue Devils next week and the 3-Pointers will not let this get them down as they practice for their game against the Raptors.

Curran Division Standings

	W	L	T
3-Pointers	3	1	0
Blue Devils	2	2	0
Sonics	2	2	0
Raptors	1	3	0

WR Eagle Scout remembers those forgotten for last project



Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Francisco Urena and District 6 Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley presided over the Eagle Scout ceremony for West Roxbury resident Danny Sheehan. Sheehan identified 17 total veterans' graves for his project with the help of local scouts. "Daniel led a campaign of fellow scouts along with memorial companies to mark 17 graves ensuring no Veteran is forgotten," said Urena.

COURTESY PHOTO

Node of 350 Mass discusses net-zero carbon buildings

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The Allston-Brighton Node of 350 Massachusetts held their first meeting of 2020 on Monday, Jan. 13 at the Brighton Library. About 15 community members were present, including members of other local environmental groups such as Massachusetts Climate Action Network, the Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter, and Mass Power Forward. District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon was also present for part of the meeting.

350 Mass is a volunteer-led climate action network. As a statewide network of volunteers, this network is working toward three campaign goals: municipal action, statewide legislative advocacy, and narrative-changing efforts. "350 Mass is a statewide network of 18 nodes," explained 350 Mass member Justin Brown. The Allston-Brighton Node is one of 350 Mass' newest nodes, officially organized in 2018.

Brown opened the meeting by discussing important political events in 2020. This year includes the primaries in March, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in April, collection for ballot initiatives in May and June, and the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The hot topic of the meeting was "The Path to 21st Century Buildings", which was presented by Michele Brooks of the Sierra Club and Rebecca Winterich-Knox of Mass Climate Action Network. Brooks began the presentation by discussing "Carbon Free Boston", the city's initiative to become carbon neutral by 2050 by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. "70 percent of Boston greenhouse gas emis-

sions are from buildings. By 2050, all buildings need to be Net Zero Carbon - all inefficient buildings will need a 'Deep Energy Retrofit'," Brooks explained to meeting attendees. She remarked that these policies are especially important to implement now, since Boston is going through a "building boom". Brooks explained that these new residential units are largely using fossil fuels, especially fracked gas.

Brooks also remarked that new actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions can help create a more equitable city: "Socially vulnerable populations have the most to gain from these actions. Action taken toward carbon neutrality will fundamentally transform the city's buildings, transportation, waste, and energy systems."

Winterich-Knox further elaborated on what "Net Zero Carbon Building" is - it is a building whose energy is supplied or offset by 100% renewable sources and does not add to greenhouse gas emissions. "There are three important pieces to making a building net zero: it needs to be extremely efficient, all electric, and use 100% clean energy," Winterich-Knox explained. Building efficiency includes LED lighting, added insulation, Energy Star appliances, and minimal exterior glass. "All electric" means no gas or oil, and efficient electric appliances. 100 percent renewable energy includes solar panels and the use of geothermal energy. "We want to make sure we are committing all of Boston's buildings to 100 percent renewable energy," Winterich-Knox remarked.

Brooks and Winterich-Knox emphasized the importance of attending BPDA meetings.

"Take action - attend meetings about new buildings in the neighborhood. Ask, 'Can this building be built to be Net Zero Carbon?' And follow up by sending an email to the developer or your city councilor," stated Brooks. Brooks and Winterich-Knox explained that it is also important to attend BPDA meetings so you can educate other neighbors and community members about the importance of Net Zero Carbon buildings. "Our input really matters," Brooks remarked.

"There are a record number of Allston-Brighton housing projects going through the BPDA right now," Brown told meeting attendees. He stated that it is crucial to attend these meetings to make certain voices are heard about the importance of efficient and green buildings.

Recently, 350 Mass has been working towards defining a Massachusetts Green New Deal. "We [350 Mass members] are all working on a single, large campaign called 'Road to Massachusetts Green New Deal'," remarked Brown. A Green New Deal framework includes a "rapid decarbonization of the economy, massive government investment in green jobs and infrastructure, and addressing longstanding racial, economic, environmental, and other social inequities." In order to achieve this, members of 350 Mass' Brighton Node plan to build local power, gain allies, educate the public, and work to help create coalition.

For more information on the Better Future Project and 350 Mass, visit <https://350mass.betterfutureproject.org/>. The Allston-Brighton Node holds their meeting every other Monday and can be emailed at allstonbrighton@350ma.org.

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contention, HPNA president explained to Deveiga, were what constituted accessory parking and what constituted a first floor and a basement in the case of this particular project.

The proposed three-story mixed-use development near the Hyde Park commuter rail station would have office space on the first floor and parking underground.

The garage, which is entered by ramp, is marked at four feet above ground level, while the above-grade portion is listed as ten feet high up to the second floor. Kirker said this is in violation of Hyde Park's zoning code, Article 69, which requires a basement to have more than 35 percent of its height above ground level. Based on the calculations listed on the map on record with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), it is approximately 29 percent below grade.

According to this logic, Kirker asserted that, because there is no division between the four-foot-high below-grade and the ten-foot-high above grade section, that constitutes a first-story garage, which is prohibited.

"What they are calling a basement has to be more than 35 percent below grade," Kirker said. "This is a 14-foot area. It's four feet below grade. It's not a basement. It's the first floor. It's forbidden."

Deveiga said Thai-Durrigan could not attend the meeting, but that he was there to take back questions.

While Kirker said he did not blame Deveiga, he clearly had enough of dealing with the back-and-forth triangle with HPNA, the BPDA and ISD on the project, which was first proposed in 2018.

"Every time somebody comes in here with these lame things, I think the BPDA and ISD must think we're a bunch of idiots," Kirker said. "The zoning code is not hard to understand."

"Basically, what I would like you to come in and say you screwed up, because you did," he continued. "This is not in any way, shape or form an as-of-right building. And it's setting a precedent."

He said that the people proposing the housing development at the former Dempsey's restaurant next to the Community Center "are using it as a template," which will create a domino effect for future development in Hyde Park.

"Basically what you are saying is that the zoning code doesn't matter," Kirker went on. "And I know at least two people in this room who worked on this zoning code. And ISD and the BPDA came in and said, 'Eh, so what?'"

Deveiga said he would work with the Mayor's Hyde Park neighborhood liaison Bryan Flynn to arrange another meeting with Thai-Durrigan.

"This isn't rocket science," Kirker said, adding that he felt like he had to explain the code to people in ISD. "This isn't ancient Latin."

Flynn said he "felt bad" that Deveiga was thrown into this situation and would raise the point to City officials the following day.

"I don't think it was right to bring in Flavio at the last second," he said, noting that he had been his colleague at the Office of Neighborhood Services before Deveiga took a position in ISD.

Another long-standing dispute HPNA has is that it is in a third and separate Neighborhood Shopping 2 subdistrict (NS-2). In this NS-2, there would be two parking spaces per housing unit.

If Dana Ave. is proven to be a third NS-2 subdistrict, that would affect the number of parking spaces, adding one per unit. Regardless of whether it is in the third NS-2, or the major ones of Clearly/Logan and Riverwood, Kirker explained that commercial parking regulations call for two spaces per 1,000 square feet. Also, if it is in the third NS-2 subdistrict, affordable housing would have to be allowed, a main point brought forth by the HPNA.

"No matter what, they still need variances because they don't have any parking for commercial," Kirker said.

Kirker alluded to the potential for the issue to go to court.

"If this ever did go to court, and I hope it doesn't, but it could," he continued, "I don't see a judge who has any working brain cells siding with the ISD on this."

The other news was on the redevelopment of the Rogers Middle School into a 74-unit elderly housing development that is LGBT friendly.

Charlie Adams, the Regional Vice President of Pennrose, talked about the excitement the project is gaining both in Boston and around the country as the first of its type in New England. He discussed the opportunity to turn the building into not only a housing opportunity for seniors but also as a community resource for events, historical and cultural exhibits and a place to learn about Civil War and LGBT history.

"There's such history here, history tied to the history of our country here that we've uncovered, with the Grimke sisters, with William Monroe Trotter, and of course with the 54th Regiment."

The mixed-income housing

development will have 50 affordable units of varying income rates. It will include opportunities for intergenerational partnerships with the YMCA and the 54th Regiment reenactors as well as other organizations. The façade will be as preserved as much as possible.

The one new part that was discussed was the courtyard in what was once the schoolyard. The walking track concept and the open park elements may be combined.

While the proposal was overwhelmingly approved, parking was the major issue discussed.

The discussion will be brought up again at the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) meeting on Wed., Jan 22.

Because of the addition of the ISD discussion to the agenda, Adams's discussion was cut short.

"Sorry, Charlie," Kirker quipped, referencing the old Star Kist tuna commercial.

The 11 Dana Ave. issue brought forth the idea for all of the neighborhood groups to hold a joint meeting to share information.

"I think it's important that we do talk, and that we do share issues Hyde Park-wide," Joseph Smith, chair of the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) said. "We just need more strength and more members coming together and saying, 'We're not going to take it anymore.'"

He talked of having a Hyde Park-wide forum to discuss issues and get feedback.

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drome adults for a long-term study of Alzheimer Disease in the Down Syndrome population. Memorial Service celebrating his life begins at 11AM on Saturday, Jan. 18th at the Blue Hill Country Club, Canton. Private interment at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton in the spring. Donations in his memory for the Mass General Hospital Research Institute to support studies of Alzheimer Disease in Down Syndrome population: giving.massgeneral.org/donate For complete obituary and to sign guestbook, see: dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home 781-828-0888

VELAZQUEZ

Herminia Of Boston's South End, formerly of Bronx, NY, passed away on January 8, 2020. Devoted mother of Edna Ocasio and her husband Daniel of Boston and the late Jose Rodriguez and Nelson Garcia. Loving grandmother of Ali Giuliani, Arielle Ocasio and Javon Garcia. Great-grandmother of Nicolas Giuliani and Huxley Ocasio. Dear sister of Lucy Garcia of Maryland. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Herminia was born in Maunabo, Puerto Rico and moved to New York in 1946. She was a lifelong resident of New York City, where she worked as a seamstress and raised a family as a widow. Later in life, she moved to Boston to be closer to family. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, January 15th in the Funeral Home. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. For and guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000



Novena to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. *This must be said for nine consecutive days. This Novena has never been known to fail.*

—S.G.H.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

In gratitude for helping me.

—J.S.

Celtics Honor Roxbury Prep Principal as Hero

The Boston Celtics recently honored the principal of Roxbury Prep High School as one of their "Heroes Among Us," calling her a "shining example" of an educator who "instills a culture of joy and high expectations" to help her students achieve their goals.

Titciana Barros, who started in Roxbury Prep as a middle schooler, was recognized at center court in TD Garden during the second quarter of the game against the Charlotte Hornets for her dedication to educating the youth of Boston. Barros, who received her bachelor's degree from Boston College and her master's degree from Boston University, is the first Roxbury Prep alum to become a principal at the public charter high school.

"This is such an honor, but it's not just for me," said Barros. "It's for everyone at our school who works so hard every day to educate our scholars. Our students are overcoming challenges, they are persisting on their road to college and they're excelling."

One such challenge is that Roxbury Prep High School is currently located in two different buildings that are miles apart. Despite this tremendous hardship, students are excelling. In fact, 94% of its first graduating class in 2019 have matriculated into four-year colleges and 100% of seniors are taking at least one Advanced Placement class, with 62% passing at least one AP exam. By comparison, across the United States, only 39% of public school students take any AP exams during high school and 24% actually pass an exam prior to graduating.



As college acceptances begin to roll in for her students, including full rides to Georgetown University and Brown University, Barros continues to work diligently so that students entering the high school have a facility they deserve.

Roxbury Prep, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, has proposed building a state-of-the-art high school on the site of a vacant auto repair shop and used car lot at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. This would be the very first high school to open in Roslindale and would be a great asset to the community. To learn more about the proposal, visit roxpreproslindale.org.

Since "Heroes Among Us" was established in 1997, the Celtics have recognized more than 850 individuals or small groups who, like Barros, have made exceptional and lasting contributions to their community.

Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

DOCKET No. SU19P2539EA

Estate of: **Thomas J. Freedman**
Also Known As:
Date of Death: **August 20, 2019**

Suffolk Division

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

Petitioner: **Diana Son of Canton, MA**
Diana Son of Canton, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU20P0036GD

**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: **Edward Bolden** RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Edward Bolden** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Velma J. Brinson of Mattapan, MA** (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 **02/19/2020**. 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

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
January 08, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

DOCKET No. SU19P1919EA

Estate of: **Geraldine F. Burns**
Date of Death: **05/30/2019**

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Andrew McElligott of Brockton, 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:

Andrew McElligott of Brockton, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **02/14/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: January 3, 2020

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Docket No. SU19C0614CA

**CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME**

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

In the Matter of: Adam Raymond Bauer

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Adam Raymond Bauer of Brighton, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Morgan Naomi Harper

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 01/23/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: December 31, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 01/16/2020

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

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU19P2852GD

**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: Fernande Dagene RESPONDENT
Of: Hyde Park, MA Alleged Incapacitated Person

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Techely Auguste of Hyde Park, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that Fernande Dagene is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Techely Auguste of Hyde Park, MA

(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 **02/06/2020**. 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.

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

January 8, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU19P2803PM

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405**

In the matter of: Jane Balkissoon RESPONDENT
Of: Hyde Park, MA (Person to be Protected/Minor)

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Park Place Rehabilitation and Nursing of Hyde Park, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Jane Balkissoon** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

Jonathan J. Davey of Quincy, MA

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

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/07/2020**. 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.

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

December 27, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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East River

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portion of the discussion.

Two community relations representatives were also at the meeting.

Cynthia Lewis, District Director for State Representative Dan Cullinane (12th Suffolk) gave his position on the matter, saying that – because of the negotiations that had taken place five years earlier and because of the fact that the building is already up – “basically, at this point, it depends upon what the majority agrees upon, is what the State Rep and the City Council and the City will actually kind of support.”

Lewis did suggest – as a resident of Mattapan, rather than in her official capacity – that the community meet with Burger King regarding its role as a responsible partner.

This led to further commentary from the group regarding some of its expectations for Burger King in relation to jobs, youth development, and its interaction with the school.

“We’re going to be tight with them,” Hamilton responded. “Tighter than I would have preferred but, you know, we have to be because we have to keep it under control.”

Responding to this turn in the discussion, Hyde Park Neighborhood Liaison Bryan Flynn of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services asked if the ERNA would prefer that he ask for a postponement of the licensing hearing in order to arrange a meeting with Burger King and other interested community stakeholders.

Flynn had also spoken at the start of the meeting, and – based on the group’s comments then – had agreed to inform the Mayor and the Licensing Board that it was in opposition.

However – by that later point in the meeting – the Association was agreeable to his suggestion, which was where the matter was left, with the intention of gathering Burger King and other community partners at the next ERNA meeting.

In other ERNA news, Lewis announced that a bill sponsored by Cullinane had passed that will enable Charlie cards to be used on the Fairmount commuter rail line, with further details pending.

In other neighborhood news, the Pierce Street Neighborhood Watch met last Monday, Jan. 7, for its first session of the new year. It meets on the first Monday of each month in the downstairs hall of the Hyde Park Foursquare Church at 28 Arlington St.

The next East River Street Neighborhood Association meeting is at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10.

Demolition *continued from page 3*

he continued, "something that gives a nod to when this street had people living on it. I think that that's wrong."

What the next step would be, once the Boston Landmarks Commission confirms the historical designation, is an Article 80 review process, which would be run by Duggan. Duggan would coordinate a

meeting between all concerned parties and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

"I understand the economics of it," Gutman said. "The question is, 'Can anything be done?'"

O'Malley said everyone will have a chance for input during the series of meetings to

follow.

Residents said they were pleased with O'Malley's response and were awaiting what develops next.

"I'm just a concerned person who likes old architecture and doesn't like to see the fabric of our main streets disappear," Gutman said.

Rev. Kaleel Sakakeeny will interview with the Boston Business Journal

Stratford Street United Church (SSUC) is again featured in the press, SSUC played host to WCVB's Chronicle TV show in the late fall, and now SSUC is the scene for a feature article in the respected Boston Business Journal. In both cases the actual focus was on Pet Loss and Grief Counselor and Animal Chaplain, Reverend Kaleel Sakakeeny. Reverend Kaleel says that without the ongoing support of the good people of SSUC and the use of their elegant parlor as a meeting place, the work we do would be seriously hampered.

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