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Crane Ledge boasts some of the best views in the Parkway, rivaling those at the water tank in Bellevue Hill in West Roxbury.

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Watermark is looking to put this new headquarters of Youth Enrichment Services with some housing on Amory Street in Jamaica Plain.

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Watermark plans housing and youth services on Amory Street

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Watermark is taking another step in creating what it calls the social service hub of Amory Street.

In a joint venture with Youth Enrichment Services (YES) it proposes to build a new, three-story YES headquarters and adjoining four-story, nine-unit condominium building on the site of the JM Brown Company electrical contractors business at 265-267 Amory St. opposite the Brewery.

The first public Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Small Project Review meeting was held virtually on June 23, 2021.

Watermark and YES held a virtual community meeting joined by 37 callers on March 10, 2021.

Both buildings on the half-acre site

will be designed by Embarc, the firm that also designed the recently opened 1785 Columbus Ave., a joint venture of Watermark and Horizons for Homeless Children.

JM Brown began at its Jamaica Plain factory in 1921 making doorbells, and has since electrified whole office buildings including 1785 Columbus Ave.

The need for more parking and space for its trucks compelled JM Brown about six months ago to move to an office park on the outskirts of Dedham, near I-95.

Watermark bought the roughly half-acre lot and building for \$3.2 million. Lee Goodman of Watermark explained that the land is not owned

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Hopes for “a win-win” on Crane Ledge development proposal

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Crane Ledge Woods Coalition received a City Council resolution from At-Large Councilor Julia Mejia praising its environmental activism effort to preserve at Hyde Park’s Juneteenth celebration on June 19.

This comes days after the group of concerned neighborhood leaders from three neighborhoods issued an online position to preserve the woodland that borders Hyde Park, Roslindale and Mattapan.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) posted a Project

Notification Form (PNF) on June 4 for 990 American Legion Hwy. calling for public comment on the development proposal. There was one community meeting hosted by the BPDA in March. Since then, there has been a neighborhood meeting and a community meeting hosted by the Crane Ledge Woods Coalition with the intention of gathering community feedback.

Lokita Jackson, the spokesperson for the Crane Ledge Woods Coalition and co-chair of the Roseberry-Ruskindale Road Neighborhood Asso-

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Neighborhood considers graffiti park in Allston

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

If any Bostonian had to pick one neighborhood for a legal graffiti wall, Allston Rock (or Rat) City would probably have the majority vote.

The neighborhood gets tagged. A lot. Just last month a billboard for the Kevin Bacon Showtime show ‘City on a Hill’ was up for a couple of weeks before BDubs sprayed their name in the bottom-right corner of the sign overlooking the Pike. If one didn’t know BDub’s prior work, they could be forgiven for thinking it was part of the sign. Art-

ists can spray intricate, almost mural-like pieces throughout the neighborhood. Some just quickly tag with simple script and others – possibly to avoid getting their tag taken down – also tag “Never Forget 9/11.”

Regardless, Allston Village Main Streets Executive Director Alex Cornacchini said at the most recent Allston Civic Association (ACA) meeting that the organization is looking to use the walls around the municipal parking lot off of Harvard Avenue behind Blanchard’s Liquors to give graffiti artists a public place to

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The walls behind Blanchard’s Liquors in Allston are already home to several artists, and the Allston Village Main Streets is looking to make that official.

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The Collective has been hosting its distribution outdoors in the hot weather lately, and organizers say that's just not sustainable.

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Roslindale Food Co-op postpones distribution due to lack of space

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Collective Food Co-op feeds more than 120 families every Sunday, but now needs your help.

The organization has run into trouble due to not having a permanent indoor space and is currently searching for a location they can store food with refrigeration. On June 20, the Collective had to cancel its program for the first time in over 18 months while searching for a permanent

home.

The Roslindale Collective Food Program, a branch of the Brookline Food Co-op, is a food rescue organization that provides free food to elderly, disabled, and low-income households in the area. Roslindale volunteers pick up food from grocery stores (Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Star Market, etc.) in and around the Boston area that would have otherwise been thrown out. The volunteers bring the food to a location in Roslindale, bag it, and dis-

tribute it to those in need. There is nothing wrong with the food, but grocery stores won't sell items that have gone a bit stale or are misshapen. All items are given to consumers in outdoor distribution locations within a few hours of collection.

The program has been running for over 18 months, but grew due to increased need during the pandemic. The Collective hosts its food

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yet.

“JM Brown will own the building until we get the building permit,” he said on March 10. “A purchase and sale has been signed that we’re paying on.”

BPDA project manager Ebony DaRosa opened the meeting with a caveat.

“This project falls within the Plan JP/Rox area,” she said, “But the JP planner isn’t here so any questions about JP/Rox give to me and I will pass them on to the planner.”

She later identified the planner as Ocean Luo.

Brian Van Dorpe, executive director of YES, said that it was founded by Richard Williams in 1968 to provide outdoor experiences to youth from mostly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

The building YES bought in 1987 at 472 Mass Ave. is now too small. Van Dorpe said that YES has been looking for four to five years for a new location. He added that that after the partnership with Urban Edge and the Jackson Square Recreation Center failed in 2019, YES had to look at other locations for a 16,000-square-foot building.

YES first met with Watermark to consider moving into 1785 Columbus Ave. but when that wasn’t successful they joined together on the JM Brown property.

“This could not happen without Watermark,” Van Dorpe said.

But YES project manager Dave Traggorth, who specializes in site acquisition, was puzzled.

“It’s unclear to me how JP Rox guidelines apply to this,” he said. “YES needs 16,000 square feet to meet demand. How does that comply with JP/Rox?”

Bill Mensinger, the Embarc architect, described the two buildings.

The YES building will be a 35-foot-high, three-story building with a wide Amory Street setback for buses to drop off and pick up shielded by a canopy.

“There will be a lot of glass,” he said, “to show off the interior activity space, the orientation room, the rock climbing room. A lot of energy. The second floor will have a 16-foot-high glass wall.”

Five parking spaces are provided under the building.

“The materials will be a warm wood tone on the first floor with durable, cost effective corrugated metal on the upper two floors to add rhythm and pattern,” he said.

The residential building is a 46-foot-high, four-story largely corrugated metal box with a fourth-floor setback providing private roof decks for those condominium owners.

There will be nine below-

grade parking spaces.

The residence building is set back from Amory Street and characterized by spacious windows. Another architectural hallmark is the façade follows the curve of the Southwest Corridor Park entrance.

A wide wood veneer entranceway faces Amory Street and the building curves to meet the Southwest Corridor Park entrance.

The buildings will be connected by wide, tree-lined sidewalks replacing the present sidewalk strip.

At the March meeting, Goodman explained that the proposal is a joint venture.

“YES will build its own building and Watermark will build its building,” he said. “Two separate addresses. It’s a 50-50 partnership. We’re not taking a development fee.”

Goodman explained in March that the condominiums would be marketed at \$750,000 to a million dollars.

Claire and others on the call complained that the residential building was too tall.

“There are no other four-story buildings on Amory Street,” she said overlooking that 154 Amory St. is four stories.

The YES/Watermark buildings will be located on a parcel wedged between two slivers of the Southwest Corridor Park, the smallest on the whole corridor park. Watermark said it would build wider, tree-lined sidewalks and add more parkland behind the buildings on a strip of land now owned by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, all of which would allow for increased pedestrian access from Minton Street to Stonybrook Station.

Michael Reiskind called in to say he liked the development proposal and supported YES but had “great concerns about the height.”

“You’re ignoring the park,” he said. “You’re quadrupling the impact of the building height. Keep it at 35 feet. I know this will cost you money and may not be feasible.”

Fred Vetterlein called in to say he was in the leadership of the Southwest Corridor Park advisory committee that oversees the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

He congratulated Goodman for adding more parkland and sidewalks. He added that height isn’t a problem for him because the buildings are not adjacent to residential homes.

Traggorth was honest with the callers who opposed the height.

“We need a certain amount of money to pay for the land,” he said. “We could not afford

RE: 4198 WASHINGTON STREET, ROSLINDALE

To the Editor:

As a Roslindale resident and active community member, I am thrilled that the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has approved the proposed residential and commercial mixed-use development at 4198 Washington Street in Roslindale Square. Our neighborhood suffers from a lack of affordable housing options. This project will contain 13 income-restricted apartments, comprising over 40 percent of the units in this building and far exceeding City of Boston affordability requirements for new housing developments (set at 13 percent). These new homes will be located in the heart of our community with easy access to almost a dozen bus lines, the Washington Street rapid bus

lane to and from Forest Hills, and the Roslindale Village commuter rail station. In a city with a stated objective to move away from car dependency to clear our traffic-clogged roads and reduce carbon emissions causing climate change, these are the kind of projects we need to green light and build in public transit-friendly locations like Roslindale Square. This project also boasts real benefits to enhance our business district. I am particularly excited about the new, expanded space that will be built out in the development for the Rozzie Square Theater, the only improv comedy venue owned and operated by a woman of color in Boston. Contrary to claims made by some, business owners have been included in this process, as evidenced by two current commercial tenants in the building signing on as devel-

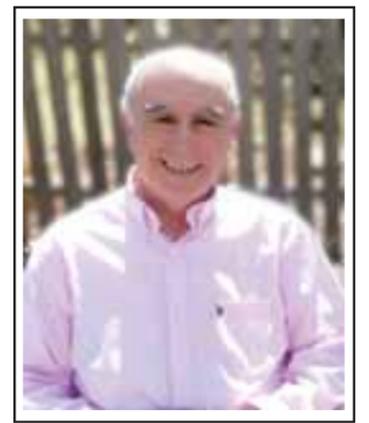
opment partners, and supportive letters and comments submitted to the BPDA by other nearby business owners. Every project has tradeoffs and we should be upfront about them and consider them on the merits. This proposal went through months of review, with multiple well-attended meetings, and many comments submitted by members of the public. No project is perfect or will satisfy everyone. But in this case, the trade off of reduced parking in exchange for deeper housing affordability and enhanced commercial space is one well worth making. I am glad that many neighborhood and city residents, business owners, City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, and ultimately the BPDA agreed with that assessment.

Robert Orthman
Roslindale

Encounter with a hero

It was a beautiful, warm late spring day to take a 5-year-old granddaughter over to Castle Island to let her ride her scooter and cavort in the sand and shallow waters of Pleasure Bay. I didn’t expect to meet a hero there. No, I’m not talking about military veterans, police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and nurses who occasionally populate the area unless they live in the distant ‘burbs. And no, I’m not referencing doctors, who almost always live outside the city limits. I’m talking about a different type of hero, one who is not generously compensated as those in all but one of the categories referenced above. Quite the opposite, she won’t be the recipient of some hefty paycheck: in fact she has to fork over her own family’s money to achieve hero status. The

little stretch of beach between the Harry McDonough Sailing Center and the tot playground does not have much sand; rocks seem to predominate but it’s comforting to toddlers, with no steep drop-offs. Indeed, if this were in Duxbury or Scituate, the DCR would be under pressure to bring in several truck-loads of sand to bury the myriad stones, no small source of discomfort to young children’s soles. It was here that a young woman was watching her two-year-old play in the water. When asked if the young boy had any siblings, she responded by saying that she and her husband were in the process of adopting a baby from India with multiple handicaps; they specifically asked for such a child. The baby would be coming in September. I couldn’t help but think of all



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the costs that would be incurred, all the running up against red tape to get services provided, and the baby’s physical demands themselves that the parents would have to take care of. She didn’t have a halo. But she was my hero.

to do this on our own. We needed a partner. We need Lee’s building. We would not be here without Watermark.

The total development cost is \$16 million.

Scott Shear of the Brookside Neighborhood Association said at the March meeting that nine units did not meet Plan JP/Rox guidelines. “I’m tired of nine-unit, three-bedroom condos,” he said. “We don’t have to support this housing.”

Aside from longer, wider, tree-lined sidewalks and adding more parkland, Watermark also proposed a contribution to the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC).

Shear didn’t think that was enough. He said at the June 24 meeting that Watermark should give the equivalent of one affordable unit to JPNDC or what he said was three to four times what Watermark was offering JPNDC.

A lot of callers did support YES, including alumni, YES parents, board members and board president Geoff Soper.

“We looked for four years for a new location,” he said. “Every time we found a site a commercial developer bought the land out from under us. We have a great partner. The condo project helps us move forward. We’re near public transportation and

we’re closer to our service area.”

YES will sell its Mass Ave building to raise funds for its new building.

“We’re undertaking a significant capital campaign to build our new building. This is coming to Jamaica Plain,” Soper said.

Van Dorpe emphasized how important this was to his organization.

“This is the biggest step in the YES development in 15 years,” he said

Da Rosa said that the BPDA comment period would close on July 12. Watermark and YES will make a presentation to the JP Housing Committee on July 20.

RRRd hosts city council candidates' forum

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Roseberry Ruskindale Road Neighborhood Association (RRRd) held its bimonthly meeting virtually on Tuesday, June 8 and hosted a candidates' forum that included five mayoral candidates and one at-large City Council challenger.

RRRd co-chair Lokita Jackson welcomed the 60 participants, including representatives from state and local government offices. She and new association secretary Winston Pierre moderated the candidate presentations by City Council at-Large candidate Ruthzee Louijeune and mayoral contenders Councilors at-Large Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George, District 4 Councilor Andrea Campbell, John Barros and state Rep. John Santiago.

Louijeune, a long-time Hyde Park resident, is a graduate of the Boston Public Schools, including Boston Latin School. She is the daughter of Haitian immigrants.

Louijeune highlighted her service as a civil rights attorney and fair housing advocate. She works with the Massachu-

setts Affordable Housing Alliance and previously hosted an eviction clinic for immigrants where she made house calls.

"I believe in a city government that meets people where they are, especially for folks who have not been invited to the table," she said. "I'm ready to meet the urgency of this moment with my passion, my determination and my ability to bring people together."

In addition to education and green jobs, she pledged to work with the neighborhood on the Crane Ledge development.

Barros is a former Boston School Committee member and was the city's economic development chief. He said he began his journey into community advocacy at age 14. He is the son of immigrants from the West African country of Cabo Verde.

"I started young in community organizing because my neighborhood suffered environmental injustices that many neighborhoods suffer," he said. He worked to purchase land in Roxbury to develop the largest urban land trust in the country.

"I believe that all of our



Crane Ledge came up during the meeting, and several city council and mayoral candidates laid out their positions on the matter.

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neighbors should be a part of the vision, the plan and the growth of their neighborhood without displacing their neighbors," he continued.

Barros also expressed concern about the Cummins Highway redesign, which Jackson and other community members have called "a nightmare" since the concept of one lane each way was introduced.

"I am running because of this moment in our city," explained Wu, the past City Council president who has been on the body since 2014.

The Roslindale resident de-

scribed her involvement with the Boston Public Schools, when she raised her two sisters and became the caregiver for her mother while in her 20s.

"I know what's possible in our city," Wu continued. "I've been in city government for 10 years fighting so that we can take down these barriers because what's possible isn't accessible to everyone and isn't being shared across the board."

She spoke on closing the racial wealth gap, "democratizing decision making in Boston," and keeping residents

from moving out of the city because of the high cost of housing.

Former City Council President Andrea Campbell, who represents parts of Roslindale and Jamaica Plain as well as Mattapan and Dorchester, discussed her leadership on racial equity issues.

"My entire life has been shaped by this city," said Campbell, the District 4 Councilor. She attended the Boston Public Schools and graduated from Boston Latin School be-

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come and work on their pieces without either the threat of getting arrested or damaging storefronts and public walls or murals.

Cornacchini said this area would be based on the Central Square wall in Cambridge, now called Graffiti Alley which, he said, has become a destination for artists and tourists alike.

“We’d like to grant artists all around the city access to paint this wall freely, providing them a space to showcase their work,” he said. “Our hope is that after establishing this wall, artists will move from tagging storefronts to this wall and it will allow for people to experiment with larger and more complex pieces of art.”

Cornacchini said the walls inside the parking lot are perfectly suited for this kind of art. He said they’re close to the business district while not

placed right on the street. Resident Christine Varriale said the parking lot is well-known in the neighborhood, but it’s somewhat out of the way and artists might miss it.

“I don’t know if artists will know to go there unless there’s just like super-good visibility,” she said.

Cornacchini said there would be signage posted for the lot like there is in Cambridge.

“You can see a blip and we’ve also discussed way to note that this is a graffiti wall,” he said. “You know, Graffiti Alley has a fake street sign that says ‘Graffiti Alley’ that leads people into it. So I think something like that would be good.”

Representative for At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George Danielle Foley asked Cornacchini if the Graffiti Alley in Cambridge saw any



The lot isn't too visible from the street around Harvard Avenue, but organizers said signage would be added to direct artists to the space.

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kind of significant reduction in graffiti elsewhere in the neighborhood. Cornacchini said he’s waiting to hear back from officials in Cambridge for the actual stats, but he said he noticed a reduction.

“I actually went down there a week ago while I was doing research for this project and there’s a lot less graffiti in Central Square than I used to see, you know, 10 years ago,” he said. “So I can’t say 100 percent yes, but

it seems like it’s concentrated in the Graffiti Alley area.”

Resident and District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon representative Moira McCrave said she spoke to a friend who works for a city councilor in Cambridge, and from their understanding of the project, Graffiti Alley is a self-regulating artist space.

“They operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they’re located directly next to a restaurant, and so the graffiti artists stop around five,” she said. “The artists themselves also cover over anything offensive.”

Cornacchini added that the area will allow artists free reign over reusing wall space, as the idea is to encourage as many artists as possible to come and contribute.

“So the idea is that it’s

open to the public and people paint Graffiti Alley knowing that their art will be painted over, maybe tomorrow maybe the next day maybe next week,” he said. “So that would be the same idea.”

Cornacchini said the plan is currently supported by the Boston Transportation Department, which owns the lot, and that they will be coming to seek support from the ACA in the future. ACA President Tony D’Isidoro said they will take a vote when the time comes, but added that he doesn’t feel much opposition coming from members.

“At some point Alex if you’re looking for a letter of support from the ACA, we’d be happy to write that up for you,” he said. “I don’t sense any opposition to this.”

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Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.
—S.G.H.



The garage at Rosy's will be expanding soon with a few more bays to help service more customers.

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Bank fails, but garage and cell upgrades approved for Parkway

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on June 22 and approved three major projects for the neighborhoods of West Roxbury and Roslindale.

First, the board voted to deny a change from a British Petroleum gas station on 1744-1750 Centre St. to a new bank with a drive-thru ATM from the company calling itself Power

Test Realty Company Limited Partnership. No one from the company showed up to present at the meeting.

Next, the Board approved the proposal of an addition to the Rosy Used Car shop at 4415 Washington St. in Roslindale, across the street from Pet Cabaret and next to Ace Hardware. Dermot Doyne represented the owner, George Makhoul, who is looking for zoning relief for an extension of a nonconforming use greater

than 25 percent of the original use, dimensional requirements, setback is insufficient, screen and buffering required but not proposed and a repair garage is a forbidden use.

The addition, according to Doyne, is adding two more repair bays (total five now proposed) to the garage of 15 feet in width and 72 feet in length.

“Previous to this there was a gas station, and these pumps

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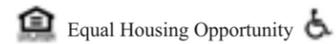
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fore becoming an attorney.

She talked about the difference between the life trajectory of herself and her twin brother, who died nine years ago in jail at age 29 while awaiting trial because of inadequate medical care. This motivated her to run for office, combating racial injustice in housing, healthcare, education and policing.

“For me, this work has always been about breaking generational cycles of poverty, of trauma,” she said. “For me, this work is personal and professional.”

She noted that she put out a plan three years ago to close the gaps in the Boston Public Schools, but it was not implemented.

City Councilor at-large Annissa Essaibi George said she was “the right leader for this city at this time.” The former BPS teacher and current small business owner said she would work on closing the achievement gap and the importance of strengthening small businesses for the post-COVID economy.

“While I’m proud of my legislative accomplishments in

housing and homelessness, in mental health and recovery, and in education, I am most proud of my presence in all of Boston’s neighborhoods,” she noted. “I show up and I ask my team to show up.”

She added that she walked through Crane Ledge about a month ago and called it “a little slice of heaven.” She pledged to work with the neighborhoods, the owner and the City to find a resolution “that brings all of our interests to the table.”

Santiago is a current state representative and an emergency room physician at Boston Medical Center. He said he experienced the pandemic from the frontlines and can bring his knowledge to city government while working with colleagues in the State House.

“This is the most consequential race in our city’s history and that’s not something to say lightly,” he said. He noted the 30-year life expectancy discrepancy “between Copley Square and Nubian Square.”

He previously served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the

Dominican Republic and an Army captain.

“To be very clear, as difficult as these last 15 months have been,” he said, “the real challenge will be the next two or three years. I see a Boston that’s bolder, more beautiful and more equitable.”

“It’s appreciated when candidates value all of the potential constituents,” said Jackson. “I don’t count it lightly.”

The group also heard presentations on the harmful effects of 5G cellphones and the Boston Fire Department.

Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers,

Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. Grateful Thanks —P.A.D.

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distribution program every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (with volunteers bagging the food an hour prior) in the back parking lot of the Washington Irving Middle School in Roslindale (the program’s temporary home during the pandemic). As the pandemic wanes and restrictions are being put back into place, the Roslindale Collective is looking for an indoor space with refrigeration for dairy, meat, eggs and prepared food.

“The ISD [Inspectional Services Department] approached us a few weeks ago, they were very nice, they applauded us for our efforts to help with food insecurity during the pandemic,” explained Leah Arteaga, the Food Program Administrator. “They’ve been aware of our program. To be able to host the food program at the Irving during the pandemic, we had to talk to (Office of Neighborhood Services Roslindale Representative) Joe Coppinger and (former Mayor) Marty Walsh. The school department allowed us to operate out of the Irving parking lot. During Covid, the school wasn’t being used.”

The ISD has applauded the Roslindale Collective for their efforts helping with food insecurity during the pandemic, since there are not a lot of food pantries in the Roslindale, West Roxbury, and Hyde Park areas.

“We [the Roslindale Collective] have been one the ISD’s radar, but they loosened their rules and regulations since there was an overwhelming need for food during the pandemic. But as of June 15, all of those pre-Covid regulations are coming back into effect,” said Arteaga.

As a direct result, the program wasn’t shut down - but the food co-op needs to find an indoor space with refrigeration and access for cars to drive up and receive the food boxes.

Arteaga and other volunteers have been reaching out on social media for leads/ideas about a new home for the program, but nothing has been finalized yet.

“We’ve had several leads. We had a lead for a group home in West Roxbury, and there’s a lead for the church across from Hebrew Senior Life. We may have to shift our program to later in the afternoon.”

Another idea someone had was hosting it at a VFW hall.

On Sunday, June 27, the Collective held a partial program “farmers market style” with only shelf-stable items and whole produce. Other items that required chilling were taken to local community fridges.

“We don’t need the same sort of permitting since there is no TTC - time temperature controlled food. TTC includes milk, eggs, dairy, prepared food, cut fruit, or cut vegetables. As long as the produce is whole and not cut up, it’s perfectly fine,” explained Arteaga. “So we are operating under a different type of permit that is less strenuous. But this is not as nice for people since people want the milk, butter, prepared foods, and meat. Those are the things that are valuable.”

According to the Greater Boston Food Bank’s Food Resources map, of 119 food pantries in the city, only three are located in the Southwest Boston communities of Roslindale, Hyde Park and West Roxbury. Even as the pandemic wanes, food insecurity is still a huge issue for many families in Boston. A study released in May by the Greater Boston Food Bank showed that about 1.6 million adults in the state faced challenges in getting enough to eat, and only about a third of people experiencing food insecurity were using food pantries. For more information about mutual-aid food programs in the Roslindale area, visit opencollective.com/favor.

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Will My Retirement Benefits Be Cut Because of My State Pension?

Dear Rusty: I took early retirement at 20 years from the Louisiana public school system in 1996. Since then, I have continued to work in private schools (except for 2 years in public). I now have over 20 years in the Social Security system. Are they going to take money out of my tiny early LA retirement check or lower my Social Security check? Is it true I can continue working and draw Social Security? I have reached full retirement age - I am 68.

Signed: State Retiree

Dear State Retiree: There are 27 US states (including Louisiana) which, to varying degrees, do not require state employees to contribute to the Federal Social Security program. Retirees in those states with a pension earned while not contributing to Social Security, and who still earn enough Social Security credits (from other work) to be eligible for Social Security benefits, are affected by a regulation known as the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), which reduces the amount of your Social Security payment. So, the answer to your question is yes, your Social Security benefit will be reduced as a result of your LA state pension and WEP (your LA retirement benefit won't be affected).

The amount of the reduction to your Social Security benefit will depend upon the number of years of "significant" earnings you have contributing to the Social Security (SS) program. With 20 or fewer years of SS-covered earnings, you would incur the maximum WEP reduction, which is either a) 50% of your LA State pension amount, or b) the maximum WEP reduction for your "eligibility year" (the year you turned 62, which I believe was 2015). In the case of b), the maximum WEP reduction to your Social Security



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benefit would be \$413/month.

Since you say you have "over 20 years" contributing to Social Security, be aware that the size of the WEP reduction to your SS will be smaller for each year over 20 that you have significant SS-covered earnings. For example, with 21 years of SS earnings your WEP reduction would be \$371/month; with 25 years of SS contributions your WEP reduction would be \$206/month; and with 30 years of SS contributions, WEP would no longer apply. As you can see, the WEP reduction to your SS benefit decreases proportionally with each year over 20 that you have significant earnings and contribute to Social Security, and WEP disappears with 30 years of significant SS earnings.

Be aware that WEP will not affect you until you are collecting both your LA state pension and your Social Security benefit, and that for each full year you continue to work and contribute to Social Security the WEP reduction will diminish. And since you've passed your full retirement age you can collect Social Security and work without your SS benefits being affected. But, in any case, you shouldn't delay claiming your Social Security benefit past age 70 because that is when your SS benefit will reach maximum.

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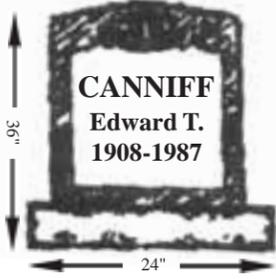
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DICKIE
Virginia E. "Ginnie" of Roslindale, June 23. Born in Boston, the daughter of the late Joseph E. and Marjorie A. (Martin) Dickie. Dear sister of Edwin J. Dickie of Roslindale. 40 year employee of John Hancock Ins Co., and beloved, lifelong member of the Stratford St. United Church where she served as the Children's Education Leader for 20 years. Memorial donations to the Stratford Street United Church Steeles Fund, 77 Stratford St., West Roxbury, MA 02132 would be appreciated. For obituary and guestbook, please visit funeral home website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

HARLAN
John Age 62 of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. He beat the odds time and time again from a diagnosis of stage 4 esophageal cancer in January of 2020. A local Memorial Service will be held in Brookline, Massachusetts at Larz Anderson Park Shelter Area, 250 Goddard Ave., on Wednesday, July 7 beginning at 4:30 p.m. A Celebration of John's Life will be held in Chocorua, New Hampshire on Thursday, August 12, starting at 2 pm. Please contact the family for details. Donations in John's honor may be made to: The Chocorua Lake Conservancy, P.O. Box 105, Chocorua, NH 03187 www.chocorualake.org/donate or to Good Shepherd Community Care, 160 Wells Ave., Newton, MA 02459 gscommunitycare.org/Donate Arrangements under the direction of Southeast Funeral and Cremation Service, EASTON, MA.

JACKSON
Walter F. of West Roxbury, June 22, 2021. Loving husband of the late Ellen L. (Hanson). Loving father of Donald W. Jackson and his wife Julie Horowitz-Jackson of Chicago, and Deborah Jackson-Jraitiny and her husband Jack of West Roxbury. Grandfather of Miller E. Jackson, Aeden L. Jraitiny and Ronan A. Jraitiny. Brother of Marguerite Capozzi of Westwood, Paul Jackson of West

Roxbury and the late William Jr., John, Dorothy, Donald and Arthur. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Walter was a U.S. Navy veteran, an avid hunter and fisherman. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Holyhood Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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—A.E.P.

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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.
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In gratitude for helping me.
—J.H.

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ciation (RRRd), said in an interview with The Bulletin on June 14 that the coalition recognizes that the 24-acre woodland parcel is owned by the Jubilee Christian Church. However, she hopes that all parties will be able to work toward “a win-win” that will benefit all concerned regarding the 14-acre parcel proposed for the development.

The developer, MQMF Hyde Park LLC, an affiliate of Lincoln Property Company, is seeking to construct a 270-unit complex of nine detached, three-story buildings on property currently owned by Jubilee Christian Church. A tenth building on the 14-acre parcel will include a clubhouse and pool. The design calls for 415 parking spaces. There will be 35 affordable apartments, in compliance with the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP).

“We have been launching a community engagement process,” Jackson said. “We are encouraging residents to reach out to their elected officials and other neighbors to multiply the outreach efforts. We really would like to preserve that acreage.”

An online petition was generated to save Crane Ledge Woods by the Crane Ledge Woods Coalition. The link is <http://chng.it/kvxcxyF8vB>.

“What the Crane Ledge Woods Coalition wants is a win-win for everyone,” she continued. “We are deferential in respect to the church’s ownership of the property. But we really would like to see a percentage of that acreage preserved for urban wilds, hiking and walking trails. It’s all dependent upon the will of the seller.”

Jackson noted that the land is in an environmental justice area, where 90 percent of the residents are people of color and 70 percent are of African diaspora.

“All of the trees on that parcel will be clear cut,” she said. “Replacing them with smaller trees will not mitigate the effect of stormwater runoff and the increase in temperature. The residents in the apartments on American Legion have been complaining of flooding now.”

She added that she had heard of two reports of homeless people living on the site “within the past four or five days,” but that would have to be confirmed by the property owner.

Representative from Jubilee Christian Church did not return a call from The Bulletin seeking comment.

The group has been trying to encourage the City of Boston to purchase the land so that the church can receive fair market value, Jackson said.

District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo said in a statement he is “closely watching the dynamics around the Crane Ledge Woods development.” He acknowledged the balance in addressing the city’s need for housing with environmental issues.

“We are in the midst of a housing crisis, where homes, especially affordable ones, are in short supply,” Arroyo said. “We are also in the midst of a global climate crisis. This makes this specific development proposal particularly difficult in that ultimately what unfolds must weigh both and it’s by no means certain that they will be able to do so.”

He added that he was granted two appointments on the development’s Impact Advisory Group (IAG) to ensure that those closest to the development have a say on what is decided.

“As a Councilor I believe it’s my responsibility to be objective and to follow the process and the proposals closely before ultimately weighing in with a stance in favor or against, as many aspects that would determine such a position have not yet been solidified,” Arroyo continued. “Aspects such as the full environmental impact of the project, the number of units, the amount of affordable units, the input from the IAG and the community. All aspects that are incredibly important.”

Arroyo was asked by the Crane Ledge Woods Coalition to explore whether the city can purchase this land.

“I continue to look into the viability of that as an option,” he said, noting the lengthy process and amount of money it would involve. “The willingness of Jubilee Christian Church to sell their land to the City, something that representatives of Jubilee Christian Church have informed me they are not willing to do, complicate the matter.”

“As for the encampment, this is an issue that was raised to me by those directly abutting the property and is something my office will be working with the City to address,” Arroyo said. “Nobody should have to live in an encampment, and I am hopeful that something can be done to ensure that resources are available to aid these individuals.”

Mayoral candidates City Councilor at-Large Annissa Essaibi George and John

Barros spoke about the need for preservation of the area at the RRRd meeting on June 8 but noted that the site is privately owned. City Council at-Large candidate Ruthzee Louijeune, a Hyde Park resident, said she would be willing to work with the communities but also acknowledged private ownership by Jubilee Christian Church.

Jose Masso, a resident of Bradlee Court since 1978 and a long-time radio broadcaster representing the Latinx community, said he will be directly impacted by the development and urged the conservancy of the land.

“That was why we bought it,” Masso said of the house at Crane Ledge. “The kids loved to go through the backyard and up to the ledge. Within a week, we had an owl come to our fence. Turkeys came through our yard.”

“I am not an anti-development person,” said Masso, who is also the retired director of policy at Massport. “I just think that it should be done on a site where there has already been construction, like Doyle’s. I am aware of what the impact of climate change will do to this area.”

When he first moved in, he said he experienced flooding in his basement. With the loss of the tree canopy with the development, he fears that the stormwater protection will disappear while temperatures continue to rise.

Masso also fears blasting will disrupt the ledge, causing it to come down upon his neighborhood.

“This is jeopardizing the whole Bradlee Street area and the cul de sacs,” he continued. “As a resident, that’s my red flag.”

His hope is that the City can purchase the property through a green bond or another funding mechanism.

“There has to be a more holistic solution,” Masso said. “We are the stewards of the ecosystem. For the developer, this is a business transaction.”

Crane Ledge Woods was recommended for purchase by the city as part of the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA – now BPDA) Neighborhood Strategic Plan in 2011.

He added that he was never approached by Lincoln Properties about building the housing complex near his property.

“This is a teachable moment for all of us,” Masso said. “People will look back on this. We can be seen as making the right decision at the right time.”

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A cell phone tower at the West Roxbury Crushed Stone quarry will also be getting some upgrades as T-Mobile expands its 5G coverage.

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have been removed and the canopy taken away and the focus now is to add two bays to the existing building," he said. "The proposal will diminish traffic and provide sufficient off-street parking, whereas prior to this there was a lot of street parking."

Doyne said the bays would be extended out to where the gas station was.

"There's going to be minimal parking on the site itself, but the owner lives on the adjacent parcel and will have a parking strip there," he said. "For the most part, this is going to be a very 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. garage with minimal parking use. Everything is going to be serviced on the lot. We're basically cleaning what has been a dilapidated building that goes back on an existing use for 50 years."

ZBA Chair Christine Araujo had questions about parking and Doyne said there will be 20 spots for the garage.

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Deputy Director Faisa Sharif said there is community support for the proponent.

"We would like to go on record in support," she said. "We believe there are support letters on file with the board. The applicant's been working diligently with their neighbors to minimize impact to the community. Also they worked on the overall number of cars on the lot, and we encouraged them to continue that work and at this time we have no concerns."

One letter of opposition was recorded from a next door neighbor complaining on the parking and tow trucks going in and out of the property. Makhoul said no tow trucks will be parking on the lot itself.

The Board voted to approve the proposal with the approval of Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) design review.

Also in West Roxbury, T-Mobile representative Russell Palmer explained a proposed change in the cell phone antennas at the West Roxbury Crushed Stone site. The project basically calls for swapping an equipment cabinet, swapping out six radio units and swapping nine antennas.

"We're not adding any height to the existing structure, we're just swapping out equipment that is there to lay the groundwork for 5G," he said. "There should be no real change to the tower itself."

The violations on this proposal are extension of an existing nonconforming use and excessive height (above the allowed 35 feet for structures in the zoning district).

ZBA Secretary Mark Fortune said he lives next to the West Roxbury Crushed Stone quarry and that the company has always been a good neighbor.

"I don't see a problem with this," he said.

ONS West Roxbury Representative Jack Duggan said the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council Zoning Subcommittee met and approved the plan and the proponents provided the required community process for the project. The Board voted to approve the project with BPDA design review.



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Harvard Allston Task Force/Enterprise Research Campus

Tuesday, July 13
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/HATF07-13-21
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Project Description:
Meeting of the Harvard-Allston Task Force and general public to review the proposed Harvard Enterprise Research Campus (ERC) in Allston. This meeting will focus on the Greenway and Street Network for ERC Phase A, which is presently under Article 80B (Large Project Review) by the BPDA. Please register in advance using zoom.

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a City of Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available to communicate the content of these documents at no additional cost to you. If you require translation services, please contact the following: Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 7/13/2021. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

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City Hall reopening, daycare not so much

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston announced recently that it will be requiring all City Hall employees to return to work full-time, in-person, in a few weeks.

The Council voted unanimously to hold a hearing on the impact said return would have on the city's workers, sponsored by At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi George. She said while she's excited to see City Hall moving back towards normalcy, she has a few concerns.

"I believe this action does not take into account the realities of our working families," she said. "Finding affordable childcare while working was hard enough before the pan-

demic. Then we know seats in our neighborhoods that licensed early child education and childcare centers are also limited. With over a third of children under the age of 5 without permanent placement, providers are largely women of color who work at operations with low wages and shoestring budgets."

Essaibi George said childcare needs during the pandemic made it even harder for many families, as evidenced by a large and disproportionate number of women leaving the workforce to take care of their families.

"And we saw childcare programs shuttering and shutting

Daycare

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down permanently,” she said. “While facilities are beginning to reopen, the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care has reported that childcare providers have not yet reopened at the same pre-pandemic levels of operation. Solving the childcare crisis is an equity issue on many levels, and a critical investment of the well-being of our families and youngest residents.”

Essaibi George said she wants to hold the hearing to discover as many childcare options as possible and to figure out any areas where flexible work hour arrangements can be made for City Hall employees.

“So that we can reopen City Hall in a reasonable way for our staff and families,” she said. “Our city employees continue to show up day after day for our city’s residents throughout the pandemic. City Hall must take this opportunity to make life a little bit easier for our workers with families. The pandemic gave us concrete evidence of the importance of strong childcare infrastructure for our economy and for our working families. City Hall must lead by example. We must show that it’s possible to plan with our families in mind.”

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell said she’s been in contact with a city employee who was struggling to get childcare for her children.

“Frankly as a mom with two boys, I’m dealing with this situation also,” she said. “We have a childcare provider who is incredible, but who is still part-time and probably won’t go back to full-time until the fall and so we really need to think about how we offer flexibility, a hybrid model to our city employees who have been working really hard and end this notion that some city employees who work hybrid or even from home while managing whatever they have going on there that they’re not working as hard as someone who is working in-person now. It’s ridiculous.”

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU21P1250EA

Estate of: **Mary Elizabeth Albani**
Also known as **Mary E. Albani**
Date of Death: **03/31/2021**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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:

Sandra J. Sullivan of Dedham, 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:
Sandra J. Sullivan of Dedham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **07/29/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 16, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 07/01/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU21P1282GD

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: Carlos Robles
Of: Brighton, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Presentation Skilled Care and Rehab of Brighton, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that Carlos Robles is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Erick Cortez-Serrano of Flower Mount, TX**

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve 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 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **07/22/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
June 15, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 07/01/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

DOCKET No. SU21P0164GD

In the Interests of: Michael Diblasi of Boston, MA

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Public Guardianship Services LLC of Braintree, MA

in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court before: 10:00A.M. on the return date of **07/22/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to this 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 a 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
Date: June 17, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 07/01/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No. SU21P0870EA

Estate of: **Efren Hidalgo**
Date of Death: **02/09/2021**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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: **Efren J. Hidalgo of North Providence, RI** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Efren J. Hidalgo of North Providence, RI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **08/04/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 23, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 07/01/2021

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Hyde Park Bulletin: 06/24/21, 07/01/21

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU21C0250CA**
CITATION ON PETITION TO **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
CHANGE NAME **24 New Chardon Street**
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Jill Maureen Mayhew-Ridings
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jill Maureen Mayhew-Ridings of Brighton, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Jill Maureen Novak**

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 date of 07/29/2021. 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: June 25, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 07/01/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, §6 **DOCKET No. SU19A0216AD**
In the matter of: Christopher John Montes **Suffolk Probate & Family Court**
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
To : Wilfredo Montes

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

A Petition has been presented to said court by:

Daniel Matthews of Roslindale, MA

Stefania S. Maheras of Roslindale, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to:

Christopher John Montes Matthews

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Boston ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) on: 07/29/2021.

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

Date: May 18, 2021

Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 6/17/21, 06/24/21, 07/01/21

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, §6 **DOCKET No. SU19A0217AD**
In the matter of: Sofia Arianna Montes **Suffolk Probate & Family Court**
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
To : Wilfredo Montes

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

A Petition has been presented to said court by:

Daniel Matthews of Roslindale, MA

Stefania S. Maheras of Roslindale, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to:

Sofia Arianna Montes Matthews

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

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

Date: May 18, 2021

Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 06/17/21, 06/24/21, 07/01/21

Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU21P0845PM**
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: Shuet W. Tam **RESPONDENT**
Of: West Roxbury, MA **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Parkway Health and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Shuet W. Tam** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Personal 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 10:00AM. on the return date of **07/30/2021**. 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

June 17, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 07/01/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Legacy Solutions, LLC to Harper Financial LLC** dated November 15, 2019 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in **Book 62118, Page 262**, by assignment as follows: from Harper Financial LLC to Direct Access Capital, LLC, recorded November 22, 2019, at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book: 62120; Page: 273; Assignment from Direct Access Capital, LLC to Bridging America, LLC recorded March 2, 2021, recorded or filed at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book: 64901, Page: 290 of which mortgage **Bridging America, LLC** is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on July 19, 2021 at 51 Copeland Street and 2 Langford Street, Roxbury, Suffolk County, Massachusetts**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of said Boston, formerly Roxbury, being now known and numbered as 51 Copeland Street, being Lot 2 on a plan made by Charles H.W. Wood, dated May 26, 1897, recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 2447, Page 378, containing by estimation two thousand six hundred and fifty-four (2,654) square feet of land. Bounded and described as follows: NORTHWESTERLY by Copeland Street, thirty-one and forty-five hundredths (31.45) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land shown as Lot #1 on the Plan hereinbefore mentioned, eighty-four and thirty-six hundredths (86.36) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land shown as Lot #4 on the Plan hereinbefore mentioned, thirty-one and forty-four hundredths (31.44) feet; and SOUTHWESTERLY by land shown as Lot #3 on the Plan herein before mentioned, eighty-four and forty-four hundredths (84.44). Being the same premises conveyed by Deed dated May 21, 2018, to Steven Mathieu and Sharon Mathieu, recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 59613 Page 96.

A parcel of land numbered 2 Langford Park bounded and described as follows: Approximately 2792 square feet of land on the Northeasterly side of Langford Park (Formerly Louise Park) formerly numbered 2 in the numbering of said Louise Park between an estate now or formerly of Elizabeth J. McMahon (formerly numbered 4 Louise Park) and estate now or formerly of Eliot Savings Bank (numbered 49 Copeland Street). Said land is situated in Block 163, in the Roxbury District shown in the Boston Assessor's Book of Plans of said City, filed in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds. Said parcel is also shown as Lot 4 on plan by Charles H.W. Wood, Surveyor, dated May 26, 1897, recorded with the Suffolk Deeds, Book 2447, Page 378-379, on the first-mentioned plan as Lot 4.

For title reference see deed recorded May 21, 2018, in Book 59613 page 98 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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Date of Death: 03/19/2021

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Sasson Cohen of Brighton, 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:

Sasson Cohen of Brighton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **08/05/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,

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