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West Roxbury Walks member Will Vincent discussed the walkability of West Roxbury at the WRNC meeting on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA



Roslindale Green and Clean is rolling up its collective sleeves already to prep for the spring season.

FILE PHOTO

West Rox Walks proposes street safety designs

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

There was only one item on the agenda at the Tuesday, Feb. 25 West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) meeting and that was a presentation by Will Vincent of West Rox Walks, who provided an overview of his organization, its advocacy mission, and shared some of the recommendations the group developed from a walk audit conducted in May 2019. Approximately 15 people attended the 35-minute meeting.

“We’re not pedestrian experts, we’re not traffic engineers, we’re just folks who live in the neighborhood. We want to contribute in a positive way. We have no affiliations with Walk Boston. We’re not affiliated at all with the City of Boston,” said Vincent. Organized by a group of neighbors concerned about the safety of pedestrians using Centre Street, Vincent spoke about street design and walkability in West Roxbury, making clear that his group is made up of ordinary

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Roslindale Green and Clean gearing up for spring season

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Despite the weather this week, the Roslindale Green and Clean (RGC) group is making sure they will be ready to plant and clean when Mother Nature will allow.

The group’s next event is Armchair Gardening, which will be focusing on the botany of the Azores islands. The group will be discussing photos and notes from guest speaker Amanda Roe at the Roslindale House at 120 Poplar St. The event is set for March 12 at 7

p.m. and is free to all.

RGC representative Jeff Chasin said the series started as a way for pent up and cabin-feverish gardeners to wet their whistle on gardening before the spring season takes hold.

“Several years ago, Green and Clean decided that, with people looking for a way to experience their love of gardening even in the winter, we’d produce a slide show event showing off some impressive gardens – perhaps public, per-

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Ashes on Fat Tuesday

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday night, Feb. 25, the Stratford Street United Church (77 Stratford St., West Roxbury) celebrated its annual Mardi Gras Service, combining the high festivities of Fat Tuesday (the culmination of the New Orleans carnival season, beginning on the Epiphany, Jan. 6) with the solemn religious observation of Ash Wednesday (the beginning of the 40 day Lenten season of sacrifice and fasting that lead up to Easter Sunday).

This interweaving of the two most contrasting consecutive days associated with the Christian year was the idea of Rev. Abigail Henrich, pastor of the Church, who came up with it six or seven years ago “in one fell swoop,” as she said

while sorting through strings of Mardi Gras beads (“I’ve got to get the good ones, because I give them to my little kids who come.”) and greeted guests as they entered the church.

“The Mardi Gras Service started because...” she paused while explaining her inspiration for combining key elements of the two days. “Well, first of all, who doesn’t like Mardi Gras? And who doesn’t like jazz music?”

As Henrich spoke, David Leach began warming up on some funky piano runs in the main room. The two have been leading worship together for 10 years at her other church (Grace Community Boston in Dedham) and they thought, as she put it, “Why not join Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday? Why do we have to do

Mardi Gras

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A full brass band played the Mardi Gras Service at the Stratford Street United Church in West Roxbury, Feb. 25, 2020

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MACDONALD

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two separate services?" As she articulated those questions, a trumpet, trombone, tuba and drums joined the piano.

As part of the Mardi Gras Service, the six brass band (including singer Naledi Masilo) would be playing through a set of Mardi Gras songs – interspersed by Henrich’s remarks – while guests enjoyed soft drinks, gumbo, bacon, and popcorn.

However, the hour long service would be centered around the distribution of ashes as well as Dunkin’ Donuts Munchkins (tonight, beignets), set up at a small, rectangular center table covered in purple cloth and decorated with twinkle lights and flowers.

Asked about the seemingly diametric opposition of doughnuts and ashes as part of the same ceremony, Henrich disagreed. “I don’t think they are because I think that life never separates joy and suffering, chaos and order. That never happens.”

She used as an example the traditional New Orleans funeral, during which the same music is played as a

dirge on the way to the cemetery, and then joyfully on the way back.

“I think that life and death are connected. I think joy and sorrow are connected. I think overabundance and scarcity are often together,” she explained as she continued. “I like to give people ashes – remind them that from dust they come, from dust they shall return – and give them ridiculously fatty doughnuts at the same time, because I think it is both of God, and I like to mix it up.” Henrich let out a laugh just as the band stopped playing.

About 40 guests had gathered in the function room, chatting, sipping, and eating with each other at large round tables loosely set up around the ashes and beignets, as Henrich circulated around the room greeting and encouraging everyone (“Have as much bacon as you want. There aren’t any rules. Oh, would you like a boa?”), most of whom she knew.

Aside from wearing Mardi Gras beads given to them by Henrich, the adults were dressed normally, except for Alan MacKinnon – manager



Participants and band members alike danced the night away for the event at the Stratford Street Church.

COURTESY PHOTO

of Gardens of Gethsemane cemetery – who arrived in full court jester costume (“I’ve come to a Mardi Gras party and I have some friends here, so I don’t need any more excuse than that.”) drawing much attention.

The band – assembled by Leach for the occasion (his main gig is Room To Spare) – started off the service with the Meters’ “Cissy Strut” and then ran through a couple of Professor Longhair tunes before pausing to allow Henrich to speak.

Moving around the center table as she talked, Henrich touched on much of what she had said earlier in that night

while revisiting a sermon from the Christmas season about a terminally ill little girl whose family decided that she live her life to the fullest. “Here’s a little thing that I bet none of you know: grief never ends. It’s always present. But guess what also comes with grief? Love. And joy. And abundance!”

Picking up a glass finger bowl – and with her husband John Paul Sydner and MacKinnon each taking up a tray of beignets – she moved through the people who had gathered around her to receive their ashes... and as many doughnuts as they wanted.

From there, the music continued as people got up to dance and the band rolled on through to Dr. John’s version of “Stagger Lee,” “Tipitina,” and the Dixie Cups’ “Iko Iko,” and a conga line inducing version of “When The Saints Go Marching In.”

Just before that, though, the Reverend – wearing a boa – offered a prayer. “So go out into this eve of Ash Wednesday remembering that from dust you have come and from dust you shall return, and in between is the most terrifyingly beautiful and rich life. Amen.”

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Council has its own hearing on ZBA rules

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council held a hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 25 detailing a home-rule petition to change the makeup and accountability elements of the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The move comes after years of residents feeling their voices were not being counted or heard in the most current development boom hitting all across the city, and the realization in September 2019 that one ZBA Board member was a real estate broker for projects he was approving variances for, creating a potential conflict of interest.

“This would change the structure of the Zoning Board of Appeal by requiring that its members have expertise in affordable housing, expertise in civil rights and furthering fair housing, expertise in environmental protection and climate change, a background in urban planning and design of neighborhoods,” said hearing sponsor and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards. “It would also require homeowners and renters to be on the Board and also expertise in zoning general laws.”

Edwards added that the

proposal would also prevent ZBA members from engaging in the business of real estate construction, development or purchase and sale within the city while they are members of the Zoning Board, as well as requiring they not do so five years after their term of service. She added that contact information for the Board, a subscription service for notice and advertisement of Board hearings be created and an electronic record of its proceedings be made available.

Dozens of residents testified during the hearing, including North End resident Thomas Schiavoni, who said that as recently as that morning he was with several residents coming to testify at the ZBA. He pointed at one of the big issues facing residents who come to testify against a proposed development, in that many times a developer can ask for a deferral and get it. Many residents have said in the past they believe developers do this to run out the clock and drain the willpower of opposition.

“We didn’t have an opportunity to say, ‘well listen, we took time off from work, got babysitters, somebody canceled a medical appointment they were waiting a couple of months for,’” he said. “It was

done so blithely and I am a lawyer, I don’t do zoning law, I do behavioral health, and to tell you the truth my training in disordered thinking came in handy this morning when I had to explain to my neighbors, well, this is part of it, this isn’t written down for you, but you can bring 100 people here and if a developer wants to have a deferral, likely or not they will get it.”

Resident and Co chair of the Harborview Neighborhood Association in East Boston Matthew Berenson said he felt that developers have been able to actively ignore residents’ concerns and opposition throughout the city and that has disheartened many, leading them to remove themselves from the process entirely, which is not a good thing for representative democracy in the City of Boston.

“At our Neighborhood Association meetings, the number one topic of discussion is always development,” he said. “Many residents don’t bother coming to the meetings, and it’s not because they don’t like us, it’s because they feel like their comments and their votes don’t matter. While I disagree with that and I can point to many ex-

amples where we have worked with developers to make better projects, I understand their frustration. The target of their frustration? The ZBA.”

Berenson said he felt the main issue facing East Boston and the city as a whole is rampant speculation, in which real estate developers come from outside the city and, in some cases, the country to buy properties for well above their value or what a residents would most likely be able to afford and artificially drive up prices with luxury apartments and condos. He added that most of the development, at least in East Boston, has been limited to nine-unit proposals, which mean they don’t have to have Inclusionary Development Policy income-restricted affordable units.

“It’s driven by levels of capital, both foreign and domestic, that simply remove average buyers and average renters from the equation,” he said. “We have seen various developers in East Boston, MG2, City Realty, Volnay Capital and others, purchase property for well above market value.”

District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo asked Boston Chief of Civic Engagement Jerome Smith about mecha-

nisms and processes related to how his office at least weighs resident comments and opposition to a proposal against the proposed benefits from the developer of that proposal before recommending support or opposition from the Mayor’s Office.

“I think the things I have heard in my district of Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roslindale was a general sense that the voices of residents aren’t given the amount of weight that it should be, and frankly there’s a transparency they feel is lacking,” he said.

Arroyo said many residents feel that the system is already rigged against them and that most proposals are “done deals” before they go through the ZBA and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) processes start.

Smith said those mechanisms that determine weight include lists of opposition and support from community members who have participated in the process. He also said that he sometimes he is frustrated when residents come to ZBA hearings having not been through the previous process and were un-

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When the winners/honorable mention recipients of the state science and art fairs are published—always in the smallest news print possible—I scrutinize them carefully to see how many BPS names are published. And the searches are not in vain, as I see the names of the students and their schools in print. When the results of the recent MIAA All-State Championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center were published, I did similar scrutinizing, but this time all to no avail.



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association hosts track meets, both winter and spring, by class, that is, by the size of the schools. Thus the larger schools are competing only against larger schools, the medium-sized schools against similarly populated schools, and so on.

The All-State track meet is the culmination of these competitions, as it merges athletes from the smallest of schools with those hailing from the larger schools. From this track meet emerge the best participants in various events who will compete in the New England's and the Nationals.

The recent MIAA All-States contained no BPS names in the top three finishers (they may have come in a close fourth). There may even have been Boston students competing for Xaverian or Ursuline or for METCO schools, but there were no students from BPS schools who finished in the top three, whether in dashes, intermediate runs, mile and 2-mile, field events, and relays.

This failure to have any is in sharp contrast to the days when Boston English, Boston Tech(now O'Bryant), and Boston Trade (now Madison Park) as well as some of the district high schools such as Brighton High could boast of top performers in the All-State and well as the statewide division meets by school size.

This is not intended as an

indictment of BPS track coaches. Students must have satisfactory physical exams and have a certain grade-point status before they can compete in interscholastic sports; thus the coaches lose a number of potential competitors because of these demands. But what is more intrusive is the current state of the economy: with poverty levels as they are and with many part-time job openings in the burgeoning food-service industry, students from low-income families are trying to support their families and themselves by working after school, thus depriving themselves of this extracurricular activity.

Students forced to work by their family's economic needs after school not only deprive their high school athletic teams of their participation but, much worse, jeopardize their own academic standing. They are not able to do homework as well as their peers. Moreover, student workers, being more tired naturally, may be more fatigued in class and do not reap the full benefits of classroom instruction, which result in lower grades and in their not being considered for honors and advanced placement courses.

Ah, yes. Maslow's hierarchy of needs has physiological needs on the most basic level, with love/belonging and esteem much higher up.

First Beanpot Tournament success for PIM



Parkway in Motion announced last week that its first annual Beanpot Tournament went off without a hitch at the Roche Ice Arena on the VFW in West Roxbury. Players from Roslindale, West Roxbury and Hyde Park were teamed up randomly and competed for the title. They were coached and reffed by teenagers from the same neighborhoods. The kids were visited by Northeastern Men's Hockey Coach Jim Madigan, PAWS the mascot and the real Beanpot Trophy. They were fed by Comella's, Spring Street Dunkin' and Fancy Pants Baking Company. Harriett Nelson Swasey volunteered her time and took the attached photos of the event. This event wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the people who sponsor and donate to Parkway in Motion.

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Hundreds are once again expected for this year's Spring Community Dinner for the West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place.

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WRFORP hosting 18th annual Community Dinner

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place (WRFORP) is hosting its 18th annual Community Dinner on March 28 at St. George's Orthodox Church in West Roxbury, starting at 6 p.m.

WRFORP President Doris Corbo said the event has a deep history in the neighborhood and raises funds for Rosie's Place, a women's shelter in Boston that has been in operation since the 1970s.

"Over the past 18 years, money raised at the dinner helped to fund meals at Rosie's

Place, provide food for the food pantries at Rosie's Place and the Roslindale Food Pantry and to send homeless and poor children to summer camp programs," Corbo said. None of this would be possible without the generosity of the Roslindale

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people who live in West Roxbury.

Vincent described the parameters of the “walk audit” that the group conducted in May 2019 concentrating on the area around Weld Street, Centre Street, West Roxbury Parkway, and the rotary at Holy Name Church. “People are walking to Hynes playground, to different restaurants, to catch the train. The concerns they had were mostly about safety and com-

fort. There are lots of connections to get to the rest of West Roxbury and the city.” He noted that those with small children have concerns about their children trying to cross the street to get to the playground and cars not slowing down or stopping. Vincent emphasized the importance of street design. The group concluded that this drives walkability and safety by affecting speed. “The higher the speed, the higher the incidence of serious injuries if there is a crash,” he said. The group concluded that slowing down the speed of cars would reduce the number of serious accidents and make citizens feel and be safe. But even having a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour has not limited speeding.

Three major recommendations emerged to slow traffic and are viewed by the group as being simple to implement. The first is to look at the travel width of Centre Street and consider its reduction. Walk Boston has suggested that main streets be 10 feet wide. When measured, Centre was found to be 11 and a half feet wide. A second idea is to focus on cross walk safety and limiting parking close to a crosswalk so drivers can actually see beyond a parked car and note any pedestrian who may have stepped onto the street to cross. The third idea is to tighten curb radius and build curbs out further into the street so on-coming cars can better see approaching pedestrians.


So far, implementation of these designs has been limited. “We were able to get the travel lanes reduced about one-half a foot. We don’t think it’s had

much of an impact.” None of the other recommendations have been enacted by the city. Despite this, the group plans to continue its work by disseminating surveys to area schools and assisted living facilities to find out their concerns about walkability; encourage the use of Boston’s Vision Zero Map (available online) to report issues having to do with streets, sidewalks, crossings, and speeding; and working on getting involved in the Neighborhood Slow Street grant program that can get the neighborhood designated as such, although timelines have not yet been set by the city for these grants.

“Has the city told you they are not doing it?” asked WRNC Chair Larry Costello. “We’re encouraged,” said Vincent, but added, “It seems like they have their hands full.”

“So, they haven’t said yes, and they haven’t said no?” asked Costello. Vincent concurred, but emphasized that his group wants to make an impact and succeed. “We’re trying to figure out how we fit in with other groups,” he said. “We’re looking to get more information from the neighborhood.” It was noted that West Rox Walks is the only group focusing on the Weld/VFW Parkway and rotary area.

Jack Duggan, West Roxbury Liaison from the City of Boston was called upon to give an ad hoc update on the road diet feedback from Centre Street businesses. Surveys were distributed in January and the time to complete them has been extended. Duggan said that so far, not many have been received. Road work continues on Spring Street. Repaving the street after the work is completed was raised as an important matter by the group. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



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haps private – using photos taken by either our members or friends and accompanied by a talk about the garden given by the photographer,” he said.

Chasin said they have now presented six such shows of exotic or far away locations, including Kew and Sissinghurst in England, the Duipont Gardens of the Brandywine Valley and the Fenway Victory Garden.

“We call it Armchair Gardening because the attendees can sit in a comfortable chair and enjoy the fruits of someone else’s gardening labor,” he said.

Chasin said he is also working out what the RGC will do for the annual Love Your Block cleanup in May. He said the date for Roslindale’s clean up has not yet been set, but they are already looking at locations.

“RGC will be participating with a weeding, pruning, raking, and mulching of Alexander the Great Park, the adjoining hillside, and the traffic islands nearby. It will run from roughly 9 AM to noon,” he said.

Chasin said he is also working out a maintenance schedule for several other locations in Roslindale.

Once Boston announces the date of Love Your Block in Roslindale, I’ll finish the schedule..,” he said. “We typically do

10 to 12 such events, roughly every 10 days or so, up to September.”

The RGC annual Plant Sale is already set for June 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the driveways of two board members at 53 Prospect St. and 5 Sheldon St.

“We did it this way last year rather than at the Farmers Market and it was a big success...without the need to move plants from our homes to Adams and back,” he said. “As usual, we’ll be selling potted divisions of plants from the gardens of our members and supporters plus an array of gardening related books and paraphernalia. More details will be available as we get closer to the event.”

Chasin said the event funds most of their work throughout the year.

“The two main things we fund are the cost of our maintenance work and tree plantings,” he said. “Plants need to be replaced occasionally, mulch and/or fertilizer needs to be purchased, etc. and after each session we pay for a treat for the volunteers - usually at Jimmy’s Cafe. And we’re planning to bring back our tree-planting initiative in which we purchase, deliver, and plant decent sized trees - usu-



Volunteers donate their time to spruce up Roslindale’s mulch beds, flowerpots and wooded areas throughout the spring and summer season every year.

COURTESY PHOTO

ally 6 ft or more) in the yards of Roslindale residents and businesses. We’ve done this in the past and this summer we’ll be actively recruiting potential donors for a planting we’ll do next spring.”

For more information, to learn how to volunteer or to check in for calendar updates, go to <https://www.roslindalegreenandclean.org/>



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Stonybrook Neighborhood Association resists dense housing

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) is becoming increasingly militant as it confronts new housing in its area.

Unhappy with the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) decision to approve 10 Stonley Road - a four-story, 45-unit rental building - SNA had its own meeting

with the BPDA on Feb. 12.

Unlike the two publicly advertised BPDA meetings - the Oct. 24 Article 80 meeting and the Dec. 12 BPDA board meeting that approved the development - this one was closed to the public.

Jennifer Uhrhane of Rossmore Road chaired the 10 Stonley Rd. subcommittee and she reported to the full SNA at its Feb. 10 meeting.

She said she was unhappy

with the BPDA vote and dissatisfied with the JP neighborhood council zoning committee vote to deny the development on Feb. 5.

"It was a 7 to 4 vote," she said. "It was not unanimous. There were still people who liked the project. The developers came back to us and said they were not going to change the project."

Uhrhane said her subcommittee had scheduled a meeting

with the BPDA on Feb. 12 to press their case that 10 Stonley is out of compliance with Plan JP/Rox. She said that JP neighborhood council president Kevin Rainsford was invited and credited District 6 Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley with arranging the meeting.

Rainsford had a different take on the meeting origins.

He told The Bulletin that Uhrhane had called in to the NPR "Ask the Mayor" radio program on Jan. 17, 2020 and spoke on air with the mayor complaining about 10 Stonley.

According to Rainsford the mayor helped facilitate the meeting.

"I was brought in because

shadow impacts, streets and connectivity and public realm and how they connect to Plan JP/Rox."

The BPDA wrote in its Feb. 13 statement that 10 Stonley "is consistent with the goals outlined in Plan JP/Rox including affordability, urban design and public realm components."

"The project created an unprecedented amount of privately financed, income-restricted housing with over 22 percent of the units offered to lower-income residents at a range of income levels. In collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, the project will create a new public mural. The project is con-

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT




A Stonybrook neighbor speaks out against 10 Stonley Rd at JP zoning committee.

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the neighborhood council has invited the BPDA to come back to the community," he said, "We want them to review Plan JP/Rox since it's been three years [since approval]."

The meeting was closed to the press but the BPDA did tell The Bulletin who was present.

In addition to Uhrhane there was Royce Abel from SNA, Jonathan Greeley, BPDA Director of Development Review; Victoriya Abolina, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Planning; Aisling Kerr, BPDA project manager of and coordinated the public process for 10 Stonley; Matt Martin and Ocean Lau from Urban Design; Lindsay Santana from the mayor's office and Councilor O'Malley with his staffer Justin McClarey.

Uhrhane declined to update the Bulletin about what was discussed and concluded at the meeting.

"I don't think it's a good idea to share the conversation at this point," she emailed on Feb. 13. "We're still trying to negotiate this building."

O'Malley and Santana did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

The BPDA responded by explaining that the meeting "discussed the project's density,

sistent with the community goals in Plan JP/Rox approved by the Board in 2017."

Ten Stonley Rd is scheduled at the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 10.

SNA prefers smaller buildings but they often cannot be financed.

Stephen Sousa and Brian Lester proposed an eight-unit condominium with a ground floor coffee shop at 3502 Washington St.

It was enthusiastically supported by SNA on Oct. 21 but not by the banks and it was canceled; the old parking lot is no longer under agreement with the Burke family.

Two other back burner housing plans were also revived at the Feb. 10 meeting.

Pat Moloney and Colm O'Shea first proposed 84 Stonley Rd. as a nine-unit condominium on Oct. 16, 2017.

Fred Vetterlein, who owns property on Plainfield Street and lives on Union Avenue, summarized the SNA position.

"We need to push back on this," he said. "The developers didn't come prepared."

Moloney and O'Shea took his advice and returned on June 11, 2018 with a consultant, a

Stonybrook

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Council mulls BPS Transportation budget increases

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met on Monday, Feb. 24 and discussed the reasons for the myriad of increases at the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Transportation Department.

Readers may remember in 2017 when the BPS rolled out a new transportation plan based on an algorithm to increase bus transportation efficiency. At the time, the BPS spent 10 percent of its budget on transportation, \$2,000 per student per year, with increasing costs despite falling ridership. While the program had some growing pains, a total of \$5 million was saved for fiscal year 2019.

At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-Goerge filed a hearing order last fall to try to figure out why the budget requests are still increasing.

During the hearing, BPS Transportation Assistant Director of Finance Edward Pesce

pointed out that \$26 million of the most recent budget (FY 2019), one dollar in every five spent, is going to non BPS schools, like private schools and charters. He also said that the total number of sites the BPS transports students to is increasing, while the number of students transported (and the per pupil expenditure funds given to BPS through State Chapter 70 funding) is decreasing.

He compared fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2020, and showed that BPS transported 25,276 students in 2015, while in 2020 that number is down to 18,648 (a decrease of 30,232 to 24,269 of total students, private, parochial and charter, transported). He said that 22 percent of students transported are going to non-BPS sites, a total of 5,621 students. He said that accounts for 48 percent of sites served. He added that half of the Transportation Department's bus stops are

door-to-door transportation, ie, students getting picked up and dropped off at their houses, which increases time spent and fuel consumption.

Pesce also said that the expense of transporting homeless students and those in transition is especially high, at \$24,000 per student per year.

"The reason this is so expensive is that these students and the service we provide is so temporary, because we have students hopping from home-

less shelter to homeless shelter or from foster family to foster family," he said. "It does push up the cost when you compare the students we're delivering to and from home day in and day out. There are different mandates and laws that cover the different types of students too."

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley asked Pesce why BPS doesn't use smaller buses, especially for some groups of buses that can sometimes only have four or five stu-

dents on them – more than 300 trips a day.

"Can we look at vans, can we look at cars, you know for the environmental impact, the cost impact and the traffic impact, of which I could go on and on and on," O'Malley said.

Pesce said the BPS fleet is now at 721 buses total, 154 of which are Mini Safety Vans.

"Your average yellow school bus has a capacity of 71

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and West Roxbury business and residential communities."

Corbo said Rosie's Place does not accept city, state or federal housing.

"It relies solely on the support of individuals, foundations and corporations," she said. "As time went on, the number of volunteers who supported WRFORP's mission to assist neighbors in need grew and the organization's commitment to providing meals to Rosie's Place expanded beyond meals."

Corbo said they get a lot of support from all over the Parkway Community and beyond.

WRFORP is very happy that many of our supporters have been with us since the group's founding in 1981," she said. "We are equally proud that we count as our supporters an increasing number of adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s. Our supporters span several generations and WRFORP is all the stronger because of it."

Corbo said WRFORP was founded as a support structure for the shelter. She said the Spring Community Dinner started in 2002 as a way to bring residents and volunteers together to help those who use the services at the shelter.

"The Spring Community Dinner is a lot of work and requires a substantial commitment from our Board members and our wonderful force of active volunteers," she said. "What makes it all worthwhile is that the Spring Community Dinner is truly a community event. Community members come together to help plan and attend the event. That's what I personally like - community members helping others in our community."

Corbo said the organization is now branching out to other endeavors. She said while WRFORP started as a group dedicated to serving meals at the shelter, they are now serving the population in many other ways.

"We expanded our mission to include sending children, who might not have the opportunity, to summer camp," she said. "All the children we support are from Boston, with the majority living in Roslindale, West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. We are always looking out for camp programs that support our mission. Recently, we have been lending our support to Sibling Connections, a program that brings children separated by foster care placements together for a short but meaningful time. Summer camp can expand a child's view of the world. And, importantly, will give them a chance to be kids and have fun with other children their age. The positive impact of sending homeless and needy children to summer camp cannot be underestimated."

Corbo said the event is a good way for residents to lay back and give back, and everyone always has a good time while they're there. The night will feature a 50/50 raffle, charity auction, stuffed shells, meatballs, dessert, speakers and emcee and West Roxbury native and WBZ anchor Beth Germano. Tickets can be purchased at WestRoxburyFriendsofRosiesPlace.org.

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• On March 14 join the St. Patrick's Day celebration, complete with green-themed animal enrichment.

• Dance and limbo your way through the Tropical Forest at the 21+ event on March 21!

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

WR FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE MARCH 28 COMMUNITY DINNER

Save the Date!

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

The dinner will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmons Road, West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and includes dinner and beverages.

To reserve your place, make

checks payable to WRFORP and return to WRFORP, P.O. Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or go to our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. Questions? Contact Doris Corbo (617) 327-5902.

WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY Poetry Contest for All Ages

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library presents the 31st Annual Poetry Contest for All Ages. Submissions are due by Friday, March 20. This year's theme is "Space." Awards ceremony to be held on April 30 at 6:30 pm at the West Roxbury Library. Poems can be submitted either by email to FriendsOfWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com, by mail to Poetry Contest, West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre St, West Roxbury, MA 02132; or delivered by hand to the poem drop box in the West Roxbury Library. Learn more about the contest at www.friendsofthewrlibrary.org

READ IT AND MEET!

Book discussion on Stories from the Shadows by Dr. Jim O'Connell on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm at the West on Centre, 1732 Centre St, West Roxbury. (author will not be present) Sponsored by the Catholic communities of West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park. Adults of all faiths invited to share thoughts on this collection of stories from Dr. O'Connell's 30 years of caring for the homeless in Boston. Book available from amazon.com and is also in the Boston Public Library system. Registration is required to reserve a seat at West on Centre. Contact Mary Campion at 617-323-4410 x13 marycampion@stjohnchrysostom02132.org No registration fee but we ask that you bring a \$5 gift card to Dunkin Donuts on the day of the event to support Dr. O'Connell's ministry.

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Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America examines the role of the U.S. economic and military intervention in triggering an unprecedented wave of Latino migration that continues to transform the U.S. socio-economic and cultural landscape. Be advised that there are some disturbing scenes in this film.

Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30) Free admission, popcorn, and beverages. Appropriate for high school age and older

For other films in this series, go to www.tparkerchurch.org.

ICE SKATING

New WINTER Learn-to-Skate classes for children, ages 4 to 18 start soon at the ice rink in West Roxbury.

Classes at the Jim Roche Arena, 1255 VFW Pkwy, start Sunday, March 1st for 5 weeks, at 4:00 p.m. Classes are also available at 10 area rinks. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes taught. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating Over 50 years!

PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2020 season. Games begin in April. There will be 2 seasons, spring and fall, played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the 'parkwaysoccerwestroxbury' site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at the Roche Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's

Barber Shop in West Roxbury and Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale.

Parkway Youth Soccer is in its 42th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2015 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2002 and 2004 are eligible to play in the Senior Division. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-962-4271.

PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA - MARCH 8

Parkway Concert Orchestra continues its 75th anniversary season with 'Sounds of the Symphony Orchestra' on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Name Parish Upper Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Music Director Thomas Kociela will conduct a lively program including the first movement of Schubert's Symphony in C major, selections from Elgar's Enigma Variations, music from 'Hamilton' and 'The Sound of Music' and the finale from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. The program will feature Moises Carrasco in Giovanni Bottesini's Double Bass Concerto No. 2 in B minor.

To enhance your concert experience, the performance features a pre-concert talk (from 2:35 to 2:50) with Resident Conductor Brian Bell.

This concert is presented by Holy Name Enrichment Program and is sponsored by Vogt Realty Group in memory of Gene and Ann Vogt. During intermission, the audience will have a chance to meet and learn about the orchestra instruments at an instrument petting zoo. Concert admission is free. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 617-792-4277, visit the orchestra's web site at <http://www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org/content/2019Season/19-20> or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkwayconcertorchestra.

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The Stratford Street United Church & Grace Community Boston hosts a Mardi Gras Party with full brass band

Pastor Rev. Abigail A. Henrich, along with lead musician David Leach, will lead a Mardi Gras service, complete with a full brass band. They will combine the traditions of Fat Tuesday with Ash Wednesday,

exploring the intersection of music and the sacred. New traditions will be offered, including sacred donuts. If you wonder just what a sacred donut is, come and find out! Everyone, regardless of religious identity, is welcome to enjoy the great music.

West Roxbury, MA, March 5th @ 7:00 pm

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THE VILLAGERS

The Villagers of Roslindale meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 12-3 at St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 4740 Washington Street, West Roxbury.

Social hour is 12-12:45 with refreshments followed by a meeting, raffles and bingo. Occasional day trips and dinners are planned. Our dues are \$10.00 per member paid annually. All inquiries, please call Diane Grallo at 617-323-8654 or Jean Parrelli at 617-325-4695.

PARKWAY LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION AND OPENING DAY PARADE

Calling your future All Stars! Registration is currently underway for the 2020 Parkway Little League spring season, which will kick off with the 68th annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, April 11th. Players aged 4-12 who live or attend school within the Parkway area are eligible to participate. Early registration is encouraged to avoid late fees and to guarantee your spot. For more information and to register online please visit <http://www.parkwaylittleleague.org> today. Additional questions can be emailed to playball@parkwaylittleleague.org. Register now for another exciting and fun season down at the complex!

PARKWAY BABE RUTH REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS

Parkway Babe Ruth is looking forward to their 51st Season with Babe Ruth in the Parkway area. Players age 13-16 are eligible to continue their baseball after completing Little League. Final tryouts for the upcoming 2020 Season will be held on March 28th and 29th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at West Roxbury High. Anyone interested in playing must register at www.leaguelineup.com/forparks132020signup.html or www.parkwaybaberuth@gmail.com or via our website <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=pbri>

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Toyota makes many models of the Sienna starting with the front drive 7 passenger L starting at \$31,115.00, all the way up to the AWD LTD Premium at \$48,890.00, destination is \$1045.00. The list of standard features grows from the base to the top of the line. Our test Sienna had an MSRP of \$44,885.00 with only 2 options paint protection film \$395.00, all weather floor liners \$295.00. EPA 18 city 24 highway combined average 20 MPG. I still service a lot of older Sienna vans with over 100,000 miles that just keep on running.

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TERRY KITCHEN JOINS RIOT IMPROV FOR SONGS TO SCENES

Saturday February 29 at The Rozzie Square Theater

Award-winning singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen will join Riot Improv for 'Songs to Scenes' on Saturday February 29 at the Rozzie Square Theater, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale. Kitchen will be performing songs from his new CD *Next Time We Meet*, which will then be turned into scenes by Riot Improv. The show begins at 8 PM and admission is \$15 (\$10 students). Tickets are available at www.theriottheater.com or at the door. Riot Improv is a hilarious improv comedy group produced by the Riot Theater Company, one of the co-owners of the Rozzie Square Theater in Roslindale. The veteran comedians of Riot Improv perform weekly shows at the Rozzie Square Theater and present *Songs to Scenes* the last Saturday of each month. This month, Riot Improv is teaming up with award-winning singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen to create improv comedy inspired by the emotions, images, lyrics, and rhythms of Terry's musical performance. Called "one of New England's best songwriters" by *The Boston Globe*, Terry Kitchen creates songs that are portraits of ordinary people and emotions, captured with extraordinary compassion, honesty and humor. He's been performing on folk stages across the country since the 1990s, releasing 12 CDs, including his latest, *Next Time We Meet*, which is already being heard across the US and Canada on folk radio. His songs have won the Mid-Atlantic and USA Song Contests and been runner-up in the John Lennon Song Contest, and have appeared in numerous films. In the 1980s he was the leader of the groundbreaking Boston band *Loose Ties*, whose experiences he recounts in his novel *Next Big Thing*, called "a great debut novel" by *The San Francisco Book Review*. More on Terry at www.terrykitchen.com For more information on RIOT IMPROV call 617-942-0294 or visit www.theriottheater.com.

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The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury - Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7 PM at The Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St, West Roxbury, MA. We request a non-member donation of \$7.00.

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ning visual and informative tour.

About Our Speaker: Ms. Stanley, an Irish-born artist, sculptor, poet and writer has lived in the United States for over thirty years now. Originally a knitwear designer interested in textures, fibers, patterns and symbolism. A passionate observer of the changing landscape in Ireland and Scotland, her interest in Celtic archaeology, Megalithic art, the influence of the Arts and Crafts Period naturally expanded to include garden design and its history. She is a graduate of the Landscape design program at Radcliffe College. Learn more about Karin Stanley and her interests at KarinStanley.com.

Doors open for meeting, sign-in & light refreshments at 6:30 PM We welcome all and hope to greet you there.

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• Thursday, March 26 @ 5:30 pm: **MEDICAL MARIJUANA-HEALTH RISKS & BENEFITS** – Medical marijuana is in the news daily with many claims about what it can do for people with all types of illnesses and symptoms. Dr. John Halporn of Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital will share his perspective on the use of marijuana as a medication and review methods of use, benefits, harms, and future developments. A light dinner will be served.

Deutsches Altenheim is located at 2222 Centre Street, West Roxbury.

ROSLINDALE GREEN & CLEAN

Roslindale Green & Clean, the organization that maintains several of the green spaces around Roslindale Square, is sponsoring an Armchair Gardening session on Thursday, March 12, at 7 PM at Roslindale House at 120 Poplar Street.

The event, which we call "a breath of summer near the end of winter", is a presentation and discussion of images from the beautiful Azore Islands. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

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students and those MS Vans have 12, and so from a cost perspective, they cost about the same," he said. "The real cost here is in the body. We would be spending the same on salary on a person driving a big bus than a smaller bus."

O'Malley said he disagreed.

"I would respectfully like to push back on that, I think if we've got opportunities of three or four kids going to one school, I think a sedan would work, and I'd like to see a fleet of electric vehicles from our municipal departments, like BPS, is that something we can do?" he asked. "If we have several hundred trips per day with four students or fewer, why wouldn't we look at having sedans for that?"

O'Malley added that the overall cost to the city's budget could be somewhat decreased as well with smaller vehicles.

"The environmental impact is significantly less, the wear and tear on the roads is significantly less, the efficiency of the vehicle is significantly more, so can we do that?" he said.

Representative of Superintendent Brenda

Cassellius Charlene Briner said that nothing is off the table.

"I think that nothing is off the table, including there are other districts that will look at opportunities for parents, so you get some sort of subsidy for a parent to do transportation, and there are multiple creative solutions that we can consider, but I think the larger question is going to be how we engage with the community," she said. "Safety is first, on time is second, and then we get to cost drivers."

Pesce was asked what comparable school districts spend on transportation per pupil, and while he said he did not have a full list of data, the only comparable city is that of Buffalo, New York, and that's because, he said, they have more charter schools than Boston.

"Buffalo is the only district I think that spends more on a per pupil basis and they have full school choice," he said. "As we've seen a lot of themes here come down to school choice and the placement of programs. The only district spending more than us is the one with more school choice than us."

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new architect and new designs for a nine-unit, four story condominium building with ground floor parking.

SNA didn't like this either; Vetterlien again spoke for the majority.

"The architecture is boring," he said. "Every time we push back on a design we get something worse."

But Vetterlein became impatient.

"[O'Shea] may withdraw his proposal," he said at the Jan. 14, 2019 SNA meeting. "He's dissatisfied with how things are going. He's exhausted."

Apparently rested, O'Shea has returned; he may sense the timing is better too. 76 Stonley Rd. - next to his property - is completed and leasing out; the average rent is \$2665. SNA opposed this unsuccessfully for two years.

Moloney and O'Shea hosted an abutters meeting on Feb. 6, 2020 that SNA co-chair Jon McCurdy attended.

"It was disappointing, he said. "They came with their consultant Jay Walsh. There were no plans, just an elevation. It's the same as before. The businesses in the building have been evicted so it's a displacement issue. This is going back to the subcommittee."

Uhrhane chairs that.

"Everybody's friendly and smiley [at the meetings]," McCurdy said. "But there's a long time and things change when money's involved."

Seven Kenton Rd. - the Keegan Auto Gage property - is also back after the original developer, Scott Johnson - facing biting neighborhood resistance - withdrew his proposal for a 35-unit condominium

building in August 2018.

Kristina Tobey, co-chair of the 7 Kenton Rd. subcommittee, reported that the development team with their attorney George Morency had contacted her.

"They're willing to build a four story, nine-unit building," she said, "with one-to-one parking (one housing unit to one parking space). They want to be on the March SNA agenda."

She did not know who the developers were.

McCurdy was not enthusiastic about hearing them on so short notice.

In his State of the City address on Jan. 7, Mayor Walsh "pledged to dedicate \$500 million over the next five years to create thousands of homes across Boston affordable to households with low and moderate income."

"Housing," he said, "is the

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DEATHS

COFFEY

John Patrick Formerly of West Roxbury, passed away on February 19, 2020. John was born to Timothy and Eileen (Mahoney) Coffey in 1928 in Kenmare, County Kerry, Ireland. At a young age, John lost his mother and was tasked with caring for his younger sisters. While he had heavy responsibilities on his shoulders and a country in troubled times, John had only fond memories of his childhood. He loved to share his stories of poaching salmon in the Kerry Blackwater River, his footballer days with the Blackwater Parish football team and life in the beautiful countryside of Kenmare. John was proud to work summers as a porter in London hotels and it was there that he met the love of his life, Josephine Punch from Cork City, Ireland. Josephine often told the story of their long distance courtship and John's four-hour bike rides from Kenmare to visit her. They were married in 1961, lived in London and eventually settled in Boston. After the loss of his wife of 30 years, John retired from the Mass. Metropolitan District Commission. He continued to work many different jobs in West Roxbury. He was never without a job to do and considered it an honor to work hard. He made many friends in his community and was well known for his friendly spirit and lively Irish charm. John treasured his three grandchildren who affectionately called him "Bobo." He was so proud of their achievements and they loved their Bobo for his wonderful sense of humor, his generous heart and his unconditional love. They will miss him dearly. John was predeceased by his wife, Josephine and his four sisters Mary Crowley, Eileen O'Sullivan, Margaret Morris, and Sheila Kalish. He is survived by his sons Tony of San Carlos, CA and Mark and his wife Theresa of Ipswich, MA, his grandchildren Emily Phillips and Michael Dillon, both of New York City and the apple of his eye, his Princess, Katherine Josephine Coffey of Ipswich. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews in Boston and Cork, Ireland. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY on Saturday, February 22. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff at Care One at Essex Park in Beverly, MA for their kindness and compassion shown to John during the final years of his life. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

JONES

Helen T. (Keenan) of Brockton, formerly of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on February 19, 2020. She was 91 years old. Devoted daughter of the late Thomas (BFD) and Ellen (Burke) Keenan. Loving mother of William H. Jones, Jr. and his wife Catherine of South Carolina; Judith Baker and her husband Edward of Brockton; Thomas Jones

and his wife Susan of Florida and the late Marie Armstrong and Donna Shuster. She is also survived by her son-in-law Robert Armstrong. Dear sister of Marilyn Mellen and the late Thomas, Gerald, Marie, Walter, Paul, Joseph, Donald and Robert. She was the cherished grandmother of 21 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many dear nieces, nephews and cousins. Helen was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, please visit gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

JORDAN

Margaret R. (Driscoll) of Roslindale, February 15, 2020. Loving mother of Michael Jordan and his wife Amanda of Norwood and Daniel Jordan of Boston. Loving Nana of Angelina Jordan. Sister of Maureen Dalton of Norwood and her late husband Earl, the late Daniel Driscoll and his surviving wife Angela of Cotuit, the late William Driscoll and his surviving wife Ellen of Foxborough and the late Robert Driscoll. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, on Wednesday, February 19. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to cjdffoundation.org For directions and guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000.

LAWLER

Robert P. "Bob" (Retired BPD) of Franklin, formerly of Roslindale, passed away February 18, 2020 after a long illness. Beloved husband of Donna (Messina) Lawler. Loving son of the late Eileen and Robert E. Lawler (Ret. Det. BPD). Devoted father of Kevin P. (IBEW Local 103) of Franklin and the late Robert M. Lawler. Cherished Papa of Jillian, Kevin, Robert and Camila. Brother of Kevin Lawler of Florida, John Lawler of Walpole, Maureen Collins of Stoughton, Richard Lawler of West Roxbury and the late Brian. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Late Vietnam Veteran US Army. Bob was a 32 year veteran of the Boston Police Department and proud member of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Monday, February 24th. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Autism Speaks at autismspeaks.org For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

LEONARD



Gerard M. "Gerry", "Mike" of West Roxbury and East Falmouth passed away on February 22, 2020. Beloved husband of Diane E. (Cole) Leonard. Loving father of Jimmy Hornsby of Jamaica Plain. Beloved son of Patrick J. Leonard of West Roxbury and the late Maureen M. (McAllister) Leonard. Devoted brother of Karen Hynes (Paul) of NH., Paula Schwartz (Steven) of NH., Patricia Maguire (Sean) of ME., Kevin Leonard of West Roxbury, Janet Colamaria (Jack) of Norwood, Brian Leonard (Judith) of Ludlow, and Brenda Swanson (Randall) of FL. Also survived by his uncle James Leonard and many nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by his Atwill Rd. gang. Jerry was a passionate chef who worked at many Boston restaurants. Funeral was from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Wednesday, February 26th. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, Needham. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Gerard's memory to Dana-Farber Cancer Research Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02215. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons, West Roxbury.

McCANN

Patricia A. (Garrity) of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away on February 23, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Leo J. McCann. Devoted mother of Maureen Heffernan and her husband John of Norwood, James McCann and his wife Elaine of Dedham, Kevin McCann and his wife Ann Marie of Norwood, and Brian McCann and his wife Susan of Norton. Loving grandmother of Joseph, Steven, and Ryan Heffernan, and Jason Meaghan, Mary Kate, Zachary, and Brigid McCann. Great-grandmother of Ryan, Aidan, and Brendan McCann and Collin and Tyler Heffernan. Sister of the late Mary, James, John, Thomas, and Daniel Garrity, and Margaret Smith. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Longtime secretary and also faithful parishioner at St. John Chrysostom Church. Visiting Hours at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY on Thursday, February 27th from 4-8pm. Funeral from the Funeral Home on Friday, February 28th at 9am, fol-

Obituary policy

The Bulletin Newspapers publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@bulletinnewspapers.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

Deaths

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SENIOR DAY AT CM



Senior day at CM took place last week prior to the game with Everett. Declan O'Sullivan and Mike Gemma join their parents for a photo. The Knights went on to to beat Everett 71-63 and are 13-5. The team hopes for a good run in the Division 1 state tournament soon to get underway.

COURTESY PHOTO

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lowed by a Funeral Mass at St. John Chrysostom Church at 10am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Patricia's memory to DanaFarber.org, Dana Farber Cancer Institute 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445. For directions and guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

PETRINGA

Lucia A. (Valenti) Age 88, of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester, died peacefully, Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Brigham & Women's Faulkner Hospital in Jamaica Plain. Lucia was born in Boston, to the late Frank and Vita (Marotta) Valenti. She was raised and educated in Dorchester and had lived in West Roxbury for over fifty-five years. She was a homemaker and had also worked as a bookkeeper for her husband Salvatore's firm, Ajax Transport Company of Boston. As a young woman, Lucia had been employed for the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Boston for several years. Lucia loved flowers and gardening. She enjoyed cooking, hosting family gatherings and was well-known for her homemade pizza. Her greatest passion was for her family. She was especially devoted to her husband, son and daughter-in-law. Beloved wife for sixty-five years of Salvatore D. Petringa, to whom she was married on October 3, 1954 in the former Saint Leo's Church in Dorchester. Devoted mother of David Petringa

and his wife Stacy of Memphis, Tennessee. The last of four siblings, she was predeceased by Alfonso Valenti, Marie Sergi, and Francis Valenti. Lucia is also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street, West Roxbury on Tuesday, February 25. Interment followed at Saint Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lucia's memory may be made to Ethos, 555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Arrangements under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Avenue, QUINCY. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com

SHEA



William R. "Billy", Age 101 of West Roxbury. A member of the Greatest Generation. Born in Boston on September 11, 1918, passed

away in Boston on February 21, 2020. Attended St. Gregory's Grammar School and graduated from Milton High School as a member of the Class of 1936. He was also a former employee of the Walter Baker Chocolate Co., located in Dorchester, MA. Enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force on December 22, 1941 and was deployed to the Middle East. Billy served in Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Italy. He also participated in the Battle of El Alamein. Member of 1909 Quarter Master Truck Co. Aviation 323 Bomb Group with 9th, 12th, and 15th Air Force. Received the Good Conduct Medal, E.A.M.E Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars. Egypt-Libya, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno. Discharged September 27, 1945 with a rank of Corporal. Billy was proud of his service to this Country and wore his El Alamein jacket regularly. Retired after 31 years from the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Dept. as a General Maintenance Mechanic Foreman. Member of the VFW Post 2831 Doyle Post, Hyde Park. Pre-deceased by his brothers Lawrence, Francis, and Paul, and his sisters Marion, Gertrude and Alice. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Tuesday, February 25th. Interment will be private. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home.

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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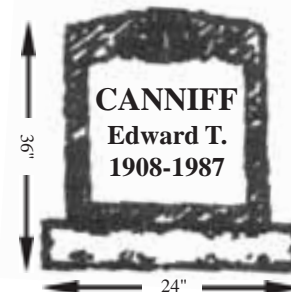
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE DOCKET No. SU20P0025EA
Estate of: June E. Giddings Suffolk Division
Also Known As:
Date of Death: November 29, 2019

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: Karen A. Giddings of Buzzards Bay, MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate

Karen A. Giddings of Buzzards Bay, 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

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE DOCKET No. SU20P0026EA
Estate of: Diane M. McLaughlin Suffolk Division
Also Known As:
Date of Death: October 10, 2019

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: **Joanne Lowre of West Roxbury, MA**
A Will has been admitted to informal probate

Joanne Lowre of West Roxbury, 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. SU67378 1/2

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Estate of: **Frances August Eckley**
Late of: Boston, MA 02210

Date of Death: 01/02/1882

To all persons interested in the trust estate under the will or a certain instrument dated 01/01/1900 of the above named decedent of Boston in the County of Suffolk for the benefit of
Family Service of Greater Boston/Poor of Boston

A petition has been presented requesting that:
John F. Francini of Boston, MA
Justin E Oates of Boston, MA
Or some other suitable person be appointed trustee of said estate to serve

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:
03/26/2020

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

Date: February 20, 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. SU20D0132DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Sumeiry Garcia vs. Hiram Gonzalez
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Sumeiry Garcia, 2000 Columbus Ave., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02119** your answer, if any, on or before **04/02/2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
February 6, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 02/27/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20C0084CA
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: Charles M. Johnson

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Charles M Johnson of Hyde Park, MA

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

Michael C. Bowden

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 03/26/2020. 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: February 13, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20W0290
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Sugeily Lake Plaintiff(s)
V
Fernando De La Rosa Defendant (s)

To the above named Defendant: Fernando De La Rosa

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Sugeily Lake seeking a Complaint for Custody-Support –Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Sugeily Lake- or attorney for the plaintiff(s) – whose address is 50 Annafran St., Roslindale, MA 02131, phone 857-350-2159, your answer on or before 9th day of April, 2020.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston .

Witness, **Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 20th day of February , 2020**

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU20D0221DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Geordith Joseph vs. Carole Polinice Joseph
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Geordith Joseph, 220 Georgetown Dr., Hyde Park, MA 02136**, your answer, if any, on or before **04/02/2020**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

February 13, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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aware of changes made because of resident participation.

“There are individuals in the neighborhoods who don’t want to go to their Neighborhood Association or just don’t have time to go a meeting at night for various reasons and I’m not here to tell them they have to, but at the same time if they can’t do that and they can’t do an abutters meeting, what else can I do?” he said.

Arroyo asked about the processes and mechanisms used to make sure that the applicants are actually flyering neighbors for abutters meetings within the 300-foot radius required. Smith said his reps call randomized addresses within that radius to confirm whether or not a good swath of the population has received the abutters meeting notice, to make sure residents have reasonable accommodation for being notified.

Smith also discussed methods they are considering to increase residents’ access to comment on developments.

“I’ve grappled with this a little bit and I have meetings on it next week about it,” he said. “I’m looking for a way to give more people the opportunity to weigh in on more projects and not be bound by a static neighborhood association meeting or a static city-sponsored meeting. What I have been hearing when I’m out and about at different community events is we need to provide more opportunities for individuals to weigh in.”

Smith said having an abutters meeting with 100 people on a sidewalk can make it hard to get everyone’s voices heard, but he said he’s working on online portals for each ZBA project where residents can comment on the project and putting that on the 311 application.



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The powerhouse offices who dominate their markets (Insight commanding #1 market share in West Roxbury & Roslindale while Tierney Realty Group is leading sales in Hyde Park) share strong core values & clear vision for the future. Pat Tierney added "We are thrilled to join the Insight Team and their culture of collaboration and community support which has always been important to us. We see this as an opportunity to grow and expand the services we provide to our team and our clients."

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