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LGBTQ-friendly complex proposal discussed at FHNA meeting



Charlie Adams, left, speaks to the crowd about new developments for the Rogers proposal.

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) held its first meeting of the year at the Area E-18 police station on Wed., Jan. 22 to hear the latest information on the Rogers development proposal for a 74-unit elderly, LGBTQ-friendly complex.

The turnout was sparse, with only a handful of group members; representatives from local elected officials and police officers were present. The reason was because the location was changed from its usual venue at the Boston Police Academy at 85 Williams Ave. due to police cadet training.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON
The move was posted on Facebook and Nextdoor Hyde Park on the morning of the meeting.

Charlie Adams, New England Regional Vice President of Pennrose, the developer, gave an abbreviated presentation at the recent Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) meeting earlier in the month. He was able to present additional information about how news of the project has garnered attention far beyond Boston's borders.

"Since we were designated for this project, – I hate to use the word viral – but for the lack of a better word, it's gone vi-

FHNA Meeting

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JPNDC/New Atlantic Development buys 3371 Washington St.

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

On January 7, 2020, Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation and New Atlantic Development bought the building at 3371-3375 Washington St. in Jamaica Plain for \$2.155 million from City Realty.

The sale was announced in a press release on January 21.

In ownership limbo for years and the object of neighborhood protests, 3371 -3375 Washington St. is the home of two businesses, El Embajador Restaurant and De Chain Auto Service.

"This started out as a concerned effort to keep El

Embajador in the neighborhood and turned into something much bigger," said JPNDC executive director Richard Thal in the release.

The preliminary plan of JPNDC/NAD is to construct a new building with approximately 40 units of senior housing and ground floor retail space. Utile Architects will prepare the design.

That brings the total to six of the new residential buildings approved or planned at the Green-Washington corner close to the Green Street Orange line station. The commercial space would be made available to the

3371 Washington

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Preliminary plans announced for 1905-1911 Centre Street



1911 Centre St., front, and 1905 Centre St. the Rockland Trust site behind. CAD Builders want to put condos in their place.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The plans for the development at 1905-1911 Centre St. are starting to come together, but O'Neil and Associates Senior Director Chris Tracy wants everyone to know they are extremely preliminary.

Some residents became wary of the project recently after finding out that demolition permits had been filed

for the project. While the permits were filed, Tracy said they still have several processes to go before work can start.

"I know there is some uncertainty out there about what is proposed," Tracy said in an interview after the meeting. "Since that time I've been meeting with neighbors, with anyone who's willing to meet with me in fact. I've met with and notified elected officials and had a prefile meeting at

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the (Boston Planning and Development Agency), and I'm meeting with West Roxbury Main Streets later today. We want to be as open and transparent as possible."

The proponent of the proposal, CAD Builders, first gained a bit of notoriety after they proposed 29 single-family homes off of Washington Street. While

Centre Street

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Hyde Park Helps headed to Puerto Rico with earthquake donations

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Hyde Park Helps (HPH) needs your help as members plan a trip to Puerto Rico later next month to bring much-needed supplies to the more remote parts of the territory.

Coordinator Marcia Kimm Jackson said in light of recent discoveries of officials keeping warehouses of supplies closed to the public, they wanted to make sure that they personally deliver every piece from Hyde Park to those who can most use it in the now earthquake-stricken region.

"We're doing it because we want to help people and we want to embrace the fact that we're a global community, and

Earthquake Donations

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Marcia Kimm Jackson, right, helping out after Maria in 2017. She said she is returning this year to help again after the recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico.

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WRSA offers alternatives to road diet



The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council heard once again from residents regarding the proposed road diet for Centre Street.

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 Staff Reporter

More than 55 people packed the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 28 to hear the latest options offered by the West Roxbury Safety Association (WRSA) to the city's road diet.

A largely supportive crowd listened as WRSA Co-Founder Steve Morris provided an overview of their proposal, noting that the dramatic changes the city recommended to Centre Street were made without input from the community. "We need to be proactive and constructive. Where are the problems, where are the hot spots?" he said. The WRSA studied how more road safety implementations might not require reduc-

ing travel lanes that could result in forcing the 16,000 vehicles that use Centre St. daily to diverge onto side streets. An audit from the Holy Name rotary down to Temple Street found issues with the brick work at the crosswalk which could not be easily seen by drivers. These have since been removed. The WRSA plan calls for other changes.

"We thought there should be on-demand cross lights," Morris said. These would become a 15 second event that would not slow down traffic but create stops when it is needed. "We are not anti-bike," responding to some of the criticism from those who feel that the WRSA plan would ignore bike lanes. Morris said there aren't that many bikes on Centre St. "Let's have the outer lane be the bicycle lane, share the road." Overall, the WRSA concluded the road diet to be a bad idea. "We really thought the diet wasn't going to work. All of us started doing research on it." Morris noted that in Venice Beach, CA after a road diet was implemented, 21 businesses closed in one year. Other examples showed an increase in side streets speeding car activity. The WRSA plan recommends placing signs warning motorists of heavy pedestrian traffic on Centre; creating strong police enforcement; designing inside shared bicycle lanes with signs and road markings; and uniform defined cross walks markings.

"I think everything happened so quickly which caused all of us to react and pit everyone against each other. It was well-intended," said WRNC member Robert Corley reflecting on the road diet and the various arguments for and against it. "It became too big, too quick, too fast." He suggested piloting some pieces and trying small, incremental changes first. "This is a commonsense approach," he said about the

WRSA proposal.

"What is the situation currently with the city?" one attendee asked. Morris said there were surveys distributed to all the businesses on Centre Street and the city is looking to get those back and analyze them to gather more data. Morris said that Boston Transit Department (BTD) Acting Commissioner Gregory Rooney has been listening to feedback.

Jason Brown, a West Roxbury resident asked about "Complete Streets" a National Association of Realtors initiative for creating safer roads for bike ridership. Morris said he wasn't familiar with the project. "What do police and fire think about this?" on attendee asked in response to road diets that have been implemented in New York City. "There is no official position," but Morris added that the NYC police union is petitioning to get rid of them as their response time has gone up.

Most in the audience were opposed to the city's road diet as it was the only plan the city presented to the community. "We should be seeing other safety options," said Brian Kenneally. "Just ask the BTD to show another safety plan that doesn't include a road diet. They have refused to show us, from day one, an alternative plan."

City Councilor Michelle Wu was in attendance and said she understood and supported the community opposition to the road diet. "Decisions are happening in isolation, should this project be approved, should this road look like this or that... What I haven't heard about the road diet plan is the big picture. The disagreement is what does safety mean?" Wu said she would find out where the city is on the plan. Wu said narrowing the street was the safest

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Roslindale is for Everyone looking to do more

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Roslindale is for Everyone (RISE) gathered for its annual meeting on Thursday to a crowd of about 50 people at the Washington Beech Apartments.

The goal of the meeting was to figure out how to get more residents involved. Coordinator Larry Bayer said they usually get a good turnout for the big events, but they need more hands helping out in their working groups.

“We have these different levels; we hold about three of these big meetings every year,” he said. “We talk progressive issues, like immigrants, housing justice and reformative justice. We also have working groups that meet pretty much monthly around those issues in smaller groups, like maybe four or five people.”

Bayer said those groups are where the rubber meets the road and the real work gets done. He said tall the groups need more resident participation.

“We plan the big forums, the small meetings, the fundraising and those kinds of actions that our community needs,” he said.

Bayer added that the time commitment is not onerous, and it’s very easy for interested residents to join.

“It’s very easy, we have a

Facebook page and you can reach out to us there,” he said. “I’d say we get three or four new people through the Facebook page every week. People are still joining, and the working group meetings are about an hour or two a month. And if there’s something going on outside the meeting, it may take more time but it’s not a huge commitment.”

Bayer said the work is fulfilling and impactful.

“We’re very visible in the community, we did the signs in the stores that said everyone welcome here, we provide legal help for immigrants whose legal status is questionable. All that starts in the working groups,” he said.

One of the things the group is working on now is setting up bystander training, which trains residents who may not know the best course of action when they encounter someone acting irrationally or with aggressive behavior seemingly motivated by racism.

“What to do if you witness hate language basically,” he said. “Specifically when you witness something, it instructs you on what to do. Do you call the police, confront the assessor etc., and it kind of shows you what to do.”

The training is set for May and Bayer said to reach out to



Roslindale is for Everyone is looking for volunteers to help in protecting residents who cannot protect themselves.

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RISE through their web site at <https://roslindalerise.org/> for more information.

The group also worked to help residents' voices get heard on the Safe Communities Act by organizing residents to call their representatives on the issue to support immigrants living in Boston before a hearing that day.

“We don’t want them separating families,” said Kathleen Patricia during the meeting.

Member Steve Gag also asked residents to come out to

the upcoming Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meeting regarding the proposal for 3992-3996 Washington St. at the Archdale Community Center on 125 Brookway Rd.

“This is something I’m going to be attending, but it would be great if other folks went too,” he said.

Gag pointed out that if the project calls for affordable housing under the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), the developer will

likely only have the required minimum of 13 percent, and he said residents are needed to demand more.

“It should be a lot more, there are a lot of people who need housing,” he said.

The proposal calls for 18 residential condominium units and one commercial space at the ground floor level. For more information, go to <http://www.bostonplans.org/news-calendar/calendar/2020/02/03/3992-3996-washington-street-public-meeting>

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The absence of much pageantry but not of much malice

Recently Marcos Ruiz-Rodriguez died. You probably do not recognize his name. It was not bandied that much about on television or in the newspapers for days on end.

Ruiz-Rodriguez, a Methuen resident, was a public works employee for the city of Lawrence. He was killed while patching a street undoubtedly rife with potholes after the storms that have buffeted this North Shore community already this year. He was buried from St. Mary of the Assumption Church last Saturday.

When the tragedy was first reported, perhaps many, such as yours truly, thought that he was hit by another vehicle, as happened to a tow-truck operator responding to an accident on an interstate highway several years ago. But there was no other vehicle on Andover Street that caused the fatality: the 52-year-old was killed by a bullet undoubtedly intended to kill someone else, either one of his colleagues, a pedestrian across the street, or a nearby resident.

Whenever a politician, police officer or firefighter is killed in the line of work, there is a tremendous amount of pageantry and tradition involved with the wake and funeral. Hundreds of colleagues from communities all across the state line up to pay their respects. Political figures make their way to pay their respects. Gaelic bands line up with their bag pipes to greet mourners. Vehicles with flashing lights accompany the hearse. Television and newspaper crews gather to record input. Frequently, the pension for the



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widow/widower is immense, even abetted by private contributions. Truth be told, there was some of this in Ruiz-Rodriguez's case.

Without excessive risk to himself—as in the case of first responders, social workers, truant officers, and VNA nurses—he did contribute to the safety of the public in a quiet way on a daily basis: he was killed in his line of work—filling potholes so that motorists would not ruin tires, break tie rods and axles, or swerve into oncoming traffic. Unlike utility workers, he was working without a police detail (which raises the question: why do utility workers working on a Massachusetts street ALWAYS need a police detail?)

In a perfect world the final send-off for Marcos Ruiz Rodriguez, a public works employee killed on the job, would match those of other municipal departments with more clout and status. But, as you know, our world is far from perfect

VEILED VICES: CONTEXT & ASSUMPTIONS

To the Editor:

I never thought I'd preface with the oxymoron fake news is real. Though not entertaining national security or shadow accounts, my recent experience being misquoted makes me appreciate public figures' challenges as when the word "bachelor" was misreported far more derogatively. When one's passion for good is cherry-picked to validate someone's poor perspective, shrewd vices of ill context and assumption emerge.

Considering MLK Day, there's something to be said about the soft bigotry of low expectations. Though having been thought to be a landscaper when cleaning my yard and gawked like a ghost, at no point did I think poorly of our neighborhood. Instead, I was concerned for the individuals. Once an inner-city upbringing brings dolts of all colors, you learn there's only two types of people; careful and careless.

Life shows people project their insecurities through their assumptions, and by lacking ground, assumptions are sunken intelligence. Such as the "reverse" prior experience, which if accurately documented, would've shown ironic Boston histories.

During the misreported MLK Day meeting, a community member discussed others assuming he wasn't an immigrant because he's white. I then mentioned the "reverse" happens to me, for though assumed an immigrant, my family's been Boston residents for over a century. Though Africans slayed British in Charlestown and rested in Copp's Hill before green, white, and red decked the North End, hidden history still paints false entitlements.

Even so, Hyde Park's history is inclusion, whether civil war trainings at Camp Meigs, or gritty Grimke Sisters, our neighborhood's history is belonging. This is espe-

cially so for families, which is why we've settled. As inner-city areas saw an influx of young and single professionals, whose economic opportunities (and constraints) brought disposable income and lower demand for family housing, parts of Boston like Hyde Park grew in child populations and family households. Anyone who's grown up in Boston surely remembers triple-deckers with more families than roommates and more playground action than pop-ups, cross-fit cults, and avocado toast debates. For a sanity-check, see The Boston Foundation's recent report, "Kids Today: Boston's declining child population and its effect on school enrollment". This concerns the City as Boston's families rear the vested workforce of tomorrow, especially if given opportunities.

Still, Hyde Park's integrated all walks of life without compromising families, nature, and Boston's benefits. Assuming a staunch home-grown supporter feels unwelcomed is adverse. Assuming anything of anyone negates intelligence. We can't learn from each other if we don't hear each other. If we don't hear each other, we'll forget we're all here because of others' voices.

Nathaniel Thomas
Hyde Park

IS THAT STILL A TERM?

To the Editor:

I was very interested in the article "Neither Snow nor Rain stops the Ribbon Cutting of Community Services", written by Richard Heath for the 1/2/20 Bulletin. Covering the work of organizations that have a strong social focus is reassuring in the politicized climate that currently exists.

However, when I read the paragraph, "About 50,000 volunteers a year.....In the production kitchen, three co-eds from the University of Ohio...." Who is still called a co-ed? Wasn't that term eliminated by the early 1980's, if not earlier?

Joan Halpert
West Roxbury

AN INFAMOUS ANNIVERSARY

To the Editor:

On Jan 21, we marked the 10th anniversary of a misguided, harmful US Supreme Court decision in the case of Citizens United v FEC. This decision accelerated two trends: an increase in corruption of our politics via big campaign spending and weakening of public protections by alleged corporate constitutional rights.

The consequences are grave. Corporations undermine our democracy by using our own Constitutional rights against us in court to avoid compliance with democratically enacted laws they don't like. And massive political spending corrupts our government, which now serves corporations and billionaires at the expense of ordinary citizens.

Only an amendment limiting political spending, and ending the corporate hijacking of our inalienable Constitutional rights, can restore government of, by and for the people. The We the People Amendment (HJR.48) would affirm that:

Constitutional rights are for real people, not artificial incorporated entities. Political spending is not speech, and shall be limited to ensure political equality for all. The We the People Amendment has been repeatedly introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives and currently has 67 cosponsors. I thank Representative Pressley for being among them, and I urge Senators Warren and Markey to file the We the People Amendment in the U.S. Senate.

For more information on the We the People Amendment, visit www.WethePeopleMass.org

Laura Gang
Roslindale

CENTRE STREET'S CURRENT WEIGHT IS JUST FINE

To the Editor:

Centre Street doesn't need to go on a diet, it needs a make-over. The road is in deplorable condition, rife with potholes, divots, missing pavers in the crosswalks and uneven surface due to the unceasing construction projects. Resurfacing, or at the very least pothole repair, is long overdue. Let's make the road safe for the motorists who need to use it to commute to work, deliver kids to school or patronize local businesses.

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Correction

In last week's Bulletin, in the article reporting the Martin Luther King event in Hyde Park, Nathaniel Thomas was incorrectly quoted as saying: "A lot of people look at me like I'm some young bastard living in my family's house," Thomas said. "But I came here to buy a home and raise my family. You don't see a lot of families in Boston anymore."

He in fact said "bachelor", not bastard. We apologize for the error. Thomas wrote a Letter to the Editor published in this week's issue expanding on his points from the meeting.



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Rat Ice, not dry ice is one solution to a very big problem

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston first started using dry ice to kill rats in their burrows about four years ago, and it appeared to be a huge success.

At the time, Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Commissioner William “Buddy” Christopher said it was a safe, effective and a more humane way of lowering the city’s booming rat population, and that it has had quite an impact.

“The rodent goes to sleep first, unlike poisons that seem to have a more dramatic effect,” Christopher said.

At the time, the idea was to find as many rat burrows as possible and deliver the dry ice into them. After that, workers would cover the hole and trap the carbon dioxide in the burrows, effectively killing the entire nest. It was cheap, effective and easy to deploy.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced around the end of 2016 that dry ice was a chemical not listed on the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act of 1996, and therefore companies and municipalities – New York and Washington D.C. which had joined Boston in using dry ice by this point – could no longer use it until it was properly regu-

lated. Now, the only holder of the Rat Ice trademark is Nokia Bell Laboratories, whose closest location to Boston that sells and stores Rat Ice is in Rockland. The City of Boston stated that it is still negotiating with Bell regarding the purchase of rat ice.

“Due to the fact that Boston received a cease and desist letter from the EPA, we no longer use dry ice as a means of rodent control,” said ISD Director of Publicity Lisa Timberlake. “However, we were given the green light to purchase and use ‘Rat Ice,’ but due to the location of the company and cost of the product we did not find this to be a practical plan.”

And Timberlake said the price of that trademark and delivery service definitely had an impact on the practicability of a plan to purchase it. According to a 2016 WBZ News article on the city’s use of dry ice, it was then \$225 for 400 pounds of dry ice or about \$.50 a pound. According to DryIceDelivered.com, that price is about the same when you buy more than 250 pounds of regular dry ice, sold for cold food storage. Timberlake included a price point from Brookline Ice Co., which doesn’t hold a Rat Ice trademark. The company specializes in ice of all kinds, sculptures, cold storage, ice luges, carving

bars, dry ice and also just plain bags of ice. Timberlake said their price points follow DryIceDelivered at \$400 per 800 pounds (.\$50 a pound).

Now, according to Timberlake, Rat Ice, is about \$1.50 per pound when purchased at 800 pounds a delivery. That’s about three times what dry ice costs now. Timberlake said they are looking at their options at the moment.

“We are in the process of reviewing the purchase procedure and working with others in the industry to figure out a more feasible alternative for us,” she said.

Now that’s not to say dry ice is a silver bullet, according to Green Planet Pest Control Operations Manager Todd McNamara, not every situation can be fixed by dry ice, or as it is now trademarked, Rat Ice. He said, for instance, in an area where there are loads of tunnels and access points, like a cellar or sewer system, you’d need a heck of a lot of dry ice, and even then the rats could, if the area was not sealed properly, just move on.

“Once you get one area under control, it just blows up everywhere else,” he said. “There’s just so much food everywhere for them.”

McNamara employs a full-time etymologist at his Allston operation, Colin Hickey, who



Rats are a big problem in any city, and though Boston was one of the first to use dry ice to combat the problem, EPA regulations and costs associated with the ice has made it unfeasible for the city, at least for now.

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said for their calls rat ice is not generally called for. McNamara said he just sends customers who ask for it to

pest control companies or even dry ice retailers who have the storage capacity and facilities for dry ice.

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the project did have some residents concerned that a new traffic pattern would push more vehicles onto side streets, Tracy said he was glad of the discussion and felt it improved the project.

The current plan for 1905-1911 Centre St., and Tracy said again that these are completely preliminary and have not been filed with the BPDA, are for 21 homeownership units comprising 29,000 gross square feet. The project will combine the two lots, the Gilmore Realty Building and the Rockland Trust, to create a mixed-use building with a space for commercial renters. Tracy said they believe this project to be completely zoning compliant and they will not be playing the “shell

game” some developers have been accused of doing by introducing an unfeasibly large project to the community, scaling it back to show they listened to the community concerns, and then build what they might have been planning to build all along.

“We want to use this building to provide new opportunities for homeowners and more life and vitality to the neighborhood,” Tracy said. “We feel it is a better use than what’s existing... We came in with the number of units and density that the zoning code allows and we’re not going to the ZBA.”

Tracy said they are willing to work with residents on issues like traffic control, affordable housing, design and marketing for specific kinds of businesses for the commercial tenant.

“We look forward to working with the neighbors and the city as we go through this process,” he said.

Currently, Tracy said they are going through the Landmarks Commission process for buildings more than 50 years old, and said they asked for an extension as well. The Landmarks Commission has determined both buildings to be “significant.”

Tracy said they will be scheduling a public meeting in the coming months that will be publicly advertised to let residents discuss their feelings on the project. Residents had also expressed concerns about asbestos, for which Tracy said they are following the letter of the law in terms of proper asbestos removal.

2019 Novel Coronavirus

What is the 2019 novel coronavirus?

The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new strain of coronavirus, first detected in Wuhan, China. It has not been previously known to spread in humans. Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV) are examples of coronaviruses.

How is the 2019-nCoV spread?

When the outbreak in Wuhan, China began, many patients reported links to a large seafood and animal market. This suggested that it was spread from animal to people. However, a growing number of patients reportedly have not had exposure to animal markets, suggesting person-to-person spread is occurring. Currently, it’s unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people. When other coronaviruses like MERS and SARS spread between people, it is thought to have happened when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread.

What are the signs and symptoms of the 2019-nCoV?

Symptoms include fever and respiratory illness, such as cough and difficulty breathing. In severe cases, infection can cause bronchitis, pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. Symptoms of 2019-nCoV may be similar to the flu. Preliminary information suggests that older adults and people with underlying health conditions may be at increased risk for severe complications from this virus.

How can the 2019-nCoV be prevented?

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid exposure to the virus. BPHC always recommends standard precautions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- * Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- * Using alcohol-based hand rubs and gels.
- * Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- * Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- * Staying home when you are sick.
- * Covering your cough or sneeze.
- * Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

How is the 2019-nCoV diagnosed?

If you have symptoms consistent with 2019-nCoV virus and have traveled to Wuhan, China in the past 14 days, your health care provider will test you for the virus. If you experience symptoms and have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for 2019-nCoV infection, contact your health care provider. Health care providers should get a detailed travel history from patients with fever and acute respiratory illness.

How is the 2019-nCoV treated?

There is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for the 2019-nCoV infection. People infected with 2019-nCoV should receive supportive care and help to relieve symptoms. People who think they may have been exposed to 2019-nCoV should contact their health care provider immediately.

BPHC is working closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control. For more information, call BPHC at 617-534-5611.

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owners of El Embajador “if they so choose.”

“We would be thrilled to have El Embajador back on the site,” Thal said in the statement.

De Chain Auto Service already has plans to relocate.

“High level Boston officials played an essential role in the negotiations between JPND/NAD and the seller City Realty,” the release said. “[It] helps the city move toward the very ambitious affordability goal of 40 percent of future units to be income restricted. That came out of the JP/Rox planning process which ended three years ago.”

The sale came on the same day as Mayor Walsh’s State of the City address during which he outlined an ambitious \$500 million, five year housing plan.

Two of the main points of the housing plan are included in the JPND/NAD plans; “Affordable housing for aging Bostonians at all income levels” and “Acquisition Fund to support the purchase and development of underutilized properties for low and moderate incomes.”

At a press conference on the housing plan, Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon emphasized housing for seniors.

“We really want to focus on that,” she said.

One third of the three sources of funding the purchase price is the DND Site Acquisition Program; the other two are LISC and

CEDAC.

This will be the second partnership of JPND/NAD; together they developed the Blessed Sacrament campus between 2005 to 2011.

According to the JPND/NAD, New Atlantic will be responsible for design, financing and construction management; JPND/NAD will be responsible for permitting, lease out and management of the completed housing and coordination of the community process.

It all began in 2014 as a plan by Walter Craven, the owner of Weld Rite, to build two, four-story, 20 -unit condominiums on his property that included the welding shop.

Strongly opposed by the Brookside Neighborhood Association, Craven gave up and sold the property to City Realty in February 2016.

In March 2018, City Realty put half of the property with the restaurant, 3371 -3375 Washington St., up for sale on Craigslist for \$2.9 million.

This surprised JPND/NAD, City Life and Keepit100/Egleston that collectively had been organizing to save El Embajador.

Carlos Espinoza, Small Business Program Director of JPND/NAD used a mini grant from Growth Capital Corp to retain a lawyer to help the owners Ramona Alvarez and Juan Tejada negotiate with City Realty.

Espinoza and Alex Ponte

Capellan of City Life led a march and rally of 150 people to the restaurant on Nov 21, 2017 to protest City Realty’s alleged unfairness.

Soon after half the site was put up for sale, and City Realty planned to develop the Green Street half into a 23-unit residence, City Life and Keepit100 pushed for JPND/NAD to acquire the Washington St property.

“Housing costs along Washington Street between Forest Hills and Egleston Square have rapidly escalated as more than 800 market rate units have gone into construction,” the JPND/NAD press release said.

“On this rapidly gentrifying corridor, we’re very happy to be securing permanent affordability and community use,” Thal said.

In a statement to The Bulletin, Sheila Dillon said this was important.

“This is a key site [in] JP/Rox where all affordable projects have been prioritized by the community. The acquisition preserves El Embajador, a family-run restaurant on Washington Street, to continue operations,” she said. “The Walsh administration is very supportive of this acquisition... and is excited about the prospect of an affordable development in such an important central location in Jamaica Plain.”

Capellan, the JP/Rox community organizer at City Life, responded to The Bulletin calling it



City Life and JPND/NAD demonstrate on Nov 21, 2017 to keep El Embajador Restaurant from losing its lease at 3171- 3175 Washington St.

PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

a “win- win.”

“[This] was a great victory for the neighborhood,” he said, “Many stakeholders collaborated in securing this property to protect businesses and build affordable housing. The community, BPDA, DND and City Realty worked together to find a win-win solution.”

Cliff Kensington of City Realty agreed.

“We’re glad we were able to complete the transaction with JPND/NAD,” he told The Bulletin. “It took a lot of work from all sides but we were excited about giving them the opportunity.”

Marie Mercurio of Boston Community Ventures is managing the construction of the zoning approved 3353 Washington Street, a five-story, 45-unit condominium building that directly abuts number 3375.

“We know that there is a need

for housing at all income levels for all groups in Boston,” she told The Bulletin. “The senior housing will add to the mix of new housing types coming to Washington Street.”

Mercurio liked the addition of the retail space.

“That commercial node has recently become quite active with the bagel shop, bakery and brewery,” she added.

According to the press release, construction will not begin until 2022, “at the earliest... prior to construction, JPND/NAD will pay relocation costs for both businesses; De Chain is already exploring other sites as auto service would not be compatible with residential building.”

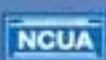
JPND/NAD will soon begin a series of community meetings to discuss the new housing development for 3371 -3375 Washington Street.

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ART CONTEST SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO BOSTON STUDENTS

The Bow Seat 2020 Ocean Awareness Contest invites students ages 11-18 to create visual art, writing, films, music, or multimedia about the impacts of climate change on the ocean. In addition to the general awards of up to \$1,500, Bow Seat will be granting Hometown Awards to recognize eligible Contest participants from Boston or its neighborhoods. Winners will each receive a \$250 cash scholarship.

Join our global community of 13,000+ young people who are using their creative voices to speak up for the blue planet! The deadline to participate in the Contest is June 15, 2020. For more information about the Contest and Hometown Awards eligibility, visit www.bowseat.org/contest.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

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

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

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

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

* Little Joe's Birthday: <https://marlomarketing.egnyte.com/fl/Y6TlrzIVg>

ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

ICE SKATING

New Learn-To-Skate classes for children, ages 4 to 18. Classes at Brookline/Cleveland Circle Reilly Memorial Rink, 355 Chestnut Hill Avenue, are also available. Classes are held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., Fridays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Use figure, recreational or hockey skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating Over 50 Years!

FIXIT CLINIC AT THE HARVARD ED PORTAL

Saturday, February 8, 2020, 11:00am to 2:00pm Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston Save money, help the environment, and have fun at the Harvard Ed Portal's Fixit Clinic! Bring your broken, non-functioning items including jewelry, electronics, clothing, and more, and we'll provide the space, tools, and coaches to help you tinker, troubleshoot, and even fix your items. This is an all-ages, do-it-yourself event that's both fun and educational. So, come and have a good time while you fix your cherished items, save money, and reduce your waste! <https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/fixit-clinic>

23RD ANNUAL TASTE OF ALLSTON WILL BE HELD SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2020!

Our annual Taste of Allston, which highlights the delicious restaurants of Allston and also the diverse business mix, will be held on June 20th! There will be live music, lawn games, and plenty of family-friendly fun, so bring the whole crowd! Early Bird Tickets to go on sale in March!

Artistic Bike Racks to be installed next week! Students at Artists for Humanity have designed

and fabricated 16 artistic bike racks that will be installed in Allston! These designs compliment the uniqueness of the neighborhood and will be split in two installments. The first of which is coming in the next week!

Go to Artists for Humanity's website for more information!

PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617)782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am. The featured selection for January 29th at 11:15 am. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS

Mystified by the net? Don't know how to surf? Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for a librarian. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032.

ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Two ESL conversation group meet at the Brighton Library. One on Monday afternoon at 12:30 pm; the other on Thursday evening at 6:15 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/ 40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032.

HYDE PARK

SWEETHEART BALL

The BCYF Hyde Park Community Center invites families to our Sweetheart Ball on Saturday, February 8th from 6pm-8:30pm. Join us for an evening of music, dancing and games. Cost is \$10 per

family, children ages 3-10. Proceeds will benefit the Hyde Park Food Pantry. Please rsvp to michellehpcc@gmail.com or 617-635-5178 by February 5th. Pizza & drinks provided.

BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY FARM

Brookwood Community Farm is currently accepting supporting memberships and registration for farm shares. This non-profit farming operation on the border of Milton and Canton cultivates 5 acres using organic practices. More information can be found at www.brookwoodcommunityfarm.org.

JAMAICA PLAIN

CALLING ALL YOUNG ACTORS!

Come join the fun! The Freelance Players IS now enrolling for the spring sessions of their musical theater programs in JP and beyond. Freelance provides quality youth theater, building inclusive communities and teaching creative expression through musical theater. Children from all communities are encouraged to join!

Each Freelance company rehearses and produces an original musical per season. Physical and vocal techniques, character development and dance skills are taught in the rehearsal process. The JP Troupe meets on Tuesdays at Hope Church in JP, 4:00-6:00 pm, with two weekend rehearsals during each session. Production week and opening performances are at the Footlight Club in JP in May. There are also Freelance Troupes in Newton, Dover, Needham and two in Brookline.

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

JP FIRST CHURCH SCREENING 1200+ TO HIGHLIGHT INDIGENOUS WOMEN

The First Church of Jamaica Plain at 6 Eliot St. is hosting a screening and question and answer session of Sheila North and Leonard Yakir's film "1200+", which highlights the murders, kidnappings and disappearances of indigenous women in the U.S. and Canada. The screening starts

at 7 p.m. For more information, go masspeaceaction.org/event/1200-a-film-on-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls/

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

PARKWAY ROTARY TO DISTRIBUTE CARDS AND FLOWERS

The Parkway Rotary in West Roxbury is working on a service project to provide care and support to local seniors. Our first project for 2020 is giving away valentine flowers and valentine cards to local seniors. We will be distributing the cards and flowers at Edelweiss Village (2220 Centre Street) in West Roxbury on Friday, February 14th at 10am to over 200 seniors in various parts of Edelweiss Village to both residents and day program participants.

WARD 20 MEETING

Boston's Ward 20 Democratic Caucus will be Saturday, February 15th at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street. Door open at 8:30 am, caucus starts at 9:30 am

The caucus is being held to elected delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention on May 30th in Lowell

If you have any questions please email W20Boston@gmail.com

WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY

On Saturday, February 8, 10 am – 11:30 am, the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library will sponsor a poetry workshop led by poet Mary Pinard at the West Roxbury Branch Library at 1961 Centre Street.

Saturday, February 15, 2020 - Poetry Reading from 1 – 3 pm

On Saturday, February 15, 1 – 3 PM workshop participants will have the opportunity to share their poems with fellow poets. The program is free and open to all high schoolers and adults.

To register by email, send your name, and phone number or email address to: FriendsOfTheWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com or register at the front desk of the library. About the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library:

The Friends is a 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that raises funds to provide and enrich adult and children's programming, enhance the physical space and gardens of the library, and promote awareness of library events and services to the people of West Roxbury.

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Ask The Doctor

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Q) Dear Doctor: It seems the front bumpers on new cars seem to get lower every year. Because of this, when I park it is very often difficult to judge where the bumper is in relation to the concrete parking blocks. I've had damage to my new 2019 Honda Accord because of the lower front bumper fascia striking the concrete pavements. I'm now parking further away -- and have noticed many other cars doing the same.

Is this a problem you have noticed increasing in recent years? It is an expensive repair cost for something I would think car manufacturers should design to prevent. —Claire

A) You are correct the front plastic bumper and lower rubber deflector do sit low on many vehicles. The design is to be more areo efficient. You may not have noticed the under carriage also has a plastic covering under the engine and drive axles. I have repaired my share of these parts. A small crack in the lower section usually does not mean a new replacement bumper.

Q) I have a 2004 Jeep Compass 2.4 Limited with 2WD and a manual transmission. I've been told there is problem with the module in the engine compartment that sets off display warning lights, such as ABS, anti-sway, etc. I've been able to experiment on the highway when safe with coasting while cutting off the ignition and then restarting at highway speed, which sometimes turns off indicator lights for a time. I'm told the new module is expensive. Any advice? —Sandi

A) You could be on the right step. The module and/or fuse box under the hood could be the culprit. Corrosion and poor connections will also play a role. A scan of the body control module would be a good place to start. I have replaced my share of both on Jeeps over the years. A replacement module may require reprogramming. I would bring the car to the shop and make sure they subscribe to Identifix and Alldata. With the research and wire diagrams, the technician will be able to get to the problem area.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

Deadline

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ZBA denies Roxbury Prep, approves 36-40 Sprague St.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Tuesday and voted to deny without prejudice the proposed high school for Roxbury Prep at 361 Belgrade Ave. and approve the 247-building proposed for 36-40 Sprague St.

Opponents and proponents alike came to the ZBA meeting for the Roxbury Prep proposal, which is looking to build a new 562-student high school at 361 Belgrade Ave., on the current location of Clay Auto.

Residents first heard of the new school plans more than two years ago when it was initially pitched for 800 students. Roxbury Prep then reduced the size and student count after push back from some residents. Even after the reduction, many residents, including the relatively new Greater Belgrade Avenue Neighborhood Association and the Bellevue Hill Improvement Association, said the project was still too large for the area. Many residents were concerned about traffic issues that could arise from potential stu-

dents driving to school or being dropped off by their parents, even after school officials said they would not allow students to drive. The school's plan was to use the local bus lines and the MBTA Commuter Rail Station at Bellevue to shuttle in and out most of the student body, pointing out that they would be mostly reverse commuting and have less impact on ridership.

Attorney representing Roxbury Prep Joseph Hanley had asked the Board for a deferral, the second such request, initially asking for one in October of 2019. Hanley said they were looking for a deferral because the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) had not voted on the project, and therefore the BPDA Article 80 Review Process on the project had not been completed. ZBA Chair Christine Araujo said she felt it would be in the interest of both proponents and opponents to formally deny the project for now, as the Board only rarely considers approving projects that require BPDA approval before said approval is given.

The Board's decision



The proposed high school is on the back burner, at least for now, after the Boston ZBA denied the project without prejudice.

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means that Roxbury Prep will more than likely have to get its BPDA approval and then come back to the ZBA for its approval.

The Board also voted to approve the proposed project at 36-40 Sprague St., which many residents have historically been opposed to because of the potential for increased traffic at an already severely congested area. Residents have also voiced this concern about the neighboring 1717-1725 Hyde Park Ave. project, which has proposed 285 units almost across the street from 36-40 Sprague St.'s 247 units. Developer Jordan Warshaw originally pro-

posed more than 500 units for the building, but came down after neighbors voiced concerns about traffic and density.

The plan, according to attorney representing Warshaw John Pulgini, is to create a transit-oriented project, where residents will rely more on the Readville MBTA Commuter Rail Station than personal vehicles for primary transit. The MBTA and the City of Boston announced earlier on Monday that eight new trains will be added to the Fairmount Line schedule. While there has been historic opposition to this project, no one at the hearing spoke in opposition.

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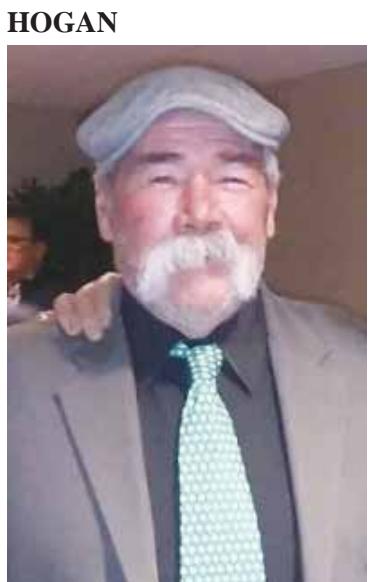
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Deaths

HALLISSEY
Daniel G. Of Westwood, formerly of County Cork, Ireland, died suddenly on January 23, 2020. Beloved husband of Rada (Sedneva) Hallissey. Loving father of Michelle Hallissey. Cherished son of Sheila (Buckley) and the late Michael. Dear brother of Helen, Moira, Ann, Phillie, Pauline and Tim, all of Ireland. He was predeceased by his sister Cait. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, January 29th, in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment private. For guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

HEYWOOD
Marrian O. Of Hyde Park, Fri., Jan. 17. Devoted mother of Maureen Heywood, Tina Speller, Arlene Heywood-Dortch and the late Leslie Heywood. She also leaves 3 sisters, 4 brothers, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, Jan. 24, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Cambridge. Interment private. A.J. Spears Funeral Home Cambridge, MA



HOGAN
David J. Of Roslindale passed away on January 23, 2020. Beloved father of Brenna Gredler and her husband Ben of Quincy, Brendan Hogan and his partner Jennifer MacDonald of Los Angeles, CA., and Kaileigh Hogan of Allston. Former husband of Mary Lou Duff. David was the son of the late Francis and Frances (Brennan) Hogan. Brother of Gail Roberts, Maria O'Sullivan, and the late William Hogan. David was a truck driver for the Boston Herald for over 30 years. He was a long-time member of the Emerald Society of the Boston Police. Once you met David, he always made an impression that was not easily forgotten. He volunteered with special needs children in various camps and programs as well as homeless shel-

ters, food pantries, and the Arch Street Shrine. David was an extremely charitable man who loved his family and friends with equal intensity. If you were his friend he made time for you, whatever it was that you needed. He was a legend of a man. In his own humble and charitable way he has touched so many lives and made us smile, laugh, and at times duck. There will never be nor could there be another like him. He was simply that large in life in his own humble way. A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, January 28th at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in David's memory to Emerald Society of the Boston Police 10 Birch St. Roslindale, MA 02131. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

HUGHEY
Kenneth D. "Winkie" of Readville passed away on January 24, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Lillian (Gaglio) Hughey. Devoted father of Susan Hughey and Michael Hughey both of Readville. Loving grandfather of Kayla Hopkins of Dedham, Troy Hughey of Readville, Jake Hughey of Readville, and Matthew Singletary of Stoughton. Brother of Maryann MacEachern of Readville, and the late Wendell Hughey. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. A Funeral was held on Wednesday, January 29th at St. Mary's Church, Dedham. Interment Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Arrangement by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.



LECHNER
Delia M. (Walsh) of Roslindale formerly of South Boston passed away January 25, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Martin Lechner. Devoted mother of Peter M. Lechner, Michael C. Lechner, Jeanne Marie Tripp and her husband

Scott, Maryanne Grammer and her husband Christopher, and Joseph P. Lechner. Loving grandmother of Martin and Rose Tripp. Sister of Karen Puleo and her husband Jack, and the late Loretta Walsh, and Barbara Dixon. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Delia was a longtime teacher at St. Theresa of Avila School, West Roxbury. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Chrysostom Church 4750 Washington St, West Roxbury on Tuesday, January 28th. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Delia's memory to The Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

McDONOUGH
Phyllis M. (Slattery) Of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain and Canton, age 98, passed away peacefully after a brief illness, on January 23, 2020. She was the daughter of the late James and Mary Slattery and beloved wife of the late William McDonough, Sr. Loving mother of William McDonough, Jr. and his wife Candace Cox of Concord, Marilyn Walsh and her husband Richard of Jamaica Plain, Lawrence McDonough and his wife Kathleen of West Roxbury, and the late Barry McDonough. She was predeceased by her siblings Margaret McCaffrey, Veronica Carty, Mary Cokely, Dorothy Butler, and James Slattery, Jr. She leaves 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Phyllis was a long-time secretary of Roslindale High School and West Roxbury High School and a past president of the St. Andrew's Women's Club. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, January 28th in St. Theresa Avila Church. Interment will be private. Phyllis' family would like to thank the staff of the Edelweiss unit at Deutsches Altenheim, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Ste. 6, Waltham, MA 02451. For guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

Deaths

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WR Evening Garden Club pitches in for local charities



As part of their Community Outreach Project, members of The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury delivered 75 new coats, hats, mittens, food, toiletries, and socks to volunteers at Rose's Bounty, at the Stratford St. United Church. This project helps members fulfill the club's mission of commitment to the community. Their primary volunteer work is found caring for the grounds at the West Roxbury Library, the MA Visibility Site at Caledonia Island, and the Beethoven School Garden. The club also presents lectures and demonstrations on various garden topics helping to educate new and seasoned gardeners. The most recent topics will include native plants, trees, garden and plant history by lecturer John Forti on Feb. 12. In the coming months, lectures will address container gardens, pruning, garden design and sustainability, and environment friendly practices. The club hopes you will come join them at the Elk's Lodge, 1 Morrell St., West Roxbury, the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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MURPHY

Barbara V. (Gill) Of Roslindale, January 21, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Edmund F. Murphy. Loving mother of Edmund P. Murphy and



his wife Suzanne of Naples, FL, and Barbara A. Harrow and her husband William Harrow of Roslindale. Devoted grandmother of Liam D. Harrow of Roslindale, and Edmund James "EJ" Murphy of Naples, FL. Funeral from The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Thursday, January 30, at 9:00 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in The Holy Name Church at 10:00 am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours in the Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's memory to the American Lung Association. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

POWER

Dorothy R. (Fuller) Of West Roxbury, January 21, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Francis J. Loving mother of David Strack and his wife Ann (McFarland) and their son Eric Strack all of Foxborough. Retired employee of Stop and Shop Dedham. A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, January 28th in the Funeral Home. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to ALS Assoc., 7 Lincoln St., Wakefield, MA 01880. For guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

RUSSELL

Howard M. Of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica Plain, January 21, 2020. Loving brother of the late Barbara Cantrill, Francis Russell and Susan Russell Sullivan. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, godchildren and cous-

ins. Proud member of the Mass. Bar, Union Steward of Steel Workers, Chief Legal Counselor for ISD City of Boston, member of Troop 21 BSA. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, January 27th at the Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Joseph Abbey, 167 N. Spencer Rd., Spencer, MA 01562 or Boston University Geriatrics, 1 Boston Medical Center Place, Boston, MA 02118.

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TRAINOR

John Joseph "Jake" of Roslindale, formerly of South Boston passed away peacefully January 27, 2020 with his loving wife by his side. He was 66 years old. Beloved husband of Nancy P. (Qualters) Trainor. Loving son of the late Edmund "Gusta" and Bridget "Bessie" (Joyce). Cherished brother of Edward "Eddie" and his wife Irene Trainor of Quincy and Joyce Martins of Dorchester. A special thanks to his dedicated cousin Marybeth. Jake s also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Jake was a former drummer, artist and 2014 Mayor of Roslindale. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Sacred Heart Church at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours Friday, January 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Interment private. Boston Medical Center Gastroenterology c/o Office of Development, 801 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA02118-2393 or at BMC.org. For directions and guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com



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Earthquake Donations *continued from page 1*

when we can pitch in, oh we will do it," she said.

Kimm Jackson said she, the founder of Ventaja (a local non-profit looking to aid Puerto Rico after the most recent earthquakes) and a few volunteers will be making the trip personally.

"We're going to make sure it gets to people who need it," she said. "We learned people send money to these large organizations but it rarely trickles down to those who need it. There are gaps, and we are filling those gaps."

Kimm Jackson went to Puerto Rico in 2017 with friends to help out after Hurricane Maria. She said they also raised \$1,000 for the Salvation Army for hurricane relief.

"I went on my own dime and delivered items to people because we realized that not every time someone donates money to a cause does it get to where it's supposed to go," she said. "This is not new to us."

Kimm Jackson said they actually held a field day to raise those funds, and a few suitcases and a plane ticket later she was down in the Caribbean.

"It was an eye opener," she said. "We realized that there were so many gaps in the service and we also realized the breadth of the damage to the island and the people's communities. It was really deeply rewarding to hear people say thank you to us for our service."



Marcia Kimm Jackson says she needs your help in collecting items desperately needed in Puerto Rico.

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It was clear to us what the need was and we felt really good about being able to help people too."

Drop off locations include the Tierney Realty Group at 9 Fairmount Ave. (deadline Jan. 31) and the Coffee Break Cafe at 680 Truman Pkwy. (deadline Feb. 3). Kimm Jackson said toiletries are in most need, like deodorant, toothbrushes and tow-

els. Items accepted include blankets, snack items (nuts, bars, crackers etc.), adult diapers, Vaseline, small LED flashlights with batteries, insect repellent, canned goods, hats and ponchos, coloring books and crayons for children, socks, undershirts, underwear, gallon ziplock bags, and large suitcases for transporting items (not to be returned).

Kimm Jackson said if you can't make it out to a donation center, reach out to her at MarciaIncommunityk12@gmail.com and she'll come pick up your donation. Monetary donations can be made at Ventajaeducation.org.

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Father Hart Bridge work to continue



This spring will see the return to work on the bridge and the signalization of its two intersections.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The \$1.4 million worth of work on the Father Hart Bridge in Readville started in earnest in the summer of 2019, and the work will continue as soon as the required materials are delivered to the Boston Public Works Department (DPW) and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD).

"On the Public Works side all the sidewalks have been reconstructed and the road resurfaced," DPW Public Information Officer Christopher Coakley said. "Transportation is just waiting for the traffic lights to be manufactured and delivered. We're pretty sure they will arrive and be installed early spring."

The work also included repairs on the bridge deck and bridge joints and putting in place a new asphalt wearing surface. Several of the posts for the signal lights have also already been installed.

The work will include signalization at both ends of the Father Hart Bridge, Milton/Neponset Street and Milton/Hyde Park Avenue respectively. The underground work – the drainage, conduit and foundation work for the signals – started in the summer and will continue this spring.

Construction for the work, when restarted, will continue to be at off peak hours. The original construction schedule had work stopping at 9:30 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. Work has already pro-

gressed through Wolcott Square with new signals and lights under the railroad bridge.

The lynch pin of the work includes a new measure which will allow the traffic signals at Wolcott Square and Father Hart to communicate to each other to increase traffic flow efficiency, which will hopefully help ease congestion as the building at 36-40 Sprague St. (247 housing units and 251 parking spaces) has been approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency. The development at 1717-1725 Hyde Park Ave. (285 units and 300 parking spaces proposed at the time of publication) has been tabled by the BPDA recently, but that doesn't mean the project has been withdrawn by developer Ad Meliora.

The proposed one-way at Wolcott Square, which is adjacent to Olympic Pizza, Richard's Wine and Spirits and the Wolcott General Store, has been completed and the bus stops have been moved, as well as the stops at Hyde Park Avenue and Milton.

The area has been a congestion problem even before the building boom of the past decade. Former District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy has remarked that the reworking of the bridge has been an issue since he was president of the Readville Neighborhood Association in 1996, and has increased since the inception of GPS applications like Waze that give drivers more alternate routes through neighborhoods rather than highways.

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FHNA Meeting

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ral,” he said.

There have been newspaper, radio and television stories about the project in San Francisco, Las Vegas, New York and Chicago, according to Adams.

“This is the first LGBTQ-friendly senior development in all of New England, so it’s a really big deal” he stressed. “It’s a really big credit to you and all the support you guys have given this project to date.”

He noted the Rogers project also was ranked number-six in “Curbed” real estate magazine of the “Top 21 Boston Area Projects to Watch” at the end of 2019. It came in right after Harvard’s redevelopment of their 14-acre medical center.

FHNA chair Joe Smith asked if links could be shared, so that they could be forwarded to the Hyde Park Historical Society. Adams said some may have disappeared, but he would work to track them down and share them.

Adams and his team began laying the groundwork for this project a few years ago by interviewing community stakeholders to see what their vision for the building would be. The team was drawn to Hyde Park because of its historical significance with local figures such as the Grimke sisters, William Monroe Trotter and the 54th Regiment playing a role.

He said he looks at the Rogers ultimately as a community resource as well as a housing source.

“We’ve been attracted to all the cultural, institutional and entertainment resources that you have here on the main streets,” Adams said. “We think it’s a very vibrant downtown.”

Adams said the goals of the project are to turn the dormant school building into a key asset as well as affordable housing for seniors aged 62 and older. There are plans for more than 10,000 square feet of community space available for area groups.

“The idea is really to bring the community into the building” he said. A separate wing is being planned for the Webster St. side of the building that will include space for the 54th Regiment office and archive, the Hyde Park Historical Society and JVS Boston, among other organizations. The former gym will become a community room.

“This is important because you all can have a place to meet and not have to be bounced around from place to place,” he said.

Adams added that an architect is working now to see how to incorporate all of these ideas into the framework of the building. There also will be a cinema room upstairs.

“Of course we all know what the first movie we are going to show is,” he joked, referencing the film “Glory.”

Scott Kriscenski, who chaired

the meeting, asked if everything planned will work within the existing footprint of the building. He also addressed the issue of universal accessibility.

There is a “push and pull between the historic and the accessibility,” Adams said, noting the building needs to be ADA compliant. The façade and the architecture will maintain its historic character.

A minimum of five percent of the units will be wheelchair accessible, but the project will “shoot for higher” because the population will be seniors.

Thirteen percent of the units will be low-income housing. Affordable units will be at 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), while the moderate/market rate units will be at 80 to 100 percent of the AMI.

“The classrooms really lend themselves to units, so the idea is not to break them up,” Adams said.

The landscaping may combine aspects of the two previously presented plans. There was a walking trail in one and tiered gardens in the other.

The only big issue with the project was parking. The space ratio was .2 spaces per unit, which would equal 15 spaces.

“We are confident that parking will not be a major impediment to the folks who want to live here,” Adams said, noting that there “have been talks” about shared parking with the municipal lot and other entities.

“Everybody makes their housing choices based on what they value and what they don’t value,” he added. “If you really want to have a car, and you really want to park in front of your front door, this may not be the place where you want to live.”

Construction will focus on local and LGBT hiring. Pennrose will manage the property.

At this point in the process, there will be environmental and geotechnical testing; a building assessment; a building envelope study and a masonry and roof assessment. At the end of the month, Pennrose will be going through part one of the zoning approval process so that it can apply for a historical designation. This designation will make it eligible for other sources of funding.

Gretchen Van Ness, a member of the team and FHNA zoning committee chair, spoke about how the building will be a welcoming home for LGBTQ seniors who have experienced discrimination in the past.

“The fact that Hyde Park has opened its heart to this project is really incredibly wonderful,” she said, explaining that the stories of discrimination she has heard are “heartbreaking.” “I think it’s going to add so much to our downtown.”

“I applaud the fact that you



A rendering of the current proposal for the Rogers School.

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won the contract,” Smith said, noting the time Adams spent in Hyde Park gaining input from the community. “We’re really excited about this coming.”

Craig Martin said that he continued to have an issue with the project being deemed “LGBTQ-friendly.”

“I’m still bothered that this project is never supposed to associate itself with one particular

population,” he said. “I don’t know why you have to keep presenting it as anything but universally friendly.”

He added that “there is case law going all the way back to Brown vs. Board of Education” that illustrates his point and implies favoritism.

“That’s two different things,” Van Ness countered, saying that “there is absolutely no way” ap-

plicants will be discriminated against. “One is messaging and two is the application process.”

“You’re kind of test pilots in a way,” Kriscenski said. “If I’m part of the LGBTQ community, I would want to live here, because I feel that I would be supported,” Adams said.

Adams said he hopes to apply for funding by the end of the year.

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option, which resulted in a negative response from the crowd. She added that the community is owed a comparison of plans.

Two other separate agenda items were presented at the meeting and were well received by the audience. Nathan Phillips, Boston University professor of Earth and Environment discussed the Energy Shift Boston project to gauge electric capacity in a variety of homes in Boston and test the effects of a gas disaster similar to the one in the Merrimack Valley in September 2018. This would establish how Boston might change over to all-electric buildings. “This is something that we can prepare for,” he said. The project hopes to screen 100

local household electric panels to “paint a picture” as how homes could be supported if a gas failure occurs. Households can sign up to participate at HeetMA.org.

Enthusiastically greeted by the group was Dimitrios Meletlidis’ announcement of his new restaurant, Maria’s Kitchen, at the corner of Maple and Centre streets. The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner serving pizza, sandwiches, pasta dishes, seafood, and Greek dishes. “We’ve taken three years to renovate the building. We took three units and turned it into one. Everything we did from scratch,” said Meletlidis. He expects the restaurant to be open in the next few months.



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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
January 3, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 01/30/2020*

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU20P0075GD**
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Larry P. Moy **RESPONDENT**
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: January 21, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Boston Bulletin: 01/30/2020*

The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association (HPYBA) continues to bring excitement to the gym at the Ohrenberger, the Muni, and New Mission. The players of the Instructional Division for 6-9 year olds at the Ohrenberger Community Center are looking more and more prepared to join the Curran division next season. The Ray Foley and Craig Curran had very energetic and exciting games with many having unexpected outcomes. We have finished our sixth week and with five more until the playoffs the divisional titles do not seem to be as set in stone as we thought.

Foley Division Results

Cowboys 45- Hoyas 43

This was a close game from start to finish with the Cowboys being able to squeak out their first win on the season. The Hoyas were led by Louis Gerrado and Corey Cunniff with 12 and 11 points respectively. There were able to put up these points due to the offensive leadership of Timothy Trotman. The Hoyas also saw Tatianna Trotman score her first bucket of the season. Defensively it was Mackenley Pierre making his presence shown inside the paint, but it was not enough for the Cowboys offense led by Malakai McClure and Christopher Martinez scoring 20 and 14 of their team's points. Defensively, Bryan Castillo and Amir Mollineau stepped up big for their team, holding off the sharp shooting of the Hoyas. The Cowboys are hoping to keep this momentum going as they prepare to play the Darkside next week, while the Hoyas hope they will have a different result after their week of practice when they play the 3-Pointers.

3-Pointers 54 - Darkside 49

In a back and forth game, the 3-Pointers were able to come out victorious this week against the undefeated Darkside. They had a well orchestrated offense led by veteran leader Freddy Johnson who aided their top scorer Andrew Igharo who was able to score 22 points off

of the assists and direction from Freddy. Defensively it was Barron Langston who spearheaded the 3-Pointers with numerous steals and blocked shots from down low. He was also helped by Michael Pimental who was able to be up on the ball carrier as they entered the defensive zone. The Darkside did put up a great fight with Jay Jackson and Justin Elow leading their team in scoring with 29 and 13 points respectively. This would not be possible without the defense of Marvin Egbon and Phalen Browne who made it nearly impossible for the 3-Pointers to enter the paint. The 3-Pointers will look to get their team atop the leaderboard with a win against the Hoyas next week, and the Darkside hope this small bump can be worked out in practice this week before they play the Cowboys.

Foley Division Standings

	W	L	T
Darkside	5	1	0
3-Pointers	4	1	1
Cowboys	1	4	1
Hoyas	1	5	0

Curran Division Results

Sonics 22 -Raptors 18

The Sonics got a hold of the lead early in this one and never gave it up. They were able to get 6 of their 9 players on the scoreboard with GianniCenteio leading the team with 8 points. He also distributed the ball well, boosting the morale of his team and making each player feel part of the unit. The Sonics defense was anchored by Gideon Egbon in the center, Quinton Avevor up top, and Leon Fortune on the baseline. This trio worked extremely well together making it difficult for the Raptors to drive down low and shoot on the perimeter. The Raptors, however, put up a great fight behind the play design of Feliciano Tavares who led his team with 10 points. He had help from BJ O'Neil who has been meshing well with his new team scoring 5 points this week. The defense of the Raptors was led by Zhira Watkins and Marvin Emeran who, when on opposite sides of the floor, keep their

opponents outside the paint. The Sonics will look to move into first place with a win against the 3-Pointers next week, while the Raptors will hope to rebound in their preparation for the Blue Devils.

Blue Devils 25 - 3-Pointers 25

In a game where the Blue Devils were down by 11 points at one time, the team was able to come together to tie the game with seconds left on the clock. The Blue Devils offense was led by Chandler Frederick who was unstoppable from behind the arc scoring 15 points in this game. When he did not have these shots he was able to swing the ball and the team found JeymiGuirado and Jaden Pinet down low who scored 4 points each and each had offensive rebounds. This week it was Yamil Araujo on defense for the Blue Devils who hustled hard on defense with many rebounds and hard fought battles on the floor. The 3-Pointers intensity level was set offensively by Oscar Torres and MJ Bruneau who complimented each other scoring 13 and 6 points respectively. On defense it was Jeremiah Andrade who kept the baseline covered causing the Blue Devils to take jump shots. However, their jump shots were met by Desmond Monterio who played lights-out help defense for his team. The Blue Devils hope to take one more step towards a win as they prepare to play the Raptors next week, and the 3-Pointers will work to keep their steady game pace from start to finish as they look ahead to their game against the Sonics.

Curran Division Standings

	W	L	T
3-Pointers	4	1	1
Sonics	4	2	0
Blue Devils	2	3	1
Raptors	1	5	0

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