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The Gateway Path is at 25 percent design now, and the architects wanted to show the community what they've been working on.

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## WalkUP Roslindale Discusses Arboretum Gateway Path

**Ariane Komyati**  
Staff Reporter

Community members and residents packed into the BCYF Menino Archdale Community Center in Roslindale to discuss the Arboretum Gateway 25% Path Design. The meeting was very well attended and was streamed live on Facebook through Walk UP Roslindale's Facebook page. Food and refreshments were provided to the attendees.

Walk UP Roslindale promotes modes of transportation in Roslindale that do not involve cars,

such as paths, bus lanes, crosswalks, etc.

The Feb. 28 meeting focused on the entire length of the new planned path, including the section closest to the Archdale neighborhood in Roslindale. The path runs near the Needham Line commuter rail tracks adjacent to Peter's Hill from the entrance of the Arboretum through to the tunnel entrance at the end of Arboretum Road, and then all the way to the existing Blackwell Path.

The purpose of this project is to "merge the two previous path designs into one continuous path; advance design and alignment of the path; and examine connectivity and way finding for

both cyclists and pedestrians".

The primary path is in made up of three sections - the MBTA parcel, the Peter's Hill section, and the Blackwell Path extension. The MBTA section allows people to navigate through the woods on a formed path with a boardwalk towards the end that leads to arboretum. Peter's Hill section will consist of mostly stabilized soil and a natural path. The Blackwell path will include a raised boardwalk along South St.

The Horsley Witten Group, an engineering and environmental consult-

**Gateway**

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Matt and Alton Wentworth are calling for decreasing lanes on Centre/Spring.

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## Victim's family wants lane reductions

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Last week, on Feb. 27, more than 300 residents packed the Elks Hall on Spring Street to discuss pedestrian safety improvements on the Centre and Spring Street corridor.

The meeting came after the death of Marilyn Wentworth last month, who was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Hastings and Centre Streets and later died of her injuries. The meeting started off with remarks from local of-

**Lane Reductions**

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## WRMS considers future of Centre and Spring

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Main Streets (WRMS) held its annual meeting on Feb. 28 last week at the West on Centre restaurant.

The meeting was packed, as about 40 residents crammed into the lower dining room of the building. There was a palpable feeling of the need for action at the meeting, as the previous night's meeting on pedestrian safety in light of the death of pedestrian Marilyn Wentworth last

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A packed house at West on Centre discussed several potential infrastructural and business improvements the WRMS and the community has been working on in the last year.

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# FOOTPRINTS

**Michael Cunningham**

*Special to the West Roxbury Bulletin*



Michael Cunningham

I visited the village of My Lai, Vietnam today, March 16, 2018, on the 50th commemoration of the massacre. At that site 50 years ago to the day, an American infantry company from the Americal Division, led by officers Lt. Calley and Captain Medina, entered the village and massacred everyone and everything living there. 504 deaths were confirmed. Pigs, chickens, water buffaloes were wasted.

Why? You ask.

Supposedly the Americans were frustrated by all the casualties they were taking without ever seeing the enemy. My Lai was to make up for their losses. 504 innocent, helpless, defense-

less, women (some pregnant), children and old men brutally massacred because the Americans were frustrated!

As I walked the grounds that were once a peaceful agricultural village along the coast of mid-South Vietnam, many sights haunted me. Whoever recreated this devastated village as a memorial did an excellent job. Most of the hooches {slang term for Vietnamese homes} were depicted as they looked after the Americans left, burned to the ground. However, the recreators built a hooch exactly as it looked 50 years ago, the day of the massacre. As I walked into the hooch, my mind flashed back 50 years, when I was a young 18 year old infantryman in Viet Nam.

Although I wasn't involved in the massacre, most Vietnamese hooches were built in the same fashion. Straw matted roofs held up by wooden poles, dirt floors, walls made of either dirt or bamboo, with a few pieces of wooden furniture and clay pots strewn about. On the outside, farming utensils hung from the side of the coop holding the cattle or water buffalo – if the family was lucky enough to own one.

But of all the sounds and sights and smells I encoun-

tered, one vision haunted me the most, indelibly etched in my brain – the footprints.

The recreator of My Lai village showed all the footprints in the muddy footpaths of the

these bare feet I could see the distinctive boot marks of the soldiers. The path along the canal was most revealing; the canal where 170 villagers were systematically gunned down. I

My eyes were riveted on these footprints – of the villagers and the soldiers. What could have been, if their lives weren't snuffed out at such a young age? What was going through



Impressions of hundreds of feet in the mud, mostly small bare feet, interspersed with the haunting boot marks of American soldiers.

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village; footprints of little children, mothers and old men as they were dragged off to their deaths by the American troops. Amongst the impressions of

could see the impressions of hundreds of feet in the mud, mostly small bare feet, but then there were those haunting boot marks of the American soldiers.

their minds as they were dragged to the ditch and thrown in, to be slaughtered by such

**Footprints**

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Comedy Sportz will be helping to raise money for the Roslindale Arts Alliance in April with its signature improv comedy.

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# RAA teaming up with Comedy Sportz for art scholarships

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Arts Alliance (RAA) is joining forces with ComedySportz Boston to host a new scholarship fundraiser at the Roslindale Theater on Basile Street on April 6 at 5 p.m.

The event marks a new turning point in the RAA, as co-founder Janice Williams said they first started the scholarship last year.

“We had our 20th anniversary of our TV show, It’s All About the Arts (on BNN), and we had money that we raised during that event,” she said. “So we started our Youth Arts Scholarship. We had three \$500 scholarships from the money that sponsors gave us and that we raised from ticket sales from the event.”

Williams said the scholarships first were for any type of art, whether its visual arts, performance or design. “We ran a contest where kids sent a video in on why they like their art or what they would pursue with the funds from the scholarship,” she said. “Now we want to continue raising money for that purpose and we came up with the idea of partnering with

Williams said it was a no-brainer as to what they wanted to do with the money.

“We said, ‘ we have this money, let’s do something good with it,’ she said.

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## Editorial

### A NEW CHAPTER

There are those who argue that the era of the public library is over. With the Internet making book and periodical buying and borrowing easy and ubiquitous, why have dedicated buildings on the taxpayer dime? Who needs a trip to a reference room to seek out an encyclopedia when all the world's collected knowledge fits in the palm of your hand?

Plans to renovate the Roslindale Library should squash those naysayers.

We've recently seen the fruits of a beautiful, revitalizing renovation of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. The Roslindale plan is just as important for that neighborhood.

As reported in the Bulletin, the design phase will be completed in mid-spring. It will be put out to bid in mid-summer, with construction slated to begin in October and take approximately 14 months.

Let's look at the features and improvements.

- \* The new library will have a basement, providing working and meeting space for the Friends of the Roslindale Library, the Roslindale Historical Society as well as a room for the staff. This clears away additional first floor space that may house an early literacy center.

- \* The renovated building will have an elevator and other features needed to make it more accessible.

- \* There will be a new teen center.

- \* There will be the addition of a terrace in the rear of the building with an outdoor seating area and landscaping. Additional greenspace will be provided for patrons to sit and read on the Poplar Street side of the building.

- \* A defining detail of the \$10.2 million renovation is a new domed roof.

Some may argue that this is an awful lot of money for a handful of improvements. Our rebuttal is that the library was built in 1961, and lacking improvements, is at risk of just being another building that is walked by but never entered. If kids and teens start using the renovated building more, it becomes an adjunct of sorts to their schooling, and is worth every penny.

Most important of all is another intangible. The library will serve as a point of neighborhood identity and pride. Too often Roslindale, flanked by West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, is an overlooked neighborhood. This library is an important recognition of, and investment in, the neighborhood.

Are libraries a dying breed? Sadly, the writing may be on the wall. We can be thankful, however, that the City of Boston is willing to buck the trend and invest in these tremendous community resources.

Don't think of these projects as investing in libraries. This is investing in neighborhoods. It is investing in families and giving them and their neighbors a place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city that surrounds them.

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## Marilyn Wentworth's legacy

Several hundred city residents jammed the Elks Hall on a frigid night in late February. They had come to the standing-room-only meeting orchestrated by City Councilor Matt O'Malley to ensure that what happened to Marilyn Wentworth would never happen to anyone else.

Marilyn was fatally killed crossing Centre Street in West Roxbury in the late afternoon of an early February weekday. Her husband was waiting in a parked car while the lifelong resident of the area utilized a crosswalk to approach a restaurant on the other side of the street for a cup of coffee. With the sun setting in the west, a motorist, blinded by solar glare, was unable to see this pedestrian.

The solemn meeting begun with her tearful husband Alton and similarly distraught son Matthew commenting about Marilyn and thanking the crowd for attending; the meeting closed with her disconsolate daughter Jennifer similarly thanking the outpouring of attendees and with St. John Chrysostom pastor, Father John Carroll, offering his heartfelt condolences.

The bulk of the hour-and-a-half meeting consisted of impassioned residents making suggestions for eliminating, as one speaker so aptly phrased it, the "Wild West" syndrome that characterizes motor vehicle activity in West Roxbury not only on Centre Street but now on other major streets now referenced on the GPS navigation system Waze by harried motorists.

After the introduction of the Wentworth family, a police official from E-5 itemized the number of citations given since the New Year began. An official from the Boston Transportation Department listed some of the improvements that would take place. A Northeastern professor of traffic engineering mentioned that infrastructure improvements could be more readily accomplished by raising the gas tax.

The official held in highest esteem by the very large assemblage from Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury was not even in the hall: Cathy Gordon, among others, referenced a legendary Boston cop, Officer Kilduff. He was respectfully and fondly characterized as a police officer who did way more than his share to lasso in all the wild motorists in the area.

Some of the suggestions for improving Centre Street were to make it one lane in each direction (which one speaker said would turn the road into a Route 28 in Falmouth, presumably on a rainy summer day); electrified signage that would flash a driver's illegal speed and automatically result in a ticket; more police presence/enforcement; an island in the middle of Centre Street; more pedestrian activated signals; and crosswalks painted more clearly. Interestingly enough, no one mentioned speed bumps, such as those on JP's Eliot Street, or the slightly elevated crosswalks that neighboring Brookline has implemented on Pond Avenue and Walnut Street to slow down traffic.



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Speaker after speaker told of close calls in trying to cross other streets, sometimes with small children in tow. They revealed how 40 mph signs, incredible to believe, are still present on Washington Street near the Beethoven School.

Hopefully, the state legislators in attendance, Senator Rush and Congressman Coppinger, will do more than ever before to quickly facilitate passage of laws banning distracted driving, whether pertaining to telephone usage or, as Florida is now envisioning, the presence of pets in the front seat.

Many attendees left with large purple signs, provided by Councilor O'Malley, saying "PLEASE SLOW DOWN BOSTON/Be a Good Neighbor." When the warm weather returns, they'll be planted in so many yards throughout the area you'd think it was election season again. Anything, yes anything, to prevent another Marilyn Wentworth tragedy.

## Letters to the Editor

### TRAFFIC SAFETY NOT A SIMPLE SOLUTION

To the Editor:

It was encouraging to see on a snowy evening how many turned out to last week's meeting about traffic safety in West Roxbury. I will say what was I am sure on many people's minds. It should not have taken the death of a pedestrian at the Hastings Street crosswalk for the meeting to take place.

I commend the family of the person killed at that crosswalk for being the first to speak at the meeting. I believe their remarks helped set the proper tone for the

meeting. The last thing the meeting needed was for people to start pointing fingers at the Area E-5 police the Boston Traffic Department or the Department of Public Works.

There is the saying, "We have met the enemy and it is us". In this case the speeding you see on streets, drivers going through red lights, not using their directional, ignoring crosswalks and double parking they are us for the most part. We are part of the problem so we need to be part of the solution.

A number of years ago I attended many of the meetings in

regards to the Centre Street reconstruction. It cost several millions of dollars and I said in my remarks last week that we failed. We may have given a better road for drivers but failed pedestrians and bicyclists.

At the meeting was an MIT professor who spoke about lane reductions. It is not a new idea, it was mentioned during the reconstruction of Centre Street. I was given the consideration of a New York minute. The people pushing the idea were a small minority. A tweak here and there won't solve the issues on Centre Street. People seem far more willing this time to give the idea more consideration.

There are, what I call, the three Es that all must play a part regarding Centre Street; Education, Enforcement and Engineering. We can redo Centre Street, have police enforcement but if

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# Why School Counselors Matter

One of my graduate school professors once likened the role of a Licensed School Counselor to trying to catch students as they go over a waterfall. Adolescence (and pre-adolescence) is a turbulent time and for young people this time can often feel like the rapids are raging all around them. The challenge our professor gave us was to try to catch students before they went over the falls. Imagine the number of students in Boston right now slipping through because they don't have a School Counselor to help catch them and provide support.

Homelessness. Trauma. Finding and applying to high schools and colleges. Family challenges. Peer mediation. Conflict resolution. Family meetings. Home visits. Challenges with a teacher. Each student I work with as a Boston Public School Counselor has their own unique needs — and often they have many of them all at once. Supporting them is my job, and I love every minute of it. Advocating with and on behalf of young people is the job I was born to do.

At UP Academy Boston, I support 165 8th graders, each with unique and pressing needs, so my time with each of them is precious. If this sounds like a lot, my colleague who has 938 students to support would probably jump for joy at the chance to support this number of students. I cannot speak to her full experience except to say that she spends much of her time responding to crises. While responding to crisis situations is an important part of a School Counselor's job, it leaves little time for proactive planning, outreach to service providers, collaboration with teachers, and visits to students not in crises, to name only a few.

In BPS, we currently have

## Guest Columnist Dan Goldsbury

107 counselors serving a district that includes 27,300 students in grades 6-12. While there is a contractually mandated rate of 1:300 for high school and 1:400 for middle school, that number is averaged and does not always apply to every school. Since they are not covered by the language in the current contract, many K-5 and K-8 - more than 50% of the Boston Public School population - are currently without a Licensed School Counselor.

Our 107 current counselors are not equitably staffed in our highest need schools. There are some public schools in Boston that have as many as eight school counselors to support their student body. Let me be clear: I think this is a great phenomenon, and those students and their families are blessed to have those great educators supporting them every day. At the same time, there are many other schools in Boston that have no school counselors at all. Are these children in less need of support? Not at all. Are they less deserving than those who happen to be a better-resourced school? Of course not. Social-emotional support, as one of the district's stated priorities, should be given the same equitable staffing we would give core content.

We must take steps to provide support in ALL our Boston Public Schools. This starts with our next contract, currently being negotiated between the School Department and the Boston Teachers Union. Right now there are more than 40 schools that serve students between K-8, which are not subject to any of the contract provisions for

counselor:student ratios. With over 30,000 students in schools with these grade configurations, this leaves more than 50% of BPS students without a mandated School Counselor to support them. Are there committed service providers from the community in these schools? There surely are. There are also principals who have found a way to make School Counselors a budgeting priority, but without any mandate or accountability, we are leaving student support services to the whims of the next school administrator. The time is now to address this issue.

As the BuildBPS plan rolls out in the coming years, it seems likely that Interim Superintendent Perille and her team are set on transitioning to set grade configurations of K-6 and 7-12 while retaining some K-8 and 9-12. As the teacher's contract is currently written, neither of these configurations is subject to the counselor ratio requirements as written in the contract language. We must speak out, on behalf of our licensed School Counselors, but more importantly on behalf of our students. This new contract and the BuildBPS plan rollout that will follow will likely shape our schools for decades to come.

This problem is within our locus of control and the next teacher's contract represents a golden opportunity to address the inequitable distribution of support services for students in Boston. Thousands of young people in our city are approaching the waterfall every day — let's make sure we catch them.

*Dan Goldsbury is a BTU member and a School Counselor at UP Academy Boston. He's the proud parent of a 10-year-old and 8-year old.*

## Mayor Walsh appoints City's first Chief Information Security Officer

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced the appointment of Gregory McCarthy as the City's first Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to lead the Cybersecurity Team within the Department of Innovation and Technology. This appointment el-



Gregory McCarthy

evates the role previously held by McCarthy and marks a commitment to strengthening efforts to protect the City of Boston's technology platforms and data from cyber threats.

Since joining the City of Boston's Cybersecurity Team in 2010, McCarthy has managed the implementation of numerous information security solutions and helped develop the City's first Cybersecurity Awareness Program for employees. In this role, McCarthy will continue to lead efforts to strengthen the cybersecurity capabilities across the City and further the team's mission through modernizing technology, partnerships, and regular training.

"Cybersecurity is something we clearly have to take seriously, and there are always new challenges ahead; a humbling reminder that our work in this field is never done," said McCarthy.

Prior to joining the City, McCarthy spent five years as a Principal Research Technician at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. McCarthy resides in Jamaica Plain with his husband and serves as a Board Member for the Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch Library.

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ing firm, discussed the design and vision of the path with community members. Jennifer Relstab of the Horsley Witten Group presented a slideshow featuring possible designs of the Arboretum Rd. portion of the path. The presentation also included maps, renderings, the possibility of adding educational signage along the path, and photos of what the Arboretum Road currently looks like.

Relstab presented two different visions of Arboretum Road - the first vision was a "green scheme", which included more nature and greenery, and resembled the Arboretum entrance.

The second idea was an "urban option." This idea includes a small concrete plaza, urban art, and sitting spaces. "It does not have to be one or the other," Relstab remarked. "The vision could be a mix of both."

Relstab also discussed adding wayfinding and educational signage along the path. "Wayfinding signage is recommended at the gateway to orient path users and to identify the entrance into Arnold Arboretum. Ingrade textured surface materials or reflective materials, on or along the path or on the boardwalk, can be used as indicators to key path changes, like approaching the boardwalk," she stated.

"These are not final plans," explained Relstab. "They are only ideas and visions; we are looking for feedback from the public. We really want to hear what you have to say. We want to get your feedback to see if we are headed in the right direction."

After the presentation, meeting attendees were given green and red stickers, which they could stick on photos of designs they liked and disliked (the green sticker meant they liked the idea, and the red sticker meant they were not fond of the idea). Markers were also provided for community members to write comments on whiteboards. Members from WalkUP Roslindale and the Horsley Witten Group mingled with community members and discussed ideas.

One resident who lives adjacent to the Arboretum, stated that he would like to see concrete posts or similar barriers. This is due to the fact that he has seen motorcycles cut through the Arboretum. "I would like to see that kind of activity discouraged," the resident stated.

The last community meeting discussing the path took place in July, 2018. It focused on the MBTA land adjacent to the Roslindale Commuter Rail Station. In September, the City of Boston secured design funds for the Arboretum Road green link. In November, WalkUP Roslindale identified additional design funding.

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# MHC reviews housing proposal for 571 American Legion

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) met recently and discussed a new housing proposal at 571 American Legion Hwy. and 602 Canterbury St.

The proposal is somewhat unique in that it is a long thin parcel about 40 feet wide and about 400 feet long. The proposal calls for 14 townhouse-style rental units. The developers are Michael and Joe De Gange.

Development Attorney Daniel Toscano of Drago and Toscano said the only two violations they have to deal with include the Greenbelt Protection Overlay District and a modal violation. The modal violation basically states that in this community commercial zoning district, the building's front facade cannot be shorter than its side, but architect Peter Vanko said the lot basically requires it.

"We have a very skinny lot," he said.

The townhouses sit above an access roadway going through the property, and each townhouse will have a parking space running perpendicular from the access road. The

houses will sit one story above the parking and access road, almost like stilt houses you might find in a more coastal region.

Vanko said they based the design on the area of American Legion, which he said was in a transitional period.

"Historically, there were greenhouses and agriculture here, but it's not the same place it was 30 or 40 years ago," he said. "As the buildings changed and morphed, it hasn't been done with a whole lot of planning."

MHC members Rick Yoder and Lisa Beatman said they were concerned regarding the proposal's dual entrances on Canterbury and American Legion, in that the Canterbury Brook would have to be cov-

ered even more than it already is to allow access to the property from American Legion.

"If the residents want to see access only on Canterbury Street and not on American Legion, and if we can do it by code, then we're okay not doing it from American Legion," said Joe De Gange.

Residents were also concerned with the fact that Canterbury does not currently have a sidewalk on either side. There is no room for an easement, but the De Vanges said if the residents want it they will create a sidewalk just on their property, and residents said they felt that

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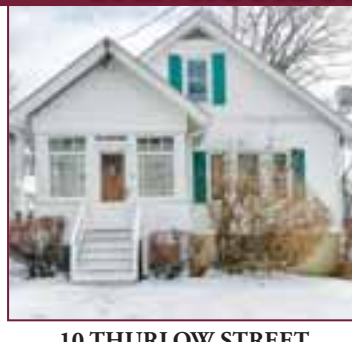


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# Arts Fundraiser

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CSZ people to do an event.”

Williams said ComedySportz was also very interested in helping out students increase their potential when it comes to artistic endeavors.

“They’re very community minded and willing to help nonprofits in the community, and that’s a win-win situation, so we jumped at the chance and we’re planning it now,” she said.

The performance will be done by ComedySportz members in an improv-type setting. The idea is somewhat like ‘Whose Line is it Anyway,’ an improv show with performers and a host, but with a bit of an athletic flare. The performers dress in athletic uniforms and are pitted against each other, minded over by a referee who acts as the host. The idea is to keep it as rapid-fire as possible to keep the energy up and provide a new twist on improv comedy.

“I’ve never been,” Williams said with a laugh. “I didn’t pick them because of anything other than they’re in Roslindale and they were willing to work with us to raise money with an event. But I do know people who have gone and everybody seriously raves about what a good time it is.”

Williams said they’re looking to raise as much money as they can at the event for as many scholarships as they can provide.

“Our goal is to come up with \$1,000 at least, whether we turn that into more than two scholarships or not, I don’t know,” she said. “But we do think \$500 is a good amount and could help a student a lot. Whether that’s music lessons or art lessons or dance, for me it helps pay for the people providing the services, which is important too.”

Williams said she knows the money going towards local future artists will trickle down to those currently making a living in the art world.

“It’s important to support them too,” she said.

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# WRMS Meeting

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month was still fresh in most people’s minds.

Newly appointed WRMS Executive Director Jacob Robinson presented an overview of the WRMS mission and vision, but also discussed a project started in 2016 by WRMS called Imagine West Roxbury. The idea was to take input from residents on how to make the district more walkable so as to increase pedestrian safety and foot traffic for businesses.

“We’re in support of and are involved in efforts to ensure Centre Street and Spring Street are designed to operate safely for all users,” he said. “In 2017 we facilitated the walk audit, which showed that many residents were concerned with traffic along Centre in terms of pedestrian and bicycle safety.”

During the initial surveys, residents mentioned the need for traffic calming on Centre Spring 44 times and mentioned the need for pedestrian and bicyclist improvements 38 times. According to the city’s Vision Zero map, there have been 15 incidents of pedestrians being struck since it started releasing EMS data in 2013. The map shows any collision, pedestrian, cyclist or vehicle that required a hospital trip. There were four such pedestrian collisions near the Hastings Street collision encapsulated by Corey Street and Park Street in that five-

year timeline (2019 data is not shown on the map).

Residents, including members of the Wentworth’s family, were understandably curious as to what was being done in the corridor to make it safer.

“The amazing turnout from last night’s pedestrian safety meeting reinforced that concern from the community,” said Robinson.

Robinson said many of the improvements WRMS has been looking at in the past, including bike lanes, more crosswalks, and speed enforcement, were on the table as part of the visioning process. He spoke directly to Alton and Matt Wentworth, Marilyn’s husband and son, during the meeting.

“Our organization is dedicated to do our part to ensure that this will never happen again,” he said.

Robinson said he’s optimistic about the recent attention and design review the Boston Transportation Department and the city have promised for the corridor. Ben Weatherill, the chairman of the West Roxbury Bicycle Committee, also spoke during the meeting of his group’s efforts to improve bicycle safety in the Centre Spring Street corridor as well as the rest of the neighborhood.

“Safe bicycle infrastructure goes hand in hand with safety for pedestrians,” he said. “It will also help busi-

ness in Centre Spring Streets. It brings people down.”

According to the data from Imagine West Roxbury, the amount of empty storefronts and parking lots between buildings along the corridor created gaps that made the area uninviting. Robinson said one way they’re looking to improve that is to install small parklets in the district to give a better sense of openness and, since they could have benches and other amenities for residents, become an integral part of the streetscape. The idea is to create more greenspace in the district in very small plots.’

The feedback and data gathering Robinson is now doing is part of the city’s Boston Parklets Program, which lays out areas that parklets can go into and details the need for partners to help maintain the parklets, as the city would not be doing so. The proponents of any parklet would also have to show letters of support from the community, which is why Robinson asked residents to give their input.


“We’re working with the city and businesses to identify where we might put these parklets, and we’re interested in gathering data from you as well,” he said.

Jacobson said they are also working with WRMS Board member Steve Cote to create a historical tour of the district coming up in the spring or summer.

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The unique shape of the lot will require some relatively unique architecture, according to the developers, but residents were concerned about the impact it will have on the surrounding area.

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would be helpful to encourage other property owners to create more.

Residents also had reservations regarding the site's cleanliness. The site currently sits as a junkyard for old and defunct vehicles, and residents felt they might have leaked dangerous pollutants.

"We will really have to watch our soils," Zanko said. "But it's a low footprint building, because we have so little building in the ground we're not excavating what's there and we're capping a lot of the area with asphalt. It's actually EPA recommended whenever possible. They would much rather you didn't disturb the soil and they would prefer you cap it and, from an environmental standpoint, it's a light touch."

Yoder and Beatman said they are also concerned about the fact that the building would be a rental. They said the area already has a huge amount of rentals in the neighborhood.

"We are heavily-skewed to rentals," Yoder said.

Member Amy Devito said she disagreed.

"I don't see a lot of rental around here, I mean I would say not compared to other parts of the city," she said. "There are a lot of people in this city who cannot rent here, and this is only 14 rentals, this is not like 289 Walk Hill. I think this is something our community needs. We have a homelessness problem in this city and projects like this help to solve that problem."

Joe De Gange said if they could get a loan from a bank for home ownership, they would.

"It's just a math problem," he said. "You have to look at what the appetites are for the financing and equity markets, and if the banks don't like the condos then you're building rentals... If the cost to build and what you could sell it for is too close, the bank just says 'no.'"

Devito also pointed out the greenspace that would be added to the neighborhood from the project. Zanko said they basically tried to bookend the development in greenspace, but pointed out they have not done the planning on the specific greenspace. He said they plan to hire a landscape architect to do so in the future.

"We want to have greenspace on both ends to bookend the site so it screens it a little bit from what we're doing, and we're looking to respond to the desire to restore the pastoral nature of the neighborhood," he said.

Joe De Gange said he and his brother's company will be buying a stake in the property and will have their company's management division take care of it in the future. Joe De Gange said they and one of the current owners will own the property once the shovels are in the ground. State Rep. Russell Holmes asked that they figure out exactly what they can do on the Canterbury Brook issue in terms of covering it up or not.

Yoder also asked one more thing for the sake of the future tenants there.

"Just make sure you make some effort to have it sound proofed," he said.



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# Lane Reductions *continued from page 1*

ficials and from her family members. "I want to thank you all for showing up here and offering your support," Alton Wentworth, Marilyn's husband said. "I bore witness to the fatal traffic accident that happened at the intersection of Hastings and Centre. You heard it all already. I parked the car and Marilyn decided she'd go to Recreo to shop and get coffee. She was my wife for 42 years and she was a very good mother. It's a huge loss for my kids, me and our friends and family."

Alton Wentworth, along with his children Matt and Jennifer, were visibly disturbed retelling the incident.

"The car hit my wife and she went flying in the air, landing quite a few feet away," he said.

Alton Wentworth said that the driver then got out of the car and administered assistance before the ambulance showed up, but he said his wife never responded. The driver stated in the past that she could not see the road because of the sun glare on her windshield. Alton said he understood this, but felt it could have been avoided.

"What do you do when it's foggy out? You slow down," he said. "I don't think she (Marilyn Wentworth) ever came to again, which was probably a blessing because she would have been in a lot of pain if she did."

Alton Wentworth said he wanted the city to try to bring Centre Street back to a one lane per direction configuration to increase the safety of pedestrians trying to cross the street.

"We want to prevent this from hap-

pening ever again and narrow those lanes down, put in red lights and, hopefully, it will save a life," he said. "Let's get it done, let's get it done now."

Northeastern Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Peter Furth said the lane reduction idea was discussed and advocated by him and his students in a traffic study they did on Centre Street two years ago. He said the normalization of pedestrians crossing four lanes of traffic going each way is a problem in the United States, as he said all other "civilized" countries in the world tend to stay away from it. He said many other countries have pedestrian islands or medians to give pedestrians a safe place to stand if they do not make the crosswalk. He said the ideal number of lanes a pedestrian could be expected to cross at one time is one.

"Two lanes is the max, ideally one," he said.

During the meeting many residents said the installation of on-demand pedestrian crossing lights could help the situation, but Furth said unless there is a corresponding traffic signal, he's not sure it will be a huge improvement.

"The difficulty with trying to make everything safe with a traffic signal is you can't put a traffic signal everywhere, and people cross everywhere," he said. "Internationally we've learned the way to do that is to have one lane per direction and an island in the middle, so crossing becomes simple and safe."

Furth said they also studied the traffic patterns of the street to see if Centre and Spring could handle the increased

traffic density that would come from reducing the lanes.

"We found you can carry all the traffic that Centre Street has with one lane per direction and it can be safe for everybody," he said.

He added that these improvements will most likely not be cheap.

"If we want safe streets, we have to be willing to pay for it," he said. "Neighborhoods want safe streets, and they shouldn't have to wait in line."

The fix would eliminate an issue that has been popping up around Centre Street for some time now. If a motorist stops in the right lane to let a pedestrian cross, the vehicles in the left lane do not see the pedestrian and those in the right lane behind do not see the reason for the stop. This means that any vehicle going into the left lane or already traveling is unlikely to see the pedestrian as they come into the next lane. That's exactly what happened to one resident, Mike, about three years ago at the exact spot where Marilyn Wentworth died.

"I can't help but think an inch this way or that way we wouldn't be sitting here now, we would have had this meeting three years ago," Mike said. "It's kind of hard for me to relive this... I got lucky, but I had a traumatic brain injury that took me a year and a half to recover from while my wife was pregnant with our second child; while we were dealing with a very high risk pregnancy. But I still wrote to the city council and I had hoped it wouldn't come to this."

Resident and West Roxbury Neighborhood Council Vice President Stephen

Smith said he was on the redesign committee for Centre Street 15 years ago, and said they did discuss keeping the street one lane, as it is now up by the intersection of Centre and Weld.

"We failed you, we designed a road that is great for drivers but does not help pedestrians and does not help bikers," he said. "One lane is nothing new, and we discussed it at those meetings on the reconstruction and we failed you because we didn't discuss it further, we just dismissed it out of hand."

Residents also spoke of problems in the surrounding area, and the fact that the whole area encompassed by Washington street and the VFW Parkway needs work in terms of pedestrian safety.

"The entire area needs to be addressed, Centre, LaGrange, Weld, the whole area," said resident Kara Donahue.

"It's pretty pathetic that I have to put my grandkids' bikes in the car to go over to Millennium Park to bike," said resident Vince Bertrand.

Boston Chief of Streets Chris Osgood said they are working with the Boston Transportation Department and other relevant city officials to study the area and come up with potential solutions. Many residents pointed to the study and plan presented by Professor Furth, but Osgood said while it is a great study and idea, it was not an actionable plan the city could immediately put out to bid. He said they would come back to the neighborhood in June to go over what they came up with. To see Furth's study, go to [northeastern.edu/peter.furth/road-diet-for-centre-street-west-roxbury/](http://northeastern.edu/peter.furth/road-diet-for-centre-street-west-roxbury/).



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**DEATHS**

**BISHOP**

Robert W. Jr. Of Roslindale, March 2, 2019, age 73. Beloved son of the late Robert W. Bishop, Sr. and Elizabeth Bishop. Devoted brother to Virginia Carroll and husband Jack of Mashpee, Mary Toner and husband Walter of Cape Cod, and the late Kathleen McDonald and Charles Bishop, Sr. He will forever be Uncle Bob to many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, neighbors and friends. Bob was a long-time friend of Bill and will be dearly missed. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, March 7, at 10 a.m., at Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury, with a burial at 2:15 p.m. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Remembrances may be made to the Holy Name Parish School, 535 W. Roxbury Pkwy., West Roxbury, MA 02132. For guestbook [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

**BURKE**

Thomas M. Of West Roxbury, February 27, 2019. Beloved husband of Mary-Beth (Canducci). Devoted son of Joan (McHugh) and the late Michael J. Burke. Loving father of Michael Joseph Burke, Thomas Michael Burke, Jr. and his wife Stacy, Margaret Phyllis Burke, and Stephen Patrick Burke and his wife Sophia. Grandfather of Tyler Daly-Burke, Erin, Liam, Emma, Aidan, and Abel Burke, Tommy and Siobhan Connelly, Violette, and Ivette Maalouf. Brother of Kate Cameron, Michael Burke, Joanne Burke, Eileen Carrafone, Johnny Burke, Jimmy Burke, Theresa Burke, Annie Burke, and the late Patricia "Tishy" Burke and Stephen Burke. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

**CRIMMINS**

Robert L. "Bo" Of West Roxbury, March 3, 2019. Loving son of the late Anne (Centola) Crimmins. Dear brother of Mary Adgate and her husband Michael of West Roxbury and Anne McPartlan of Cleveland, OH. Dear uncle of Sarah and Sean Adgate and David and Bridget McPartlan. Also survived by many loving cousins. Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (at the corner of Centre St.), WEST ROXBURY,

Thursday, at 9 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa of Avila Church. Visiting Hours Wednesday 4-7 p.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bo's memory may be made to Mass. Assoc. for the Blind, 200 Ivy St., Brookline, MA 02446, or to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Guestbook and directions at [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com) Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600.

**HARRISON**

Mary T. (Scavitto) Age 106, formerly of Jamaica Plain, where she lived for 93 years, died peacefully on February 24th. She was born the daughter of Paolo and Francesca (Giuffre) Scavitto. Mary was married for almost 60 years to the late Cyril A. Harrison. She is survived by her children, Pauline Foley, wife of the late Robert Foley of Norwood, the late Cyrilla and her husband Adam Krauss of Wayland, Mary Ann Fitzpatrick and her husband Charles of Medfield and Cary, NC, Virginia Ryan and her husband Michael of Hingham, Caroline Harris, and her husband Paul of Vermont and Garner, NC, Richard Harrison and his wife Josephine of Stoughton, the late Fran Harrison of Jamaica Plain, and James Harrison and his wife Jill of Medfield. She was the beloved grandmother of 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. Her sister Marguerite Scavitto and several nieces and nephews also survive Mary. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Grace and Hope Mission, Roxbury, MA, or the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600

**HORD**

James W. "Jimmy" Of West Roxbury, formerly of San Francisco, CA, Feb. 21, 2019. Beloved son of James E. and Alice Hord of San Leandro, CA. Loving brother of Candy and her husband Jay Miller of San Lorenzo, CA. Devoted uncle of Cherish Jiminez of Brentwood, CA and Jayson Miller of Martinez, CA. Loving companion of James Tooley, Jr. of Dorchester. Also survived by his loving friends and colleagues in

the hotel industry on both the East and West coast. A Celebration of Jimmy's Life will be held on Saturday, March 16, from 1pm – 4pm, at the Kimpton Marlowe Hotel, 25 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA. All are welcome to attend. Jimmy was the General Manager at the Kimpton Nine Zero Hotel until 2013. [www.lawlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawlerfuneralhome.com) Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

**LOGAN**

John P. Of West Roxbury, formerly of Mission Hill, passed away on February 27, 2019. Loving son of the late John E. and Frances (Magill) Logan. Dear brother of Susan DeNapoli and her husband Dennis, Christopher Logan and his wife Paula, and the late Lorraine Logan. Also survived by several nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Joseph Russo Funeral Home, 814 American Legion Highway, ROSLINDALE. Burial at Saint Joseph Cemetery. John was a 37 year employee of Spry Movers. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Make A Wish Foundation, 1 Bulfinch Place, Boston, MA 02114. Joseph Russo Funeral Home [www.Russofuneralhome.com](http://www.Russofuneralhome.com)

**SULLIVAN**

Robert F. Of West Roxbury, March 3. Beloved husband of Joan T. (Malouf) Sullivan for 59 years. Devoted father of Jeanne T. and Joanne F. Sullivan, both of West Roxbury. Son of the late Eugene and Frances (Creedon) Sullivan. Brother of the late Eugene E. and William L. Sullivan. Also survived by a loving family and many cherished friends. Robert was a retired employee of Boston Edison for 37 years. Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins and George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Thursday, March 7, at 9am. Followed by a Funeral Service in Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral, 7 VFW Pkwy., West Roxbury, at 10am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Robert's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral. For directions and guestbook, [www.pemurrayfuneral.com](http://www.pemurrayfuneral.com) P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury (617) 325-2000.

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# Around the Neighborhood

## WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

**PSA Roslindale Arts Alliance Fundraiser**  
The Roslindale Arts Alliance (RAA) and CSz Boston announce an exciting upcoming event in Roslindale. On Saturday April 6, ComedySportz will perform at the Rozzie Theatre. The event is being planned to raise funds for the RAA and It's All About Arts "Youth Art Scholarship" program. In addition to the performance there will be a silent art auction and raffles. A portion of the ticket sales will go to the fundraiser. Event takes place from 5-6:30pm and is located at the Rozzie Theatre, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale. ComedySportz is appropriate for all ages. For more info visit [roslindalearts.org](http://roslindalearts.org). For info about It's All About Arts visit [facebook.com/TalkArts/](https://www.facebook.com/TalkArts/) To purchase tickets and learn more about ComedySportz visit <https://www.cszboston.com/calendar-of-events/?edid=126570>. To donate to the fund or for silent art auction or raffle, call Janice at 617-710-3811.

## FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

The Highrock SW Boston Church is offering a series of free Free English Conversation Classes on Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Roslindale Community Center, 6 Cummins Hwy, Roslindale. Classes are for non-native speakers to practice their English skills and learn about different activities, such as going to the doctor and applying for a job. Classes will run through June. For more information email [info@highrockswboston.org](mailto:info@highrockswboston.org).

## CELEBRATION TO SUPPORT BAVIS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

Saturday, March 30, 7:00 pm - 12:00 am at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury.  
Mark Bavis was on Flight 175 on September 11, 2001. The family and friends of Mark Bavis established a foundation in Mark's name to preserve his memory and to perpetuate the principles by which he lived every day. The Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation was created to help deserving young men and women excel in their quest to improve themselves, their school or their community. Proceeds from this evening will be specifically designated for a scholarship for a student from the Parkway area. Live Music by The Fenian Sons and Nolan Donato. Irish Step Dance Performance by The Harney Pender Keady School Of Irish Dance. Door Prize, Raffles, and Silent Auction. Tickets \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. Mark (617) 438-2964 or Dave (781)771-3880.

## PARKWAY IN MOTION SCHOLARSHIPS

Providing academic scholarships to students in the Parkway area has been a long-term goal of Parkway In Motion since their inception in 1998. Thanks to the generosity of the community, they have distributed \$70,000 in scholarships since 2014.

On March 30th, Parkway In Motion will award the 5th Annual Michael Kennedy Memorial Scholarship valued at \$5,000 for students in grade 6-8 and Parkway pride scholarships for K-5 grade students, valued at \$1,000 each. If you are interested in sponsoring a Parkway Pride scholarship for 2019-2020 academic year, please email [info@parkwayinmotion.org](mailto:info@parkwayinmotion.org). In 2019, Parkway In Motion is introducing their Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program. This program provides financial resources to students entering grades 3-8 in the Parkway community so that they can participate in the summer enrichment learning experience of their choice. Students may apply for funding for camps in the areas of music, art, mathematics, dance, language, robotics, sports, science, and more. Learn more at [www.parkwayinmotion.org/scholarships](http://www.parkwayinmotion.org/scholarships).

## MEL SIMONS AT WEST ROXBURY BRANCH LIBRARY

Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ 2:00 - Mel Simons will be regaling us. He will do the audio clip trivia quiz: playing voices of famous Bostonians past and present. We will have to guess the owner of the voice! It's a lot of fun! Come one, Come all! Bring a friend or two. Free and open to the public. Please like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/WestRoxburyHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/WestRoxburyHistoricalSociety). QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? RSVP Sandi Serkess at [serkessandra@rcn.com](mailto:serkessandra@rcn.com)

## "TRANSFORMING YOUR PERSONAL SPACE: FROM BACKYARD TO GARDEN"

Hosted by The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury. Please join us at the Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St., West Roxbury, on Wednesday evening, March 13th, for this informative talk by award-winning local landscape designer Sally Muspratt. "A private garden space," says Muspratt, "is one where you feel you can be your true self, whether others can see you or not." Attendees will learn ways to separate and join public and private spaces, as well as techniques for creating privacy in residential gardens. Doors open for sign-in and light refreshments at 6:30 PM on the 13th; the lecture runs approximately 7:00 - 8:30 PM. No reservations required - a \$7.00 donation is requested at the door.

## THE WOMEN OF BROOK FARM COME TO ROSLINDALE

Saturday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. @ Rozzie Square Theatre, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale (just off the square)

In partnership with the Boston Women's Heritage Trail, New Brook Farm will an updated edition of our engaging exploration of the extraordinary women who founded, joined, and visited Brook Farm. Come hear the words of Margaret Fuller, Elizabeth Peabody, Sophia Ripley, Amelia Russell (the Mistress of Revels) and others, drawn from their journals, letters, books, and interviews.

Through a generous grant from Mass Humanities, the performance will be followed by a community discussion on "Shaping the Social Contract: Insights from the Women of Brook Farm." Historian and writer Marilyn Richardson will guide the discussion, which will examine the interconnections of gender equality, abolitionism, and women's suffrage in the 19th century and current issues of racism and sexism. Marilyn has taught and lectured nationally and internationally on African-American cultural and intellectual history. A former Fellow of Harvard's Bunting (now Radcliffe) Institute and the DuBois Institute, her publications include Black Women and Religion (G.K. Hall) and Maria W. Stewart: America's First Black Woman Political Writer (Indiana University Press).

The event is free. All are welcome. Please note that seating in the Rozzie Square Theater is limited, so come early to be sure you get a seat. More information: [info@newbrookfarm.org](mailto:info@newbrookfarm.org) or 617-694-6407.

## PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2019 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 41th season. Children born between Jan 1, 2004 and Dec. 31, 2014 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2001 and 2003 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.

## IRISH NIGHT

St. John Chrysostom Parish will host an Irish Night on Saturday, March 16 at 5:30 pm in the parish center. Dinner is corned beef and cabbage with entertainment from local Irish dancers. All from the community are invited. Tickets are \$15 a person and \$25 a family. You can purchase tickets in the parish office. Please call 617-323-4410. 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury.

## FRIENDS ANNOUNCE BOOK SELECTION FOR 2019 WEST ROXBURY READS

The Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library has selected These Truths, a History of the United States by Harvard historian Jill Lepore for its community-wide read event, "West Roxbury Reads." Dr. Lepore will discuss These Truths on April 11 at the West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury. The event starts at 6:30 pm with a reception and book sale followed by Lepore's talk and book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

The book examines American history through the lens of the "self-evident truths" as written in the Preamble of our Declaration of Independence. It has garnered praise from critics and readers alike. NPR's Michael Schaub wrote "Jill Lepore is an extraordinarily gifted writer, and These Truths is nothing short of a masterpiece of American history." The book was published in September 2018 and is available at the West Roxbury Library.

In addition to the author talk, "West Roxbury Reads" will present a series of events throughout the month of April related to the themes discussed in the book. A full schedule of these events will be announced in early February.

## WATERCOLOR PENCILS WORKSHOP

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SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19C0090CA**

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:** Derrek Mike Toussaint  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by  
Derrek Mike Toussaint of Hyde Park, MA  
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Reka Derrekov Youssef

**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 03/21/2019. 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: March 4, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

*Hyde Park Bulletin, 03/07/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19C0088CA**

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:** Gregory Deron Hampton  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by  
Gregory Deron Hampton of Roslindale, MA  
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Gregory Deron Hampton-Jones

**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 03/14/2019. 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 25, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** **DOCKET No. SU19P0333**  
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**Estate of: Mario Palombi**  
**Also Known As: Mario L. Palombi**  
**Date of Death: December 17, 2018**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner: James DiGironimo of New York, NY  
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*Hyde Park Bulletin, 03/07/19*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU11P2239GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

**In the Interests of: Stephen J. Martinez** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Boston, MA** Incapacitated Person/Protected Person  
**Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
Eloise Selwood of Boston, MA  
In the above captioned matter requesting that the court;  
Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/28/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**  
**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of said Court**  
Date: February 28, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 03/07/19*

## Footprints

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savagery? We'll never know.

But, I also thought of the soldiers. What was going through their minds as they were committing these tragic acts? Were they just "following orders" or were they willing participants? Probably a bit of both.

But once again, Why? How could one human commit such savagery upon another?

One possible answer, Training. We were taught in basic training and advanced infantry training that we were being shipped off to fight a people that were sub-human; gooks, dinks and slope heads were terms often used by our cadre. The value of their lives was not comparable to ours. By devaluing the lives of our enemy, it would be easier to kill them.

Even General William Westmoreland, Commanding General of all American troops in Vietnam, conveys this demeaning attitude. He is quoted as saying, "The Oriental doesn't put the same high price on life as does a Westerner. Life is plentiful. Life is cheap in the Orient."

When I first heard General Westmoreland make this remark, something flashed through my mind. It was the well-publicized picture of a Vietnamese father holding the lifeless body of his child in his arms, standing beside an armored personnel carrier (APC) and looking up at the GIs atop the APC, pleading, crying for help.

Somehow this image didn't jive with General Westmoreland's rather cavalier remarks.

But is there more? What happened to our "moral compass"? Did we leave it at home?

Leadership? Obviously there wasn't any.

The tragedy of 504 lives wasted cannot be rectified. They are gone and nothing we do can bring them back. The long enduring tragedy is the impact these events had on the soldiers' lives and on society. How do you live with yourself after committing such egregious acts?

When I walked through the front gate of My Lai village on this most solemn of days, I was shocked to see so many people; mostly Vietnamese with a few westerners. Though it was a sad, reflective day, I saw many smiles and witnessed many warm greetings amongst the attendees.

I was no more than 100 feet past the main gate when it first happened. An elderly Vietnamese gentleman about my age approached me, grabbed my hands in his, and while looking deep into my eyes, he mumbled a few words. Even though I didn't know what he was saying, I did know. He was thanking me for attending this sad event and he was telling me he forgave me for this senseless act of violence. As this gentleman walked away, another man grabbed my hand and squeezed tightly, again muttering a few soft words.

I stayed at My Lai for only a few hours, but I was greeted by so many kind, gentle Vietnamese. All passionately holding my hand and saying gentle, soft words.

Ironically, I was greeted by the younger generation of Vietnamese in a totally different fashion. So many young Vietnamese approached me with a big smile on their face saying "Hello." They wanted to speak English with me and have their picture taken with me. Initially, I was a little embarrassed. I didn't want attention focused on me. We were here for a somber occasion. Respect was of highest priority. But then I realized, time goes on and the young weren't even around when My Lai happened. So I attempted to blend my presence with respect, reverence and a bit of good public relations by speaking with the kids and discreetly posing for their photographs.

After several hours, I left. My Lai was behind me. But the image of the footprints kept nagging me. The poor bare feet. What pain they must have suffered. What cruelty. And the boot marks of the soldiers. Fifty years have passed but memories like these live forever. Just a few short hours of their lives will linger forever in the minds of these soldiers who left their boot marks on the village of My Lai.

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## Letters

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drivers ignore the rules of the road then we fail.

Of course, Centre Street is not the only traffic issue we have here. Other streets mentioned at last week's meeting were Spring Street, Washington Street, Weld Street, West Boundary Road and Montview Streets in terms of speeding and/or congestion.

I thank Councilor Matt O'Malley for helping to put the meeting together. It was a good first step, but just that, a first step. I hope we continue to have the turnout and engagement that we had at future meetings

*Stephen Smith  
West Roxbury*

## EXCITED ABOUT ROXBURY PREP

*To the Editor:*

I live in West Roxbury on Belgrade Ave., and I am so excited to have Roxbury Prep High School be a part of our neighborhood and community. While I acknowledge my neighbors' concerns of logistics and traffic, the benefits of having a high-quality school in our neighbor exceeds any minimal impact.

I've attended both BPDA hearings and was encouraged to see so many neighbors come out in support of the school. However, the coverage in The Bulletin in the Feb. 21 issue would make one think that the 400+ person crowd on Feb. 13 was just made up of opponents. That could not be further from the truth. Just as many, if not more, people spoke up in favor of the high school project. There were so many positive, welcoming sentiments made by my neighbors; there is certainly robust community support for this project. I appreciated the development team's ability to present solutions to concerns. Throughout the night, they clarified many misunderstandings and misinformation and emphasized their eagerness to continue to work with the community.

There was a strong contingent of Roxbury Prep staff in attendance. I cannot begin to imagine working a full day only to continue their work into the night and fight for a home for their students. The students at Roxbury Prep are so lucky to have such dedicated school leadership and committed teachers, many of whom were grading papers in between quick pauses. As a university administrator, I see how a high-quality secondary education shapes students to become civic-minded, compassionate, and influential members of their communities. There is no doubt that Roxbury Prep is doing this for their students, who are the future leaders in our community.

I know that being an educator can sometimes feel like a thankless job but I was so happy to see that I join many other neighbors who are appreciative of the work that they do and look forward to welcoming Roxbury Prep into the neighborhood.

*Jimmy Doan  
West Roxbury*

# Requests for proposals to support open spaces and community gardens

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) from the City of Boston Grassroots program, which supports the development of community gardens. Winning proposals must demonstrate how it will improve neighborhood open spaces, create new open space opportunities, or support urban agriculture designed to increase the availability of fresh food in Boston's neighborhoods.

Grassroots, a program of the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), promotes access to urban green space through the conveyance of city-owned land to non-profit organizations, and the provision of grant funding for garden design and construction. The Grassroots program has awarded more than \$20 million in competitive grants to more than 130 community gardens and food forests throughout

Boston, and has also funded a number of urban agriculture projects and open space initiatives.

The new Grassroots Program Funding RFP was created to assist neighborhood-based groups which demonstrate the capacity to develop and maintain community gardens and open space within their neighborhood. To apply for this funding, groups must demonstrate the capacity to make permanent improvements that

provide a long-term public benefit to the neighborhood. In particular, improvements likely to be funded will be those that increase production capacity of already existing garden spaces, or add new features to existing gardens and open spaces. Community residents must be fully involved in the development of design proposals, and have a leadership role in the organization and management of garden activities.

Proposals for this funding round must be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Development no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019. The City of Boston's Grassroots Program has created more than 13,000 square feet of community garden space and preserved an additional 27,000 square feet greenspace in Boston. More information about the Grassroots program may be found on Grassroots program's webpage.

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