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Boston Prep steel's up for the winter



Project Superintendent Ed Condon of the W. T. Rich Company stands at one corner of the new construction going up at 885 River St. in Hyde Park: Phase Two of the Boston Prep Charter School, due to be completed in August. Phase One – visible next to the new construction – was completed last August.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

This past August, Boston Preparatory Charter School completed Phase One construction of a new, state-of-the-art building located at 885 River St. in Hyde Park.

Designed for 400 students, the new site provides an environment for effective college preparatory education, including science labs, a library, and integrated, modern technology.

Now, just past the halfway

point of the new building's inaugural year, Phase Two – a second three-story building going up right next to the first and connected by an atrium – is well underway.

Built to accommodate 300 additional students who will be arriving at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, the new wing will have three science labs including one STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) lab, a cafeteria,

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Marine recruit still missing in Roslindale after two months

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Joseph Brancato went missing in Roslindale on Nov. 18, 2017 and as of the date of publication has not yet been found.

The missing U.S. Marine recruit came to Roslindale two months prior to train with his recruiter for the upcoming entrance exam. After he reportedly failed the exam in November, he disappeared and no one had seen him since.

“Joey wanted to be a Marine, and what ended up happening was the Marine recruiter suggested that Joey come and live at his home with him in Roslindale,” said Brancato’s aunt, Andrea Brancato-Walke.

Before the family came together for Thanksgiving, Brancato-Walke said her nephew had failed the Marine



Joseph Brancato

examination with no explanation. She said that before the family dinner, there was some tension in the family that could have explained him not showing up.

“My brother and his brother were mad at him because he

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Parkway honors Jim Galvin



Hundreds of residents came out on Saturday for A Night for Jim Galvin to honor the former coach's 33 years at the Parkway Little League.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury and Roslindale communities came out to the Boston Elks Lodge on Spring Street in West Roxbury on Saturday to honor a 33-year veteran of coaching for the Parkway Little League, Jim Galvin.

The night featured food, dancing, memories and speeches from former players of Galvin spanning decades.

“It was awesome, we had a little more than 100 people

show up,” organizer Anthony Poulos said. “DJ Dmitri did a good job up there with the music, John Tobin emceed the night everyone showed up and came in and caught up with each other.”

Poulos said he organized the event because Galvin had such an impact on his life. He said he and friends would be telling baseball stories from back in the day, and Galvin almost always came up in conversation.

He said that baseball was so important to Galvin that it in-

stilled that love of the game into his players, and when he and his friends started hearing more and more Jim Galvin stories over the years – sometimes from people he hadn’t known – he thought it would be a good idea to throw an appreciation night for his former coach, who had retired three years prior, and more than 100 residents agreed.

Poulos said residents Rob McLaughlin, Dave Manzo

Galvin

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Brighton Main Streets looking for volunteers in 2018

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Brighton Main Streets (BMS) is looking to ramp up community support for its various public projects this year, and it needs your help.

To facilitate this, BMS is hosting a Winter Warmer to showcase what BMS has to offer the community and where residents can help.

“We are holding a Winter Warmer on Feb. 8 where residents can come and escape the cabin fever a lot of people are experiencing this time of year,” BMS Executive Director Elizabeth Sullivan said. “We’ll be showcasing our committees, as well as our volunteer opportunities, for the coming year. We’ll be hosting things like neighborhood landscaping and



Brighton Main Streets is hosting a Winter Warmer to get residents involved in the neighborhood.

COURTESY PHOTO

neighborhood cleanups, that kind of thing.”

Sullivan said they participate in yearly programs offered by the city to help spruce up the

neighborhood.

“We do Love Your Block in the spring and in the fall we

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Roslindale Business Group donates \$5,000 to Roslindale Food Pantry



The Roslindale Business Group yesterday Joined the Parkway Kiwanis Club (\$1,000), East Boston Savings Bank (\$250) and former Parkway Kiwanis President Bob McNeil (\$500) in donating to the Roslindale Food Pantry.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Business Group (RBG) presented Roslindale Food Pantry representative Rosemary Braverman with a check from the recent holiday fundraiser.

The fundraiser was part of the group’s annual canning drive, held in conjunction with member John Sullivan. The group spent hours in the elements in December ringing bells and playing music during the weekends to raise funds for the pantry in honor of community member Judie Leon, who passed unexpectedly in 2016.

RBG President John Malley said it was an amazing outpouring of support for the pantry and

he was happy to have been a part of it.

“We had a bunch of businesses sponsor it and a bunch of people standing out in the Roslindale Village Market plaza, which once again came through with space, funds and electricity for everything we needed to stand outside and harass their customers,” Malley said, laughing. “But the Village Market always comes through for us.”

Malley said the group was happy to help the food pantry in any way they could. He said several businesses also put cans out on their premises during the drive to help garner funds.

Malley said looking back they were also successful in raising money through the Roslindale Fall Fest on Birch Street, which was able to raise \$1,000 for the Healy Field Community Garden, as well as funds for the Boston Police Toy Drive, the Roslindale Community Center and more.

“We had way more people than before, which is nice to see an increase, it’s a great thing,” he said.

Malley said they are looking to the spring months now for the group’s meetings. He said they haven’t got a definitive schedule for spring just yet, but they’re looking to help bring in some speakers who could take the Roslindale small business market to the next level.

“We’re definitely going to have some small business speakers from the city, I mean they have tons of programs available that a lot of businesses don’t know about,” he said. “Those are the focus for our spring meetings.”

Malley said in the last spring meeting before the summer, they generally have a party to celebrate the coming of the warmer months.

“We usually have a summer BBQ, but we’re not sure what we’re going to do this year,” he said. “The first year was an actual BBQ in someone’s yard and last year we had the hot dog guy from Fenway Park just behind Meetinghouse Bank. It’s January now so I’m not thinking about it yet, but we’ll definitely do some early summer event for everybody.”

Malley said however they are starting the planning for the 2018 Fall Fest.

“We just have to pick a date,” he said. “We spend a lot of our time on that, because people really love it and it’s worth it,” he said. “We’re working with Roslindale Village Main Streets on that, so we both get to support a lot of the small businesses and do a lot of great stuff so it’s just nice to help them and participate.”

Malley also said they are looking to increase their membership this year.

“We have more than 50 business members, but we need more than 50 businesses in Roslindale, so we’re reaching out to them and they reach out to us if they need anything, and we’re always there for them,” he said.

For more updates on the RBG, go to facebook.com/roslindalebusinessgroup/

Prayer to St. Anthony

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

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

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

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. —P.L.D.

Residents, Ciommo come out against St. Elizabeth Parking Plan

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Steward Medical announced recently that it plans to fix its current parking problem, and residents aren't too happy with the result.

Fallout for the St. Gabriel's redevelopment, which would put in more than 600 condominium and residential units at the old church estate, would take out the current parking for about 300 employees at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, which Steward Healthcare owns.

The plan now is to put in 150 spots at a parking lot near Oak

Moran have been in contact with Steward and have expressed our opposition as well as the mounting opposition we have been hearing from our community," he said.

Rep. Moran said he believes Steward may choose not to push this plan further.

"I think we are in a good place and believe that St. Elizabeth's will realize this is a fight they don't want to take on," he said.

O'Hara said the plan for this parking lot has been done behind closed doors, and had to file a records request to find out about any plans for the parking spaces St. Gabriel's would eat up.

ing lot is not.

"It's forbidden for a lot of this nature to be in a residential neighborhood," he said, adding that there will have to be community meetings and a public process through the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals for Steward to get the lot approved.

O'Hara added he hopes that Steward will find a different spot for its employees.



Residents are concerned about Steward Healthcare's proposal using this parking lot on the edge of Brighton for its employees at St. Elizabeth's.

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Square on Washington Street right on the border of Brighton and Newton. The lot is currently owned by the St. John's Seminary School for use at the Our Lady of the Presentation Lecture Hall and all residents when not being used by the church.

"Steward has been negotiating with St. John's Seminary that is at Oak Square and there's a parking lot on the top of the hill on Washington Street heading towards Newton Corner," said resident Michael O'Hara. "St. Elizabeth's is negotiating with St. John's Seminary who owns the lot to make it a commercial lot for their employees and set up shuttle buses and put 150 cars in there."

District 9 City Councilor Mark Ciommo, who took a rare opposition stance at the St. Gabriel redevelopment presentation at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board Meeting in November, is not happy with it, either. He said during the meeting that this problem of relocating 300 parking spaces in Allston-Brighton – an already choked neighborhood in terms of parking – without any public process hurt the neighborhood and trust in the process.

Ciommo said on Monday he saw this coming.

"The lack of details for this plan was one of the reasons I opposed the development of St. Gabriel's, where the cars were initially parked," he said in an email. "It is my hope that Steward will see the uphill battle they are facing and seek a new location for employee parking."

Ciommo said he would be in opposition to the plan due to resident complaints and his own insight.

"Myself and State Rep. Mike

"It's all been done on the sly," he said. "From the parish, we got a note in the Christmas cards on the 14th of December telling us that it would happen – that's kind of a cool 'Merry Christmas' thing I guess."

But according to the records O'Hara received, the BPDA and Steward had a plan long before then, and a full three weeks before the St. Gabriel Redevelopment was approved by the BPDA.

"They got a letter on Oct. 31 telling them that there would be 150 parking spots just outside Oak Square," he said. "It's all being handled secretly."

Steward's attorney of Rubin and Rudman, James Greene, first sent a letter on Oct. 31 stating that negotiations had been ongoing with St. John's Seminary, implying that said negotiations had been going on previously, well before the St. Gabriel redevelopment had been approved by the BPDA, with no public conversation about the plan.

Resident James Cullinane said the change of the lot from public to private usage would be a disaster and put 150 more residents on perpetual hunt for on street parking spots.

"It will be a complete disaster, give me a break," he said. "The one thing we love about our neighborhood is the free parking and now people are going to make the parking lot full of cars and cause traffic chaos between Oak Square and Newton corner... The congestion will be ridiculous."

O'Hara did say, however, there is a possible silver lining. The land is zoned for single-family use, like much of the area on Washington Street. He said while the church's use of a parking lot is permitted, a commercial park-

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Editorial

BIG TIME IDEAS

We love this city, but it really needs to lose its inferiority complex.

Yes, shocking as it may seem, we are not New York City. We are not Los Angeles. Heck, we aren't even Philadelphia.

As we said, this is a great city. But we need to ditch the delusions of grandeur and stop dreaming the dream that some BIG something or other will bring (unnecessary) salvation.

Once upon a time in the not so distant past we thought the Olympics was just what the doctor ordered. Eyes grew wide at the idea of Boston, for even just a few days, being the envy of the world. We were ready for our close-up, Mr. DeMille.

What we were not ready for, and eventually cooler heads prevailed, was what could have been millions, if not billions in costs associated with the games and various (inevitable) cost overruns. That sound you heard was an entire city balking at a dumb idea.

Then, on a much smaller scale, we thought we might get our own Grand Prix. Well, at least the Mayor's office had visions of Indy cars nestled in their heads.

Once again, we dodged a bullet and sensibly steered clear of yet another failed promoter and doomed event.

We did win one big battle: luring GE away from Connecticut. The joy at seeing its headquarters relocate is marred, however, by an abrupt turn in the company's fortunes, including layoffs and, now we hear, an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

However, you can't keep a good man/city down. The latest, greatest sacrifice to the gods of thriving metropolises is fighting for a new Amazon headquarters. Boston, packaged with Somerville, as usual riding our coattails and thriving on our crumb trail, is a top 20 finalist. The plan, at least as many hope it unfurls, is that we have finally found a sucker...ahem...tenant for the otherwise vacant and casino-deprived Suffolk Downs.

Should we prevail, against still prohibitive odds, the bid has plenty of merit. Bolstering the tax base, drawing fresh blood, having another corporate patron to hit up for Little League shirts and fireworks displays is all fine and dandy.

The downside: what will we need to give up in tax breaks, drains of municipal services, traffic, and added volume on our already don't-think-I-can-don't-think-I-can modes of public transit? Is the devil worth the details?

We understand why Amazon, like GE before it, offers such tantalizing promise. We root for success, we really do. But cheerleading only takes a city so far.

Truth be told, the incredible renaissance happening along the waterfront has revitalized Boston. It has also attracted more than a fair share of new business. Our strength can come from within. We do not need a single-dose boost of greatness and corporate recognition. Success, true and sustainable success, will continue to come from the ongoing evolution of the city itself. We are already great, we don't need another HQ to reassure us. New business is nice, but we can't sacrifice too much in its pursuit.

What's with the number 2?

Two is usually a great number.

It's the second number kids usually learn in counting. It's the first even number. It's found in the football cheer, "Two, four, six, eight, who do we appreciate..." It is found in the theatric mantra, "One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready..."

In 1955 Bill Haley and his Comets used it in the intro to their signature song, "One, two, three o'clock..." It's the first triple homonym students learn. It can even be used as a one-handed peace sign. Two can also boast of being the only even prime number, having only two whole-number, positive factors, that is - 1 and itself.

But there are two shows on television with "2" in the title, tragically airing at times small children can be watching, that are replete with gags elicited by raunchy verbal exchanges.

The first is "Two and Half Men." This is syndicated and it stars the son of one of television's noblest men in real life, Martin Sheen, the near perfect President Josiah Bartlet in



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

the television series "West Wing." In Charlie Sheen's show the racy comments come fast and furious. The overarching sexuality is so prominent.

In "Two Broke Girls" the sleaziness takes no back seat to that offered in male-based sitcom mentioned in the above paragraph: the two women exchange numerous double-entendres in the half-hour show, making sexuality again the overarching theme.

The tragedy with both of

these is that because of syndication or cable television they are aired well before 9 o'clock or whatever time the Federal Communications Commission thinks that young children should be in bed. Thus, number 2, as we were told as children, is "keeping bad company."

Here's more bad news about the number 2 (as well as the bookending 1 and 8) but, admittedly, nothing to do with the sleaze factor: the Massachusetts Department of Transportation is phasing out the number 128 as in the iconic route number. Route 128 used to go from the Braintree split to Gloucester.

According to the feds a number of years ago, I-93 overlays 128 from Canton to Braintree, while I-95 overlays 128 from Canton to Danvers. All the recent work in Newton and Needham on Boston's circumferential highway will be labeled solely I-95; it will not be co-signed even in smaller signage as 128.

Ah, another loss for the locals, as it goes the way of "tonic," "frappe," "elastic," and "so don't I."

Letters to the Editor

LET US SAVE HYDE PARK

Letter to the Editor:

On Jan. 10, a community meeting was held at the Blue Hill Catholic Collaborative on Como Road in Readville.

The reason for this meeting, attended by several hundred Readville residents, was to voice the near total opposition to the 521-unit residential megaplex on a 6 1/2 acre site located at 36-70 Sprague St. in Readville.

Despite the almost total community opposition against this corporate cash grab, the final and determined decision will not be made by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (successor to the Boston Redevelopment Authority Agency/BRA) not be the overwhelmingly negative responsive to Sprague Street caper, but by letters written by residents like you.

Please write the Project Managers by Feb. 2, Lance Campbell at the BPDA or

email at: Lance.Campbell@boston.gov Or write an old fashioned letter to :

Mr. Lance Campbell
Boston Planning and Development Agency
One City Hall Plaza
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By deadline of Feb. 2, 2018.

Michael King,
President
Hyde Park Historical Society

THANK YOU FROM ABCD

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the children, parent and staff of the Head Start Program. I want to publicly recognize all those generous individuals and organizations who helped our ABCD families this holiday season. Thank you to the Roslindale Cooperative Bank, Willow Path Child Care, Toys for Tots, Home of Little Won-

derers, ABCD toy drive, Hyde Park Police Station District E-18, West Roxbury Kiwanis Club, Roslindale Congregational Church, Pamela Thompson, and Theresa Hutchings. I want those who helped to know that you have touched the lives of many children and families. Even though they do not know you personally their parents are not going to forget the smiles on their children's face and the children won't forget waking up to gifts that you have all provided us.

We would like to thank our Santa Ariel Soto this year. You did an amazing job delivering gifts and bringing joy to the children at our program. As we said last year our Mrs. Clause Judie Leon was truly irreplaceable so this year we continue to honor her legacy by not replacing her. Thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes, those that we met those whom we didn't, those who did the shopping and wrapping. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts everything you have all done is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ashy Hosseinmardy
Program Director

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When the going gets tough, Fresh Truck produce

Matt MacDonald

Staff Reporter

Every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m., a white school bus decorated with images of fruit and vegetables can be seen parked in front of the Hyde Park YMCA.

Emblazoned across the side of the bus in green letters is its moniker: Fresh Truck Food Market.

“We’re a food access non-profit,” explained Operations Manager Alex Cimino.

He's standing at the back of the bus, which has been gutted of its seats and fitted out (along the length of one side) with hanging metal baskets full of produce ranging from apples, peppers, and cabbage to eggplant, plantains, and mangos, to many more in between as a small group of hand basket holding shoppers pick and choose from the assortment.

“As you can see, we basically just retrofitted the whole thing to set it up as a market,” Cimono said.

Started a little over four years ago, Fresh Truck came about as a result of Co-Founder Josh Trautwein's experience working as a family health coordinator in Charlestown at a time when the only supermarket in the area had closed down for over a year to be renovated.

“That’s how the idea came to be of basically having a mobile food truck that would help



The Fresh Truck parked outside of the Hyde Park YMCA at 1137 River St. in Hyde Park. The two refitted school buses travel around the city's neighborhoods making affordable fruits and vegetables available to those who might otherwise not have access to them.

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various populations, various communities that are dealing with different food access issues, depending on where they are,” Cimono said. “They vary from neighborhood to neighborhood but, basically, it’s about just making it easier for families to afford fresh fruits and vegetables.”

Allie Lang, a dietician based out of Faulkner Hospital, is with a customer toward the front end of the bus. As part of Fresh Truck's scope of services, she is there to advise shoppers on healthy food choices and preparation methods, while also preparing

healthy food samples from whatever is in stock on board.

It's toward the end of the day and Cimino glances at some boxes pushed to the side of the floor.

A woman pays with a combination of her EBT food stamps card and her Fresh Cash card (a Fresh Truck coupon), with Cimino informing her about her additional balance, what else she might be able to buy with it, and the state's Healthy Incentive Program (HIP), which provides an additional \$40 of purchasing

Fresh Truck

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didn't mention to them that he didn't get into the Marines, and they took the day off to go see him become a Marine," she said. "This was before the 18th of November, and after the 18th no one had heard from Joey at all. When his brother came over my house for Thanksgiving later that week, Evan said 'Where's Joey?' We figured it was brotherly angst; Joey's 21 and Andrew's 23, but still no one had heard from Joey. His ex-girlfriend, my brother, his father, and his mother, and now we're in a panic come Monday we went to the police."


Brancato-Walke said they started posting flyers throughout the neighborhood with no success. Before he went missing, Brancato-Walke said her nephew trained a lot at the Turtle Pond Parkway near the Stony Brook reservation on the Rosindale-Hyde Park border.

“Joey had mentioned to a couple of people that ‘if I go missing, look for me in the Turtle Pond,’” she said. “I would have investigated it more if I had thought about it. My brother said the same thing, we didn’t know if he was making it up or kidding, but I guess he had told enough of his friends, who told the police that it was a concern.”


The police searched the area in December with nothing found. Brancato-Walke said her brother reached out to the recruiter to help find him as well. She said the recruiter said Brancato left his house on Nov. 18 to apparently go home and see his family.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Joseph Brancato is advised to contact 911 or District E-5 detectives directly at (617) 343-4566.


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Age Old WISDOM



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Nearly all seniors want to do everything they can to preserve their brain power and reduce their risk of developing dementia. As it turns out, there is a lot they can do. According to a report from two dozen international experts who reviewed existing research into dementia, seniors can best preserve their brain power by addressing hearing loss, avoiding obesity, treating high blood pressure, stopping smoking, seeking treatment for depression, becoming physically and socially more active, and reducing their risk of developing diabetes. Experts say that addressing all these modifiable risks could prevent about 35 percent of cases of dementia. By contrast, targeting the gene (the ApoE gene) primarily responsible for dementia would prevent only 7 percent of cases.

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PROJECT PROPONENT:
First Highland Management and Development Corporation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Public Meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Readville Yard 5 project which was approved in 2014. The Notice of Project Change (NPC) proposes to decrease the gross floor area from 333,925 sf to 249,845 sf.

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SENIOR LIVING

Senior Saves Program invaluable during cold snap

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Senior Saves Program, now just over a year-and-a-half old, came in pretty useful during the cold snap earlier this month.

Officials over at the city’s Office of Neighborhood Development Boston Home Center said that though they are happy to make sure seniors and residents have warm and safe areas during snow and deep freeze events, they want to make sure residents know that the program is a much better preventative tool than an emergency tool.

The program works by allowing eligible seniors to replace their failing or inefficient heating systems – hopefully in the summer or fall when the work is easier. Alongside Senior Saves is the Senior Home Repair program, which allows for zero-interest deferred loans to make minor repairs for a porch, roof, windows, stair tread, updating bathrooms, kitchen repairs, painting the outside of the house or other repairs to make the home more habitable.

Though the idea is to make those repairs and improvements before they are needed, Deputy Director for Homeownership Programs Maureen Flynn said they were happy to help during the frigid temperatures in the last month or so.

“If we get a call after hours or on the weekends it goes through the Mayor’s 311 system. During the last cold spell from the day after Christmas through Jan. 7 – which was the deep freeze and blizzard – we got 45 emergency calls, and these are just the after work emergency calls,” she said. “These are on top of our regular proactive people who use our programs.”

Flynn said some of the situations were dire and unpredictable, but she said she felt her office reacted as best as possible

from the added strain. She said one case in Hyde Park was particularly heartbreaking, as a mother and daughter got more and more bad news.

“The mother recently had surgery, the pipes froze and the heat failed at the same time, so they had no heat and no water, but we were able to get a plumber out later that night,” she said. “We were on them within hours of when they called.”

Flynn said she was very proud of the job the organization did during that difficult and cold time. She said no one was left unattended.

“We had four to five senior-level people making sure the calls were serviced as soon as possible and our subcontractor plumbers were able to go out there,” she said. “That speaks to the good relationship the city has with their contractors because they have their regular jobs and the extra city jobs, so the fact we got everyone taken care of speaks to the teamwork of city and our contractors and subcontractors.”

The Senior Saves Program allows for \$3,500 in zero-interest deferred loans for boiler and heating system replacement to allow seniors to not only save on the initial cost (which the program also funds) but also save on heating in the long-term. The qualifications for approval for the program are that a resident is a homeowner and at least 60 years old, owns and lives in a one-to-four-family home in Boston, is current on property tax payments, is current on payments to the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, and have a household income that’s not more than 80 percent of the Area Median Income. If you live in a multi-family home, at least 50 percent of the residents must be low or moderate income.

Flynn said there has been one change in the program, in that it used to give \$3,500 per housing unit per home. She said



The Senior Saves Program came in handy during this year’s cold snap, both for residents like Roslindale’s Joe Cappuccio (above) who replaced his boiler recently and those who ran into trouble during the most recent storm and cold snap.

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in an effort to serve more residents with the \$500,000 the city, state and federal government appropriates each year, the BHC has decided to make that \$3,500 per home.

“We wanted to help more people and properties in order to help more homeowners with the same amount of money,” Flynn said.

Flynn added that in the lifetime of the current iteration of the program, the BHC has been able to help more than 100 residents with the proactive repairs and replacements, and was able to react quickly when emergency calls came in.

“We did about 100 in the past year and just in 10 days we

had almost 50 emergency calls,” she said. “We had calls for basements flooded; a lot of folks had no heat and no way to get out of the house because of the snow. If adult children weren’t around to help them we had a lot of folks that were in dire circumstances.”

Boston Elderly Affairs Commissioner Emily Shea said the program is invaluable to seniors in Boston and that they refer residents to them all the time.

“We have a housing unit team here helping to connect older homeowners to different services available in the community and we work all the time with the Senior Home Repair

and the Senior Saves programs to get referrals over there,” she said. “We send referrals to their low-interest loan program, too; those are such important services to help the homeowners stay in their homes and so we’re continuously talking about them to older adults as well as referring people over directly.”

For more information on the Senior Saves Program, go to boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/how-join-seniors-save-program.

For more information on the Senior Home Repair Program, go to boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/how-apply-senior-home-repair.

Spine expert speaking at West Roxbury German Centre

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

As part of the Healthy Living Speaker Series presented by the Deutches Altenheim German Centre, Dr. Jay Zampini will be discussing how the spine works when it is working well, aging normally, and malfunctioning.

The program will start at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 at the German Centre. Light dinner will be served.



Dr. Jay Zampini

Dr. Jay Zampini is a spine specialist and surgeon at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital.

As a spine specialist, Dr. Zampini treats nearly all conditions that cause back and neck pain, as well as those conditions that cause compression of the nerves in the spine, such as sciatica, spinal stenosis, and arm pain.

The Healthy Speaker Series is scheduled to run approximately every other month and

will present health information the community may find helpful and beneficial. In November, the series presented: Living with COPD/Chronic Lung Disease with Dr. Scott Lewis Schissel. Both Dr. Schissel and Dr. Zampini (Spine Care event) are associated with Brigham & Women’s Hospital & Faulkner Hospital.

There are not confirmed speakers yet, but future speaker events are anticipated for April,

June, August, October and December.

The speaker series was conceived as a way to provide a forum for the community to gain valuable information and insight on a variety of health care topics. The Healthy Living Speaker Series is a presentation followed by a discussion period. Deutches Altenheim, a healthcare organization, serves many Boston-area residents, primarily seniors, over the course of the year through the services it offers. Many of these individuals are coping with medical issues of their own or are caring for others with health concerns. The speaker series is designed to shed light on a variety of topics, particularly those of interest to the senior community. As I mentioned in my prior email, in November we launched the Series with: Living with COPD/Chronic Lung Disease. Dr. Scott Lewis

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Boston offers seniors tax relief for volunteer hours

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston offers seniors all over the city the chance to volunteer to work off a good deal of their property taxes each year.

The program, known as the Senior Property Tax Work-Off, allows residents to volunteer at city agencies for about \$11 an hour for a maximum of \$1,500 off their property taxes each year, an increase of \$500 from 2015.

Boston Elderly Affairs Commissioner Emily Shea said the program has been around for some time, but many residents may not be aware of it, and going into this year’s tax season, residents should, as last year Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and the Boston City Council raised the income limits of the program to \$40,000 for a single resident and \$55,000 for a couple.

“Also, last year we were able to expand the number of slots for people who are able to volunteer. We can now have up to 100 people volunteering in the program before going to the City Council to get it extended,” Shea said. “Our older residents who qualify for the program will have an opportunity to work off up to \$1,500 of their prop taxes by volunteer-

ing 137 hours in city departments.”

Shea said the volunteer work itself is usually up to the prospective volunteer. She said working at city departments can include Boston Centers for Youth and Families, volunteering at schools, clerical work and guiding other residents at City Hall.

“This is one of the things that makes the program so interesting, which is we try to match people’s skill set interests and lifestyle with a department that’s a good fit for that,” she said. “We have some volunteers who love learning about the city and talking to people, so they volunteer as senior greeters at City Hall. I don’t know if you’ve been to City Hall recently, but if you have you would see residents in red vests there to guide others as to where they need to go.”

Shea said one volunteer at the Bolling School Building was able to get the staff up to date on work they had fallen behind in.

“We had a volunteer named Stan over there and he really loves to get stuff done,” she said. “They needed a ton of support at the Bolling Building and they gave him a list and he was able to get all of it done.”

Shea said in one case at the Roslindale Community Center,

a resident actually reached out to the Center before contacting the Commission for volunteer work.

“He came in to us having already talked to the Roslindale Community Center, knowing what he wanted to do,” she said, adding that he had a background in computers. “He taught senior computer classes there, and at the same time some of the kids helped him to brush up on his computer skills.”

Shea said the volunteering varies depending on the department and the volunteer, but in one case it really helped the city to improve service in the city’s Senior Shuttle program, which transports seniors to and from anywhere in the city for medical purposes.

“Last year we were working on this one-time project where we were calling everybody who rides on the Senior Shuttle,” she said. “We do 35,000 and 38,000 rides a year, and we actually were doing a quality survey to see areas of improvement. They called about 3,000 people for us; they were amazing; they did these interviews with people so we could get feedback to help us improve our service. The opportunities are endless. It’s really about how creative the volunteers and departments are.”

Shea said they have also ex-

panded the time residents can volunteer. She said it used to be from July to November and those hours would count towards the year’s taxes, but she said residents are now allowed to start as early as this month.

“This is great because it gives a lot more time for people; some like to get their

hours done as soon as possible, but some want to stretch it along throughout the year, so now we can do both,” she said.

For more information on the program, go to boston.gov/departments/elderly-commission/senior-property-tax-work-program.

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Schissel provided a very basic overview of the pulmonary system, how it works and how it is affected by outside factors. Discussion following the presentation touched on a number of issues of personal interest to the attendees.

The series takes place in the early evening to encourage participation and a light dinner is available to those who attend. Deutsches Altenheim staff are also on hand at these events to assist with any healthcare questions or concerns. The Deutsches Altenheim campus offers ample visitor parking and is also on the #35 MBTA bus route. We have been fortunate to partner with the Community Health & Wellness Dept. at Brigham & Women’s Faulkner Hospital for both speakers to date. For more information about the series, please call 617-390-3209 or visit our website at germancentre.org.

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BUCHANAN

Ruth Ann (Tice) Of West Roxbury and Mashnee Island, Cape Cod, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 19, 2018. Beloved wife of Gerald J. Buchanan. Loving stepmother of Karen Buchanan of Dedham and Danny O’Neill of West Roxbury, Kerri Buchanan of West Roxbury, and Scott Buchanan and his wife Tracy of Pembroke. Devoted grandmother “Juice” of Madyson, Emily, and Danielle. Sister of Sue and Dave Caufman, John and Jean Tice and the late Fred Tice. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home 2055 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY, Thursday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church at 11 o’clock. Visiting hours were Wednesday. Interment was Private. Ruth was a retired math and science school teacher for the Town of Chatham. For directions and guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

DOKO

Jorgjie longtime resident of West Roxbury passed away on Jan. 19, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Todi Doko. Devoted mother of Matilda Doko of West Roxbury, Entela Tase and her husband Igli of Westwood, and Gentjana Doko and her husband Alexandro of West Roxbury. Loving grandmother of Kevin Gruda, and Kris and Eric Tase. Also survived by many relatives in the US and Albania. Visiting hours was held in the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. The Funeral Service was held in the Funeral Home. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

GALVIN

Timothy Of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain and Sneem, Kenmare, Co. Kerry, Ireland, Jan. 14, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Eileen (Moriarty) Galvin. Loving father of Joseph and his wife Barbara of Medway, Mary Dolphin and her husband Michael of Dublin, Ireland, Margaret Galvin of Norwood, and Irene McNeil and her husband Paul of Medfield. Devoted grandfather of Catherine, Eileen and Rosie Galvin, Derek, Lisa and Niall Dolphin, Nickolas, Timothy, Deidre and Liam Coyne, Michael, Kayla and Ryan McNeil. Brother of Joseph Gallivan of Ireland, James Gallivan of West Roxbury, Patsy Gallivan of England, Eileen O’Connor of Roslindale, and the late Peter, Sr. Julia, Sr. Mary Gallivan, Kathy McDermott and Dan Gallivan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Funeral Mass was in St. John Chrysostom Church. Interment was at Mt. Benedict Cemetery. For directions and guestbook

HARTIGAN

Francis J. Of West Roxbury, formerly of Co. Leitrim, Ireland, Jan. 18, 2018. Beloved husband of Elizabeth (Scollan) Hartigan. Loving father of Elizabeth Hartigan, Maureen Teahan and her husband Robert, Francis Hartigan and Eileen Coppinger all of West Roxbury. Devoted grandfather of Aidan, Emmet, and Maggie Teahan. Brother of John and Carol, PJ and Breda, and Colette all of Boston, Sr. Elizabeth of England, Oliver, Kitty, Margaret, Bernie, and Pat all of Ireland and the late Tommy. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was in St. John Chrysostom Church.

KEARNS

James “Gonzo” of Hyde Park formerly of County Cork, Ireland passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2018. Devoted partner of Kathleen Tyrrell of Hyde Park. Loving father of Patrick D. Kearns of Weymouth. Cherished son of Mark and Mary Ester (O’Shea) of County Cork, Ireland. Brother of Ann Hayes and her husband William and Daniel Kearns and his partner Geraldine of County Cork, Ireland, Noel Kearns, Joan Kearns and her partner Daniel of England and Jerome Kearns, Brian Kearns and his wife Theresa of County Cork, Ireland. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews Ann, Cullen, Cián, Darragh, Ruadhan, Conor, Aoife and Samuel. Gonzo also leaves numerous close friends and co-workers. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at 9 a.m. Followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 10 o’clock. Visiting hours Friday 3-8 p.m. Late employee of Feeney Brothers Excavation. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gonzo’s name may be made to the Stanley R. Tippet Hospice, 920 South Street, Needham, MA 02498 William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

LANGLOIS

Martha J. Of West Roxbury, Jan. 19. Beloved daughter of the late Harold V. and Grace (Weschrob) Langlois. Aunt of Stephen Maguire, Paul Maguire, Harold, Robert, and William Langlois and Roberta Peach and Mary Jane Langlois. Cousin of Mildred Donovan and Herbert Langois. Sister of the late Lois, Jeanne, and Harold Langlois. Special thanks to Peter Our and his wife Paula. Memorial Mass was in St. Theresa’s Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment was private.

LAVOIE

Catherine F. (Mulry) Of Tewksbury, formerly of West Roxbury, Jan. 16, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Eugene Lavoie. Loving mother of Edward Lavoie and his wife Teresa of Tewksbury and the late Eugene Lavoie. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Stephanie Lavoie, of Florida. Cherished grandmother of Dennis and his wife Aine of Nashua, N.H., Daniel and his wife April of Bridgewater, Michelle and her

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husband Micheal Housman of Dracut and Susan Lavoie of Burlington. She is also survived by many great-grandchildren and her very special niece, Marie Maguire. A visit with the family was in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment was in New Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Catherine’s memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA 02451 or at heart.org. For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

McPHILLIPS

James H. Of Hyde Park, Jan. 18, 2018. Beloved husband of Lorraine A. (Memmo) McPhillips. Devoted father of Lynne Mortensen and her husband Bob of Hyde Park, Jim McPhillips and his wife Keri of Hingham, and Laurie McPhillips and Joe Rotondo of Rockland. Loving grandfather of Daniel, Maddie, and Luke. Brother of John and William McPhillips, both of Hyde Park and the late Elizabeth McDonald. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visiting hours was at the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Funeral was from the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Pius X Church, Milton. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in James’ memory to the Jeanne Jugan Residence, Little Sisters of the Poor, 964 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860. Online guestbook & directions: gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500

OSBORNE

Carolyn I. Of Hyde Park, passed in peace on Jan. 10, 2018. Beloved daughter of Winston and the late Erica Perez. Spouse of Ivan Osborne. Loving mother to Chantel and Chanel Osborne. Devoted sister of John (Margie), Emil (Liz) and Christine Perez (Harold Weekes). Her niece, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends also survive her. Her service were held at the Church of The Holy Spirit, 525 River St., Mattapan, MA. Inter-

ment was at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester, MA.

POWERS

Charles F. “Cha Cha” Of Hyde Park, in Brockton, Jan. 17, 2018. Husband of the late Joan “Sue” (Keizer); father of Jody Delpha and her husband Donald of Walpole, Coby Hazelton and her husband Timothy of Weymouth, and Kristi Geraghty and her husband Kevin of South Boston; grandfather of Timothy, Donald, and Dana. Brother of William Powers of Taunton, John Powers of Hyde Park, Francis Powers of Bowling Green, Ohio, and the late James and Mary Powers. Visiting hours were held at the Roache - Pushard Family Funeral Home, 21 Sherman St., CANTON. Followed with A Mass of Christian Burial at Most Precious Blood Church, 37 Maple St., Hyde Park. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. U.S. Navy Veteran. Late member Fogg-Robert A. L. Post, late member Knights of Columbus #89, Life member of George Wright Golf Club. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Charles’ memory to Wounded Warriors Project.

WHELAN

Ananda Age 43, of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Jan. 18, 2018. Cherished daughter of Sean and Doris “Dee” (Jones) Whelan. Loving mother of Nathan Morris of West Roxbury. Devoted sister of Matthew Whelan. Granddaughter of Patricia Whelan, Florence Quirke and the late Michael Whelan and John Quirke. Ananda is also survived by many aunts, uncles cousins and friends. Visiting hours was in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ananda’s memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or at jimmyfund.org. For directions and guestbook, please visit: www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley

WHORISKEY

Mary T. (Murphy) Of West Roxbury, Jan. 19, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Thomas P.

Whoriskey. Devoted mother of Edmund G. Whoriskey of Boston, Thomas P. Whoriskey, Jr. and his companion Theresa Carroll of Sagamore Beach, Mary T. Hickey of West Roxbury, and Michael R. Whoriskey and his wife Deborah of Sandwich. Also survived by seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Sister of the late Richard and Eugene Murphy, and Catherine Kelly. Visitation was at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was in The Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church), Roxbury. Interment was in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in Mary’s memory, to VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923 or to Mission Church, 1545 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02120. Online guestbook and directions at: pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F. J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000

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Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Is this the future for the development of affordable housing in Jamaica Plain?

A progressive for-profit developer has teamed up with an experienced social housing organization to build affordable homes on state-owned land.

On Nov. 8, 2017, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) notified the joint venture of Watermark Development Inc. and Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp. of their designation to sell three properties taken over 50 years ago for the defeated I- 95 on Call and Everett streets.

Watermark bought the three parcels for nearly \$1.4 million. It will develop the largest parcel at 18 Everett St. and sell the two Call Street properties to the Jamaica Plain NDC for \$1. The cost of land is a big impediment to low-income housing in Boston and this would make it easier for JPNDC to make the homes it builds more affordable.

These were part of a seven-parcel package on Everett, Call, Spaulding and Oakdale streets that MassDOT intended to sell to the highest bidder.

But at a raucous public meeting on June 7, 2017 hosted by MassDOT, the community pushed back demanding that all the land be made available for affordable

housing.
“This is public land,” said one participant.

Mark Boyle, assistant general manager of real estate at the MBTA was blunt: the MBTA needed cash and this land was money in the bank.

Leslie Bos, director of real estate for JPNDC, was equally blunt. “We want you to give us the land for free so that we can build affordable housing,” she said. “After the meeting, Lee [Goodman of Watermark] and I got to talking. He said ‘I could buy those lots if they were packaged.’ So we went to see Mark Boyle about our idea to increase affordability and get market rate.”

On June 26, Bos and Goodman met with Boyle and explained their idea: combine the Everett Street parcel with the two smaller parcels at 77-85 Call St.; those two parcels were separated by a city-owned lot that might be combined. The Everett Street land would subsidize the Call Street land; the two sites would support each other.

“We introduced the approach that JPNDC would build four two-family homes for first-time home buyers, eight units,” Bos said. “We were keeping with the Plan JP/Rox guidelines.”

“Boyle liked the idea,” Goodman said. “This was collaboration between the state, the city, Watermark and JPNDC.”

When the RFP was issued on Aug. 9, 2017, the three properties

were combined and the affordability requirement was increased in direct response to community comment. This depressed the land value and made it more affordable.

The asking price was \$985,000. Watermark bid \$1.4 million, beating out Urbanica and the Longwood Group.

Devin Quirk, Director of DND, was an active participant in the Plan JP/Rox process.

“The DND parcel will have its own process,” he said. “We look at every single way to get affordable housing done. This is a very exciting opportunity. We do public-private partnerships all the time but the most innovative part of this was the participation of the state.”

Quirk agreed that Millennium Partners is doing something similar by its partnership with Asian CDC to meet the affordability of its huge \$1 billion Winthrop Square tower. Millennium and Asian CDC are looking at sites to build more housing for struggling Chinatown.

At a Jan. 16 abutters meeting that Watermark hosted to describe the market-rate housing planned for the large Everett Street lot, Goodman explained the nine market rate condominiums would help subsidize the eight units JPNDC would build on Call Street.

“We’re looking at a cost sharing plan to increase the subsidy,” Goodman said. “This has never been done before and we’re work-



Elevation of one of the buildings planned for 18 Everett St. by Watermark Development.

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ing with DND on the language.” JPND will present its plans to abutters on Jan. 29.

At the abutters meeting, architect Elaine Scales describe her design of three three-unit wood frame buildings connected by an arcade on the large Everett Street lot. The upper floor condominiums would be reached by stairs and an elevator from the arcade.

A close student of existing street architecture in all her projects, Scales covered her three rambling buildings with gables, turrets, bay windows and verandas to match the other big homes on the street. Each side is different.

“I don’t want my buildings to have a back,” she said.

Set back from the street, the compound has a long drive, nine parking spaces and carefully landscaped grounds by Bellalta Design.

This being Jamaica Plain,

there was bound to be something wrong and Lisa McHam of Roanoke Avenue wasted no time to point it out.

“It’s too dense,” she said. “Nine units is a lot. It’s putting a lot of cars on the road. Is this necessary for the second project?”

Goodman said it would not be economically feasible to decrease the number of units at Everett and still maintain the subsidy for the Call Street homes.

Watermark JPNDC have until June 30, 2018 to complete all due diligence in the purchase and sale agreement.

“No private developer would do this with anyone,” Goodman said.

But Maplehurst, City Realty, Urbanica, Boston Properties and others looking to build housing in hot Jamaica Plain should watch this process closely; it might be the future.

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power for qualified participants.

Speaking afterwards, he goes over the different payment methods accepted, which include cash and credit, while emphasizing the non-profit’s philosophy regarding accessibility.

“We have a specific mission and a vision about what we’d like Fresh Truck to be,” Cimino said. “But one of the biggest things that we try to stress to everyone is that we want everyone to come on Fresh Truck.”

Long term, Fresh Truck has a number of different plans associated with healthy eating. Health centers serve as partners, with patients given incentives (such as those Fresh Cards) to visit.

In fact, one of those long term goals is to capture purchasing data from patients in order to share with their doctors and health insurance providers in order to, as Cimino said, “prove that our model of mobile food access can make a significant difference in long term health outcomes.”

Additionally, in Hyde Park, Fresh Truck is in the process of conducting a Food Rx pilot program with a group of area diabetic patients, with Lang participating in her role as nutritionist.

As Fresh Truck increases its presence in the city, it continues to promote food culture, healthy eating, and meal preparation. A favorite way to do this is through what it calls Pop-Up Markets, which it engages in on a regular basis throughout the year.

“If you are some kind of festival, or school, or health professional, or you’re running any of these types of events and you want a food access touch point, that’s something that we do as well to just promote awareness around food and around what Fresh Truck does,” Cimino explained.

But at the center of it all is that refitted school bus, parked this evening next to the Hyde Park Y, with which Fresh Truck is partnered. It has been there every Thursday (holidays and snowstorms excluded) since the beginning of last summer.

At the center of the bus is the food, 80 percent of which is supplied by Katsiroubas and Baldor food distributors, which allow Fresh Truck to run its markets through the winter.

When the seasons change, however, Hannah Farm and B. Good also provide it with, as Cimino put it, “a ton of fresh, local food.”

Food selection remains more or less the same for all neighborhoods,

with Fresh Truck’s two big criteria being whether or not it can sell the produce at a significantly cheaper price than grocery stores and whether or not customers will buy it. Cimino used a couple of items to illustrate this.

“Brussels sprouts have been a good example,” Cimono said. “Asparagus has been a good example. We don’t always carry it, due to price issues, but when it becomes affordable, it’s pretty popular and tends to fly right off the shelves.”

Orders are put in with the distributors the night before, with deliveries made between 6 and 9 a.m. the next day to Fresh Truck’s home base at Commonwealth Kitchen in Dorchester.

At the end of the day, which may involve 2-3 stops and run as late as 11 p.m., the unsold produce is unloaded and stored, inventory is taken, and the process begins again.

Speaking of Fresh Truck’s experience in Hyde Park so far, Cimino was enthusiastic.

“It’s really starting to catch on here and we have a pretty high recidivism as far as, not only the patient population, but the people in Hyde Park, as well,” he said.

For information on Fresh Truck, visit www.freshtruck.org.

Fresh Truck is parked in front of the Hyde Park YMCA on Thursdays from 3–6 p.m.

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plant bulbs and rake leaves,” she said, adding many projects can come up during the year. “So we can also get them to sign up for a list that we email for one-off opportunities.”


Sullivan said the night will also be a networking and family night. She said they have already seen an outpouring of volunteer support for their upcoming projects, but more help is always needed to keep the neighborhood in good order.

“We have had an amazing response already; we started promoting it last week and I think people are excited to get out of the house during this inclement weather period and I think once the Super Bowl is done it will be something to do,” she said. “Whether it’s a few hours with the family or an evening with the potential of joining a committee for ongoing involvement, people can come and out and do what they feel.”

Sullivan said they are also working on helping to modernize businesses in the district. She said one of the ongoing problems for businesses in the area is that every four to eight years, the student customer base inevitable flips. Businesses have been struggling with that for many, many years, but she said they will be hosting an event to help local businesses gain new customers with new technology.

“On March 8, we’re going to be holding a social media workshop for small business and the exciting thing about this is it will be Brighton-specific,” she said. “It will be tailored to the types of businesses and community we have. We have a lot of students and young professionals who cycle in and out of the neighborhood and the businesses are continuously trying to reach the new customers who are there. I think it’s going to be very, very valuable for our small business community.”

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DOCKET No.SU18P0006EA

Estate of: Anthony H. Cataldo, Jr.
Date of Death: 10/20/2017

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 08, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
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DOCKET No.SU17P2704EA

Estate of: Vivian E. Swanbon
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Galvin

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and Dave Greenwood all spoke about Galvin’s effect on them and how he changed their lives for the better.

“They all gave really nice speeches about Jim and the impact he had on the kids in the Parkway,” he said. “At the end of the night, Tobin gave Jim the mic he thanked everyone; he said it meant a lot to be recognized and he’s coached some great people in Parkway Little League and he thanked everyone for coming out.”

Galvin himself said when he originally found out about the night, he had something a bit smaller in mind.

“Initially, I thought we were just get together and have a couple of beers and talk about games of the past,” he said laughing. “Later, I was told they were going to the Elks, but originally I thought it was going to be a small get-together.”

Galvin said though it was a much bigger event than he thought it would be, he was happy to catch up with so many players he had helped over the years.


“I had great time, saw a lot of kids that had played for me in the past,” he said. “I saw some of the kids who were state champs, kids that played Babe Ruth, kids that played in the Legion for me and of course I coached the Dodgers for 33 years, saw a bunch of those guys and heard from other guys who couldn’t get there.”

Poulos said they are now working with the funds they raised during the night to try to dedicate a space to Galvin at the Little League Complex on Baker Street by Catholic Memorial High School.

“We had some money from the ticket sales that we’re going to put towards trying to have the Parkway Little League dedicate a little space down at the complex for Mr. Galvin hopefully for spring,” he said.

Galvin said he was just happy to be able to do what he loved for so many years.

“I just want to thank Parkway Little League and say it was good to see some of the guys that I played and coached,” he said.



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administrative space, and public space for school, community, and other meetings and gatherings in addition to its classrooms.

The new wing is scheduled for completion in August 2018, with the construction portion of the project being overseen by the W. T. Rich Company, which also handled Phase One construction.

W. T. Rich focuses on state funded work: libraries, court houses, police and fire stations. Its specialty, however, is building schools. It also works frequently with charter schools and has developed a particularly good relationship with Boston Prep. This has been helped along by the fact that the project team, from design through construc-

tion, has remained exactly the same for both phases.

Speaking of his experience with Boston Prep, Project Manager Kirk Balcom was effusive.

“We really appreciate what their mission is and what their goals are, so it’s been a wonderful project,” Balcom said. “It’s nice working with the charter schools, too, because they’re very budget conscious. Getting everything that the school community needs within that budget is the fun part. That’s when we all get to work together.”

Typically, Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) Matthew Donnelly (Pinck & Co.), Balcom, Architects Sylvia Mihich and/or Steve Michener (Studio G Architects), and Boston Prep officials will meet once

a week to go over what has been done and what is on the agenda for the coming days.

“On Monday, we start tarping and closing the building,” Project Superintendent Ed Condon said, gesturing toward cables for the tarp that are hanging down from the steel framework.

About 20 workers, a combination of steel workers and a couple of electricians, were on site for The Bulletin’s visit. By March, when the exterior work gets underway, that number will go up to between 30 and 50, from plumbers, to masons, to electricians, to steel workers.

“We’ll have a combination of everybody who has something to do with this building,” Condon said.

That should remain more or less constant right through until the end of the job in early August.

This portion of the work – getting the steel up – began on Dec. 13 and went just over a month.

“We met the schedule under extreme weather conditions, between the snow and the cold,” Condon said, referring a couple of times to the period when temperatures hovered near zero degrees as putting “A lot of strain on the men... Considering the weather we’ve had, we’ve done extremely well.”

As Balcom described it, part of those weekly meetings also involves working out an effective, reduced noise work schedule to best accommodate student testing.

“These kids want to graduate and go to college and I don’t want

to be the reason they didn’t do well on their test,” Balcom said as he looked out the trailer window toward the project going up next to the one just completed six months ago, he sounds serious. “It’s all about minimizing the impact on the kids. They just got a brand new building and we want them to have a good first year in their building.”

Condon, who had been at the other end of the trailer looking over some of the many different site plans laid out for the day, stops in to Balcom’s office. Soon, he’ll be walking the site, checking on things.

Balcom finishes his thought, the hammering, driving, and thumping audible behind him.

“The gratifying part about our job is being able to see the kids walk in and use the space that we just put all of our hard work into,” he said.

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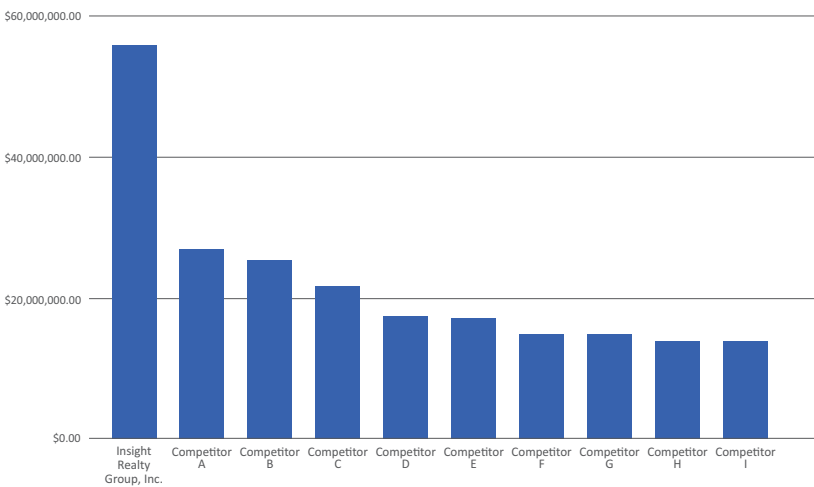
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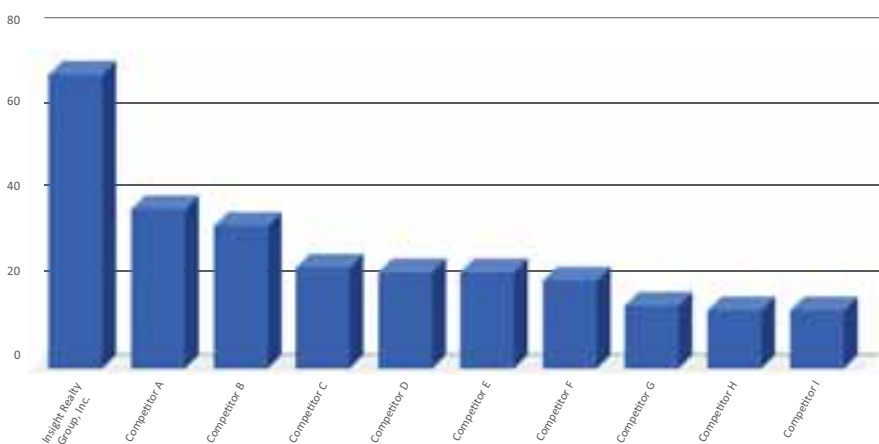
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