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Fate of Most Precious Blood Church discussed Opportunities for investment



About 100 residents came out for the Blue Hills Collaborative State of the Collaborative meeting and talked about the future of Most Precious Blood Church.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MORRIS

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Blue Hills Collaborative (BHC), which is made up of the Most Previous Blood Church in Hyde Park, St. Anne's Church in Hyde Park and St. Pius Church in Milton, held its annual State of the Collaborative meeting last Tuesday.

While much of the meeting focused on evangelizing the youth population into the church, the one subject that dominated everyone's mind was the fate of the Most Precious Blood Church, which has

fallen into disrepair and could need millions in renovations.

The problem, according to Fr. Ronald Coyne, is that of revenue, which to some degree sparked the debate about how to bring in more parishioners for the offertory every Sunday. Coyne said the Archdiocese "taxes" about 6 percent of the weekly offertory. Along with that, the church annually owes \$29,000 each year for operational costs. The lease for the MPB School, negotiated with the Roxbury Prep Charter School in the fall of 2017,

MPB Church

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Medicinal marijuana moving ahead for VFW

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The medicinal marijuana dispensary proposed for 1524 VFW Pkwy. in West Roxbury is moving forward, and a city council hearing has been called to discuss the project's details.

The facility, proposed by Beacon Compassion Center, will be strictly medicinal marijuana and will essentially – because of local and state zoning laws – be the only marijuana facility within a half-mile radius (1-mile diameter) in the area. The local zoning does not allow any such facility to be within a half-mile radius of another marijuana – medicinal or recreational – facility, and the state requires that no facility of either moniker should be within 500 feet of an area where children normally congregate. That includes daycare centers, playgrounds, ball

fields, etc.

At last week's City Council meeting, District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley said he and the neighborhood have been working with Beacon for the past year-and-a-half, and the relevant neighborhood associations voted not to oppose the project on the condition that it always remains a medicinal and not a recreational facility.

"I let them know that if they wanted to introduce a facility in West Roxbury, they'd have to do extensive outreach to the local neighborhood associations as well as the community," he said. "Within this time frame, they have met with the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC), the 1515 VFW Trailer Park – Boston's only trailer park which I am proud to represent, – the

Medicinal

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Speeding, streetscapes discussed with councilors at WalkUP Roslindale meeting



About 50 residents came out for WalkUP Roslindale's community forum with city councilors Andrea Campbell, Tim McCarthy and Matt O'Malley to discuss issues facing the neighborhood.

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Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

About 40 people attended the WalkUP Roslindale meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24 featuring Roslindale's three district City Councilors.

President Andrea Campbell, Tim McCarthy,



and Matt O'Malley fielded numerous questions from the eager crowd. The councilors represent Districts 4, 5 and 6, respectively. McCarthy's district covers the bulk of Roslindale.

Sarah Lee and co-founder Matt Lawlor from WalkUP Roslindale hosted the meeting. The non-profit's mission

is to promote pedestrian access and safety along with other modes of transportation. By doing so, the organization hopes to improve the streetscape and environment.

Campbell introduced herself as the incoming

WalkUP

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Zoots reopening Friday to return customers' clothing

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

After announcing that the company would be filing bankruptcy last week and that all stores would be immediately shuttered, Zoots has announced that it will be reopening on Friday only to allow customers to pick up their laundered clothes.

Zoots stated that the company will be opening its locations on Feb. 2, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to David Madoff, Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee. The company stated that, despite some re-

Zoots

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Zoots is reopening on Feb. 2 to give customers their clothing back.

COURTESY PHOTO

Neponset River, zoning topics at FHNA

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association got together on Wednesday evening, Jan. 24 at the Boston Police Academy for its monthly meeting.

The main item on the agenda was a slide presentation given by Ian Cooke, Executive Director of the Neponset River Watershed Association, on the river and the ongoing efforts to reduce its contamination level and to make it a more integral part of Hyde Park.

“We really want the River to be a resource for the community: a place where kids and family go to enjoy themselves,” Cooke said at the beginning of his talk.

Cooke's presentation touched on different aspects of the Neponset in Hyde Park, including its extensive channelization through the neighborhood in the 1950s, and the fact that Fowl Meadow is the central flood plain for the Neponset River Watershed, acting – as Cooke described it – as “a big sponge protecting the city from the runoff from upstream.”

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Cooke spent most of his time, however, on the river's water quality and water pollution, focusing on the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's (BWSC) method of dealing with illicit connections.

These connections – “cross connections” – occur when builders mistakenly connect a house under construction’s sewer pipe to the main storm drain pipeline, which flows directly to the River.

In dealing with this sort of problem, the BWSC traces its way from the outfall where the sewage flows into the river back through the area's sub-drainage system: an interconnected loop of catch basins (storm drains) and drain piping forming a "mini-watershed" for a neighborhood.

As the BWSC moves through the sub-drainage system, it tests the water quality in different manholes until they find one that is clean. Having narrowed the zone, dye testing is done in houses within that section. This involves the BWSC pouring dye into toilets to determine if the bad connection is there.

Cooke mentioned that one of their biggest challenges is getting into people's houses to put the dye in.

Once a cross connected



Developer Mike Stallings made a very brief presentation to the FHNA regarding his proposal for a single family house that would be located at 101 Milton Ave. in Hyde Park.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

house is found, the BWSC works with the home owner to fix the problem.

Cooke showed on a color coded slide of Hyde Park that the BWSC has finished at least its first drainage systems inspections on the neighborhood, with the exception of the Fairmount Hill area. He did also cite several sewage discharges in the Martini Shell area that have been

fixed in recent years.

Cooke also brought up the fact that drainage system problems can be recurring.

"They find something, they fix it, they think it's cleaned up," he said. "They come back the next year, something else has gone wrong and they have to search for it again. So, they're making progress, but not as quickly as everyone would

like.”

Cooke mentioned key sources of individual contamination, such as harmful liquids (paint, motor oil), trash, road salt, and anything else that might be fit through a catch basin's grate.

“Pet waste is a big one,” Cooke told the audience. “They know they’re supposed

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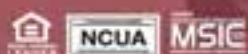
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125 Amory St. goes to BPDA, but tenants still concerned

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

125 Amory St., home for 45 years to 200 very low income elderly and disabled residents, is in the middle of a building boom; three, five and six-story apartment buildings with 360 units will sprout up around them over the coming years, the income from which will go to modernize and renovate the Boston Housing Authority building.

The new buildings and the total renovation will be done by a partnership of The Community Builders (TCB), Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) and Urban Edge. TCB and JPNDC will modernize and renovate 125 Amory St. building.

Community meetings have been going on since July 2016 and there have been 20 meetings between the development team and the Tenant Task Force.

But during a conversation with The Bulletin last week, tenants say they remain worried. Twenty-five year resident Gina Rector is a leader on the task force.

“Private management doesn’t put anything in writing,” she said. “They don’t put anything on paper about

are we going to stay, will our rent stay at 30 percent, are they going to move us out.”

Stephanie has lived at 125 Amory for 17 years.

“Are they going to find more market rate and wean us out?” she asked. “We have disabled people here in wheelchairs. What if the market rate people don’t like them? Will new management put us out in five years? They want to take care of the high rent first.”

“New management always talks about affordable,” Rector said. “Affordable for who? They never say the word low income.”

Mike and Bernice have lived at 125 Amory a few years; Bernice since 2009 and Mike moved in two years ago.

“I just want out of my studio apartment,” said Bernice. “If I didn’t take that I’d be at the bottom of the list.”

“Everything’s all right with me,” Mike said. “I moved here from Roxbury where I lived for 28 years. This is the best for me.”

Rector said people don’t want to come to meetings.

“They’re fearful,” she said. “They see a flyer and they hear things but they don’t believe it.”

The biggest fear heard

was the loss of their 30 percent rent.

According to Kate Bennett, BHA Deputy Administrator for Planning, this will not happen.

“The tenants will keep their BHA rent,” she said. “After two years the subsidy will change over to the new owners but it will be attached in perpetuity to every unit.”

One thing Bennett stressed was the leverage BHA will have.

“We will own the land,” she said. “We will have approval rights over the use if the owners have the idea to sell to someone else.”

The other concern of the tenants is the loss of their patio space and the feeling of being segregated.

“All the new buildings have their backs towards us,” said Rector.

The second BPDA-sponsored public meeting – and the fifth community meeting – was held on Jan. 23.

Noah Sawyer of TCB made it clear that the goal of the new development is to protect and renovate a new and better 125 Amory St.

“There are a lot of different pieces,” Sawyer said. “The financial structure is one; finding the resources on this site to renovate 125

Amory St. Each of the new buildings will lend support to the \$4 million renovation of the building. \$250,000 per new unit will go for 125 Amory St.”

Sawyer said that 40 percent or 145 units would be listed as affordable, mostly at 50 to 60 percent area median income (AMI); a family of three would be eligible if earning \$56,000 to \$65,000 a year.

Stephanie Colson is a member of the IAG and a renter at 125 Amory.

“Will we all stay here?” she asked.

Dana Whiteside of the BPDA chaired the meeting.

“All residents will be dealt with fairly and equitably,” he said.

“We’re expecting that all residents will go to back their apartments,” Sawyer said.

Kendra Halliwell, senior architect at ICON Architecture and Ian Ramey of Copley-Wolf explained the building site layout and the green spaces around those buildings including the West Drive that will run behind the site along an MBTA and BWSC easement. This drive is planned to connect the 125 Amory complex with Jackson Square MBTA station.

Halliwell said the devel-

opment requires six zoning variances including height, maximum lot size and front and rear setbacks.

Sawyer explained that the West Drive would be a two-way, private way with public access built to city specifications for width and sidewalk; it would extend across land owned by JPND and TCB out to Centre Street.

Ramey tried to hear the concerns of the 125 Amory residents when he explained three options for their patio spaces, but surface parking still dot the interior space.

Mela Miles lives with her husband at 125 Amory St. and she feared being separated.

“There are \$3,100 a month new apartments,” she said. “We will be isolated by dense market rate buildings. You’re not creating a community.”

But it was snow removal, loading docks, Amazon delivery trucks and parking that were on the minds of the neighbors; one man on Atherton Street wanted speed bumps on his street.

White said the public comment period ended on January and he said it was likely the BPDA board would vote on the Article 80 process for 125 Amory St. at its Feb. 8 meeting.



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Editorial

THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T HAVE NICE THINGS

We survived the State of the Union this week. Not that there was anything unusual about the speech. It was a perfectly partisan affair, as expected, and as is the case every year.

Saying we “survived” the speech is a bit unfair. What we “survived” was the choice and ability to not log into Facebook or Twitter for fear the deluge of online hate mail would wash over us. All that hate is, frankly, unseemly and more than a bit boring in its predictability.

But that is all people know how to do these days. Even something as fluffy, meaningless, and cute is bound to trigger someone (whether that triggering is real or staged). Tom Brady, quarterback supreme, had the gall and audacity to give his young daughter a cameo in the Facebook documentary he is rolling out in chapters. So, of course, one of the goons with a microphone at a local sports talk station had to target her.

Dissect the situation a bit. The problem isn't the little girl. The problem isn't even Tom Brady, as beloved a sports hero as this city has ever seen. Nope. It was a case of trying to be a “hot take” that stands out among the boring pleasantries that accompany wide-eyed Super Bowl coverage. Even the remarkable prospect of earning a sixth championship ring had to take a backseat this week to the disgruntled sarcasm of a microphone jockey. It is hard to imagine a more ridiculous example of the Social Media obsessed times we live in than how far and wide one stupid comment has travelled and how much discussion it has received.

On an unrelated topic, we pose a question. Has flooding in Boston always been this bad and frequent? We know that even a full moon can send water washing over Morrissey Boulevard. There are pockets of potential flooding in nearly every neighborhood.

What we are struggling to remember is how bad the Fort Point Channel area, and much of Downtown Boston and the waterfront, used to get. If memory serves, the parking lot of the former nightclub in the Fort point area used to be a bit of a nightmare. But why, we ask, is flooding rampant along Seaport Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Causeway Street, and even parts of Dorchester. This is not just a matter of overwhelmed storm drains. There is a virtual river running down these streets.

Maybe it was always bad, but to our best recollection things are much worse these days. Is the over-development of the Waterfront to blame? City officials need to stop shrugging off these post-storm disasters and determine the cause of this frequent nightmare. We have seen the warning signs of something much bigger and disastrous afoot. We cannot afford to look the other way and whistle past (a very waterlogged) graveyard.

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“Greater love than this no (wo)man hath . . .”

No matter how cold the waters of Dorchester's three beaches (Tenean, Malibu, and Savin Hill) are at this time of year, the temperatures are no match for those off the coast of Greenland some 75 years ago this week.

It was in February 1943 that the U.S.S. Dorchester, as part of a small three-ship convoy with the same number of protective Coast Guard escorts, was torpedoed in the middle of the night and sunk, with fatalities numbering 700, tragically matching those incurred by the sinkings of the U.S.S. Indianapolis and the U.S.S. Benjamin Franklin.

What made the sinking of the Dorchester, formerly a luxury coastal liner converted into an Army transport, so tragic was that if the convoy had survived that night, it would have been near enough to Greenland for the seas to be monitored by Allied planes; it is unlikely that U-boats would have pursued the convoy. What made the sinking of the Dorchester memorable was the fact that its four chaplains, having given up their own life jackets, perished as an inspirational group of four, reminding us all that “Greater love than this no man hath...”

Steaming eastward from Newfoundland, the Dorchester carried more than 900 servicemen, merchant seamen, and a few civilians. Knowing that he was in dangerous waters, the cautious captain ordered all the men to sleep in their clothing and keep on their life jackets, as the ship plodded on only 150 miles from the American base in Greenland. Many disregarded the captain's order because of the heat down in the holds from the nearby engine room;



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others because of the sheer discomfort factor.

At five minutes before one in the morning a torpedo was launched, hitting the Dorchester's boiler room, destroying the electric supply and releasing steam and ammonia gas. Pandemonium soon set in. Now in complete darkness, those sleeping in their undies rushed topside where Arctic blasts pummeled them. These were not sailors; they were soldiers, who were terrified already of their North Atlantic voyage.

Some jumped into lifeboats, overcrowding them to the points of capsizing. Some rafts were frozen; some lifeboats could not be lowered because of the severe list. More problems ensued when some rafts that were dropped floated away before soldiers could get into them.

Throughout the chaos, four Army chaplains brought hope and calm: Rev. George Fox, Methodist; Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Rev. John P. Washington, Catholic; and

Rev. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Quickly and quietly, they spread out among the terrified soldiers on the listing vessel. They tried to calm the frightened, minister to the wounded, and point the disoriented toward safety.

In their rush to go topside, many GI's had forgotten their jackets. The chaplains located a supply in a deck locker and passed them out. When the bin was empty they pulled off their own and made soldiers put them on.

Only two of the 14 lifeboats actually made it into the icy seas. The four chaplains remained on the ship's slanted deck, standing together, arms linked, heads bowed in prayer, as the Dorchester slipped beneath the waves, scarcely 20 minutes after the attack.

Two of the Coast Guard ships in the escort rescued 200 from the frigid waters, while the third Coast Guard ship forged on, toward Greenland, protecting the two other ships left in the convoy.

The chaplains' four faces appeared on old 3-cent stamps. Perhaps the U.S. Post Office should reprint that stamp as a reminder that differing religions should reach out to all rather than trying to hurt non-members. More importantly, these four chaplains should be given consideration for being posthumously awarded the presidential Medal of Honor, thus joining the only chaplain for receiving that distinction, Fr. Joseph O'Callahan S.J., a Roxbury kid and BC High grad, assigned to the ill-fated carrier U.S.S. Ben Franklin.

Letters to the Editor

STILL ON THE FENCE

To the Editor:

After well over a year on the table, the local city councilor has remained perched on the fence regarding the proposal to implant a massive apartment complex on the edge of Sprague St. in the midst of the Readville neighborhood. One must wonder what question he's still

looking to have answered. At a neighborhood meeting this past summer his staff person was questioned about this circumstance and he responded loudly that the councilor was waiting for more feedback from the whole neighborhood and not just those of us that have been active in the situation. Well, that sounded like a challenge so we rapidly petitioned each and ev-

ery household in the community and acquired hundreds of signatures from those opposed to this proposal. Each of the residents signed a petition that stated a request to keep this area zoned light industrial rather than changing the zoning to accommodate this mammoth complex. In the end, it was showed that 89 percent were opposed, 9 percent were unaware of the subject or needed more information, 2 percent were not opposed. The councilor has been presented all the pages and has witnessed the hundreds from the neighborhood in opposition at the BRA meetings and yet he remains straddled on the fence.

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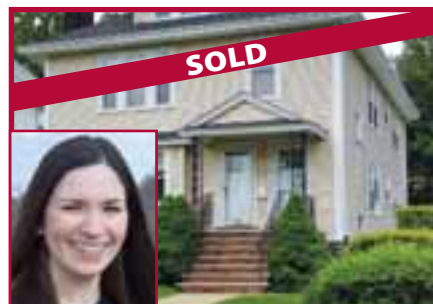
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GBANA talks Roxbury Prep, development and new businesses

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The Greater Belgrade Avenue Neighborhood Association, Inc. (GBANA) held their first-ever meeting on Jan. 24 at the Area E-5 Boston Police Station in West Roxbury. The meeting was attended by residents, community members, District E-5 Police Officers, and Boston City Council members Annissa Essaibi-George, Matt O’Malley, and Tim McCarthy.

Members said the purpose of the GBANA is to “maintain and improve the physical and environmental conditions, town services, social relations, and general quality of life in the neighborhood,” explained Director Bruno Giordano. He said they formed the association because they believed not enough people are informed about local news. Giordano said he and much of the membership felt that residents were not as informed as they could be on issues such as new businesses, the closing of businesses, construction, etc. Many residents mentioned that they learn about community updates via Facebook.

“Facebook is great, but not everybody has Facebook,” remarked Director Brian O’Connell. “The reason we came together is because we have similar interests about this neighborhood, and have realized there is no West Roxbury/Roslindale association,” stated Giordano. “We want to serve as a collective voice.”

One community member claimed he was surprised to hear



Residents came out for the first meeting of a dual Roslindale and West Roxbury neighborhood group.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

about a joint West Roxbury and Roslindale association.

“When I first moved here, it was my understanding people in Roslindale didn’t want anything to do with West Roxbury people,” he joked.

GBANA Treasurer and Director Sara Harold addressed recent urban planning and development of the Belgrade area.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved a four-story, 18-residential unit project at 400 Belgrade Ave. (the current site of a long-vacant gas station). The construction dates are to be determined.

At 1789 Centre St. in West Roxbury, the project will consist of four stories, 16 residential units, one office space, and 29 parking spots. The project has been approved by the BPDA and is set to be complete this summer.

“Lots of apartments means lots of traffic,” commented one resident.

Many community members were eager to discuss the proposed Charter School, Roxbury Prep. Officials from the school have previously considered having an 860-student school located at 361 Belgrade Ave. Councilor O’Malley told residents that the school plans to submit plans to the BPDA within the next few weeks.

Neighbors believe this spot is the “wrong site for a school” and will cause a lot of unnecessary traffic.

“The numbers the school gave us regarding traffic, buses, and public transportation do not seem reasonable,” McCarthy said.

O’Malley and McCarthy said they are currently against the project, but said they “cannot speak for the mayor.”

Officer Edward Roach read members a three month police report for the Belgrade area. Reports included several robberies, house break-ins, larcenies, and car break-ins.

“Most cars that are broken into were left unlocked,” Roach said. “Most locked cars that are broken into have valuables left in plain sight.”

One resident commented on the traffic violations on the West Roxbury Parkway, including speeding and cars running red lights. Other community members mentioned the low number of State Police Officers in the area.

Another hot topic was the openings and closings of businesses in Roslindale Square. A restaurant named “Shaking Seafood” will be opening in April across from Adams Park. The eatery will feature a fusion of Cajun and Vietnamese seafood and is currently seeking to obtain a liquor license.

Unleashed by Petco has closed, and the building has been purchased, although it is unclear who has acquired it.

Any person over 16 years of age who resides in or who owns residential property within the Greater Belgrade Avenue Neighborhood Association area is eligible to become a member. There is currently no charge to become a member, and members will be able to vote in future meetings. For more information, visit www.GBANA.org.



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Airbnb ordinance could run into problems

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh proposed last week a new city ordinance that would help to regulate the city’s growing short-term rental market, best known to consumers through Airbnb.

The regulations would put more of a burden on corporate housing interests than residents trying to make some extra cash with extra rooms, and would, in his words, help keep a lid on the city’s rent prices.

The ordinance proposes new fees on three tiers, which are a limited share unit, which consists of a private bedroom or shared space in the operator’s primary residence, in which the operator is present during the rental. The fee associated with this classification would be \$25 per year. A home share unit would consist of a whole unit available for a short-term rental at the primary residence of the operator (unit in which operator resides for at least nine months out of a 12-month period). The fee associated with this classification is \$100 per year. The last, and probably most controversial designation would be the investor unit, which consists of an entire unit available for a short-term rental in a whole dwelling that is non-owner and non-tenant occupied. The fee associated with this classification is \$500 per year.

The ordinance would also require Airbnb to register each unit with the city and each unit would have to be in compliance with local codes and prohibit any unit with outstanding housing, sani-

tary, building, fire or zoning-code violations from being listed.

Enforcement becomes a problem, however, and District 1 City Councilor and former Office of Housing Stability Deputy Director Lydia Edwards said the council will definitely have to dig deep in that regard when discussing this ordinance. She said the city’s Inspectional Services Department (ISD) would be in charge of enforcement for both units registered to any particular short-term rental company and the condition of those dwellings.

“ISD has readily admitted that is a daunting task already with housing unit compliance and now we’re going to be adding another layer of investigation for ISD,” she said.

Downtown Neighborhood Alliance Treasurer Arturo Gossage has been working on this issue for a while in Chiantown, trying just to identify current short-term rental units. He has said in previous meetings and statements that sometimes, whole buildings can be dedicated to short-term rentals, essentially destroying the gig economy intent of the idea and turning it into illegal hotels run by corporate interests.

Gossage said that the recent legislation passed in San Francisco – a city with still with the highest rent in the country as Boston has fallen from third to fifth in 2018 according to Apartmentlist.com – could work to help Boston to regulate short-term rentals in a better, if not perfect way. The rental company, in this case Airbnb, registers each unit with the city through the en-

tity renting the space, with similar regulations as those proposed by Walsh, but though Walsh’s proposal uses taxes and registration to keep a lid on the short-term rental market, while in San Francisco, registration requires liability insurance, building and housing standards compliance, condo board agreements and co-operative housing rules.

Both Edwards and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu stated they oppose the idea that an investment class will just always be something the city has to deal with in short-term rentals, and said that the 90-day limit of renting – as proposed by the ordinance – would still allow corporate interests to both make a boatload of money and keep those units off the market – short-term and long-term – for 270 days. She said that if a corporate interest wanted to continue and just do short-term rentals for \$205 a night for 90 nights maximum, that’s still \$18,450 of yearly income. Keeping that unit off the long-term market would also artificially inflate rent costs in the city, something Walsh stated this ordinance is trying to stop.

“You take that \$18,450 and divide it by 12, that’s a monthly rent of \$1,500,” she said. “What’s the incentive for me to not just do Airbnb, even if it is 90 days? I’m really concerned about that... I am also concerned about legitimizing and assuming we have a whole corporate class status and level for short-term rentals.”

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Charles River Spring Valley Neighborhood Association, as well as the West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association (WRCIA).”

WRCIA Vice President Tim Sullivan said they were informed of Beacon’s promise to remain medicinal. The WRNC almost decided to rescind its support for the facility when Beacon representatives said they did not want to discount a recreational license, as it would allow them to sell what would amount to over-the-counter balms and salves without an interested party having to get a prescription, but Beacon held true. Sullivan said he hopes they continue, and that either he or WRCIA President Marty Keogh will be present at the hearing when it is scheduled.

“As long we stick to the letter and they promise they’re going to stick to medicinal sales, then I have no opposition to it,” Sullivan said. “My big thing was, we were hearing from other people that they were going to try to expand to recreational marijuana and the WRCIA was totally against that so we only submitted a letter of non opposition as long as they stuck to their word.”

All the neighborhood organizations voted not to oppose on the condition that it would be a medicinal facility and Sullivan said that he was glad, as it would remove the possibility of a future recreational facility in the neighborhood, and since Dedham has put a moratorium on recreational facilities, it doesn’t seem likely that a cross town competitor will add to that either.

“It sets that buffering zone where you can’t have a future medical or recreational or any other kind of marijuana dispensary within a half a mile and at least it’s medicinal and that will eliminate any other options of another marijuana dispensary coming in that zone,” Sullivan said.

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tall, handmade "conversation hearts" lining the walkway. Visitors who venture into the Tunnel of Love should expect a few surprises as well.

The event is free and open to the public. Valentine's Day visitors are invited to tag @foccp in their Columbus Park Valentine's Day photos. #lovefoccp. FOCCP's Art Curator, Robyn Reed, created the Valentine's Day-inspired trellis design. "Columbus Park is gorgeous year-round, but by February, we all need some extra beauty to get us through the end of winter," Reed said. "I look forward to seeing many happy couples walking hand-in-hand under the hearts."

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RESERVATION RD. PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

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BOSTON'S WARD 20 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Boston's Ward 20 Democratic Caucus will be Saturday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the Area E-5 Police Community Room (1708 Centre St. West Roxbury). The caucus is being held to elect delegates to the June 2 Democratic State Convention in Worcester.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats residing in Boston's Ward 20.

Doors to the caucus open at 9 a.m.

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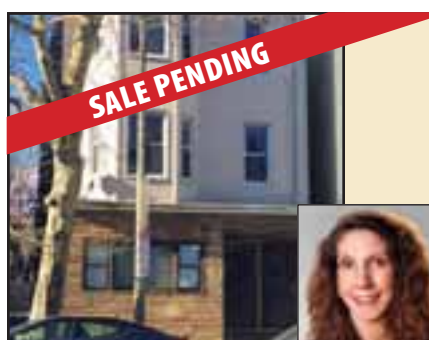
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'Racism in Boston' comes to Hyde Park

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

A Racism in Boston (RIB) meet-up was held on Jan. 29 at the River Grille. This is the first RIB meeting to take place in Hyde Park.

RIB meet-ups are small, informal neighborhood meet-ups to discuss Racism in Boston and getting to know “others not like us” in local communities. These meetings were sparked by the Boston Globe’s Spotlight Series on Racism in Boston printed last December.

The meeting was held by co-organizer Quaime Lee, a 30-year resident of Hyde Park who works in the Boston area, and Andy Ober, Pastor of Highrock Southwest Boston Church.

“We want to hear stories, build relationships, and get feedback from the community,” Ober said.

Lee encouraged attendees to discuss what racism in Boston means personally, and to talk with each other about race and diversity in Boston. Lee described the meet-up as “pretty informal” and encouraged discussion within small groups.

“Challenge yourself in new ways,” he told participants.

Ober discussed how churches try and help heal racial tension, but also how they have cause racial divide over the past years. He quoted Martin



A few dozen Hyde Park residents came out for the first meeting of Racism in Boston on Monday night.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

Luther King, Jr.: “Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of Christian America.”

Others discussed why Boston is known as the “most racist city.”

One mother, who is a parent to interracial children, told her group that she wants “her kids to grow up with a healthy sense of identity.” She said she wanted to learn more about the racial history of Boston, like events such as the Boston Busing Crisis.

One attendee was in kindergarten during the Boston Busing Crisis. She recalls people throwing rocks at her bus, and did not understand why people were trying to stop her and her friends from getting an education.

“Unfortunately, in this day and age, we still have to discuss these issues,” remarked the Hyde

Park native. “A lot of tensions have been brought to the surface during this Trump era.”

Some people noted the “white flight” (the move of white city-dwellers to the suburbs to escape the influx of minorities) within the Boston Public School systems. Minorities make up 80 percent of Boston Public School students, possibly due to the fact that many white families chose to send their children to private schools.

Another participant discussed rocks being thrown at his house when he moved to a majority white part of Boston back in the 1990s.

“These conversations are long overdue,” noted one attendee.

For more information on RIB, visit the Racism in Boston (RIB) Spotlight Series Meet-Ups group on Facebook.



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CUSSEN

Kathleen C. (Joyce) of Glastonbury, Conn., formerly of Readville, and Dublin, Ireland passed away on Jan. 25, 2018. Daughter of the late Joseph and Roseanna (Flood) Joyce. Beloved wife of the late John J. Cussen. Devoted mother of Theresa Sheppard and her husband Robert of New Jersey, John Cussen and his wife Mary Ellen of Virginia, Elizabeth Burnham and her husband Daniel of Connecticut, and Joseph Cussen of Connecticut. Loving grandmother of Brian Sheppard, and Jack, Tom, and Bill Cussen. Sister of Kiernan (Tess) Joyce, Johnny Joyce, and sister in law Peg Joyce all of Dublin, Ireland, sister in law Catherine “Dolly” and Con Kelly of Belmont, Mass. Predeceased by her brother Frank Joyce and sister in law Carmel Joyce. Survived by many loving nieces and nephews here and in Ireland. A visitation was held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. A Funeral Mass was in St. Theresa of Avila Church, West Roxbury. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

FINN

Michael C. Age 45 of West Roxbury, died suddenly on Jan. 20, 2018. Beloved son of Joan (O'Connor) Finn of West Roxbury and the late Thomas A. Finn. Brother of Kevin, Mary and her husband Thomas Ashe, Thomas C. and his fiancée Jessica Lopez and Joanne and her husband Paul Canavan all of West Roxbury. Sorely missed uncle of Kelsey, Brendan, Kevin, James, Siobhan, Mary Kate, Connor and Thomas. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins here and in Ireland. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael’s memory may be made St. Jude Children’s Research, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at stjude.org.

HARDING



Rosa M. Of Roslindale passed away on Jan. 26, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Harding (M/Sgt. USAF Ret.)

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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 husband Micheal Housman of Dracut and Susan Lavoie of Burlington. She is also survived

LEYDON

Mary E. Of Mission Hill, 85, passed away peacefully on Jan. 21, 2018 at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Mary was the eldest daughter of the late Daniel J. Leydon and Elizabeth M. (McDonough) Leydon of Mission Hill. She is survived by her loving brother Thomas G. Leydon of Holbrook and predeceased by her dear sister, Ann M. (Leydon) Knight, devoted brother Joseph D. Leydon and loving sister Jean F. (Leydon) Mattson. Mary is also survived by her dear sister-in-law Doris Leydon of Woburn and many devoted nieces and nephews who will miss her greatly. Mary was a teacher in the Boston Public Schools for over 41 years, teaching at the Martin Milmore Elementary School for several years before moving up to the middle school level at the William Howard Taft Middle School in Brighton as both a teacher and administrator. Visiting hours were held at the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, MA 02132 A Funeral Mass was held at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church). The interment followed immediately after the funeral at the New Calvary Cemetery in Roslindale, MA. Donations in Mary’s memory may be made to the Mission Grammar Fund in support of the Mission Grammar School of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 94 St. Alphonsus St., Roxbury, MA 02120. Complete obituary at lawlerfuneralhome.com

McGEE

Joan P. (Flavin) Of West Roxbury, Jan. 27, 2018. Beloved wife of John E. McGee. Loving and devoted mother of Bobby McGee and his wife Siobhan of Norwood and the late Steven McGee. Cherished Nana of Johnathan and Bobby, Jr. of Norwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055

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Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Service was in the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan’s memory may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163 or at nationalmssociety.org. For directions and guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

McLAUGHLIN

Gertrude F. Of West Roxbury, Jan. 25, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Grace M. (Sullivan) McLaughlin. Beloved and admired by an extraordinary extended family of four generations of cousins, lifelong friends, new acquaintances and care givers touched by her good humor, sprit, and faith that better days lie ahead for all. Visiting hours was in the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in the Holy Name Church, Tuesday. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gertrude’s memory to the Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St., W. Roxbury, 02132. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

OLBRY

Frank Retired Detective, BPD, of Hyde Park, Jan. 20, 2018. Beloved husband of Mary E. (Geishecker) Olbrys. Devoted father of Joseph E. Olbrys and his wife Barbara of Dedham, Karen E. Milo and her husband David of Rowley, Anne P. Olbrys, and James F. Olbrys and his wife Patricia Ann of Norwood. Loving grandfather of Kariane Gentry, Amanda Olbrys, Jillian Olbrys, Megan Olbrys, and Ava Milo. Brother of Lillian Peluso of Lynn. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. 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. Anne Church, Readville. Interment was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Online guestbook and directions at gfdoherty.com. George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500

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PIEROWAY



May “Nana May” Age 85. A lifelong resident and former “mayor” of Roslindale, died Jan. 22, 2018 peacefully at home surrounded by family, after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Beloved wife of the late Robert B. Pieroway. Devoted mother of Robert J. Pieroway (Ret. Sgt. BPD) and his wife Marie Pieroway of Roslindale, and Sharon (Pieroway) Ellis of Franklin. Sister Kenneth West and his wife Jean of West Roxbury/Franklin, Lois Morse of East Bridgwater, Edna Buckley of Wilbraham and the late Robert, Warren and Donald West. Loving grandmother of Mathew R. Pieroway (BPD) and his wife

Jessica Pieroway, Richard B. Pieroway and his wife Hillary, Nicole M. Pieroway, Ryan Ellis and his wife Amanda Garrod Ellis and Amanda Ellis. May was a loving women with a caring heart, fondly known to all as “Nana May,” survived by seven great-grandchildren and also many nieces and nephews. May dedicated her life to her family and community, was a very active member of the Roslindale Community. Member of the Roslindale Parade committee for over 25 years, was the 2004 Grand Marshall of the Roslindale Parade, which she was so proud of. Retired from City of Boston Parking and Transportation and a long time member of the Hotel and Restaurant union Local 26. Funeral was from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery (St. James Apostle), West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in May’s memory to “Cops for kids with Cancer” Canton Police Dept. 1492 Washington St. Canton, MA 02021. For directions and guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com P.E.

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SAVIOLI

Alexander M., Jr. Marine Vietnam Veteran Of West Roxbury, Jan. 22, 2018. Beloved husband of Jayne E.

(Nisbet). Devoted father of Joseph J. and his wife Lauren of Westford and Alexander M. III and his wife Laura of Nashua, N.H., devoted son of Alexander M. Savioli of Harwich, Mass. & Florida, and the late Anna (Donovan), loving grandfather of Giuliana and Tatum. Brother of Gaetano Savioli of Kentucky, brother-in-law of Lynda and her husband Buddy Packer of Dorchester, William Nisbet of Florida and his late wife Corinne Nisbet, Ron Nisbet and his wife Jane Muto of Framingham, Arthur Nisbet and his wife Joan Nisbet of Florida, Ed Nisbet of Hudson and his late wife Janice, and the late John Nisbet. Also survived by many nieces, nephews & caregivers. Funeral was from the PE Murray, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury. Marine Vietnam Veteran, Rolling Thunder & Bridges for Fallen. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Alexander’s memory to the Bridges for Fallen, 12 Windsor Way, Harwich, MA 02645. For directions & guestbook pemurray.com PE Murray-FJ Higgins

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Ask The Doctor

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2017 KIA Niro Touring

This hybrid/crossover hatchback seats four with comfort, plus has ample cargo room in the rear. Fold the back seats down and you get even more room. Under the hood, all maintenance points are clearly marked and there is plenty of room for access. The redesigned front grille and fascia look great; the doors open and close with a solid feel and sound. A look inside and you see a well-thought-out dash with easy to use controls (you do not need a college degree to understand how to operate them). There is a large, center 8-inch touchscreen display with multiple functions, including a Harman Kardon premium audio system. The dual zone heat/AC is controlled with a simple temperature knob and two buttons for the fan speed. The center console houses the heating and cooling buttons for the leather front seats as well as a button for the heated steering wheel. Some readers will think I have an obsession with a heated steering wheel – if you never drove a car with a heated wheel, you would not understand. It's like not having A/C in the summer.

Steering hub controls are at your fingertips and the driver's seat has power adjustments. A push-to-start button, blind spot detection, front/rear parking assist, rear cross traffic alert, power moon roof, power folding heated outside mirrors with turn signals, roof rails, rear spoiler and privacy glass, plus a lot more are all standard equipment. There is a 10-year/100,000 mile limited power train warranty, a 10-year/100,000 mile battery warranty, and a 5-year/60,000 mile limited basic warranty. All this and an EPA rating of 46 city, 40 highway, combined 43 MPG. Base price is \$29,650 (destination fee: \$895). The car has ample power and has a real 6-speed dual clutch automatic transmission. It is quiet over any road conditions and handles corners like a sports car. There is one option that our test car had called the Advanced Technology Package for \$1,900 that includes HID headlights that really light up the road, autonomous emergency braking, forward collision warning, lane departure warning, smart cruise control, 115-volt inverter, and wireless phone charger.

I never thought that KIA or any company could produce a quality car like this for \$30,000. Other car manufacturers should take note of just how fine this car is.

Boston's own Junior Damato, **"The Auto Doctor"** has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

WalkUP

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council president, succeeding Roslindale resident and at-large councilor Michelle Wu.

She is a key supporter of the Vision Zero program, which would implement more speed bumps to curb speeding and improve pedestrian safety. One of her previous positions was with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

"I've already done walk-throughs of the business district," McCarthy said, noting his involvement with Roslindale Village Main Street (RVMS) and the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) over his past terms. "And we all have areas of expertise. If an environmental issue comes up that I can't solve, Matt (O'Malley) is the go-to guy. I work with Andrea (Campbell), as she is the vice-chair of the Community Preservation Committee and Public Safety Committee, which I chair."

O'Malley, who grew up in Roslindale, said he was inspired to become involved in politics when his family hosted a house party for then-City Council candidate and future Mayor Tom Menino.

"It's my eighth year on the Council, despite my relative youth," he said. In his most recent term, O'Malley pointed to his being able to pass the citywide plastic bag recycling ordinance and the renovation of the Jamaica Plain library.

Traffic safety, on the main streets as well as side streets, was a major focus. Part of the problem, McCarthy noted, is that people are speeding on the side streets and using

them as cut-throughs.

"Here Officer O'Mara will stand in between two cars going 30 miles per hour," he said. "He goes around Kittredge, Glendower and Poplar in a Crown Vic(toria). The police are aware of the problem."

Campbell responded that she, like her colleagues, has put in budget requests for funding for money for the Vision Zero program. This program also hinders speeders by discouraging distracted driving, such as motorists using cell phones and texting.

"However, we don't want to be fighting to share these resources," she said. "It would be great if these civic associations could come together and apply together for these resources."

If neighborhoods are not selected for the Vision Zero program, Campbell stressed that these areas may receive some corrective changes.

"I did an executive hearing about this a year ago," O'Malley said. "There is a sense of urgency now."

O'Malley also described creative initiatives like virtual speed bumps and "don't block the box" that are making an impact for pedestrians and safety vehicles.

Cliffmont Street, a side street at the intersection of Canterbury and Poplar streets at the Sacred Heart School, was brought to McCarthy's attention by new homeowner Sondra Newman.

"The street is a mess," Newman said. "There are always cars speeding going down the street. Then there are cars dumping in that apartment building late at night. And then we had that big flood when we lost our water for hours."

A woman named Sarah said that, on the Keep Roslindale Quirky Facebook page, "there is a picture of Tom Menino standing in Roslindale Square. The streetscape of Roslindale Square is exactly the same. Are they ever going to redo it?"

McCarthy responded with a qualified "yes." However, because of the city's limited resources, it would take "magical Jedi forces" to get every desired improvement made.

Although there are many things that could be improved, the city's bridges have to be the top priority, according to McCarthy.

"The bridges haven't been done in decades," he said. "If a bridge doesn't get repaired, it's going to go into the wa-

ter."

He also said that other neighborhoods are upset because Roslindale has had so many improvements to its parks, the planned library renovation, and the vibrant Main streets district.

Lisa Beatman of Roslindale said that pedestrian and traffic safety are equally important.

"If I see someone in a crosswalk, I am almost afraid to stop, because a car will try to pass me on the right. I've seen cops do it."

"Don't speak up all at once," she challenged the councilors.

"I want to see the term 'Boston driver' become synonymous with safety and civility," O'Malley said. Area E-5 police are very proactive in enforcing the road rules, according to O'Malley.

Beatman asked if more could be done about driver education, whether in schools or in other avenues.

Robert Orthman, a WUR steering committee member and a RVMS board member, discussed housing solutions, such as Air B&B and other initiatives.

"It was great to have Councilor Campbell here, especially now that she is the council president," Orthman said. "It was an opportunity to get an overview of Roslindale's needs more broadly as the budgetary process begins and discretionary funding opportunities are discussed."

He added that these issues have a significant impact on the vitality on the business district and the surrounding housing stock.

One of the main points he thought was important was the recently implemented dedicated bus lane on Washington Street. Orthman said he hopes it will be expanded and replicated as "part of a transformative process."

"The key to any meeting such as that is to ensure that everybody knows that we are all rowing in the same direction," McCarthy said after the meeting. "Making Roslindale safe for all people, whether they're walking, driving or riding a bike, is crucial in any successful neighborhood."

"As walking and biking become more popular, the city of Boston is going to adjust to accommodate those people as well as the drivers. In the very near future, we will need to redesign Roslindale Village to make sure that it is safe for everybody."

Boston Firefighters practice ice rescues at Jamaica Pond



Boston Firefighters took part in a training session on Jamaica Pond on Monday to prepare firefighters for rescue operations during ice breaks. Here, one firefighter is using ice picks to extricate himself from the water. The operation allowed firefighters to familiarize themselves with the equipment needed to perform cold water rescues.

PHOTO BY BFD

Zoots *continued from page 1*

ports to the contrary, customers will still be charged for their laundered clothing at all of its 17 store locations, two of which, in West Roxbury and Allston, are in the City of Boston.

“In the event that you do not pick up your garments on Friday, they will be transported to a central storage location, and made available at a later date,” Madoff said in a statement.

Zoots also confirmed that it will be finishing its home delivery orders this week and will be delivering all garments from its central Brockton location by the end of the week.

Madoff said in separate statements that though they are working to make sure that the company’s former employees get paid, nothing is yet set in stone, even after employees saw their last paychecks bounce. Madoff said he was hopeful that money from Friday’s pickups could balance the books in employees’ favor.

Many residents feel that they were not given good enough warning about the bankruptcy, and the company could have given advance warning to customers that it may shut down, but didn’t, presumably because executives thought that would decrease business further and prematurely cause bankruptcy. Many residents have pointed out that the company still picked up home delivery clothing bags on Jan. 19, the same day it announced its bankruptcy.

The lack of communication caused confusion on Jan. 19, when customers went to pick up their clothes to find all stores closed, with no explanation on the stores themselves. Zoots representatives and Madoff could not be reached for comment before the Bulletin’s deadline.

MPB Church *continued from page 1*

raised about \$16,000. But Coyne said despite that deal, they haven’t been able to come up with the funds.

“I’ve been going to the diocese begging them to forgive that debt and they said absolutely not, because they know we have that money in the bank,” he said, adding that the collaborative has about \$6.5 million saved at the current moment, which has in turn been funding the operational costs. Coyne said they raise about \$10,000 a year on that interest from the bank.

Resident John McCormack pointed out that they could be doing a lot more with some better investment.

“You have \$6 million of investing power,” he said. “You’ve got to get a much better interest rate, 5 percent perhaps even 10 percent in certain circumstances. If we think of those percentages and look at the money on account right now, we might be able to pull in \$300,000 in interest income alone every year.”

McCormack also said they could put the funds into an endowment, which would dedicate the interest to specific interests dictated by the BHC.

“We’re losing out because we’re being told we’re not a successful parish and there’s a stream of money out there that we’re not capturing,” he said.

Finance Director John Matthews said yes, they have thought of reinvestment in the past to help ease the parish’s financial woes, but warned the

more potential return, the more potential risk.

“The Finance Council will guide the process and the pastor on what we should do,” he said. “How risky do we want to go? It’s not something that I’m not in favor of, but it’s more a question of do we have people who could help us to find the best vehicles to invest in? I’m not opposed to it, if you can tell me we have a better opportunity with this firm or that firm and we can pull money out of it, we’re not tied to the archdioceses on that. Though I don’t have the expertise and we would need people who do.”

One resident pointed out that they would also have to pay an investment broker to handle the account.

“If you think they’re going to work for \$20,000 a year you’re sorely mistaken,” she said.

It was previously estimated that the church of MPB would need about \$5 million in repairs, which Coyne was not necessarily opposed to paying with the \$6.5 million. But those renovations would close the church for a period of time, losing parishioner income. A plan was floated at a recent public meeting to renovate the top of the church into apartments to pay for the renovations of the church, but residents pointed out at the meeting that solution would have the same problem. Resident Alex Thomas also pointed out that the renovations don’t necessarily have to be done in a single go.

“We just need a church that’s not leaking right now,” he said. “If we just do it piecemeal we could do it. The windows, the paint, they’re both fine; we just need the roof fixed. If we could just start working, we could do it, but everybody’s scared. So when you’re scared you’ve got to start doing things to get things going, and I’m scared to death we’re going to lose that church.”

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Suffolk Division

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Hyde Park Bulletin, 02/01/2018

CITY OF BOSTON

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To the Public Safety Commission
Committee on Licenses
Building Department

Boston, MA **December 28, 2017**

APPLICATION

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Cooke punctuated this by describing a recent catch basin cleaning in Milton during which about 1,000 bags of dog waste were removed from it.

"And, obviously, they were sort of well intentioned. They just weren't adequately informed," he said.

Having clarified neighborhood catch basins drain directly to the Neponset, Cooke recommended that residents try to keep their yards clean in order to reduce harmful runoff to storm drains as well as not putting anything in the catch basins that shouldn't be in the river.

Additionally, he went over the least polluting types of road salt (calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) and calcium chloride) and the most corro-

sive (sodium chloride) as far as the winter months go.

Cooke also suggested either pouring water that has been polluted in some way either down the sink or into the grass.

"Nature has a pretty impressive capacity to clean things up if you give it a chance," he said.

He also advised that dumping can be reported to the BWSC.

In other FHNA news, a couple of zoning matters were addressed.

The owners of the property at 892 Metropolitan Ave. have redrawn their plans, but the house is still scheduled to be moved, with a new one to be built next to it.

When new plans are filed, a new comment period will be requested.

Mike Stallings, the developer of 101 Milton Ave. went before the Association to de-

scribe his project: a proposed 2,500 square foot Victorian requiring a frontage variance.

An abutters meeting has been held at which, according to Tim McCarthy's Community Liaison Steve Maguire, there were about 10 present with the "majority in favor, two or three opposed."

A zoning hearing is scheduled for March 6 at City Hall.

In additional announcements:

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a meeting at the Municipal Building Community Center (1179 River St.) on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the Reservation Road Skate Park renovations.

Officer Matt Conley was announced as the newest addition to the community police contingent for Area E-18.

The Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association will next meet on Wednesday, Feb 21.

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tee meeting to discuss the design for the estimated \$6.4 million renovation of the Roslindale Branch on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the branch's location at 4246 Washington St. The architectural firm of Leers Weinzapfel Associates (LWA) will update the community on the design progress to date, and how the new design will better serve the Roslindale community and patrons of the library. All are welcome.

More information on the Roslindale Branch renovation, including the presentation from the first design meeting held this past fall, and additional capital projects can be viewed via www.bpl.org/branchcapitalprojects.

HEALTHY LIVING SPEAKER SERIES

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FOCUS ON BROOK FARM

PHOTOGRAPHY AND ARTISTS' EXHIBIT: DEADLINE EXTENDED

Brook Farm in West Roxbury, the most influential utopian community of 19th century America, has long inspired writers, artists, and intellectuals. New Brook Farm invites the community to continue the tradition this winter by submitting photos, artistic representations, prose, poetry, and musical works inspired by this historic place to the third annual FOCUS ON BROOK FARM event.

Due to this winter's severe weather, the deadline for submissions is extended to Monday, Feb. 12.

New Brook Farm's selection team will choose works that represent the many faces of the site for public exhibition and performance. Photos of the site and of works inspired by the site will be exhibited at Brookline Bank, West Roxbury, from Feb. 25 through March 24. All works will be displayed and participants will be honored at a reception this spring, date to be announced. In addition, New Brook Farm will post all works and images of works submitted on the website.

All works must have a connection to the Brook Farm site and its history. Brook Farm Historic Site is located at 670 Baker Street, West Roxbury. Visit the New Brook Farm website, newbrookfarm.org/focus-on-brook-farm-iii-deadline-extended, for guidelines and instructions for submitting your works. You may also email info@newbrookfarm.org or call 617-694-6407.

New Brook Farm, Inc. is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Its mission is to share information and raise awareness of the

historical, social, archaeological, and environmental significance of the Brook Farm site, to promote the arts and host community events while connecting visitors to the beauty and history of Brook Farm, and to create a sustainable demonstration farm on a small portion of the site. Brook Farm Historic site is owned by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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At the BRA meeting on Jan. 10, he watched as State Rep. Angelo Scaccia, also a Readville resident, staunchly vocalized opposition to this colossal change to his neighborhood. State Sen. Michael Rush also pronounced all his concerns and told us after the meeting that he greatly opposed this concept. The city councilor has in the past neighborhood meetings proclaimed that Hyde Park is due for a “transformation” but this writer wishes to remind him that we simply employed him to represent us. He was not elected to lobby his personal thoughts in City Hall because if that was the case we might have sought an individual with

a resume that included a well established professional career that would be pertinent to a “transformation.” No, we hired him to present our thoughts to City Hall and it’s well time he does such.

Craig Martin
Boston

NOT SUCH A
BAD IDEA

To The Editor:
The idea for charging Boston residents for neighborhood parking stickers is not as outlandish as when you first hear this idea, but I do believe before we start tweaking with these parking stickers we

should do a comprehensive parking study citywide.
For instance, Boston’s North End, according to city officials, has issued 3,602 residential parking permits but has fewer than 2,000 legal spaces to park. Should the city cap permits handed out to neighborhood residents or just allow a situation where there are 1,400 extra vehicles looking for those 2,000 spaces? Same goes for each of the city’s neighborhoods.
City Councilor Michelle Wu reportedly is looking at these resident parking permits and wondering if they should be free or come with a fee. I do like the idea of allowing Boston residents to have the ability to perhaps pay a fee for a

citywide resident parking sticker. I currently have an East Boston sticker, but when I visit the North End or Charlestown, I get treated like an out-of-towner. The same is true for any Boston resident visiting friends in East Boston.
Parking is not a right found in the Bill of Rights. It is always first come, first serve. I like having a free East Boston park-

ing sticker, but I would gladly pay a nominal fee to park in any Boston neighborhood because I am a citizen of Boston and not just East Boston.
I am concerned that it sounds like a money grab, but as long as Boston residents are served, sometimes things come with a cost. Better than parking in an expensive garage, isn’t it.
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East Boston

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