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Direct abutters to this chicken coop on Corey Street say it's too close to their home, and WRNC members said they agreed.

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Coop-eration not on tap for Corey Street

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The residents at 145 Corey St. and 151 Corey St. have not been able to come to an agreement regarding the chicken coop owned by the Dowds at 145 as shown on Tuesday at the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) Zoning Subcommittee.

The WRNC voted to give the Dowds until May to start moving the coop to another location so as not to bother their neighbors.

The problem originated when Kevin and Darlene Dowd installed a chicken coop on their property about

a year and a half ago at 145 Corey St. The coop turned out to be a nuisance for their neighbors Robert Strossi and Ellen Hilly who live next door to the property, citing noise from the two hens that live in the coop. The biggest concern according to the two neighbors was that the coop was placed right on the Dowds' property line.

The issue first came up in June of last year because chicken coops are a conditional use in terms of zoning, which means the Dowds would

Coop

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Porteleki celebrating half a century in Roslindale

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

If you ever sit down and talk to Josef Porteleki about his time in Roslindale, the problem with defining his career becomes readily apparent: where does Roslindale end and Joe begin?

Porteleki first came to Massachusetts by way of Austria when he was 12 years old in the 1950s, and now runs the oldest hardware store in the city, Ace Hardware (formerly Roslindale Hardware) at the corner of Metropolitan Avenue and Washington. Since then, he bought the building at that corner and has been there for more than 50 years. What some newer residents to Roslindale may not know was that the hardware store was not his first business there.

"I started with a pizza and sandwich shop actually," he said.

Building ownership began in 1982, but it was off to a rocky start. One of his first tenants was moving down the street, and he said that this tenant had an interesting method of moving the business.

"They bought a building down the street and I guess they decided the easiest way to handle that was to have a fire, collect the insurance and open at the new address," he said. "They managed to get away with it."

Porteleki was forced to start over but, as luck would have it, the brothers who owned the Ace Hardware Shop across the street were looking to sell. He's been a hardware man ever since, and you would be forgiven to think that rebuilding an entire structure, running a business,



Josef Porteleki has been in Roslindale for 50 years and he said it's made quite an impression on him.

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raising a family and keeping up with his violin chops would take up all of his time, but you'd be wrong.

"I was a president of the Roslindale Board of Trade and then the first president of the Roslindale Village Main Streets (RVMS) and then ever since I've been involved in all kinds of organizations," he said.

Porteleki helped to establish the RVMS with then-City Councilor Thomas Menino and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Porteleki said they had to compete with six other cities to become the first Main Street in the country.

Porteleki said he's seen the ups and downs of the neighborhood, especially in terms of business.

"Well, you know Roslindale was quite a busy place in the '60s, be-

Porteleki

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Council wants to question city's investment with MBTA

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council called for a meeting last week to discuss the city's payments to the organization and why, councilors say, the city is not seeing my much in the way of a return on its investment.

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu called for the hearing, citing the payment the city makes to the transit authority, which has been plagued with delays, dead trains and a huge budget deficit (about \$111 million assessed as of the date of publication).

"Every year, the City of Boston pays around \$85 million to the MBTA. This is a payment made on the behalf of all residents from the city coming

from our taxpayer dollars of every neighborhood, and yet the service that our residents are getting is not at the level they deserve," she said. "Our residents are not being served equitably across the City of Boston."

Many residents and many city councilors have railed on the MBTA in the past about the Fairmount Line, which serves lower income neighborhoods. The line was originally supposed to be a rapid transit line, like the Orange or Red Lines, but since it is run with Commuter Rail trains this is simply not the case. Combined with the fact the MBTA seems to under value and underestimate the line's rid-

Transit Survey

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The MBTA's zone fare map, shown above, is thought to be unfair to Boston residents.

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The Home for Little Wanderers is looking at a major redesign that would include two new buildings and the demolition of their current building shown above.

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Home for Little Wanderers files redevelopment plan

Jeff Sullivan
 Staff Reporter

The Home for Little Wanderers building in Roslindale is now officially on the books for its new redevelopment project.

The Home has submitted the first step in the paperwork required for its proposed renovation. The Home is proposing to knock down its current building at 780

American Legion Highway, as the estimated rehabilitation and renovation costs to the building would top out at about \$5 million, for which the Home states it does not have. The building, according to the Home, is falling apart, and even band-aid rehabilitation would cost millions, leaving further repairs for the organization down the line.

So the Home has teamed

up with Duane Jackson and Alinea Capital Partners to demolish the old building and put up a new building for the offices and another building of condos and rental units to help pay for the new office. The new office would be a single structure on the north side of the site, where there is currently a parking lot. It is currently

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MHMC beats Taco Bell, talks Commuter Rail

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Mount Hope Mount Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHMC) met a week ago and discussed a long-term plan for re-instituting the Commuter Rail station at Hyde Park Avenue and Mount Hope Street.

The old Mount Hope Station was originally closed in 1979 to facilitate construction. The plan was to reopen the station, but the MBTA decided to keep it shuttered.

“It’s still a good idea,” said MHMC member Rick Yoder. “It’s a mile from that point to Forest Hills Station. If you’re in Rozzie Square it’s a mile away from that commuter station.”

Yoder admitted this is a very long-term plan, but he said it’s important to start advocating now. The properties that provide access to the station from Hyde Park Avenue are currently owned by the MBTA and the city, and he said the station couldn’t move forward if the properties were sold for development.

“We don’t see a station going even in five years, but the thing that’s urgent is on the left and right there are vacant lots available right now, so if they were taken over by the MBTA there would be access from our neighborhood and be able to walk down Hyde Park Avenue and get onto a platform

there,” he said. “It would really help out our neighborhood to have rapid transit right in town. The 32 Bus Line pressure would be taken off, and it would also take some cars off the road. Those vacant lots should be bought and re-purposed as an urban wild and park and also access for a future station – there’s all kinds of different ways we could think about this, but we’ve got to start promoting this because it won’t happen unless our elected officials find out this is something that we want.”

State Rep. Russell Holmes said the MBTA is already not in good shape and the roads are also in severe disrepair. He said that would be the main sticking point from the MBTA.

“The moment we start talking about building a new station everybody will start talking about what we have now,” he said. “Anything that’s a new capital spend, the question still comes back to what about the existing buses not working, the trains not working, all those things that need care today.”

In other news, the MHMC announced they have won out against the proposed Taco Bell at the old ice cream stand next to Wendy’s. Residents were stoutly opposed to the move, as they already have a McDonald’s, Popeye’s, KFC, Little Caesar’s, Dunkin’ Donuts, Simco’s and Wendy’s in that immediate area for fast food.



Residents at the recent MHMC meeting said they were happy to have fought off Taco Bell, but said they would remain vigilant.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

“So we’ve sort of pushed them back and I think we have to be eternally vigilant; I think they may reappear in a year, but that shows we can actually win on some of these things,” said Yoder. “That shows our efforts actually pay off. We don’t always win, but I think we did well here and we’re trying to turn it around a bit, not wait for the next awful thing to be proposed for that site. I’ve been encouraging the Haley parents there to start promoting the idea of a gymnasium because that’s the thing they really need.”

MHMC member Lisa Beatman said they need to start advocating for that space now before another proposal comes down the line. She said community organization was important and would be helpful in the future for finding businesses that elevate the community.

“We’re looking at trying to attract more things that are going to be good for our community and that’s why we fought Taco Bell so hard,” she said. “Let’s really celebrate this, we had 80 people packing this meeting a couple times, it brought out so much unity among the residents, not just right here at the Haley, but the Navarre, the Neponset and the Bourne neighborhoods as well. It was fantastic, so let’s keep that unity going.”

Holmes also gave an update to the 289 Walk Hill St.

development. Currently, he said, the developer, Charles Gill, has run into issues getting clean property deeds from the seven owners involved in the project. At one point, residents had heard a rumor that they had run into contamination issues on the site, but Holmes said that was a mistake.

“It seems like a legal issue,” he said. “I talked to the owner and I asked him specifically about contamination and my understanding was they had deed issue on one of their properties.”

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Editorial

WRONG TARGETS

Once again, we face a tragic school shooting. In this case, 17 teenagers and teachers were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

The shooting illustrates everything wrong with America, and not because of guns or the Second Amendment.

It is certainly expected that students who survived the massacre would fight for tougher gun regulations and background screening. Is it the right fight to engage? Will it accomplish anything? Maybe, maybe not. The crusade, however, is completely understandable and there is a glimmer of hope that there will be a constructive dialog.

And yet, the shootings have brought out the worst in people. On Twitter a photo of kids crying was met with the snarky response that it was the worst day since their parents told them to get a job. Another tweet: Adults 1; Kids 0.

Even without seeking it out, we are once again hearing from conservative conspiracy theorists that the whole affair was a hoax, a false flag populated by "crisis actors."

Another goon, seizing upon pre-interview jitters, blamed a student for rehearsing what he wanted to say, as though getting your thoughts together is proof of a conspiracy. One of the students, a future journalist, was roundly categorized as fake news. And, of course, George Soros is blamed for financing the whole charade.

We are by no means fluffy liberals. It is becoming apparent, however, that the conservative ideology needs to once again become the Republican ideology. The current administration is doing nothing to reign in spending, and the true believers lose a piece of their soul everyday. You can support the Second Amendment without attacking young victims and spreading lies. But these fools, and there are more than you think, don't comprehend that.

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A fitting tribute from a hero

Tom Brokaw broke new ground when he authored a book called, "The Greatest Generation."

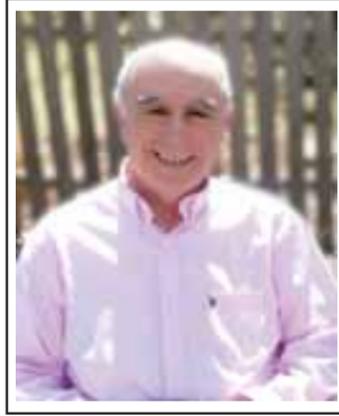
The book focused on Americans serving in World War II. It was not just the various medal recipients he spoke of, but the average GI.

The book details how a number of soldiers in World War II, reacting to the carnage of Pearl Harbor, lied about their age so that they could sign up for the draft. Also revealed are the hardships and valor of so many teenagers, as well as those of older guys, serving between 1941 and 1945.

When Vietnam came around, there was minimal, if any, lying about one's age to qualify for the military. Because of various reasons, teenagers were less motivated to serve in the military to defend a foreign country. The local draft boards in East Boston, Hyde Park, Roslindale, and other Boston neighborhoods, filled their quotas with teens not attending college; the draft boards in Westwood, West Roxbury, and Weston probably had a more difficult time of filling their quotas.

In the recent Ken Burns/Lynn Novick epic about Vietnam there is a wonderful statement - I know it's in the book but am not sure about the television series - made by an Army veteran, Vincent Okamoto from California, as he remembered the infantry company he led in Vietnam in 1968:

"Nineteen, twenty-year-old high school dropouts that come



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from the lowest socioeconomic rung of American society... they didn't have the escape routes that the elite and the wealthy and the privileged had... but to see these kids, who had the least to gain... they weren't going to be rewarded for their service to Vietnam. And yet their infinite patience, their loyalty to each other, their courage under fire, was just phenomenal. And you would ask yourself: how does America produce young men like this?"

Okamoto received the Distinguished Service Cross for his valor and loyalty to his teenagers and older guys in his company. Later on, he became a Superior Court Judge and never recanted his thoughts about American youth of the '60s.

The youngest of 10 children and the seventh of seven sons, Okamoto was born during World War II after his family, along with 120,000 others of

Japanese descent, were relocated from the west coast to the Poston, Ariz. War Relocation Center. According to him, parents and elders there never passed on a sense of anger, disappointment, or bitterness to their children and grandchildren. As a consequence, the Japanese American soldiers who were finally permitted into the military during World War II were all grouped into the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which collectively became the most highly-decorated unit in the annals of American military history.

Okamoto eventually went on to college, where he joined ROTC and was commissioned as a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant. Motivated by his older brothers, Okamoto volunteered for Vietnam in the late 1960s.

In a terrible firefight, Okamoto led most of his company to safety because of his heroic acts. The leader of "The Wolfhound Battalion" would receive 13 service medals - in addition to his Distinguished Service Cross - a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts.

As a guy who risked his own life to serve his country and to save members of his platoon, he is an inspiration to all of us. And as leader who spoke so highly of his comrades in arms, he crafted a statement worth recalling when we old-timers begin questioning the commitment of prior generations from the likes of Jamaica Plain High School, Roslindale High, Roxbury Memorial, and Boston Trade.

Letters to the Editor

GAMING THE SYSTEM

To the Editor:

As someone who grew up poor and working class in Boston's South End and Lower Roxbury, I can remember hard times my family would experience time to time. The same was true for many childhood friends. We all struggled through our young lives but we did learn to survive. Eventually, things would get better for us, but you always remember what it felt like growing up and accepting help so reluctantly from others.

As I read the editorial (Food for Thought), I have often become angry watching others in the supermarket check-out line scam and game the system set up to help them.

Whatever happened to self-pride, I would say to myself. What kind of people do

this? How desperate are these people? When food stamps were turned into EBT cards and ATM machines, the crop of bad players only seem to metastasize.

The entitlement programs in government budgets continue to grow out of whack and becoming a bigger and bigger chunk of the entire budget. We are told it is untouchable. We can't cut it.

Today, as a taxpayer who pays his taxes, I don't mind helping those in need, but I think we need to cut waste and cut out the gamers. We created a system that depends on basic honesty and it hasn't worked out that well. Like Diogene, I can't find too much honesty with my lamp.

Wouldn't it be nice if instead of going to a supermarket to use EBT cards, folks had to go to food pantries? If folks can go to food pantries for free food, why not let folks also go

there with EBT cards for weekly shopping needs too?

I don't want to see the poor treated like second class citizens. I remember how that felt to me as a kid at the few times we sought help during my childhood. I never wanted anything for nothing. It felt a little demeaning. Today, wouldn't it be nice if that attitude still existed but instead all we seemingly get is more entitled people seeking their entitlements. I would rather go hungry than become an entitled person getting pleasure out of gaming a system set up to help them and so many others truly in need.

I never feel guilty when I see gamers at the supermarket kissing their EBT cards. I feel angry. Another great government program that hurts more than it helps too many.

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Proposed Airbnb short term rental ordinance reviewed

The Boston City council met last week to discuss a new ordinance proposed by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh concerning short-term housing rentals.

Short-term rentals, most notably known through the online company Airbnb, allow homeowners or renters to rent out rooms in their homes to earn a little money on the side. Or that was the idea for the new contract economy. It has now turned into a corporate business, with investors and property owners clearing out buildings of long-term renters to accommodate short-term renter demand.

Currently, short-term rentals do not require the same kind of safety checks, building checks, inspectional services checks and insurance that hotels are required to have. Unlike new economy taxi services like Uber – for which the driver has to be insured by state law – every owner is currently liable for damages caused by a guest, and in some extreme cases – like that of a homeowner in Palm Springs, Calif. – the short-term tenant

can squat, causing the homeowner to go through the lengthy process of filing an eviction claim, which in some cases can last months.

Walsh's ordinance was debated by the Boston City Council last week, and in its current form, would have a tiered system of fees associated with each type of short-term rental owner or occupant. It would also require compliance with other housing laws, and – among other stipulations – require that an investor unit (a unit not occupied by the owner) be only on the short-term rental market for 90 days of a year (owner occupied units may rent for 365 days of the year). Enforcement for these requirements would be undertaken by the city's Inspectional Service Department (ISD), which District 1 City councilor Lydia Edwards said is already heavily-burdened by its current duties and an agreement with the short-term rental company, as is now done in San Francisco (for a full list of details for the ordinance in its first form, go to



Who Are the AirBnB Hosts? Investors Control 70% of Downtown Boston's AirBnB Units

WHY SHORT-TERM INVESTOR UNITS ARE A SEVERE PROBLEM IN BOSTON



Residents are concerned on the number of short-term rental units owned by investors who do not have long-term residents in entire buildings. COURTESY PHOTO

boston.gov/news/new-ordinance-creates-guidelines-regulations-short-term-rentals-boston).

ISD Commissioner William Christopher said the registration fees proposed by the new ordinance – a maximum of \$500 per year for investor units – would offset those additional costs ISD would be facing for the new short-term rental inspections.

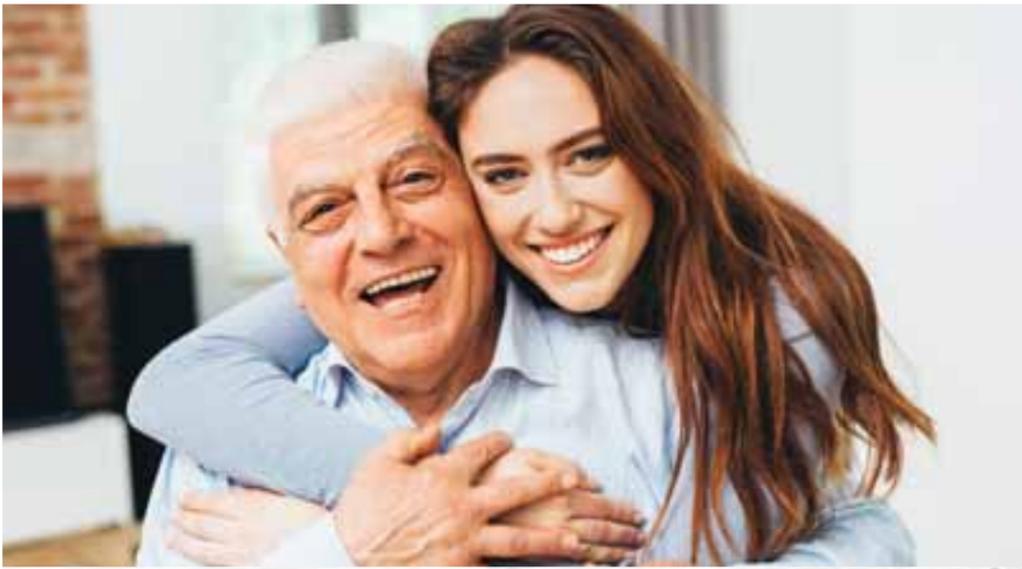
"We've put together some guidelines of what we think the cost would be and we would staff it appropriately," he said during the hearing. "If we do some scraping of the internet so we know what units are available, we look at our registrations, and if we see conflicts there this can be dealt with first with a mailing and a notice... So it should not be labor-intensive, but there will

be a staff dedicated to the enforcement of inspections on site."

Edwards said during the hearing that the 90-day restriction on investor units, combined with the average rent on Boston's short-term rentals of \$284, would equal a yearly income of \$25,056, or \$2,088 a month. She said this could dis-

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29th annual WR Library Poetry Contest coming up

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Friends of the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library is hosting its 29th annual Poetry Contest on May 3 this year, with a submission deadline date of March 28.

Friends organizer Janice Crosby said this year's theme is listening, which she said was decided upon by the Friends and Babson College Professor of Poetry Mary Pinard, the contest judge.

"She's really been our library muse for most of these years," Crosby said. "She'll also be the one who will pick the winner from each of the categories."

Crosby said they will have categories for each school grade as well as teens, adults and seniors. She said the real amazing thing about the contest is that it wants regular folks as contestants and not professional writers. When the winners are announced, Pinard reviews each poem and explains the imagery and poetic devices the writers used.

"It's really just local people who try their hand at poetry," she said.

Crosby said the contest has

really grown over the decades, and attracts writers from all over the city, and some much farther than that.

"This year we even got a request for someone to submit from the United Kingdom," she said. "They're not all from West Roxbury, but many are. One of the teachers at Catholic Memorial for instance, every year has her whole class submit. We also pass fliers out to the schools as well as on the Massachusetts Poetry website, and people know it from word of mouth."

Crosby said they had more than 250 submissions last year, which she said was the result of hard work and persistence.

"As with anything, when you do something consistently for many, many years, like our book sale, it does grow in interest," she said. "We also last year for the first time and this year for the second time had Mary come to give a poetry workshop, which she did last month. She had about 11 children from ages 7 to 12, and in the afternoon we have about 13 or 14 adults and two of our seniors who come in first and second every year."

Crosby said Pinard is extremely helpful in preparing

aspiring writers for the contest, and she said it's always a great time. She said Pinard really tries to get to the root of what each writer wants to say and really gets them excited about writing.

"She's so engaging in her personality, people just take to it," she said. "My grandson even loves it and he's a typical 10-year-old boy. Now, whether he'll be able to write a poem on his own, that's another matter."

The event itself will be a poetry reading from each winning author followed by an explanation by Pinard. Crosby said there will be coffee, drinks and sweets for the kids.

"It's a lot of fun, it's very uplifting, as most of the audience are the students and their families," Crosby said. "Even though I'm not a poet, I love

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going and I love listening to it. It's a really fun and it really shows how vibrant the community is. It's not like it's a bunch of academics who are constantly writing, it's just regular people who choose for whatever reason to write."

Each winner will be given a book as a prize. Crosby said the contest was started decades ago by emeritus Friends members and has grown exponentially since then. She

said she first got involved after joining the Friends in the early '90s.

"I started off by working on the annual book sale which is wonderful. I think of it as the loaves and the fishes. We all have more books than we need so why not bring some to others?" she said. "Come June we sell them and that's how we make a lot of our money to pay for the speakers and the events like the po-

ets who help us with these workshops and this contest."

To enter in the contest, you can email your submission to FriendsWestRoxburyLibrary@gmail.com or you can mail to: Poetry Contest, West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. You can also deliver by hand to the poem drop box in the West Roxbury Branch Library at the aforementioned address.

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planned for a four-story building with 22 units of housing for the Home's resident population, made up of adults who have aged out of the foster care system and have no familial support structure. The voluntary program assists residents who are trying to get into the workforce but do not have a place to stay once they've aged out of the foster system.

The other building, the housing redevelopment that would pay for the Home's new office, would have 98 units of market rate and workforce rental units and owner-occupied condo town houses. The building would be six stories and put in an M-shape configuration. The height of the building, as of the last architectural drawings shown to the public in December, would taper off at the points of the M heading towards the rear of the structure facing away from American Legion.

The two buildings are a single project, and therefore would trigger the BPDA's Article 80 Large Project Review process. The process would require several public meetings, as well as the formation of an Impact Advisory Group (IAG) appointed by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. The whole massing of the project consists of 229,859 square feet of gross floor area on 2.58 acres with a floor-to-area ratio (FAR) of 1.785. There is about 71,000 square feet dedicated to the mixed-use Home office building and 58,859 for the residential M building.

The site would have 154 underground or covered parking spaces and the Home has intimated that they would also be willing to lease spaces from local businesses in the area. The Home is also predicting that the proposal would also trigger several zoning violations. In previous meetings, the Home's representatives also said they will be partnering with the Dimock Health Center in linkage fees to provide a family primary care practitioner doctor's office in the facility, which will see about 2,500 patients per year. Jackson said in past meetings they hope to start construction in the late fall of 2018, but if not at that time then the spring of 2019.

Residents of the area have voiced concern at recent meetings regarding the rental aspect of the project, as well as its size and scope. According to Jackson, the

Home is already leveraging several funding sources just for this redevelopment and could not find the funds to do a smaller project.

"Our concern is with the impact that 120 units of dense housing proposed to be situated in our one and two-family neighborhood," said Mount Hope Mount Canterbury Neighborhood Association member Rick Yoder. "This is a neighborhood with inadequate public transportation, limited nearby shopping options and recreational facilities. Walking and biking are not safe options. Driving is still our main option. It is hard to believe 154 parking spaces will share easily with The Home's daily need of 85-95 parking spaces. This would lead to an overflow of parking on already heavily used neighborhood street parking."

Yoder said neighbors are concerned also with the height of the proposed buildings and the effect that height could have on residents' quality of life.

"There is a concern with the effect the size and height of these proposed buildings will have on existing views, sunlight and breezes," he said.

Yoder also questioned the renovation estimates the Home had put out, saying he believed they had not necessarily done their homework on the cost of renovating the old building. He also said the Home could renovate and build new buildings to pay for said renovation by building on the north parking lot.

"We suggest the developer of this proposal thoroughly explore the cost of renovating The Home's existing building instead of tearing it down and building new," he said. "Much of Boston's old commercial stock has been treated this way, with beautiful and less costly outcomes. This approach would then require fewer housing units on site to finance the project."

More meetings for the development will be announced later.



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enfranchise many landlords from renting long-term, as they would only have to deal with 90 days of maintenance as opposed to 365 still make the same amount of money.

Christopher English, the Senior Policy Adviser for Intergovernmental Relations for the City of Boston, fielded the question of the city's logic in pursuing that 90-day cap. He said they looked at several intervals, and found that with the average short-term rent of \$284, a landlord would earn \$34,000 for 120 days of use, which would equal \$2,833 a month, or the average rent for the City of Boston across studios to five-bedroom apartments.

"Which is why we scaled it back to 90 days," he said.

Many residents from Chinatown testified during the hearing. The neighborhood has faced a rapid expansion in terms of redevelopment, as has much of the city. Arturo Gossage of the Alliance of Downtown Civic Organizations and the Boston Chinatown Residents Association, has said in the past that he and his respective organizations have found entire buildings closed off to long-term renters which, according to national data and professor of economics at the University of California Los Angeles Ed-

ward Kung, increases rent on top of a market already under a crunch.

Resident Mei Jing Moo, who said through an interpreter that she has lived in Chinatown for years and represented 19 units of residents, said they have been fighting with their landlord's proposed rent increase for years now, and still have not seen any repairs made to the building.

"In November 2016 our building was sold to a new landlord and, immediately after, he asked for a rent increase that did not address the repair issues in the building. Since then we have formed a tenant association to negotiate a reasonable rent increase," she said. "We have still not reached an agreement with our landlord... In Chinatown, more and more units are being used for short-term rental, and a lot of these landlords want to kick out tenants in their building so they can convert it into short-term rental. A lot of these units used to be the homes of many long-time families."

During the hearing, Gossage said he wanted to see the entirety of the investor-class unit moved out of the consideration all together – a sentiment shared by several city council members and many residents – in order to protect residents from undue

rent increases from artificial increases in demand created by investor units. He said investor units are going up at ever-increasing rates.

"Getting the investors out of the business is going to help (residents) keep more money and it's going to help the housing stock to stay with residents of the community," he said. "Last year there were about 120 listings on Airbnb for Chinatown, now it's over 233, and that's since the month of last May. It's increased dramatically."

Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) Chief Sheila Dillon said during the hearing that there were a possible 2,000 short-term rental units in the city, and Gossage said that about 10 percent of those are in Chinatown.

Kenneth Watson spoke on behalf of the Boston Host Alliance during the hearing (an organization that as of the date of publication has no online or verifiable presence). He said the organization is a group of small business owners who operate Airbnb units in the city, and he said that the ordinance does not take into account small businesses in the city that benefit from increased tourism provided by short-term rentals.

"We believe that the mayor's proposal is well-intentioned, but could be hastily implemented and negatively impact the local economy here," he said. "I don't think it's been highlighted enough the impacts some of these investor class units can really have on a local economy. We haven't talked about the people being employed – the contrac-

tors, the landscapers, the cleaning crews – not to mention the back end of these businesses that have gotten more complex. Those people aren't being represented here today. They didn't have the day off of work like the hotel lobby did."

Watson also advocated to remove the 90-day cap on investor units.

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have to get permission from the city's Inspecitonal Services Department (ISD) and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Darlene Dowd said ISD had told them before the issue first came up that they would not have a problem with ISD. The WRNC voted to ask the Dowds to go to ISD and get formal permission from the department and work out their issues with Strossi and Hilly, but neither came to pass.

Darlene Dowd said they had medical issues in their family that made going back and forth to ISD difficult. The Dowds said they would be willing to move it, but they wanted assurances and permission from ISD for the new location – father away from their neighbors – before they did it, as it would cost significant money.

Darlene Dowd said the reason for the first location was security – so they could keep an eye on the two hens – and so that they would remain in the shade.

“We have them in an area where we can keep an eye on them,” she said. “Recently, the coop was attacked by raccoons; the dog woke me up to let me know. That portion of our yard is very wild, and there is a ton of wild animals. I have more animals in my yard than when I go camping.”

Regardless, the WRNC agreed that the problem had not been addressed, regardless of the reasons for the original

location.

“I’m kind of frustrated,” said WRNC Vice President Stephen Smith. “It was about the location almost a year ago and we’re here again about the location. The coop has to be moved.”

Strossi detailed his complaints against the coop with a two-and-a-quarter page letter he submitted to the WRNC and read during the meeting. He argued that the coop did not meet the requirements for chicken coops in the city's regulations.

“The coop was built without the necessary permit or permits required by law to keep live poultry in the City of Boston,” he read. “Its placement suggests that our neighbors were either ignorant of the applicable zoning regulations or indifferent to them.”

The City of Boston requires that coops be a conditional use, basically meaning that each individual who wants a chicken coop has to get the plans approved by ISD and the Zoning Board of Appeals. WRNC Zoning Subcommittee Chair Tony Saroufim said the main issue is that the coop bothers Strossi and Hilly.

“We almost voted to approve it in June, but we asked them to work it out with you,” he said to Strossi and Hilly. “We need to make sure when you do something here it doesn't bother other people as much as possible and we need

to make sure it follows city code.”

Darlene Dowd pointed out that there are a number of other factors that contribute to noise in the neighborhood and she believes her chickens not to be a problem.

“We have a dog in our neighborhood and I am driven from my yard constantly by this dog,” she said. “Everyone who lives there hears this dog barking incessantly, sometimes at 3 a.m. We have wild turkeys all over the place, there's a family of six turkeys living in our neighborhood... If they come to the chicken coop one of the girls will squawk about it – if you want to gauge the noise factor in our neighborhood, there's so many other things, and my chickens are not allowing you to sleep?”

The Dowds agreed to move the coop before May and come back to talk with the council, Strossi and Hilly when the coop is in its new location, but Darlene Dowd said that may not appease their neighbors.

“They told us flat out they don't want chickens, no compromise,” she said. “I even told them that we're not the only ones who have chickens on Corey Street. They asked where they were and I said I wouldn't tell them. They said they don't want chickens in West Roxbury, that we don't live in the country and it's not right.”

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fore the Dedham Mall – well, before any of the malls around here and when Dedham opened up, that took a lot of the bigger businesses out of the Square,” he said. “That was the beginning of the downturn in Roslindale, and then the Roche Bros Market, which was where the Bank of America is now down in the Square, they had a fire and opened up in West Roxbury after that. Needless to say losing a market was a big deal, and then the larger stores and malls opening up and that hurt Roslindale Village. Then came Busing in 1972 and that was a tremendous hit to all of Boston, including Roslindale. There was a lot of flight from people who had the money; they left town basically.”

Porteleki said he stuck with Roslindale throughout all those problems, and he said it's definitely been worth it. He is involved in so many organizations still, including the Main Streets, the Kiwanis, and various business groups and charitable organizations. He said if he learned one thing from the turbulent economic past of the City of Boston, it's that everyone is in it together.

“The reason I got involved was because as Roslindale and local shopping areas were failing, I realized I shouldn't worry about me so much as worry about everybody,” he said. “We were all in the same boat, we were all going to sink or swim, so I got involved with the Board of Trade and became very politically active myself as well as a lot of the members. That was where Tom Menino got involved and the Main Streets was born.”

Throughout that time Porteleki also managed to keep up with his violin practice and performed for many local orchestras. He said he used to play with the Brockton Symphony for 15 nights in a row at some points.

“And needless to say, I'm doing business throughout the entire time,” he said. “I just played with the Brockton Symphony on Monday again in the First Violin, and the week before I played with the Philharmonia Orchestra in Newton. For 40 years I was also a member of the Newton Symphony Orchestra, but sadly they went out of business.”

Porteleki also helps local charities by serving as the auctioneer for local fundraisers, most frequently now for the West Roxbury Roslindale Kiwanis.

“I got into that through pure accident,” he said. “The church I had belonged to, God, about 40 years ago, they needed an auctioneer and a friend of mine said I ought to be it, so I did it and was more successful at it than previous auctioneers. I was asked by another church and another and another and I've done auctions for the City of Boston and for the orchestras in the area and a number of different organizations, and I've never charged a nickel.”

He said the trick to it is to keep the audience hanging on your every word.

“I tend to be pretty fast and I try to immediately start the next item when the bidding is over, so there's no space lost and I always make sure people are having fun, because when people are having fun they participate,” he said.

Porteleki said if he's learned anything over the years, the best thing you can do is to get involved, wherever you are.

“I live in Roslindale and I like Roslindale an awful lot, it's grown on me and hopefully I've grown on it,” he said. “Being here for 50 years, well, I'm becoming quite reflective. I enjoy it presently and have enjoyed it an awful lot... You got to make a difference by being involved. You are definitely giving a lot but I truly believe you are receiving too. You make friends, you make connections with people, relationships really. Your life is fuller when you're involved.”

Porteleki added that adhesives, nails and screws are not the only kind of coupling he helps Roslindale with.

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At-Large City Councilor
Michelle Wu

ership, many in the city see it as a failed promise.

Perhaps ironically, the Fairmount Line was a part of the Big Dig deal the city made with the state, which required the MBTA to fund the endeavor. Much of the maintenance money set aside for the betterment of the MBTA at the time of the Big Dig was used to cover cost overruns of the project, of which there were billions (from \$2.6 billion at the beginning to nearly \$15 billion – \$24 billion, counting interest on the debt).

Wu said they want to talk to the MBTA about increasing service and possibly lower fares to increase ridership along all lines, for instance changing the Commuter Rail Zone Fare system, which charges many Boston residents more depending on where they live.

“Lowering the fares for them would mean that more people would ride and the system would benefit overall. More would be on the commuter rail instead of driving cars, traffic would be better, the Orange Line would be less crowded. However, on Monday the MBTA Board met and floated the idea of increasing fares yet again next fiscal year,” she said. “We all know that would disproportionately affect our residents in the City of Boston and push more people out of public transportation into cars, increasing our traffic and making it worse for everyone overall.”

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy said he’s been harping on the zone fare issue for some time, with little help from the MBTA. He said the \$85 million the city funds the MBTA with every year should go to helping Boston residents. For the Zone Fare system, residents in Zone 1A pay the same as a rapid transit line, but just one zone away (Hyde Park Station, Roslindale Village, Highland) the rate goes up by two-thirds

to \$6.25.

“That’s real money and we’ve been talking about this, specifically I’ve been talking about this, in District 5 for awhile,” he said. “We’ve been hammering at this. The reality is that the MBTA does not service Boston residents well... You can go to Providence from Boston as cheaply as you can from Hyde Park to Boston. That’s not a made up story, that’s the truth. In Hyde Park in particular to 136, we have three different pay rates.”

District 6 City Councilor Matt O’Malley, who represents West Roxbury (commuters from which pay \$6.25 from the West Roxbury Station to South Station) said he feels residents who pay the heightened fare should get some kind of compensation.

“It is absurd that residents of the City of Boston pay different fares to go into town,” he said. “At this hearing I will ask the MBTA or whomever they send as a representative whether or not they would support having tax abatement for residents of Hyde Park and West Roxbury as it relates to the assessment of the \$85 million. I would venture a guess that they would say no, as it is an absurd idea, just as it is absurd that our residents are paying more. It’s about fare equity. We have to do more to get more people to ride the T, we need to invest and not perpetuate this flawed management of our public transit.”

At Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley said the council needs to advocate more on this for residents who may not have the time to do it themselves, as they might be stuck on a dead train somewhere in the city.

“Just because it is technically a state issue we don’t need to recuse our ability to influence and to advocate, because we’re the ones dealing with the fallout,” she said. “We’re certainly not seeing a return on our investment and the fallout continues to be one on the backs of working class people and that’s just simply unjust and unacceptable. We all see transit as being reliable and affordable; it’s simply a social justice issue.”

District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim said he feels that the current administration is not helping matters at all when it comes to city transit.

“We had a very different response when Gov. Patrick was in charge, he held hearings there and we talked about the assessment and we talked about the impact on our resi-

dents and they listened to us, they worked with us to extend the late-night service,” he said. “But under Gov. Baker’s administration, they have not been willing to do this. They talk again and again about streamlining and modernizing and being more efficient, but they refuse to invest in this system and that is where we end up with these proposals for fare hikes.”

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DEATHS

CARMICHAEL

Francis X. "Frank" Age 57 of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away in the early hours of Jan. 21, 2018 surrounded by his family after a long illness. Frank was preceded in death by his parents Alice (Halligan) and Francis X. "Barney" Carmichael. Beloved brother of Ginny Carmichael of Manchester, N.H., Elaine Carmichael of Jamaica Plain, Marion King and her husband Frank of Scituate, Deborah Carmichael of Boston, Richard Carmichael and his wife Joanne of Hudson, and Patricia Carmichael of Roslindale. Frank was preceded in death by his brother John and his surviving wife Marie, his brother Paul and his sister Margaret "Peggy" and her surviving husband William Foley. Loving uncle of numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews. Frank also leaves behind heartbroken family members and many, many friends. Frank had a big heart and would help anyone. Frank's love of animals starting at a young age became his livelihood up until his death. He started working at the Animal Rescue League of Boston and later became a long time employee of Toureen Kennels and Spa in Watertown. All services for Frank have been held. Donations in Frank's memory may be made to a charity of your choice. For guestbook visit gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

COLLARD

Daniel L. Of Roslindale formerly of Allston, Feb. 11, 2018. Loving husband of Mary Walsh and devoted father of Maia Collard. Son of the late George Leo Collard and Grace Ann (Darling). Beloved brother of Anita Scannel and her husband Thomas, David Collard and his wife Michele, Rosemary Melville, Patricia Herman and her late husband Allen, the late Katherine Jennette and her husband John, the late George Collard and his wife Mary (Kerr) and the late Charles Collard. Loving uncle to numerous nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends. Funeral was from the Joseph Russo Funeral Home, 814 American Legion Hwy (near Cummins Hwy) Roslindale. A Funeral Mass was in Sacred Heart Lower Church Roslindale. Interment was in Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. Late Vietnam War Veteran and Employee of the Boston Police Dept. The family wishes to thank the Staff of the Sixth South at the Faulkner Hospital for their love and care. Directions and Guest Book at www.josephrussofuneralhome.com

FRAZER

Jonathan C. Of Roslindale, Feb. 15, 2018. Beloved husband of Susan R. (Rapacki) Frazer. Loving father of Meghan Myers and her husband Matthew of Westwood, and Allison Frazer of Roslindale. Loving brother of David Frazer and his wife Anneke of Providence R.I., and Deborah Duff and her husband Gordon of Beckett, Mass. Devoted brother-in-law of Carolyn Sherman and her husband Edward of Maryland. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends honored and remembered Jonathan's life by gathering for visiting hours in The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 5 Linden Place, Brookline. Interment was private. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home

GUENTHNER

Henry M. "Hank" Of West Roxbury, Feb. 14, 2018. Beloved husband of Jean R. (Meldrum)

Guenther. Loving father of Paul and his wife Eileen of Natick, Ellen Tierney and her husband Joe of Foxboro, Dan and his wife Diane of Wrentham, Beth McCallum and her husband Joe of Easton, and Karla Frawley and her husband John of Norwood. Loving Grandfather of Joseph, Connor, Leia, Bridget, Kyle, Erik, Grace, Norah, Celia, Thomas, and Violet. Brother of John Guenther of Standish Maine and the late Eunyce and Phyllis and his late stepbrothers Sam, Tom, Dick and Mike Ruo. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A funeral mass was in St. Theresa of Avila Church. No graveside service. Hank was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and life-long active member of the West Roxbury community. He was a dedicated coach and mentor to many Parkway area youth in both baseball and basketball. His love of softball and passion for the sport afforded him a lifetime of extraordinary friendships. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 1500 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118. For guest book and directions please visit www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

MARTIN

Peter Of West Roxbury and Loughrea, County Galway, Ireland, Feb. 17, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Theresa (Duggan) Martin. Devoted father of Mary Martin of West Roxbury, Ann Duffy and her late husband Neil of Barnstable, and Peter Martin and his wife Sandra of Hanover. Loving grandfather of Patrick, Brenna, and Devan Martin all of Hanover. Brother of the late John, Mike, Larry, Sonny, Tom, Gretta Fahy, Mary Timulty, Delia, Theresa Connors, and Patrick. Also survived by many nieces and nephews in the U.S. and Ireland. Peter was a retired employee of the Boston Gas Company and enjoyed dancing at the Irish Social Club, West Roxbury. Visiting hours was at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St. Funeral was from the funeral home. A Funeral Mass was in St. Theresa Church, West Roxbury. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of your choice. Online guestbook and directions at www.pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000

McCARRICK

Patricia L. Of Roslindale Feb. 15, 2018. Beloved daughter of Thomas and the late Ann L (Hay) McCarrick. Loving sister of Mary, Maureen and Barbara all of Roslindale and Jeanne of Manchester, Conn. Cherished aunt of Ann Marie McCarrick. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. A Funeral Mass was in the Sacred Heart Church. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery. Remembrances in memory of Patricia may be made to the Sacred Heart School, 1035 Canterbury St., Roslindale, MA 02131 or to the Alzheimer's Association @ alz.org. William J. Gormley Funeral Service gormleyfuneral.com

MURCH

Richard "Dick" Sr. Mr. Richard ("Dick") Murch, Sr. passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2018 in Boston, MA at the age of 80. Richard is survived by his wife, Christol, his daughter Jennifer Lawlor and her daughter Madison, his son, Richard Murch, Jr. and his wife, Tobi and

their children, Harley and Parker, as well as his brother Robert Murch, and his sister Diana Lynch, and six nieces and nephews. Richard was born on Aug. 8, 1937 in Boston, Mass. to Harley and Rita Murch. After matriculating from BC High, he graduated from Boston College in 1960 with a dual degree in classics and philosophy, and then went on to achieve his Juris Doctorate, attending BU Law and New England School of Law. After several years in the practice of law, Richard developed his own business, retiring in 2013 as a small business owner. Richard was a kind, witty, and generous individual who loved people and who could frequently be seen quietly and discreetly helping out the less fortunate among us. He loved politics and the game of baseball, but most of all he loved his role as a family man, and in particular as a grandfather. Visiting hours were held in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St. in West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John Chrysostom. For directions and guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

PATTEN



Ellen T. (Cunningham) of Roslindale, Feb. 15, 2018. Loving wife of the late John W. Patten. Beloved mother of William L. Patten and his late wife Marianne Patten of West Roxbury, John W. Patten Jr. and his wife Theresa of Davenport, Fla., Ellen T. Mulry and her late husband Jack Mulry of Holbrook, Robert G. Patten of Roslindale, Julie Richtarik and her husband John Richtarik of Bow, N.H., Nancy M. Sepe and her husband Steven R. Sepe of Foxboro, Michael G. Patten and his wife Maura Patten of Roslindale and Brian C. Patten and his wife Maureen Patten of Weymouth. Dear sister of Thomas Cunningham of California and eight late brothers and sisters. Also Survived by 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Connor and Kara E. Patten.

Visiting hours were at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Funeral was from the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Remembrance may be made to the Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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Around the Neighborhood

CITYWIDE

BOSTON TEENS INVITED TO SUMMER JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR

Boston teens ages 15 to 18 interested in a summer job through SuccessLink, the Mayor's Summer Jobs program, are encouraged to attend the City of Boston SuccessLink Youth Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 10 at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College. The hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Job Fair will feature: Over 100 Employers: Come find the right fit for your summer job; Game stations that will bring you up to speed on essential job skills; Youth resource tables with important information and opportunities for teens; Raffles; Swag bags for the first 200 youth who RSVP; Free food; Music; And more!

PARKS DEPARTMENT HOSTS FREE DOUBLE DUTCH CLINICS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a series of free Inner City Double Dutch Clinics for youngsters ages nine to 18 at the BCYF Madison Park Community Center in Roxbury.

These free clinics provide instruction in the fundamentals of jumping rope and rope turning. The sessions will be held from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 24, March 10 and 24, and April 7 and 14.

The clinics and tournament will be held in the gym at Building 4, BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury. Teams will compete in the Mayor's Cup Double Dutch Tournament on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m.

No pre-registration is required for the clinics and all children ages nine to 18 are welcome. Community centers and youth groups are encouraged to bring their youngsters to the clinics and are invited to schedule dates and times for regular participation in the program. For more information please call Larelle Bryson at (617) 961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

HYDE PARK

CELEBRATE HYDE PARK'S HISTORY!

"The Grimké Sisters in Their Hyde Park Years: Educators, Aunts, and Voters" Please join us for a talk presented by author and historian, Louise W. Knight on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. at The Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Ave., Hyde Park. This event is free and open to the public.

ART EXHIBIT

"Inclusive" Join us for a reception at The Hyde Park Library on Saturday, March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an art exhibition of multi-faceted art by individuals from the Menino Arts Center, Blake Estates and other sources. Refreshments will be served. Free to the public. For info call 1-781-812-1129.

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JAMAICA PLAIN

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Training for the spring season of school programs at the Arboretum begins March 29. We are looking for outgoing and mature adults who can commit to two years of volunteering. You do not need to know about plants, but experience working with children is preferred. If you are interested, please

contact the Manager of Children's Education by March 9 for an interview. Email: childrenew@arnarb.harvard.edu Website: <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/support/volunteer/volunteer-to-be-a-guide/>

WEST ROXBURY/ ROSLINDALE

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM LETTERS FOR FLORIDA

In response to the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., St. John Chrysostom Parish will be sending letters of support and prayers to the families and staff at the school. We will have letter writing stations set up in our "Annex Room." We invite people of all faiths in the community to either drop off a note to the parish office open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. this week or come by and write a note at our writing station.

WEST ROXBURY UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Feb. 27- West Roxbury Main Streets Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. @West on Centre. March 6- West Roxbury Women's Network 9:30-11am @ Health Express (77 Spring St./ Star Plaza). May 17- Taste of West Roxbury 6 p.m. @ Irish Social Club.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF IMAGES FROM THE BILTMORE GARDEN

Roslindale Green & Clean, the organization that maintains several of the green spaces around Roslindale Square, is sponsoring an Armchair Gardening session on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at Roslindale House at 120 Poplar St. The event, which we call "a breath of spring in the middle of winter", is a presentation and discussion of images from the Biltmore Garden in Asheville, N.C. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information - rgc.plantsale@gmail.com

PARKWAY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Parkway Youth Soccer League is accepting applications for the 2018 season. Games begin in April. There will be two seasons, spring and fall, played at Millennium Park, West Roxbury. Applications may be downloaded and printed from the 'parkwaysoccerwestroxbury' site on Google. Applications may also be picked up at the Roche Family Center, Phil's Barber Shop in West Roxbury, Elie's Barber Shop in West Roxbury and Sebastian's Barber Shop in Roslindale.

Parkway Youth Soccer is in its 40th season. Children born between Jan. 1, 2003 and Dec. 31, 2013 are eligible to play in the regular league. High school students born between 2000 and 2002 are eligible to play in the Senior Division. Applications received after Feb. 28 depend upon availability of space. For more information, contact 617-962-4271.

A READING BY EMILY SWEENEY, AUTHOR OF GANGLAND BOSTON

The Friends of the West Roxbury library is hosting an author reading by Emily Sweeney, author of Gangland Boston, on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the West

Roxbury Branch Library (1961 Centre St., West Roxbury).

Gangsters have played a shady role in shaping Greater Boston's history. Authored by Boston Globe reporter Emily Sweeney and packed with photos, Gangland Boston reveals the hidden history of these places, bringing readers back in time to when the North End was wrought with gun violence, Hanover Street was known as a "shooting gallery," and guys named King Solomon, Beano Breen, and Mickey the Wiseguy ruled the underworld. Books will be available for sale and signing. Light refreshments will be served.

COFFEE HOURS WITH COUNCILOR O'MALLEY

O'Malley Announces February 2018 District Office Hours Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley holds his office hours at different locations in the district each month. Councilor O'Malley's February district office hours will be held on Friday, Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. at Harry's All American on 1420 Centre St. in Roslindale. Councilor O'Malley's City Hall office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. To reach Councilor O'Malley's office, call (617) 635-4220.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S PARISH NOTICES

St. John Chrysostom's Parish at 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury will begin its annual tradition of Lenten "Simple Suppers" on Friday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. These are meatless meals held at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call the parish office at 617-323-4410.

We invite adults to get together on Thursday nights in Lent starting Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. to discuss the Sunday Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. We will be using the book Lenten Longings and the cost of the program is \$10. All are welcome at St. John Chrysostom Parish, 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury. Call Mary Campion to register 617-323-4410.

THE WEST ROXBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

The WRNC will meet on Tuesday evening Feb. 27. The agenda will include:

Paul Marino is looking to transfer a beer and wine license to Marino's Market on VFW Parkway. He would be transferring it from a store in the North End.

Ben Silverman from Boston's Environment Department - The City is working hard to help cut greenhouse gas emissions from Boston buildings and ensure residents are informed about available programs. One such effort involves shifting to more non-fossil fuel based heating systems in homes such as air source heat pumps. The presentation will include the environmental and indoor air quality benefits to these systems, as well as available incentive program provided by the State.

The WRNC meeting will be held in the community room at the District E-5 Police station at 1708 Centre St. (at the Holy Name rotary.) The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. All WRNC meetings are open to the public.

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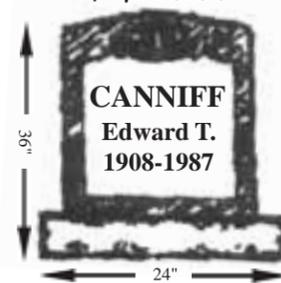
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 CASE NO: 2017-DR-26-1346

SUMMONS

Nevia J. Brown, Plaintiff, VS. Coston K. Brown, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you and to serve a copy of your answer to the Complaint on the Subscriber at his office at 602 27th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577, within thirty (30) days after service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be requested against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Myrtle Beach, S.C.
 May 23, 2017

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 2/15/2018, 2/22/2018

Respectfully Submitted,
 Cecil W. Clarkson, III
 Dusenbury & Clarkson, P.A.
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
 (843) 448-7137
 Attorney for Plaintiff

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
 SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18C0001CA**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Tharin Laorauvirodge
 Of: Boston, MA

To all person interested in petition described:
 A petition has been presented by Tharin Laorauvirodge requesting that:
 Tharin Laorauvirodge be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:
 Taryn Somsie Laor

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Boston ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 03/15/2018

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
 Date: February 14, 2018
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin, 02/22/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION **DOCKET No.SU18P0166**

In the matter of: Lyle M. Spencer Trust **Suffolk Division**

To all interested persons:
 A Petition has been filed by:
Lyle M. Spencer, Jr.
107 Beaconsfield Road
Brookline, MA. 02445
 requesting:
The appointment of Successor Trustee
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: February 14, 2018.
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin, 02/22/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No.SU18P0254EA**

Estate of: ELLEN AHERN **Suffolk Division**
Also Known As:
Date of Death: 11/17/2017

To all persons Interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
 Petitioner PAUL J. AHERN OF ROSLINDALE, MA
 Intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a
 a Will has been admitted to informal probate
 PAUL J. AHERN OF ROSLINDALE, MA
 has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
 FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 CASE NO: 2017-DR-26-1346

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Nevia J. Brown, Plaintiff, vs. Coston K. Brown, Defendant

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the original Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Horry County on May 24, 2017. The Plaintiff is seeking a divorce on the grounds of a one year separation.

Myrtle Beach, S.C.
 January 19, 2018

Cecil W. Clarkson, III
 Dusenbury & Clarkson, P.A.
 602 27th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
 843-448-7137
 Attorney for the Plaintiff

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 2/15/2018, 2/22/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
 SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18C0044CA**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Lichelle Chabel Stubbs-Robles
 Of: Hyde Park, MA

To all person interested in petition described:
 A petition has been presented by Lichelle C Stubbs-Robles requesting that:
 Lichelle Chabel Stubbs-Dejesus be allowed to change her name as follows:
 Lichelle Chabel Stubbs-Dejesus

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Boston ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 03/01/2018

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
 Date: February 2, 2018
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 02/22/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No.SU18P0264EA**

Estate of: Dorothy Mae Jackson **Suffolk Division**
Also Known As: Dorothy Jackson
Date of Death: 11/20/2016

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
 Petitioner Christopher C. Jackson of Hyde Park, Mass
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE **DOCKET No.SU18P0099EA**

Estate of: Brenda M. Webster **Suffolk Division**
Also Known As: Brenda M. Webster-DeAngelis
Date of Death: December 20, 2017

To all persons who have or may have some Interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veteran Affairs, notice is hereby given on that the petitioner
 Linda Ann Conley of Waltham, MA
 Intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a
 Petition for Informal Probate of Will
 Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond
 Linda Ann Conley of Waltham, MA

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DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS
Andre S. Ranger vs. Dixon Gibson J Micquaya

Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
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To the above named Defendant:
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Joan M. Altamore, Esq., Joan M. Altamore, Esquire, 39 Glendower Rd., Roslindale, MA 02131** a copy of your answer to the complaint for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage filed 01/11/2018 which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
January 29, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. **SU17D1596DR**

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Jeannette Pierre vs. Jean M. Dor

Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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