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The back lawn and gardens of the St Clare Monastery facing the Arnold Arboretum and the trees the latter organization says it's trying to protect.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

500 pages of comments on 920 Centre Street Released after three delays

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The long-awaited comment letters for 920 Centre St. were posted on Oct. 1 after the Aug. 28 deadline, the third extension.

For reasons largely due, it would seem, from the proximity of 920 Centre Street (the former Poor Clare Sisters Monastery) to the Arnold Arboretum, the comments were filled with a level of anxiety and emotional hyperbole not witnessed for any development in Jamaica Plain possibly since 3200 Washington St. in 2015.

There were 177 letters in support and 103 in opposition, but Frank O'Brien of the Arnold Arboretum Advocates tipped the

scales with a 57-page petition he said was signed by 5,146 names.

He must have stood in front of South Station for some of the names because there were over four pages of signatures from New York, Brooklyn, New Jersey and even Miami.

Fifteen pages were filled with Jamaica Plain names and the rest were a mix from Cambridge, West Roxbury, Hyde Park, South Boston and surrounding suburbs.

Isaac Baker of Lila Road submitted a petition with 240 names from "the quiet majority in support."

Ben Crowther submitted and another petition of 95 names in support which included people from Andover, Scituate and Brooklyn.

There were conflicting Franciscans, with which the Poor Clare Sisters are affiliated.

Sister Mary Veronica of the Poor Clare Sisters wrote that five years ago "we made the difficult decision that after 90 years our building had become too large [to maintain]... We first offered the property to the Arnold Arboretum but they were not interested."

"When we decided to sell we wanted a buyer who would be sensitive to the neighbors and the needs of Jamaica Plain... [and] we found John Holland whose mission is to enhance housing and integrate it with the Arnold Arboretum. The resources from this sale are vital to our future... we

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The Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library recently held an information session on signing up for Medicaid.

COURTESY PHOTO

BPL Roslindale Branch hosts passionate Medicaid Meeting Big changes discussed

Jack Sherman
Staff Reporter

On a crisp October Saturday at the corner of Corinth and Washington Streets, activists clad in red gathered for a most urgent cause. The Nonviolent Medicaid Army (NVMA), a politically independent, grassroots organizing network, held a meeting on Medicaid at the Roslindale branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL).

The NVMA claims to be modeled after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of a "nonviolent army of the poor" emphasized before his assassination in 1968 and is led by individuals who are currently enrolled in or excluded from Medicaid. The organization views healthcare as a human right and pushes for a decommodified healthcare system and "Medicare for All" free from administrative burdens or cuts – <https://gvimes.link/mdcdarmy>

One of the group's local chapters is based in Boston's Roslindale neighborhood and has been meeting regularly for approximately one year. The chapter recently had a rally in Adams Park, just across the street from the library, during their "National Day of Action" on Sept. 19. The group's Oct. 10 meeting at the BPL Roslindale branch was focused on recent cuts and work requirements due to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump in July 2025. The bill introduced spending

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Jackson Mann second survey results Meeting set for Oct. 27

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston announced last week it released the results of the second survey on the Jackson Mann Community Center in Allston.

The city is hosting a meeting to go over the data on Oct. 27, the details of which can be found on the city's website for the community center at <https://gvimes.link/jackmannproj>

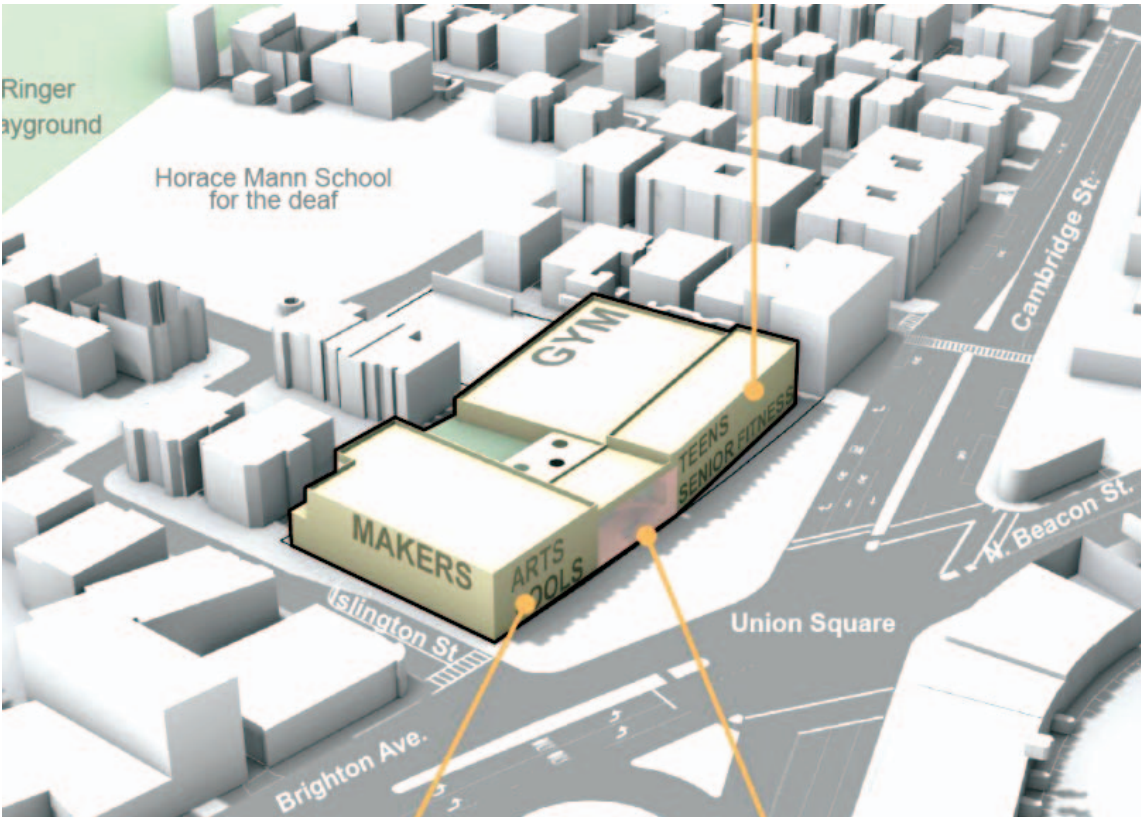
The data from the release shows much the same main question as the first survey results, discussed in August – <https://gvimes.link/jcksmnncvrgaug>

The biggest question is whether or not to leave space for a school. The Jackson Mann Community Center is falling apart right now as you read, but the Jackson Mann K-8 and Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing were so bad that they closed down several years ago.

Since the closure of the schools and several announcements of closure for the community center – which faced severe commu-

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A massing rendering of one of the options for the new Jackson Mann Community Center, hopefully completing construction by 2030.

COURTESY PHOTO

Sophia Snow celebrates garden

Four years of work celebrated



Earling "Bud" Hanson, seated right, and his wife Betty, just below him, at the grand opening of the new garden at Sophia Snow, named in their honor.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Sophia Snow Place senior living community in Roslindale held a celebration and grand opening of the Bud and Betty Hanson Restorative Garden last Wednesday to a crowd of about 100 residents, family members, staff and well-wishers.

The parcel sits just south of Sophia Snow. Historically, it was a gas station, and then was put up for possible residential development some years ago before Sophia Snow purchased the site with nonprofit partners. The senior living facility then went through the arduous process of finding

funding through the city's Community Preservation Act (CPA) fund – it matches state funds and a property tax surcharge (that's a percentage of your tax bill, not your assessment) to fund historic preservation, open space and recreation, or affordable housing – and has finally come to fruition.

The former gas station site needed a lot of work, but the vernal pool behind remains virtually untouched. Sophia Snow Executive Director Marilu Swett said remediating the gas station site took a lot of time, testing and work, but it was worth it to get the site to where it is now.

"It was a complicated process

with different city entities involved," she said. "All the permitting and surprises along the way with soil composition and other problems to be solved, it took longer than I certainly anticipated, but the challenges were exciting too, and the team was so positive."

The park features a garden space in the front with a winding accessible ramp in the back, leading up to the back of Sophia Snow to connect with the Boston Urban Wilds Allandale Woods. The vernal pool behind the site is now completely protected, Swett said, and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

"It's exciting to partner with the City of Boston to do right by the vernal pool," she said. "It's one of

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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MHC meeting offers info on ballot questions

Also discusses Neighborhood Housing initiative

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

At its regular Oct. 8 meeting, the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) covered a packed agenda, including elected officials' views on the nine 2026 ballot questions voters will consider on Nov. 3. Attendees also heard an update of the City of Boston's Neighborhood Housing initiative, which aims to revise residential zoning rules.

State Senator Liz Miranda – whose 2nd Suffolk district covers parts of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, the South End, Roslindale, and the Fenway – explained each of the eight ballot initiatives plus a referendum to repeal a current law and how she planned to vote on each and why.

For Question 1- Expanding the Public Records Law, Miranda gives it a Yes vote. "If you vote yes, it means that the legislature and the governor's office become subject to a law that already exists with some exemptions," she said. Question 2- Collective Bargaining CPCS Employees would also be a Yes for her as she supports union public defenders. Question 3- State Top-Two Primary Elections. is a No. "I want more participation and more competitive elections too. But I don't believe that this is the right way to do it, the right reform."

Question 4- Election Day Registration is a Yes. "You should be able to register to vote ... on election day." Question 5- State Revenue Limit and Rebate is a No for Miranda, who feels a change is a bad idea as the current law allows redistribution of extra revenue to needy projects. "I think the formula has been working well and investing in us." Question 6- Natural Resource Conservation Fund is a Yes as it "is about funding for nature."

Question 7- Single Family Homes is another Yes and "about starter homes." Question 8- Prohibit Retail Sale of Adult Recreational Use of Marijuana, Miranda is a No. She wants the current law allowing the sale of marijuana to remain in place. "Studies have shown in Boston since we've made cannabis legal; it's actually created a lot of economic and generational wealth for the businesses. Those are social equity and economic empowerment ... It also made things safer."

Question 9- Firearms Regulation would repeal the current law. Maranda supports a Yes vote to keep the current law based on her experience of having lost a brother to gun violence in 2017. "It continues to regulate these ghost guns and strengthens red flag protections."

State Representative Russell

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Phillips Brooks Memorial Reading Room saved

Readville landmark to be rehabbed, reactivated



Scores came out for the grand opening of the new reading room in Readville.

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Saturday Oct. 3, a full crowd of residents, officials, and community representatives gathered on the front lawn of the Phillips Brooks Memorial Reading Room (12 Hamilton St.) – a long-shuttered neighborhood landmark close by Wolcott Square in the Readville section of Hyde Park.

They were there to mark its deed transfer (which had taken place the day before) from Blue Hill Community Church (BHCC) to Historic Boston Inc. (HBI), and the start of a new chapter for it.

The single-story wood frame structure had been conveyed by Ellen F. Stetson to the Blue Hill Evangelical Society (which had its chapel on the neighboring lot) in July of 1897 for \$1, with a deed restriction

that the premises be maintained as “a free and public reading room and library.”

The building went on to serve as a branch of the Hyde Park Public Library, and then Boston Public Library (BPL) until 1956, after which it was made available for other public uses. In 1991, the Evangelical Society sold it – along with its chapel (215 Neponset Valley Pkwy.) – to Blue Hill Community Church (BHCC).

The building fell into disrepair, and in 2022 BHCC proposed tearing it down and replacing it with a six-unit apartment building. It required zoning relief, there was a community review process, the deed was researched by abutters, and Stetson’s restriction was discovered.

This pushed open the door to everything that would lead up to the Oct. 3 ceremony.

It started off with overtures to public officials, including an unanswered request to the Attorney General’s Office (AGO) for its advisory opinion of agreement with the restriction. The Hyde Park Historical Society (HPHS) – having been made aware of the situation – also unsuccessfully attempted to negotiate with the BHCC to engineer a transfer of the property.

However, the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services did decide to pause the project until the deed was clarified, which led BHCC to file in Land Court for relief from the restriction, and the abutters to counter file for its enforcement. The court, in turn, referred the matter – deemed a public benefit donation – to the AGO, which determined that it

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Residents toured the new footbridge and garden during the ceremony.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

four vernal pools certified in the city, and to get rid of the invasive plants and restore the garden to native plantings was very exciting to everybody, including the residents, many of whom know quite a bit about gardening and plants.”

There were several speakers throughout the afternoon detailing the work and the expertise that went into the garden. The park’s namesake, Earling “Bud” Hanson, perhaps had the most loved speech. He said he was honored to have the park open for residents and the public to use.

“I asked Betty if she wanted to participate in addressing this group, and she said, ‘No, it’s all in your hands,’” he said. “After all the speeches you’ve heard today addressing what this is all about, what really can I say? I know what I can say with this crowd of wonderful people, not just residents, but those who know and love Sophia Snow House: WOW!”

This elicited cheers from all gathered.

“That’s my speech, thank you so much for being here; what an honor for Betty and myself,” he said to laughter from the crowd. “Thank you.”

Bud and Betty’s grandson John Hanson, also director of operations at Boston Property Development, said he was proud to be a part of the effort. He said his grandfather has served on the Sophia Snow Board for more than 35 years, including Board Chair, and Betty served on the Board of Directors for more than four years, including as chair of the governance committee.

“One of her final actions was to nominate me to the Board, and now I have become the third generation to serve the organization,” he said. “Together they played an active role in the organization’s expansion and in the construction of the building currently right behind us.”

Anderson Construction owner Fred Anderson said he felt this project was the completion of a dream that he wanted to be a part of since he heard about it.

“The dream was to create a place where residents of Sophia Snow could exercise, find a quiet moment to reflect with themselves or simply enjoy being with others,” he said. “It was an opportunity to bring new life to a space that had been unused and open it up to the surrounding community.”

For more info go to <https://www.sophiasnowplace.org>



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL at Sacred Heart Church

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be holding its

Fifth Annual Clothing Drive

Saturday, October 17th & Sunday, October 18th

Usable clean clothes and footwear, as well as books, are accepted. Donations are for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society’s diocesan store located in Stoughton MA, which serves the Greater Boston Area.

Location: Sacred Heart Church
169 Cummins Highway, Roslindale
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Scrap paper

Having been educated in grades 1-8 at JP’s Our Lady of Lourdes School (now Meridian Academy, whose tuition is \$38,900, as contrasted with \$10 for OLOL in the 50s), I was used to doing most of our written in-school work on the back of Sears Roebuck order forms. It seemed that somebody in the parish would lay claim to the order forms that were being discontinued and would bring them into our school, where the nuns could access them. It not only saved the school and its students money for not obliging them to go to the nearest Kresge’s or Woolworth’s to purchase notebooks and their paper, but in today’s thoughts of saving trees and minimizing landfills the procedure was grounded in ecology.

I bring this up because I have amassed more than a ream of scrap paper that for many years I utilize for sundry purposes. Much of it I receive from the utility and credit card companies – who frequently use only one side for their messaging; other are from single-sided at-home printed material that is no longer useful.

It was first taught that the usage of computers would lead to a paperless society. I fell hook, line, and sinker for this mantra. But my pile of scrap paper stays virtually the same: in spite of my usage of it for grocery lists and things-to-do,



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the amount is being continually replenished with the opening of the daily mail.

Yeah, saving trees is important to me: Why use more paper towels than necessary? Why waste toilet paper for decorating trees? Why waste one-sided-clean paper when it is available for writing down grocery lists and other such items?

Even if you don’t believe in relishing scrap paper, at least think of Joyce Kilmer’s simple poem “Trees” as you enjoy the glorious New England foliage. Written in February 1913, it is an assemblage of twelve lines of rhyming couplets of iambic tetrameter verse, describing what Kilmer perceives as the human inability of art to replicate the beauty achieved by nature.

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree ...

*A tree whose hung mouth is prest
Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;*

*Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

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Letters to the Editor

JACKSON MANN SITE OFFERS A CHANCE TO RETHINK ALLSTON-BRIGHTON SCHOOLS

Boston should seize the opportunity presented by the future of the Jackson Mann site to rethink how elementary education is delivered in Allston-Brighton.

The case for a new, state-of-the-art school here is compelling. The Armington Street location offers excellent transit access and immediate proximity to Ringer Park. Crucially, there is growing evidence that investing in modern facilities improves K-12 outcomes, especially for low-income students. The Jackson Mann site could become the center of a

rational consolidation of Allston-Brighton’s small K-6 schools.

School consolidation matters because Boston Public Schools (BPS) infrastructure is crumbling and antiquated: the average school building in Allston-Brighton is 102 years old. Century-old properties like the Garfield and Winship school buildings have potential for adaptive re-use, modeled on the successful transformation of Hyde Park’s Rogers School into the Pryde Senior Living Community.

The inversely proportional enrollment and spending realities of BPS demand courageous planning. BPS’s transportation costs have risen sharply even as the number of students transported has fallen. Between 2010-11 and 2015-16, BPS enrollment as a per-

centage of eligible residents was essentially flat, while Boston-resident charter enrollment nearly doubled.

Boston has a generational opportunity to reduce transportation costs, and compete with better-performing charter schools by building a first-rate elementary school at the Jackson Mann site alongside new housing and a new community center. The site’s transit and park access, the potential for rational school consolidation, and the prospect of a more sensible use of older buildings make this opportunity a no-brainer.

We should seize it.

Dan Cuddy
Tony D’Isidoro
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Holy Name hosting 16th annual Walk for the Poor
Partnering with St. John Chrysostom



The Holy Name St. Vincent de Paul Society Walk for the Poor is gearing up for this Sunday.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Paul Society is hosting its 16th annual Walk for the Poor on Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Holy Name Rotary in West Roxbury at 1 p.m..

The Walk regularly garners hundreds of participants to raise money for the St. Vincent de Paul Charity wing of the Holy Name Parish, but they’re not alone. This year, organizer Bob Malone said they are partnering with the St. John Chrysostom Church, also in West Roxbury, to join hundreds of such walks throughout the country.

“Everyone’s meeting at Holy Name and there will be two tables, one for St. John’s and one for Holy Name,” he said. “It’ll be a 5K walk through West Roxbury.”

Malone said there will be light refreshments after the walk, as well as information and some entertainment. He said all the funds raised will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapters of both churches.

Malone said St. Vincent uses the funds to help anyone in need, which these days can be a lot of people.

“St. Vincent does a lot of

charity work, and it’s an anonymous program that helps folks behind the scenes,” he said. “And it’s not necessarily people from the Parish, just someone in need. People sometimes call up, say ‘Hey I just lost my job and if I don’t pay up my electric bill, it’ll be shut off,’ or ‘I just need to make rent for the month,’ and things like that.”

Malone said they also provide donations from Habitat for Humanity.

“They can get a couch or table or whatever they need, and St. Vincent will get a discount from Habitat because they bought it from them,” he said. “They’re really behind the scenes.”

Malone said Holy Name St. Vincent helped out his wife when she was in need.

“When my sister had cancer and she needed some things done around the house – she had younger kids coming to stay with her – the Holy Name chapter helped her with paying contractors and things like that,” he said. “They’ve helped a lot of people through the years.”

Malone added that he felt he had to return the favor.

“Holy Name helped my sister, and then over the years, I’ve been friendly with different people

who were part of the organization, and they’re just great people,” he said. “And so recently, when I retired, I said, ‘you know, I want to do a little bit more.’”

Malone said they get estate donations from people who will the church their belongings, food vouchers and simply donations from parishioners coming out of church every week. Every little bit helps.

“Like I said, sometimes it’s substantial, and sometimes it’s just like food, you know, gift cards from Roche Bros. or Stop & Shop,” he said. “Roche Bros. is particularly generous.”

Malone said St. John’s will be holding up its end of the work as well, and said the walk is also an educational experience for the kids.

“The Confirmation class from St. John’s will be working the tables and walking and carrying the banner and stuff like that,” he said. “So it’s good for the kids to realize that there are people who aren’t as privileged as they are. It’s a good life lesson.”

For more information on St. Vincent de Paul, go to <https://ssvpusa.org>

For race signups, go to <https://gvimes.link/hlynmw1k2026>

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cuts totaling over \$900 billion – the largest in the program’s history – and could result in as many as 11 million people by 2034 – <https://gvimes.link/bbbcuts>

Griffin Shumway is one of the group’s organizers. Originally from Vermont, he moved to Boston in 2024 due to his partner’s job. He has been involved in the NVMA since 2012, and according to him, has had many negative experiences navigating the American healthcare system. This was crystallized when he lost his health insurance in 2014, a mere two days after the passing of his stepfather. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he took advantage of expanded federal Medicaid benefits and was able to regularly see a physician for the first time in his life.

Shumway noted that healthcare is a very lucrative and rapidly expanding industry, but ordinary planholders often voice frustrations about stubbornly high premium costs, denied coverage requests, and related issues despite soaring profits for healthcare companies.

At the meeting, the Massachusetts NVMA hosted a “Meeting for MassHealth” at the Roslindale Branch of the BPL. Following months of community outreach and the September rally at neighboring Adams Park, the event united ordinary Massachusetts residents to share their personal stories of struggling with healthcare and organizing against ongoing coverage losses.

Shumway, along with fellow activists Stacy Zhang and Karim Sariahmed, examined both historical and new threats to public healthcare. They mentioned Massachusetts’s 2023 “great Medicaid purge,” which stripped coverage from approximately 600,000 Bay State residents through bureaucratic redetermination paperwork – <https://gvimes.link/mdcdprg>

Additionally, the group highlighted damaging new policy changes under the OBBBA, including mandatory six-month re-application cycles and strict work requirements. These changes could remove an estimated 300,000 additional people from MassHealth, primarily to finance tax cuts on high earners and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) – <https://gvimes.link/bbbice>

The meeting concluded by rallying the attendees to resist what they called “bipartisan attacks” on healthcare as a human right.

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Holmes, who was also present, periodically commented on Miranda’s presentation “The difference between the referendum (Question 9) and the other eight is that we actually passed this law ... I’m also voting to make sure this law stays in place.”

Holmes held up a sample of the Nov. 3 election ballot, which is three pages and double-sided. The red “Information for Voters” booklet recently mailed to voters is important. “You have your red book at home. Before you leave home, go and rip off this last page, and you should know your answers to questions 1-9. No one is going to yell at you about the fact that you took your cheat sheet in and know who you’re going to vote for.” Speaking to question Number 8 regarding marijuana, Holmes said, “We now do about \$30 million in tax revenue a year. We’ve just gone over \$10 billion in sales in marijuana, and there’s about 27,000 people who work in this industry. But I’m going to simply say, my belief is prohibition does not work.”

The other main speaker at the meeting was Will Cohen, a planner for the City’s Planning Department who gave an overview of the status of the Neighborhood Housing Zoning Initiative updates to Boston’s residential zoning rules to allow homeowners to more easily make changes to their properties.

“Ninety-nine percent of properties in Boston, according to zoning, aren’t what’s supposed to be there,” said Cohen. The new zoning proposes four new districts, RDG 2, 3, 4, and 6, which line up with existing properties in the neighborhoods. One person said that in a previous presentation, it appeared that a home plus the three additional units that this initiative would allow, would allow as-of-right with no community input.

Cohen said that was “a bit of a mischaracterization of what we’re talking about,” noting there are zoning rules currently in place like a height rule of 35 feet and required footage for side yard, front yard, and rear yard.

“What we’re talking about is a set of rules where there’s all these different pieces that work together in what’s allowed.”

Open comments on the proposed zoning will be possible until October 31. For more information go to <https://gvimes.link/nhbrhdzng>

In other news, the new Roslindale Neighborhood Services Liaison, Jhonaiquer Juan Cruz was introduced along with Councilor Brian Worrell’s Constituent Services contact, Yousaf Abdallah.



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nity pushback, being the only community center in District 9, which houses almost 80,000 people, the Jackson Mann has been limping along. But the city has so far kept its promise to rebuild the site.

The two surveys are looking to hone in on what to actually build there. Back in the spring, the city held meetings and showed several configurations with four main components and differing levels of each, with the community center being the only component in each configuration. The other three, housing/affordable housing, a school, and commercial/retail were switched around.

The second survey, with 473 respondents, tries to narrow it down between housing and the school, by asking residents to rate two proposals – each proposal with three items in it – on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being most favorable and 1 being least.

The first proposal included a new community center with a pool, maximum affordable housing, and no school. Retail and childcare facilities were included as a priority as well.

That option, basically the no-school option, had 217 responses marked 5, 100 marked 4, 59 responses marked 3, 27 marked 2, and 70 marked 1.

So that means 317, a clear majority, marked 4 and 5 and strongly did not want a plan with a school. By contrast, the other proposal, which included the option “Hold a part of the site vacant for a future school (timeline to be determined)” had 65 responses marked 5, 53 marked 4, 107 marked 3, 102 marked 2, and 145 marked 1.

That means 118 respondents strongly wanted a school (total marked 4 and 5).

This somewhat lines up with what the city had appeared to



Hundreds gathered back in June to advocate for their vision(s) of the new Jackson Mann Community Center in Allston.

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be leaning towards. Back at the June meeting, which had more than 300 people in the room, Boston Public Schools (BPS) staff were reluctant to give any clear answer, and merely stated they would be analyzing enrollment data and make a decision based on that – <https://gvimes.link/jcksonjmnting>

The survey also asked about additional site uses, each of which had “interested,” “very interested” or “not interested” as answers. It should be noted many appear not to have filled one or more sections of this out, so the total of each category will not be 473.

The first listed was a community garden, which had 86 very interested, 153 interested, and 58 not interested.

The next was a redesigned Union Square Plaza. A total of 140 respondents were very interested, 207 interested, and 106 not interested.

The next was a performance/ rehearsal space, with 122 very interested, 216 interested, and 108 not interested. After that was a maker space, which had 110 very interested, 190 interested, and 139 not in-

terested.

Next was an artist studio space. That had 107 very interested, 208 interested, and 130 not interested. The next additional community space pitched was a community fridge – which is like a little free library where people drop off and pick up food instead of books. In the survey, 137 respondents were very interested, 198 interested, and 107 not interested.

The skatepark community space had the least interest, with 51 respondents very interested, 170 interested, and 227 not interested.

Next was for small retail spaces for local businesses. That garnered 85 very interested, 213 interested, and 147 not interested responses.

The last category was an early childhood education center, which had 130 very interested, 240 interested, and 82 not interested responses.

For the full .xls document and all the data (not to mention the results from the first survey), go to city’s page on the Jackson Mann project at <https://gvimes.link/jackmannproj>



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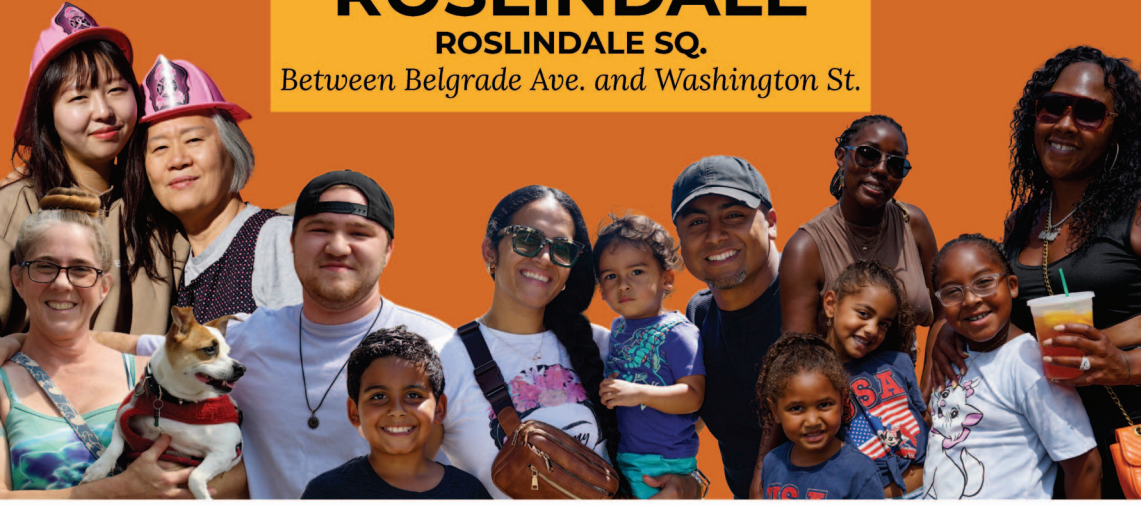
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are now living temporarily while this project moves forward.”

The Capuchin Franciscans seemed suspicious.

Living in two buildings on Montebello Road near Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Capuchins have never joined any Jamaica Plain issue, but Brother Anthony Zuba felt compelled “to express our reservations.”

“[We] knew the Poor Clare Sisters well... but [design-build firm] Sixteen Penny’s promise cloaks a hidden ecological impact on the Arnold Arboretum and we are skeptical of their claim to be creating affordable housing.”

“We friars firmly support deeply affordable housing – something Magnolia Boston does not provide... We also question the metrics of the 60 percent area median income (AMI) that define affordable housing as fundamentally flawed.”

“Capuchin Franciscans stand in the tradition of St Francis of Assisi the patron of ecologists and lover of the poor. We would like Sixteen Penny to be a good neighbor to the poor of Jamaica Plain.”

Hyperbole was in abundance.

Fern Shilland: “This will destroy our neighborhood.”

Carol Galvin, Whitcomb Road: “Now Satan has reared his evil head. Developers want to destroy Jamaica Plain. Believe me they are killing Jamaica Plain and

the Arboretum all at once. The Devil will get you... Do not allow this monstrosity to be built.”

Diane Valle: “Even in the name of God, the Planet Earth, the public jewels of nature and the rules of man and zoning shall not be destroyed for private enrichment... nor in the name of housing... I am concerned.”

Valle attached without comment six pages of a May 12, 2025 listing that a “Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare purchased four parcels at 590 Gay St. for \$6 million” and included six pages of photographs of the house and grounds.

Jean Weinshul of May Street: “Please! Please! don’t allow this monstrosity to be built.”

The BUTs were many with variation of:

“I do not oppose development of the monastery... I want to be clear I support housing... I oppose the scale...”

Andrea Howley, representing the Jamaica Hills Association, wanted to be “entirely clear: we acknowledge the serious housing crisis facing the City of Boston and we genuinely welcome new neighbors but development must be appropriately scaled.”

The Arnold Arboretum director repeated what he has written and said for three years: not opposed to new housing, do not object to size and density but “have

serious concerns with the health of trees and the visitor experience.”

Noah Albino seemed to have had an epiphany.

“I thought this project might harm the Arboretum which is the narrative I’ve been exposed to but I retract my opposition.”

Robert Kretschmer who lives next door to 920 Centre St. wrote that Boston needs more housing but suggested Sixteen Penny use the abandoned West Roxbury High School site “rather than destroy a functioning neighborhood.”

Others questioned the fiscal integrity of Sixteen Penny’s proposal.

Flora Siami of Parkside Drive wrote a long analysis.

“What evidence supports the expectation that the project will meaningfully improve housing opportunities for middle-income households in Jamaica Plain?” she asked.

“The projected \$1.9 million annual property tax revenue suggests a development with substantial market value. If so I ask the (Boston Planning Department) to consider whether the project’s affordability benefits are proportional to its market value.”

“The (Boston Planning Department) [should] ask whether the public benefits are proportional to the unprecedented increase in density.”

“The project requests extraordinary zoning relief... [It’s] the burden of developer to demonstrate that relief of this magnitude equals the public benefits.”

Maria Morelli of the Jamaica Hills Association seemed skeptical.

“The project proposes 24 percent affordable units at 60 percent AMI without relying on federal funding or public funds... the market rate units will subsidize the affordable units.”

“This is a highly unusual economic model for a project with this proportion of subsidized units.”

“What legal instrument insures that the subsidized units will be adequately funded should the developer no longer own the project in the future?”

Design-Build firm Sixteen Penny sent this statement to The Bulletin on Oct. 6:

“The public comments exposed a generational divide between those who own their homes and those who rent, while also demonstrating significant support for creating new housing, including much-needed affordable housing, in Jamaica Plain.”

What happens next is up to the Boston Planning Department, and whether or not to send the project back to the drawing board, or put it on the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board Agenda for a vote.

Charlesview awards over \$1M Grant funds to benefit Allston/Brighton Organizations



Charlesview distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants this past weekend.

COURTESY PHOTO

On October 8, 2026, members of the Charlesview Inc. Board of Director’s and staff were joined for breakfast by more than 70 people including Representative Kevin Honan, Senator Will Brownsberg, Alex Rocha from City Council President Liz Breadon’s office, friends, and the staffs of 29 organizations to celebrate the 13th annual Rabbi Abraham Halbfinger and Charlesview Community Fund awards. This year the fund awarded over \$1M in grants to organizations who provide essential and enriching services and programs for residents in Allston/Brighton.

Annual awards are given out at a breakfast to provide staffs the opportunity to get to know one another, network and potentially collaborate on new ideas and programs to address unmet needs in the community.

Speaking to the awardees Board Chair, Bill Rosenberg, continued to remind us that “money in the bank does no one any good” and likened Charlesview’s funds to” a lump of coal, that by itself doesn’t do anyone any good. However, when you put it in a furnace it generates energy and power. Now you must convert our coal/money into power that benefits the Allston/Brighton Community.”

The organizations funded provide services to all ages in Allston/Brighton and address food and hygiene insecurity, participatory arts and music, support for Immigrant families, health and nutrition classes, increased socialization opportunities for marginalized members of our community, substance use recovery support, and support for the staffs that do this very difficult work each and every day.

Etta Anderson, chair of the Community Fund sub-committee remarked “It is heartening to see so many community organizations come together - people who with compassion and wisdom develop varieties of programs to help people capture and experience the richness and wonder of being human beings. They are making Allston-Brighton a special and vibrant neighborhood.

The fund, established in 2013, was the brainchild of Charlesview’s current Board Chairman, Dr. William Rosenberg and named in memory of a founding board director, Rabbi Abraham Halbfinger. Through the fund, Charlesview, Inc. aims to strengthen, deepen and grow the many existing resources and life-enriching relationships to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential

Over the last 13 years, Charlesview Inc. has distributed nearly \$4.2M through the annual grant process and an additional \$1.1M for COVID, emergency services, and organizational support to organizations in Allston/Brighton.

For further information, please contact Jo-Ann Barbour, Executive Director, at joannbarbour@charlesviewcommunity.org.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Copeland Place, Roxbury (Boston), MA 02119

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jovahni E. Hilaire, Belkis P. Diaz, Gislhaine S. Bonbon and Andraw A. Mangra to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company, and now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, said mortgage dated July 25, 2022 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 67995, Page 293, as affected by a Loan Modification dated October 24, 2025 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 72054, Page 217; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated September 27, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69467, Page 26; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on November 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of Boston called Roxbury, Suffolk County, Massachusetts now known as and numbered 1 Copeland Place and being Lot 2 on a plan titled "Subdivision Plan of Land located at 1 Copeland Place, Roxbury, Massachusetts" prepared by Boston Survey, Inc., dated January 12, 2016 and recorded August 11, 2016 as plan No 339 in Plan Book 02016 in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.

Containing 3396 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan

Subject to easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same may be now in force and applicable.

For title see deed recorded in Book 23784, Page 254 and herewith.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated July 12, 2022 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 67995, Page 290.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

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Ask Rusty – Does a Veteran who uses VA Healthcare need Medicare at age 65?

Dear Rusty: I'm not yet old enough, but must I enroll in Medicare at Age 65? I am a disabled military veteran with VA benefits, so must I still take Medicare when I turn 65? Signed: Disabled Veteran

Dear Disabled Veteran: First, please accept my gratitude for your military service to our country. And please also know that if you now rely 100% on the VA for all your healthcare needs, and you expect that to continue for the rest of your life, then you have the option to decline enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. However, if you believe that using healthcare providers from outside the VA may someday be in your future, you should enroll in Medicare when you are first eligible.

Although you are required to enroll in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services) if you collect Social Security after age 65, enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services) is always optional because there is a monthly premium for Part B (\$202.90 for 2026 - changes yearly). So, as a military veteran using VA healthcare, you have a choice to either enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65, or not if you get all your healthcare services from the Veterans Administration. Just be aware that VA healthcare is not considered "creditable" for Medicare purposes, so if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B during your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP), and later choose to enroll in Medicare Part B, there will be a permanent Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling in Medicare Part B outside your initial enrollment period (your Medicare IEP is 3 months on either side of the month you turn 65).

So, the decision you will need to make as you approach 65 years of age is this: will all of your healthcare needs always be provided through the VA? Or do you want the convenience (and flexibility) to know you can use any healthcare provider anywhere the U.S. or its territories, whenever and wherever you wish. If the latter is true, then you should likely enroll in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. You can still use the VA for some services if you are enrolled in both, but there is no coordination of benefits (e.g., the VA will not make copayments if you use Medicare services, and vice versa). Which means that you may also wish to also consider a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Supplement plan to go with Medicare Part B if/when you enroll.



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

I hope this answers your question, but please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed. And, importantly, thank you for your service to our country.

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was, in fact, enforceable. At that time, the HPHS also brought what was happening with the reading room to the attention of Historic Boston Inc., and the non-profit – which specializes in redeveloping at-risk historic buildings to benefit their neighborhoods – offered to assist once the deed issue was resolved.

HBI then reached out to BHCC, and much of the subsequent negotiation/coordination involved aligning not only what the church wanted, but what the neighborhood wanted, what the AGO (which would sign off on any transaction) would allow, and what the HBI Board would approve.

Last year, HBI also applied for CPA funding. It received \$500,000 in August and added \$85,000 of its own to purchase the reading room from BHCC. The AGO-approved sale closed on Oct. 2.

BHI's immediate goal is to prevent further damage to the building, and it has been raising funds to replace the roof, restore the windows, and repair the front steps before the winter. Its ultimate goal is to find an appropriate use and tenant for it, and to eventually transfer ownership.

"It has to be something that supports the community in keeping with the original Ellen Stetson restriction," HBI Director of Real Estate Development Tony Lopes said of how it could be used. "What do we see in a public library today? We see community events. We see gatherings. We see workshops, classrooms, things along those lines. We see kids with programs. So, if it mirrors something that we see in a public library today, it would be within this restriction."

Lopes noted that determining a use and tenant for the

reading room would be community driven, and that any input would be tempered with what is financially feasible and sustainable. He added that a typical HBI redevelopment project can run five years or more, depending on the situation.

During the pre-ceremony open house, the interested and curious wandered up to and through the open front door to be greeted by a strong musty odor, water-stained walls, a damaged ceiling, and the main room's fireplace and now empty bookshelves, which hinted at the reading room's "good bones" – words that were murmured by more than a few as they passed through.

"You always had in the back of your mind what was going to happen to it because of the historical significance of it, and how much it played a role for the kids, as well as the parents who grew up in this area – how much of an influence it was," lifelong Phillips Brooks area resident and former patron Dave Rea mused as he stood in the vestibule – likely for the first time since the building was a branch of the BPL – and envisioned things as he remembered them.

The crowd assembled soon thereafter, and key participants stepped to the podium: BHCC Pastor Johnson Samuel led the group in prayer, District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén (who had paused the proposed development as ONS Director and then, as City Councilor, chaired the Community Preservation Committee that cleared the money for the sale) made remarks, and Frank O'Brien (a community advisor/actor in every aspect of the process) displayed the deed.

HPHS President Mimi

Turchinetz (who had made HBI aware of the reading room) hosted the ceremony and singled out someone in the crowd. After attending that first community meeting, Jacqueline Jones had looked up the deed, discovered the restriction, and followed up. "If she had not done that, we would not be here," Turchinetz said, referring to Jones as "the catalyst."

As the event wound down, Jones shared her thoughts. "I am so pleased with where we find ourselves. I know that we have a lot of work to do. This building is a mess, but it has potential to be what Ellen Stetson envisioned for the future. It's unfortunate that we weren't able to maintain that over the years, but I think we're at a place where we can do it, but we need support."

For information, or to offer input regarding the Phillips Brooks Memorial Reading Room, contact the Hyde Park Historical Society (www.hydeparkhistoricalsociety.org), or leave a note at the front desk of the Hyde Park Library or Historic Boston Inc. (www.historicboston.org).

Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU25P0915EA
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate of:
Charles Robert Donigian
Date of Death: 10/21/2024
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

Donna Marie Robeson of
Kelseyville, CA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of testacy and heirs at law, the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a 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 the return day of 11/03/2026. 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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers,
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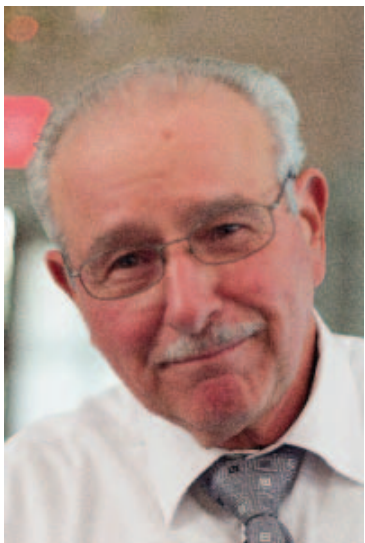
Mansour-Hammond and her husband Greg. Cherished grandfather of Haley Santos and her husband Vitor, James, Lucy, Emme, and Charlie "Buddy" Cotton, LB, Mackenzie, and Benn Cunningham, Lily Rivera, Charlie Hogan, Sunny and Bo Sheehan. Also survived by a large extended family and countless friends.

Born November 10, 1950 to Charles and Eleanor Cotton, Charlie graduated from Boston Technical High School and later earned a degree from Dean College. He built a career with the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, starting at Walpole State Prison and retiring at the rank of Lieutenant from Boston Pre-Release Center. After retirement, he continued working for Elite Protective Services, where he knew everyone along his patrol.

Charlie was tremendously proud of the family he and Maryanne built. Most of his free time was spent bragging about his children and grandchildren to anyone who would listen. Vacation Charlie was a family favor-

Visitation services provided by Gormley Funeral Home - 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury MA 02132. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

LALICATA



Michael S., of Norton, MA, formerly of Roslindale, passed away suddenly on September 29, 2026.

Michael was the beloved son of Deborah A. Coakley of Norton and Michael H. Robertson and his wife, Lillian, of Westwood. He was the loving brother of Kerrin Rodriguez of Walpole, Christopher Robertson and his wife, Natalie, of Lynnfield, Dyana Coakley of Norton, and Sean Coakley of Norton.

Paul J. Sr., 86, of West Roxbury, Massachusetts passed away peacefully at his home on September 28, 2026.

Paul (Sonny) was born and raised in East Boston, Massachusetts, on November 28, 1939. He was the loving son of the late Joseph and Phyllis Lalicata. He was the eldest of four children, predeceased by his sister Rosalie Robicheau, his brothers Butchie and Bobby.

Paul is a beloved father of 5 children, Paul J. Lalicata Jr. and his wife Jean of Dexter, ME, Nina Lalicata-White and her husband John of Roslindale, Marie Riley and her husband Michael of Bridgewater, Michael Lalicata and his wife Joanne of West Roxbury, and Christine Quartarone and her husband Anthony of Foxborough. He was lovingly adored by his 15 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews. He is survived by his former wife Mary Ann Lalicata of Foxborough and his beloved daughter-in-law Nancy Lalicata of Roslindale.

Paul joined the U.S. Air Force in December 1956, where he enlisted as an aircraft mechanic. He was honorably discharged and took a full-time position with the MBTA as a bus driver for 25 years and retired at the age of 51.

For the past 20 years Paul had a passion for golf and cherished the camaraderie he shared with his friends at the Norwood Country Club. In addition, he was an avid bowler and racquetball player. He was a disciplined, daily gym-goer who enjoyed watching old Westerns, collecting old coins, and tending to his yard. He also loved dancing to the timeless music of old Hollywood and especially enjoyed going to the theater with his daughter, Nina.

Above all, his greatest pride and joy in life was his family. He was endlessly devoted to the people he loved and cherished every moment spent with them both at home and at family gatherings.

Paul will be laid to rest at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne on November 9, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

He was a proud member of Carpenters Union Local 328, formerly Local 40 for many years. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed the things that made him happiest – golfing, cooking, fishing, boating, and traveling, especially his trips to St. Maarten. Michael loved spending time with the people closest to him and will be remembered for his love of family and friends, his kind heart, his generosity, his smile that could light up a room, and the way he could always make you laugh.

His sudden passing leaves an immeasurable void in the lives of those who knew and loved him. Michael will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family and all those whose lives he touched.

RODDY



Gayle A. (Buchanan) of West Roxbury passed away peacefully on October 6, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Beloved wife of James P. Roddy of West Roxbury and loving mother of Elizabeth Gray of Dedham, Owen P. Roddy and his wife, Ana, of London, UK, and Anne Roddy of West Roxbury. Gayle was the daughter of the late Charles and Phyllis (Lake) Buchanan and the dear sister of

Deaths

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Around the Neighborhood

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK FOR THE POOR WEST ROXBURY

Day after day, many people in our very own community struggle to make ends meet. To help with this, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holy Name Conference is helping individuals and families in our community. Every day, SVdP volunteers work with families to provide emergency food, help keep the lights on, and avoid eviction. SVdP volunteers continuously work to provide individuals and families with assistance regardless of religion, race, or national origin. The Friends of the Poor® Walk is a national special event that was started eleven years ago to raise awareness and funds for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We will be joining hundreds of other Friends of the Poor® Walks across the United States in an effort to eradicate poverty.

Please consider becoming a sponsor for our Annual Friends of the Poor® Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA US 02132. The Holy Name SVdP Society will be hosting a BBQ outside the parish after the walk. To sign up, go to <https://ssvpusa.org/fop-walk/>

RVMSGALA

You are invited to the Roslindale Village Main Street (RVMS) Gala Honoring Glenn & Janice Williams Thursday, October 29, 2026 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The Gala will be at The Substation, 4228 Washington St., Roslindale, MA 02131.

The Gala provides vital funding that enables RVMS to support local businesses and create inclusive programming that makes Roslindale Village a vibrant and welcoming destination for all.

LEAGUESCHOOLAUTISMEMPPOWERMENTGALA

Celebrate With Us! Get ready! Our 60th anniversary Gala will be one for the books!

This year, we’re honoring Dr. Temple Grandin for a lifetime of advocacy and insight as one of the most influential voices in autism awareness and animal welfare. We’re also honoring founding family member and past Board Member Nancy Vetstein Hershfield, whose roots run deep in League School’s story, along with the Christopher Catanese Children’s Foundation, whose generosity has helped shape our campus and our students’ experience for over a decade.

Our incredible emcee and auctioneer Harrison Stebbins will keep the night moving, and, back by popular demand, the Flutie Foundation’s Spectrum of Sound, joined by the League School Choir, will bring the house down with a mashup of Boston favorites.

60th Anniversary: Friday, October 16, 2026 | Four Points by Sheraton | Norwood 6:00 - 9:00p.m.

CRIBBAGENIGHT

Meet, Greet & Play! October 28, 2026

New To Cribbage Or A Seasoned Player? Come Watch, Learn, And Join The Fun! Just \$10 Per Person—Bring Your Friends 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and good company in our banquet hall 7:15 p.m. Cards hit the table Don’t miss the fun! West Roxbury—Dorchester Lodge Westwood Masonic Building 655 High Street Westwood, MA 02090

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WRFORPHARVESTBRUNCH

Sunday, Nov. 8th

West Roxbury Friends of Rosie’s Place (WRFORP) invite you to our Harvest Brunch & Raffle, Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street in West Roxbury.

A great breakfast will be served, and items and gift certificates from some of your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled off or offered through a silent auction. Join the fun and connect with your friends and neighbors over brunch while helping out a good cause.

Our brunch raises money for Rosie’s Place, a multi-service center that offers women emergency shelter and meals and so much more, and the Roslindale Food Pantry.

Admission is \$25.00. You may pay at the door, or by check to WRFORP, PO Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132, or by credit card on our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org.

If you can’t join us, please consider making a donation to support our work at <https://westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org/donate/> Thank you!

COMMUNITYANNOUNCEMENT: WEST ROXBURY ZONING POLL & PETITION

The Bellevue Hill Improvement Association (BHIA) is inviting residents to learn more and share their views on the Boston Planning Department’s (BPD) proposed West Roxbury zoning changes, which would eliminate single-family residential zoning and replace it with multifamily zoning. BHIA has opened a Member Poll and a Public Petition to Retain Single-Family Zoning in West Roxbury. Learn more, take the Member Poll, and sign the Public Petition at: friendsofbellevuehill.org

WRCIAMEETINGINNOVEMBER

The October meeting of the West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association (WRCIA) is going to be cancelled due to the Columbus Day holiday falling on that Monday, and because the Boston Police are going to hold a CompStat meeting at the YMCA the following day on Tuesday October 13. The next meeting of the WRCIA will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Roxbury Police Station Community room. Expected to be discussed on the agenda will be the proposal to replace West Roxbury’s existing single-family dwelling zoning laws to allow and permit single-family homes to become multi-family as of right. This issue was brought to our attention by the Bellevue Hill Improvement Association, and there is more information on their website at friendsofbellevuehill.org. We have also asked Mayor Wu’s office and Councillor Weber’s office to answer concerns about the traffic lights and patterns on Centre Street in West Roxbury. A reminder email will be sent out prior to our November 9 meeting.

The Bulletin Deaths continued from page 8

Charles and Ellen Buchanan of Milton, Paula and Kenneth Venti of Needham, and Karen and Kevin McGill of Hingham. Gayle was the devoted grandmother of Roddy and Kenneth Gray.

She also leaves behind many beloved aunts, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, as well as grandnieces and grandnephews.

Gayle grew up in Roslindale, attended Sacred Heart School, Notre Dame Academy of Jamaica Plain/ Hingham, and Boston State College. Her love of travel led her to an early career in the airline industry. After receiving a master’s degree at Lesley University, she became a dedicated teacher in the Boston Public Schools, a career she enjoyed for 20 years before retiring. A devout Catholic, her faith was an important part of her life and a source of strength throughout the years. She cherished her summers in Manomet and, most of all, the time she spent surrounded by family and loved ones.

Gayle will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visitation services provided by the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Holy Name Parish Fund or Holy Name Vincent De Paul Society.

SHEA



John Joseph Shea, Jr., “Jack,” of West Roxbury, MA, passed away on October 8, 2026, at the age of 71, following a courageous, quietly fought ten-year battle with cancer.

Loving father of Colleen Shea of West Roxbury and John J. Shea III and his wife, Caitlin, of Wilmington. Also, loving father to the late baby, Jacqueline. Beloved brother of James Shea and his wife, Catherine McMullen-Shea, of The Villages, FL; Daniel B. Shea and his wife, Karen, of Yarmouth; Chris K. Shea and his wife, Laura, of The Villages, FL; Matthew G. Shea and his wife, Katie, of West Roxbury; and the late Timothy “Ted” Shea, and late Robert V. Shea, survived by his wife, Patricia. Treasured son of the late John J. and Anna (Kelly) Shea of West Roxbury. Dear cousin of Erin Clifford of Brockton and the late Mary Clifford of Dorchester. He is also survived by many devoted nieces and nephews.

Jack was the oldest of seven Shea brothers. His brothers knew they could always turn to him for

advice, find a place to stay at the family home on Park Street, or count on him to share hilarious stories of the many twists and turns of his life.

Over the years, Jack was the proud owner of many muscle cars, boats, and motorcycles, but his favorite toy was always a Harley-Davidson. He would ride for hours along Route 9 and return home talking about how amazing it was to live somewhere so beautiful. Jack also had a love for animals. He fed the birds each morning, researched new fish to add to his fish tank, and let his children have just about any pet they wanted while growing up.

Jack was also a familiar and appreciated presence in the community as the owner of Preferred Pest Control. He could always be counted on to give his customers far more information about the pests in their homes than they ever asked for.

Above all, Jack was a devoted and loving father to Colleen and John. He attended every sports game, took just as much interest in every new music release and video game as his children did, and helped organize their annual “Shea-cations” each summer. Jack made sure their home was a gathering place for countless celebrations, from Thanksgiving dinners and birthday parties to pool

parties. He wanted Colleen and John to grow up with the same kinds of Park Street memories he and his brothers had cherished: a home filled with love, laughter, and plenty of antics. Jack was a protective and proud dad who taught his children to be strong, encouraged them to find work they loved, and always reminded them to have fun along the way. He gave them a childhood filled with wonderful memories.

Visitation services provided by William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St, West Roxbury. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favours. But I plead for this one. (mention favour). Take it, place it in your open broken Heart. And when the eternal Father sees it, covered with the mantle of his most precious Blood, He cannot refuse it. For then it is your prayer, not mine. Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee. Amen.

Say three times for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—V.C.

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE
SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LOCATION: 11 Taunton Avenue, Boston, MA 02136

WHEREAS on 02/01/2011 a certain Mortgage was executed by Ruth J. Williams as mortgagor in favor of MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. as mortgagee and was recorded on 02/07/2011 as Document No. 787727, in Certificate No 112803. in the Office of the Registry of Deeds of Suffolk County Land Court; and

WHEREAS the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary pursuant to an assignment dated 01/08/2019 and recorded on 01/08/2019 as Document No. 890483, in Certificate No 112803. in the Office of the Registry of Deeds of Suffolk County Land Court; and

WHEREAS a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the Borrower is deceased and the property is not the principal residence of at least one other surviving borrower as set forth in Paragraph 9(a)(i) of the Mortgage; and

WHEREAS by virtue of this default the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to powers vested in this office by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27 subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of this office as Foreclosure Commissioner recorded in Bk 73249 Pg 065 at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, notice is hereby given that on 10/27/2026 at 12pm local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

THE LAND IN BOSTON WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

In the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
NORTHEASTERLY by Taunton Avenue Forty-Five (45) feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Wilfred Cormier et al Eighty (80) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Thomas Connors et al Forty-Five (45) feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Domenic B. Tonucci Eighty (80) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the court to be located as shown on a plan drawn by A.A. Minichiello, Civil Engineer, dated February 11, 1956, as modified and approved by the court, filed in the land registration office as Plan No. 26533-A, a copy of a portion of which is filed with certificate of Title No. 62051.

Commonly known as: **11 Taunton Avenue, Boston, MA 02136**

The sale will be held at 11 Taunton Avenue, Boston, MA 02136.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid approximately \$371,028.76.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents, or other income or liabilities except that the purchaser will pay at or before closing his pro-rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling approximately \$37,102.87 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of at least \$37,102.87 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment, and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500 paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption or right of possession based upon a right of redemption in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid off prior to the scheduled sale is approximately \$363,528.76 as of 08/06/2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of- pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: 23rd day of September, 2026
Joshua A. Roberman, Esq.
Foreclosure Commissioner: The Law Offices of Jessica Clarke, P.C.
Address: P.O. Box 468, Wareham, MA 02571
Phone: (781) 915-4129 Fax: (781) 406-5089

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK, ss
DOCKET NUMBER; SU26P0424

To all persons interested in the matter of:
Roger Grimes aka Rogers A. Grimes of Boston, in said County of Suffolk - a person under conservatorship.

A petition has been presented to said Court, for license to sell a private sale certain real estate of **Kay Buck** of Boston in the County of Suffolk, for maintenance and praying that the petitioner, Shelly Oaks may be licensed to sell convey the same of said real estate.

See attached description of said property to be sold.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 26th day of October, 2026, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Janine D. Rivers, Esquire, First Judge of said Court,
this 28th day of September, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
26 SM 002495
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Bryant Williams;
Vanessa M. Williams-Cobb
a/k/a Vanessa Williams; Hassan
A. Williams; Sheara Bryant a/k/a
Sheara Williams; Ralph B. Williams

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Hyde Park (Boston), numbered 19 & ½ Mariposa Street, given by Bryant Williams, Yvonne Williams to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, dated April 27, 2005, and registered at the Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as document number 700591, and noted on certificate of title number 84711 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before November 23, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court
on October 7, 2026.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson,
Recorder 29370

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Docket No. SU26P1984GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §

In the matter of: **Amunra Carless Of: Brighton, MA**

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Amunra Carless** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Denna M. Gilot of Mattapan, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00AM. on the return date of **11/05/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 08, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU26P1924EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: **Adela Aliaga**
Date of Death: **06/16/2026**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Catherine Aliaga of Boston, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Catherine Aliaga of Boston, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a 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 the return day of 11/19/2026. 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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 08, 2026
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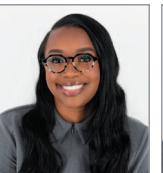
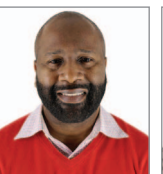
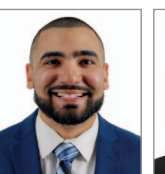
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