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The Allston Post Office is currently undergoing the 210-day process the USPS needs to do before it can legally shut it down for good. But it's not over until it's over; there is still a chance a post office could go here on Harvard Avenue.

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USPS wants to shut Allston Post Office

Officially backs out of rebuild commitment

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Allston Post Office on Harvard Avenue was originally shut down in 2019 because of structural issues with the building.

A tree was growing underneath and, eventually, inside of the building.

Since then, the United States Postal Services (USPS) has continuously waffled on whether or not the location would reopen. It was considered by proponents of the post office that the USPS

might try to keep it open on paper, but keep it closed in reality, so as not to have to go through the public process to close the office. This has been such a problem that the U.S. House of Representatives recently created a bill to make sure the USPS is at least transparent about how many offices it is closing <https://gvmes.link/uspssusp>

Things looked good last year when the USPS and owner of the new building, Eden Properties, appeared to be in agreement to open a smaller retail post office in the same location. Dis-

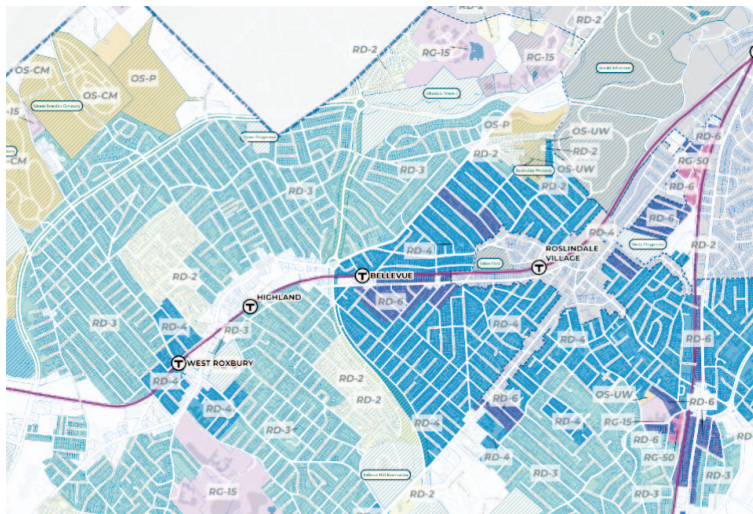
trict 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon and many Allston residents have been campaigning hard to reopen the post office in the six years since its closure.

But last Tuesday, Breadon's office sent out an email notifying residents that a meeting was going to be held on the following Friday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. Breadon followed up with The Bulletin after the meeting, and summed up her feelings on the matter in two words.

"Not happy," she said. "That

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Residents were generally positive about the proposed zoning changes in West Roxbury, Roslindale and Hyde Park.

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Community feedback supports rezoning

Public input period ends Oct. 31

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning Department's Neighborhood Housing Zoning Initiative held a virtual public meeting on Sept. 15 to review feedback gathered during the public comment period on preliminary rezoning proposals for Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury. More than 67 people attended, and the chat section generated over 180 posts, allowing participants to ask the planning team questions and discuss issues with one another. Spanish and Haitian Creole interpreters were also available.

Senior Planner Will Cohen, with Planner Lindsay Crockett, gave an overview of why rezoning is necessary.

"Across the city, because the zoning rules were put into place much later than when the buildings were often constructed at the turn of the 20th century or perhaps even earlier, what the zoning says should be there and what is actually there in reality don't align," Crockett said.

As a result, any changes to a home often generate a zoning violation and require a variance and a time consuming and costly

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Embrace Massó Festival garners thousands

Does exactly what it says on the tin

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Embrace Massó International Music Festival started three years ago as a way for Embrace Boston and José Massó's ¡Con Salsa! to celebrate Latino culture and ring in National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15) in Boston.

This past Saturday's event also marked the 51st anniversary of Massó's ¡Con Salsa! on 90.9 WBUR, which airs every Saturday. Massó himself said Embrace Founder and fellow Hyde Parker Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries first came to him with the idea of a music festival three years ago, and it's been a big hit ever since.

"This was his brainchild," Massó said.

Massó said he thought Jeffries wanted to talk about the Embrace monument – <https://gvmes.link/embrcomon> – and that was

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Thousands joined Hyde Parkers and hosts Jose Massó and Dr. Imari Paris Jeffries at the Embrace Massó Festival on Saturday.

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trip to the Zoning Board of Appeal.

“So, the primary purpose of Neighborhood Housing is to update the rules, to revise the zoning, and to match what we see in reality and across the various neighborhoods to make it possible to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), additions and new construction as appropriate,” she said. Feedback was gathered through nine community and civic group meetings, eight office hours, and nine tabling events, from which the planners continue to develop the proposal and refine the zoning map.

The proposed districts have focused on unit counts, some of which already allow for ADUs, with homes that have similar lot size and lot coverage within a specific Residential Dormer (RD) district. Districts are identified as RD1-RD6 and are more physically akin to one another than to homes in other districts, regardless of their neighborhood.

“Because the districts are based on so many exact details, you might see different parts of the same street proposed for different zoning,” said Crockett. Also considered is tree coverage.

The response has been positive overall but varied depending on the neighborhood, according to Cohen. “But for many people, the issue which has

come up the most has been one around this idea of density. On one hand, we’ve heard a lot of commentary from homeowners that this increased the goals of this project to allow for renovations, ongoing maintenance, and upkeep of their properties, and adding ADUs” he said. “And we’ve also heard feedback from neighbors that in whatever format comes in, increased density is a concern and perhaps even undesirable.”

Cohen said that they are being flexible to make renovations easier.

“The goal of this project is about helping existing property owners continue to use their properties as suits their needs and to allow for ongoing maintenance and AD use.” He stressed that it is not about large-scale teardowns, demolition, and redevelopment. “We know that’s a really big concern ...we share that concern.”

Cohen wants to keep the rezoning process simple, “We are hearing from residents, no matter where they fall on the side of support or having questions, that the principle of making it easier for people to do reasonable things makes sense.”

Audience Comments and questions dominated the two-hour meeting. Most speakers favored the plan with some even feeling that the rezoning effort

had not gone far enough. Resident Elliot Shrock wanted something bolder.

“I understand that this proposal does not actually do much in terms of addressing affordability and density, but to the extent it does, I strongly support it.”

James Cordero spoke about increasing housing. “I’m just speaking again with a lot of support for this... what this really does is allows a few more ADUs, a few more units created by renovations that will a little bit help with this problem.”

Brian Rose from West Roxbury said, “I’ve been a West Roxbury resident for over 20 years ...I’m broadly supportive of this plan.”

Others expressed concern that many people had been excluded from the process. Laurie Radwin of Roslindale said the plan does not have input from “lower-income residents, immigrants, people with limited English proficiency, residents and communities of colors whose voices have not been represented in the same way.”

District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén thanked the planners. “This kind of rezoning in our neighborhood is needed.”

Cohen reiterated that the plans offer more flexibility to make renovations that are reasonable on the side, rear, or other kinds of ways.

“Our goal is to make it so everyone has the ability to do something reasonable. But almost no one has the ability to do anything they want.”

The public comment period is set to end on Oct. 31. The Planning Department will continue to work on revisions to the proposed zoning. For more information go to <https://gvimes.link/nhbrhdzng>

Historic preservation now a surprise role in new housing

New JP historic friends group



A view of the proposed Green Street East historic district
PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Neighbors often go to great lengths to oppose, reduce or delay housing in Jamaica Plain (or throughout the Greater Boston Metro, for that matter) – height, traffic, shadows, parking, trees and views are the usual obstacles thrown up.

An hour is not unusual in these meetings to debate a curb cut that would remove a coveted street parking space, where a shadow may lie, or why three stories would be reprehensible when two-and-a-half are what’s in the Boston Zoning Code.

Lately the ambiguous quality of life issue has emerged, and historic preservation has been used as an excuse to oppose, delay, or mitigate new housing; none more successful than 19 Kenton Rd.

Neighbors became alarmed when Joseph Federico proposed on Aug. 24, 2024 to raze a circa 1870 farmhouse at 19 Kenton Rd. and replace it with eight townhouses (later reduced to six).

They went to the unusual length of petitioning the Boston Landmarks Commission for landmark designation in March 2025, which was approved in August, 2025. Jamaica Plain Zoning Committee (JPZC) member Kendra Halliwell expressed her dismay at the Jan. 8, 2025 zoning committee, “Eight months to build six townhouses?” she asked and, noting the pending landmark petition, added, “This is not an historic district.”

The house remains empty with no progress in sight to the frustration of the neighbors.

Historic preservation has also taken on a life of its own at 3326 Washington St.

On June 6, 2019 the original developers, Primary, presented a plan to demolish the old JP Auto Glass at 3326 Washington St. and build a five-story, balconied, 43-unit apartment house.

Historic preservationists immediately took a stand: they wanted to preserve what was originally a two-story, gabled schoolhouse built in 1851 when Jamaica Plain was a separate municipality.

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WRCIA for all

Transportation in coming meetings, Redlands update discussed



The West Roxbury Civic Association met on Monday at the E-5 station to discuss issues around the neighborhood.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association (WRCIA) met on Monday at the District E-5 Police Station in West Roxbury and discussed its new role as one of the two regularly-meeting neighborhood associations in the neighborhood.

The WRCIA, along with the Bellevue Hill Improvement Association (BHIA) are what is left of the once vibrant West Roxbury neighborhood association scene. Before, there was the Highland Civic Neighborhood Association, the Charles River/Spring Street Neighborhood Association, and more.

The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council also meets regularly, but many, if not most, of the meetings are geared towards zoning issues within the neighborhood.

WRCIA Vice President Mar-

tin Keogh said the group was originally chartered to cover the southern portion of West Roxbury, and it will continue to be focused on that area. But the WRCIA has inroads to many city and state officials, and so Keogh said the association has now opened its membership and audience up to the entirety of West Roxbury.

“We are the lower Washington Street area, but because there are not too many neighborhood groups in West Roxbury, we expanded out perimeter to include any relevant issues in West Roxbury if they have issues they need to bring up,” said Keogh. “And if someone has a group that’s more specific to their neighborhood, that’s fine, but we want to continue to be here for people to come in, express their opinions and bring their issues here.”

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true. But Jeffries also wanted to celebrate Massó’s show, which was coming up on 50 years on the air.

“I was like, ‘You’ve got to be joking,’” Massó said. “I was humbled that they would think of me in that manner.”

The day also saw the Drum Major for Justice Award given to Yvette Modestin, a Dorchester native, Panamanian National, and the Founder of the Encuentro Diaspora Afro organization.

“She’s a poet, she’s an activist, and historically we have awarded national artists – like for our first year we awarded Eddie Palmieri,” Jeffries said. “But we wanted this year to be a local artist that we could lift up and celebrate. To be able to do so was phenomenal, and we were humbled in the process.”

Massó said Palmieri was pretty meaningful for him, as he booked him for his first live show back in 1975. He said Palmieri, like everybody, was aging and he wanted to make sure he could “give him his flower” while he could.

“I wanted it to be a book-end, so that if this was his last concert in Boston, I wanted to be part of that as well,” he said.

This year’s headliner was El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico, which recently had a big resurgence after the group’s 1975 hit, Un verano en Nueva York, was sampled in NUEVAYoL, the opening title on Bad Bunny’s 2025 album DeBí TiRAR Más FOToS (I Should Have Taken More Photos).

“Elders will say, ‘Oh yeah that’s El Gran Combo’ and they’d listen to it again and again,” Massó said.

Massó said the group’s founder, Rafael Ithier, passed away in 2025, and he was sad they couldn’t get them before that, but he was honored to be able to give him his flowers this year.

“I didn’t get to give him his flowers while he was alive, but we knew we were going to have the band this year,” he said.

As part of that, Massó and Jeffries both said they wanted to make the festival more intimate. Jeffries said this year also marked the purchase of two properties for Embrace to call home in Downtown Crossing, so they moved the event to West Street, instead of hosting it on the Boston Common.

“Moving the event to Downtown Crossing was a way for us to be a part of our city center,” he said. “We wanted to do it as a way to be a good neighbor here. We bought two buildings in Downtown Crossing, and we want to be a part of the revitalization of our city center, and there’s no better way to do that than have thousands of people dance right here in the center of our capital.”

And Massó said he and Jeffries wanted to use the space in Downtown Crossing to replicate the Puerto Rican Fiestas de la Calle San Sebastián (nicknamed La SanSe).

“That’s a street in old San Juan where for 60 years, every January, they close down street traffic in Old San Juan for three days,” Massó said. “Every plaza in Old San Juan features music all day long into the evening. And at night, the big plaza near Ballajá, has the big time headliners. They’ve brought some of the biggest headliners in the world... We wanted to give a taste of that this year and having LEla Gran Combo was the icing on the cake.”

Massó said, however, that the celebration wasn’t without difficulty. He said since last year, they’ve had to organize contingencies for possible raids, arrests or interference from federal agencies. He said they did a lot of the leg work last year, and so this year was a bit easier.

“We worked with both city and state public security

organizations, state police, city police, all the surrounding colleges and universities in the area – Emerson in particular – and we worked with all the social service agencies that provided information for the public,” he said. “And nonprofit, pro-bono legal organizations as well. So, we were ready and had a contingency plan in case anything happened, i.e. ICE (Immigration Customs Enforcement) or anybody who wanted to disrupt it by just coming down to the park. So, we were cognizant of that last year, and same thing for this year. We had the plan already in place, and so if anything happenedhappened, we could mobilize the people we needed to mobilize to make sure everybody was safe and people felt comfortable.”

“And they did,” he said. “I will tell you, the amount of love, sense of pride and acknowledgment that what we were doing was historical to be there in that space and that moment for the first time ever.... There was a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood from those who showed up; Latinos, non-Latinos, people from out of state, multiple generations of people, grandparents... we saw little kids on parents’ shoulders, people playing dominos... we saw the flags waving, people dancing, and all the beautiful things that make this what it is.”

Jeffries said this year the organizing was a bit easier, and they had a lot of help from the local business booster organization.

“It wasn’t stressful, because the team, Embrace, and our partners at the Downtown Business Alliance – they handled it amazingly,” he said. “There were between 8,000 to 12,000 people who came out throughout the day, and it was just love, dancing, all ages, from kids on parents’ shoulders to older adults, multi-cultural, multi-racial, dancing, eating and just having a good time.”

Jeffries said they have some lag time now for the next upcoming signature event, Embrace Honors MLK, which is coming up in January. Go to EmbraceBoston.org for more information.

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Bombs away

Remember Mrs. Kintner? Very few people do. In case you forgot or do not recognize this nondescript name, she was the mother in the movie “Jaws” whose child was devoured by the “star” of Stephen Spielberg’s 1975 classic. After a shark had been spotted at a beach and all the bathers scampered back to the shoreline, it was her son who didn’t return unscathed. Later she would publicly slap Chief Brodie (Roy Schneider) across the face for not having the conviction to prohibit swimming when a previous death was attributed to a great white.

Kinter’s role, as an Everywoman mother, was portrayed by Lee Fierro, a professional actress who left New York wanting to raise her children in a somewhat bucolic setting such as Martha’s Vineyard, where the movie was filmed and where she resided.

When first approached for the role, she bristled at the obscenities she was expected to articulate. The powers-that-be on the movie set caved in, and she bespoke of her primal anger amidst terrible sorrow against the police chief without cussing. She stuck to her guns and still earned the role.

I mention this here because the new episodes of “Ted Lasso” contain more F-bombs than ever before, thus making these otherwise enjoyable episodes off-limits (by most adult standards) for their children. Too bad the actors / actresses did not have the courage to speak up to the foul-mouthed writers.

Larry David’s miniseries “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Unhappiness,” streaming on HBO, with its comedic, historic twists depicting scenes in American history, would be a



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

delight for high-school American history teachers to use in their classrooms, had the language been cleaned up of its occasional profanities. I’m not sure if even any of the 15-minute long sketches are devoid of obscenities.

Shocking, as in totally shocking, was the interrogative directed at the august Dr. Anthony Fauci in the hallowed senate chambers on July 29 by Republican Senator Bernie Moreno of my wife’s home state of Ohio: “Who the f— do you think you are?” My wife’s analysis of this was the best: Tony Fauci should have merely replied, “Would your mother approve of such language?”

I’m told by those well-versed in religion and theology that there’s nothing inherently wrong with obscenities per se, but their usage invariably leads to disrespect for the Creator’s name, which in no uncertain terms is referenced in the Old and New Testaments as offensive. The slippery slope from profanities about bodily functions inevitably leads to usage of His/ Her name, as they say, “in vain.”

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Letters to the Editor

ANSWERS FOR JOE

Joe Galeota posted some questions about Cape Cod and said to “Lemme know” if anyone had answers. Here are few:

- There USED to be rest areas with restrooms on Route 6 heading off the Cape. They were removed in the 1980’s and ’90s due to their being used as lovers lanes.

- The answers to why the National Park Service offers fewer family activities and why there is no recycling service boils down to Trump’s cutting their budget and firing lots of folks.

- Route 6 in Eastham / Wellfleet has always been one lane (and is often congested). The bike lane, used by hundreds of people every day, was a welcome addition since the off-road Cape Cod Rail Trail ends in Wellfleet.

- “Suicide Alley” lacks Jersey barriers to allow emergency vehicles access to both lanes, without having to travel miles out of their way to an opening in the concrete barriers.

Glad I could help!

Gary Chase
West Roxbury

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would be two words. I feel that the meeting was very unsatisfactory. I think we had a lot more questions asked in the chat that were never addressed, and it’s an unsatisfactory response to very serious concerns that we have in Allston and Brighton about how the USPS handled this closure situation.”

Sept. 11 is not a federal holiday. Many people still had work and other obligations to see to at that time, and still, the USPS moderators reported about 54 people at the virtual meeting (though it was not listed in the Zoom meeting application itself).

District Manager Carissa Shea said the meeting was the public start of the 210-day evaluation process that would permanently close the now suspended post office. According to USPS representative Rebecca Hosein – no title was given and a Google search cannot even confirm she works at the USPS – the closure evaluation process was approved in the spring and started on Sept. 4.

She said the reason for starting that process is partly procedure – the P101 guidebook dictates that the USPS will look at permanently closing an office if it is suspended for any reason. She said that was the only reason for starting the process.

“We have exercised that right to pursue the discontinuance study, due to the suspension of the facility,” she said. “There were building repairs that needed to be made that deemed it unsafe for employees and customers to stay in that location. So it isn’t that, ‘Hey we just want to close it,’ we had to leave that facility and suspend our operation.”

Later, residents pressed the USPS officials on last year’s agreement with Eden Properties for the replacement retail location.

“We have had discussions with a developer; at this point and when we had gone through our processes, [we] paused any movement until we finalize our discontinuance study,” she said.

So the reason for the study

appears to be the suspension, and the reason for the breaking in the agreement with Eden appears to be the study. But the suspension happened in 2019, the agreement in 2025, and the study approval in 2026.

For those who might not remember, the USPS issued a letter of agreement with Eden last year – <https://gvimes.link/uspscmtmntlttr> – and reversed that decision in the spring – <https://gvimes.link/allstonuspsrvs>

When asked about increasing resources at the Brighton branch of the USPS, Hosein gave this response:

“Between me and the Postmaster of Boston (James H. Murphy) we evaluate the workload from our customer transactions, the traffic coming into our retail lobbies and also the package services and mail volume – letters and flats – that we deliver everyday,” she said. “There is a routine evaluation of what we need for our people resources for what we need to be able to service our community.”

Hosein gave a similar response when asked about how the USPS determines the need for a post office when Breadon, in the chat, asked why Allston-Brighton can have a population of 87,000 people and one post office, when Newton has a similar population (90,000 residents) but 12 post offices.

“It does vary depending on where you are in the city, state or country. We have several customer service metrics,” she said. “We have carriers, evaluated routes by delivery and time it takes, and similarly we do that for the retail: how many clerks and stations do we have, customer satisfaction surveys, wait time in line, alternate access for our customers as well such as our self-service kiosks, and let’s not forget the multitude of transactions our customers do on USPS.com, which has grown exponentially in the past decade.”

Hosein said the feasibility/closure study will be completed

in about 210 days and “would be available for the customer to review at the post office.” Which post office, and, why if the online services are experiencing “exponential” growth, the study would not be available online, was not answered.

Breadon said she felt many of the answers provided during the meeting were rhetorical run-arounds.

“It’s a game,” she said. “I think they’re hiding behind procedural rules, and it’s not clear to me they’re following their own procedures. Because they did send a letter out last year, with a commitment that they were coming back. And it was written like, ‘Don’t argue with us, this is our final decision to reestablish a post office on Harvard Avenue,’ and this year they came back and completely reversed it, saying, ‘Yeah yeah, the process was incomplete.’ Well, you know, they had gone as far as working with the developer to set out specifications for what they needed for a retail post office space, and the developer committed to delivering that space for them, and they turn around a year later and walk away like nothing happened? It’s not appropriate.”

Breadon said she felt the timing of the meeting was designed to illicit fewer responses and less outcry, as many residents had to work at 1 p.m. on a Friday. She also said that seemed to be the case when the USPS put in a mobile retail unit after the post office’s first closure in 2019, barely telling anyone about it and then closing it during COVID-19, saying it didn’t generate enough business.

“It’s disingenuous to bring up the lack of demand for the mobile space,” she said. “It’s not good.”

Breadon said the USPS is not fulfilling its constitutional duty.

“They’re missing the point of who they’re supposed to serve,” she said. “It’s mandated in the U.S. Constitution that you’re supposed to have a service that’s acceptable to people, and they’re just not delivering for Allston.”

Hyde Parkers protests end of TPS

Constant honking from passersby



Residents held signs on Saturday at Cleary Square to stand up for TPS holders.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

A smattering of Hyde Park residents came out on Saturday to protest the ending of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians and several other groups from around the world. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in July that the Trump Administration could legally end TPS, and since then, more and more populations have had their protected status revoked. Hundreds of thousands of formerly protected immigrants now face the threat of deportation. Several residents held signs protesting the move by the federal government at Cleary

Square, and drivers honked, seemingly in support, several times a minute. “We’re out here because we’re scared,” said resident Maggie Eqwing, who came out with her grand daughtergranddaughter. “It’s happening here... Have you seen what’s happening in Burlington? Those are true stories, and it’s right out of Nazi Germany.” Resident Dan Farncoff said he felt Trump is intent on “destroying the country from within.” “And nobody seems to know why he’s doing it,” he said. “I’m out here just trying to resist him in any way pos-

sible with my neighbors.” “There’s a 15 percent approval rating for Trump right now, so it says to me most people aren’t supporting him, but it’s difficult to feel that at the local level you can have an impact on the policies of our country,” said resident and Hyde Park Neighborhood Association President Mimi Turchinetz. “And one of the policies of this country is to kidnap and disappear people. It’s fascist, authoritarian government and we’re here to basically say, shut down Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE). They’re an internal terrorist organization.

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Construction update for Parkway

Neighborhoods: Hyde Park, Roslindale, West Roxbury

The City of Boston Construction Management team is providing this weekly update on infrastructure improvements taking place in the Hyde Park, Roslindale and West Roxbury neighborhoods. The work is part of the City’s ongoing efforts to maintain and improve Boston’s streets and sidewalks, enhance accessibility, upgrade street lighting fixtures, support bridge improvements, and invest in safer, more reliable neighborhood infrastructure.

THIS WEEK’S CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY:

Crews will be milling, adjusting castings and resurfacing the following streets in Roslindale:

- Glencliff Road
- Dale Street
- Metropolitan Avenue
- Crews are rebuilding ramps and sidewalks on: Metropolitan Avenue (Poplar Street - Dale Street) - Sidewalks & Ramps Roslindale
- Weeks Avenue (Grew Hill Road - Alpheus Road) - Sidewalks & Ramps HP
- Grew Hill Road (Jeffers Street - Alpheus Road) - Sidewalks & Ramps HP
- West Street (Lodge Hill Road - Hautevale Street) - Sidewalks & Ramps HP
- Sherrin Street (Austin Street - Windham Street) - Sidewalks & Ramps HP

Residents, businesses, and visitors should expect possible impacts to parking, traffic and pedestrian access. The City appreciates the patience and partnership of residents and businesses, and we will continue to minimize disruptions wherever possible as important infrastructure improvements move forward.

*Please note that this work is weather dependent and schedules could change.

For questions, please contact Public Works Public Information Officer Chris Coakley at Christopher.Coakley@boston.gov

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Through your devotion to one another, you have shown us by example the true meaning of love, honor, and respect. Your kindness and patience with one another is exemplary of what it means to have taken those vows six decades ago. What started out as an “arranged blind date” blossomed into a life well lived together. There is no better example than what you each live & breathe every day. We are grateful to call you our parents, have you in our lives, and still leading by example every single day!

Happy Anniversary Ma & Dad!

Love,
Christina & Michelle

Anthony Termine and Bertha (Brunelli) Termine were wed 60 years ago on September 17th in her hometown of Southington, Connecticut. They enjoy tending to their garden, cooking, taking walks together, and attending summertime feasts in the North End.

Bertha enjoys her book club at the West Roxbury Public Library and Anthony frequently plays his numbers at Marino's on Center Street. They both enjoy dining at The Corrib Pub & Restaurant and have resided in West Roxbury for over 50 years.

Keogh said many neighborhood groups pop up around single controversial issues, noting the Greater Belgrade Neighborhood Association, which died away as soon as Roxbury Prep Charter School stated it no longer wanted to go in at 361 Belgrade Ave.

“You’ve got to have a meeting,” he said. “I don’t know many other groups who meet in West Roxbury.”

The group meets every second Monday (or Tuesday, as the second Monday in October is Indigenous People’s Day/Columbus Day) at 7 p.m., usually at the St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 5160 Washington St. The Oct. 13 meeting will be at the E-5 Police Station in West Roxbury.

In other news, the group discussed ongoing issues on Centre Street in West Roxbury. Keogh and several other residents said the light timing along Centre has become completely out of sync and needs to be reprogramed, and so Keogh said he is inviting a representative from the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) to come to the October Meeting, though no representative has yet been confirmed.

Also at the meeting, State Rep Bill MacGregor dropped by to share updates from the Massachusetts State House.

Speaking of traffic, MacGregor said the current expected date of completion for the Belgrade Avenue/West Roxbury Parkway Bridge is set for some time in December. Currently, the biggest impact is to the Needham MBTA Commuter Rail Line, which will be out of service until Sept. 20 during this phase of construction. To keep up with the replacement project, go to <https://gvimes.link/wrpkybrdge>

MacGregor also touted his recent funding rounds he helped to pass through the Statehouse that were earmarked for West Roxbury. He made a point of stating that it was a collaborative effort with State Rep. Rob Consalvo and outgoing State Sen. Michael Rush.

“We got \$300,000 for the Ethos Senior Program at the Elks, which is amazing – we usually get around \$250,000,” he said. “It’s important to keep that going. I know we don’t have a senior center and we need one, but this has been great.”

MacGregor said they obtained \$50,000 for the Rose’s Bounty Food Pantry on Stratford Street in West Roxbury to help secure food for residents, as well as \$75,000 for pedestrian safety improvements on Washington Street, mostly in Roslindale but extending to the West Roxbury side as well (the WRCIA was founded to improve road safety on Washington Street).

The Redland Road Family Shelter was also discussed. The shelter was a hot-button issue when it first came up two years ago. The state tried to quietly get it approved to deal with the influx of homeless families the state was dealing with at the time, but the demand has apparently cooled down since then and the proposed maximum of 40 families has not come close to being reached.

MacGregor said, in response to a question from members of the WRCIA, that about seven or eight families have been occupying the shelter since he last checked in with the facility in July. He said he has a meeting coming up in October and will update the group after that.

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They’re terrorizing individuals, our friends and our neighbors in the country. We have to speak out.”

Turchinetz said the current state of immigration in the United States is appalling.

“We have concentration camps, people are dying in them, they’re not giving people the healthcare they need, and we know ICE has murdered two U.S. citizens in cold blood,” she said. “It’s a disaster.”

Resident and Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association member Joseph Smith said they have held this protest before, with some better turnout. But he said it’s important to show up, even when others can’t or won’t.

“We’re here to support the immigrants we have here in Hyde Park, who are our neighbors and friends, in light of the ICE strategies and the Trump Administration,” he said. “We’re here because we care about them.”

Resident Eileen Velez echoed Smith’s statement.

“So many of our neighbors are losing TPS, and so many medical personnel who were from Haiti took care of my husband for so

many years,” she said. “I don’t want to see them lose their ability to stay here or work. They’ve raised families, they started businesses, and I think it’s outrageous. It’s criminal. It’s targeting groups of people, and not other groups of people.”

Velez said it wasn’t always easy for her to come out here.

“I’ve always been a black sheep in my family, politically,” she said. “Boston Irish Catholic, Democrat, and so since I’ve been a kid I’ve been political, and I think it’s really important here to support my neighbors. I see them vote, I’m a poll worker and they come with their passports, which I don’t think is good. They’re citizens, and I know how hard and how expensive it is to become a citizen in this country. So yeah, I’m here to help them abolish ICE.”



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Around the Neighborhood

WR ARTS ON CENTRE GRAND OPENING

Sunday, Sept 20, 12 p.m. Ribbon cutting ceremony, store open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come Celebrate creativity in our community!

Arts on Centre is a community-driven space at 1988 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Open to the public Saturday & Sunday from 11am - 5pm. Explore exhibits, shop local artwork, and learn new skills in welcoming workshops for neighbors of all ages.

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SPIRIT OF OUR ELDERS

Art Gallery opening at the Gallery of the Roslindale Library – Sept. 5th through October 25th Artist reception Thursday, Sept. 10th from 5-7 p.m. 4246 Washington St. corner of Washington and Poplar

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS IN HYDE PARK

The Family Van is bringing free health screenings to the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library at 35 Harvard Ave. in Hyde Park on Friday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. No appointments or insurance needed. Screenings include blood pressure, blood sugar tests, cholesterol tests and more. Go to familyvan.org for more information. Brought as part of the Hyde Park Health and Wellness Coalition.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: 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

ZERO WASTE DAY DROP-OFF

Bring your household hazardous waste and certain waste banned items to a Zero Waste Day for safe disposal on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 400 Frontage Road, Central DPW Facility, Roxbury, MA 02118

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RVMS GALA

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.

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Community Preservation Act

Boston Community Preservation Act

JOIN US! COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 5:30–7:30 P.M.

The Boston Community Preservation Committee invites members of the public to share their comments on the Community Preservation Act and its priorities for Boston’s communities.

Written and verbal comments are welcome. Visit boston.gov/cpa and select **SEND AN EMAIL** to submit a comment or request to provide a verbal comment.

The hearing will be held virtually.

For more information and to join the Zoom meeting, please view the public notice at boston.gov/cpa#events



Kathleen F. (Farrell) of Hyde Park passed away on September 7, 2026. Beloved wife of the late Florindo Francis DeRoma of Hyde Park. Loving mother of Christopher Michael DeRoma of Naples, FL. Cherished grandmother of Charles X. DeRoma also of Naples. Caring sister of Patricia Shields of Weymouth, Timothy Farrell of Wall Township, NJ, Mary Hickey of Norton and

Lisa O’Brien of West Roxbury. Predeceased by her parents Jack and Patricia Farrell. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Kathy was a dedicated public servant, who proudly served the Federal Bureau of Investigation for over 27 years. Throughout her distinguished career, she served as Squad Secretary and Rotor Clerk, providing vital administrative and operational support to the Bank Robbery Task Force and the Violent Fugitive Task Force in Boston.

Kathy took deep pride in her contributions to the FBI’s mission in Boston, including her notable support on the James “Whitey” Bulger investigation, and her work during the September 11th attacks in 2001.

Visitation and funeral services provided by William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St.

DEATHS

Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in her memory to the Alzheimer’s Research Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project, or the Tunnels to Tower Project.

EGERSHEIM



Karen L. (Maher) of Dedham, formerly of Boston, passed on September 11, 2026 at the age of 77.

Beloved wife of the late James F. Loving mother of James Egersheim, Jr. and his wife Lori of Amherst, NH, Lisa Brown and her husband Stephen of Quincy, MA. Also survived by her grandchildren, James III and his wife Milana, Jared, Michelle and her husband Jordan, Cassandra, Samantha, Brianna (pre-deceased), Benjamin, and her great grandson Silas.

Daughter of the late George & Gloria (McLean) Maher, sister of Steven Maher and his wife June of Merrimack, NH and his daughter Kasey L. and her daughter Ella. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and relatives.

Karen was born and raised in Jamaica Plain. It is where she met her beloved husband James and many lifelong friends that she made from her days in the Drum and Bugle Corp.

She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Visitation and funeral services provided by William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Interment at Forest Hills Cemetery.

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.

HUGHES



Carole Anne Hughes, Ph.D., LCSW, of Wellesley, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away on September 8, 2026.

Born in 1960, Carole was the eldest daughter of John and Margaret Hughes. She grew up in Jamaica Plain, surrounded by her friends and family. Her early educational experiences at Our Lady of Lourdes, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, and the University of Massachusetts, Boston shaped her later career as a higher education administrator. After graduating college, she earned a Masters degree in educational policy from Boston University before landing at Boston College, where she worked for nearly 39 years. While working full time at BC, Carole went on to earn three more degrees – a Masters degree in social work, a Masters degree in leadership, and a Doctorate in education.

Boston College was a focal point for much of Carole’s life. She began as an Assistant Dean for Student Development in 1988, and her most recent position was Director of Graduate Student Life. Over her years at BC she influenced the lives of generations of students, making lifelong friends of both her students and her colleagues. She was also involved in the larger student affairs network, having recently served as the Director of the NASPA Region 1, and in 2023 Carole was named a Pillar of the Profession, one of the most prestigious awards in her field. She was also deeply engaged with aspects of the Jesuit traditions at BC, such as the silent retreats, a pilgrimage to Italy and Spain, and a service trip to Nicaragua. Additionally, Carole was thrilled when both of her daughters chose to attend BC.

Like at work, Carole was a “people person” in her personal life. She was involved in her local Wellesley community in multiple capacities. She enjoyed reading and was a member of many book clubs. She was an active woman who had run 3 marathons and was fond of morning swims. She had a great eye for style, and she never saw a sale she didn’t like. She was a Virgo and an Autumn. She loved the beach, music, and had recently discovered a passion for cruises. She adored comedy and loved to laugh. She was a

devoted friend and loving mother of two daughters.

Carole is survived by her two daughters, Julia A. Hughes and Olivia R. H. Bogiages; her two siblings, Mary C. Hughes and John J. Hughes; and her mother, Margaret Hughes.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 477 Washington Street (Rt.16), Wellesley. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Trinity Chapel on the BC Newton Campus, 885 Centre Street, Newton. Interment at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating in Carole’s memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at dana-farber.org/gift.

ITRI



Josephine “Jo” (Caprera) November 8, 1931 – September 6, 2026. Josephine “Jo” Itri passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 6, 2026, at the age of 94.

To know Jo was to know someone who was truly full of life. She had a warmth and spirit that drew people to her. She truly lived life out loud. Her voice could always be heard across the room. Her laugh was infectious. She found happiness in the simple pleasures of life, but most of all, she found her greatest joy in her family.

Jo and her beloved husband, Bob, shared 74 years of marriage—a lifetime of love, companionship, laughter, and memories. Together, they created a family filled with love and a home where everyone was welcomed.

Jo is survived by her husband, Bob; her daughter, Patricia; her sons, Rob (Dawn) and Mark (Sherry); and her grandchildren, Mia, Dillon, and Justin.

For Jo, cooking was one of the ways she said “I love you.” She was a wonderful cook, and the meals she prepared brought everyone together. Her food was never simply about the meal—it was about family, sharing, caring, and making the people she loved feel special. Many of the memories her family will treasure most will undoubtedly include a table filled with her cooking, conversation, and laughter.

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Jo had a special gift for making people happy. She gave so much of herself to those around her, and her love and kindness left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her. She lived with a generous heart, a wonderful sense of humor, and an appreciation for the people she loved. And even though she may have broken a few wooden spoons teaching her boys life lessons – which they undoubtedly deserved to learn – the wisdom she imparted with each stroke was delivered with love. Her boys are better for it today and laugh about it now (not so much then).

Her family will miss her laughter, her cooking, her stories, and most of all, simply having her there. While the loss of Jo leaves an enormous space in their lives, the love she gave them will remain forever.

She was deeply loved, she brought tremendous joy to those around her, and she will be missed more than words can say.

Rest peacefully, Jo. Your love, laughter, and beautiful spirit will live on in all of us. Visitation and funeral services will be private. For online guestbook: pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

Rest peacefully, Jo. Your love, laughter, and beautiful spirit will live on in all of us. Visitation and funeral services will be private.

KATZ



Marion Abbie (Hoyt) 1940–2026

Marion Abbie (Hoyt) Katz, 85, passed peacefully into eternal rest on September 7, 2026, surrounded by her devoted husband and loving daughter. She leaves behind a lifetime of cherished memories, laughter, music, dancing and most of all, an immeasurable love for her family.

Marion was born in the very house where she was raised in Roslindale, Massachusetts and remained there for 83 years. She was the beloved daughter of the late Edward and Bridget (Whalen) Hoyt and the youngest of nine children, affectionately known throughout her life as “the baby of the Hoyts.” She graduated from Roslindale High School in 1958.

Marion lived life with an adventurous spirit and a joyful heart. In her younger years, she loved to dance and ice skate and became an avid skier. Later in life, she and her husband, Harvey, enjoyed cruising to beautiful tropical destinations with their close friends. She loved music and would sing whenever given the opportunity. Wherever there was music playing, Marion was likely to be dancing/singing.

For 55 years, Marion shared an extraordinary love with her soulmate, Harvey Katz. Their devotion to one another was evident to everyone who knew them. They were often seen holding hands and dancing together whenever music played, even at sporting events. Their love was a beautiful example of a lifelong partnership filled with friendship, laughter and devotion.

Marion worked as a cafeteria worker at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, where she formed friendships that lasted a lifetime. She especially treasured working alongside her niece, Elaine Moses. The two were known for their loud laughter and the joy they brought to each other and those around them.

Above all, Marion loved her family deeply. She loved hard, gave generously and treasured every moment spent with those she loved. Her grandchildren held a special place in her heart and she took great pride and joy in being their grandmother and their loudest cheerleader at all their sporting events.

Marion leaves behind her beloved husband of 55 years, Harvey Katz, her soulmate and lifelong partner; her daughter, Jeneen Demers Settiane and her husband, Ronald, of Shrewsbury, MA; her son, Jarrod Katz, and his wife, Andrea, of Pepperell, MA and her cherished grandchildren, Austyn and Aryssa Demers, and Cody, Landon, and Laci Katz. She also leaves many loving nieces and nephews.

Marion was predeceased by her eight beloved siblings: Ruth Hoyt, Raymond Hoyt, Barbara Comeau, Dorothy Palmer, Eileen Kaskeski, Edward Hoyt, Mary Madden, and David Hoyt.

Marion will be remembered for her infectious laughter, her love of music, dancing and the fierce unconditional love she had for her family. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love, memories and a family who will carry her in their hearts forever.

“The baby of the Hoyts” may have been the youngest, but she leaves behind a love that will last forever.

Visitation services provided by the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Burial will take place at The Gardens Cemetery Gethsemane, 670 Baker Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

KELLY



John F. Jr. “Mike” of West Roxbury, passed away on September 8, 2026. Born to the late John and Ella (Cox) Kelly, Mike was the beloved husband of the late Margaret “Peggy” (Bane) Kelly. He was the loving father of Michael Kelly and his wife, Jessica, of Mansfield, and Richard Kelly and his wife, Michelle, of Woodstock, Georgia. He was the cherished grandfather of Joseph, Matthew, Brendan, Ryan, Bryan, Tim,

Patrick, and Sami. Mike was the caring brother of Nancy Larsen and her husband, George, of Manomet, MA; Ethel Schembri and her husband, Robert, of Woodhaven Michigan; and the late Eleanor Kelly. He was the beloved brother-in-law of John and Kathy Bane, Joseph and Noel Bane, and James and Dale Bane, and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Mike worked as an electrician for many years at Boston College and later for the City of Newton, while also running his own small electrical business. After an injury brought his electrical career to an end, Mike tended bar at BK’s Pub. With his gift of gab and outgoing personality, Mike made friends wherever he went and always enjoyed a good conversation.

For nearly 50 years, Mike and Peggy spent their summers and early fall in York Beach, Maine, a place that became a second home to them. Over the years, they made lifelong friends and countless memories there. Always willing to lend a hand, Mike became known as the campground’s “fix-it guy” and could often be counted on to help a friend with whatever needed repairing.

Above all, Mike was a proud and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He took great pride in his family and especially loved hearing about his grandchildren’s games, activities, and accomplishments. Even when his health prevented him from attending in person, he was always eager for updates and proud to hear what they were doing.

A visitation will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA. A funeral service will take place immediately following at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Family and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment will be private.

RYAN



Ryan, Annemarie D. Lifelong resident of West Roxbury, September 7, 2026. Daughter of the late Arthur and Margaret T. (Honan) Ryan. Loving sister of Arthur Ryan and his wife Margaret A. of Cape Coral, FL and Bruce Ryan and his wife Kathleen of Orleans, MA. Loving aunt of David, Linda, Paul, Michael, Christopher and Patrick. Loving partner of William Patten of Middleboro.

Annemarie was a longtime high school teacher in the Boston School System where she finished her career at the Boston Latin School.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in Annemarie’s memory to American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org).

DEATH

RAYMOND



John Leo Raymond, son of Leo O. and Jean (Braley) Raymond, died at Beth Israel Hospital on June 25, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born on March 26, 1959, John attended Hyde Park public schools including the William Barton Rogers Middle School that would become his home after the building was converted to an LGBT-affirming apartment complex, The Pryde, in 2024.

An enthusiastic supporter of all things Hyde Park, John made a career of managing local MacDonald restaurants while participating for decades in the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association in multiple roles including as treasurer and ultimately as president. When in 2018 a housing crisis forced John to seek accommodation in Salem, the Hyde Park Bulletin ran a front-page story celebrating him, and Councilor Tim McCarthy’s office presented him with an award for community service, recognizing his devotion to the community. In 2025, John successfully managed the financial qualifications for residency at The Pryde, 55 Harvard Avenue, and was thrilled to return to his beloved Hyde Park.

At Pryde, John was a tireless

advocate for the common-sense organizational strategies he’d polished at work and in community service, and was a beloved character known to every resident.

He is survived by a sister, Janice Miller, and a niece and nephew.

Friends wishing to commemorate John may donate to Northeast Boston Terrier Rescue (nebostonrescue.com) in recognition of his best friend, a Boston terrier named Coco. A remembrance memorial will be held at The Pryde Community Center (59 Harvard Ave. Hyde Park, MA 02136) on Saturday, September 19th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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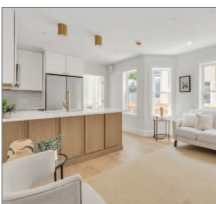


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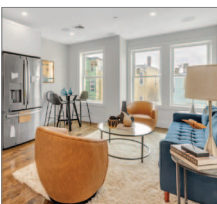
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