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Top It Off in West Roxbury has teamed up with Mass Fallen Heroes and donated \$30,000 worth of clothing to the cause.

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## Top It Off Accessories steps up Donates \$30K of clothes to Mass Fallen Heroes

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Top It Off Accessories Staff met with Mass Fallen Heroes (MFH) Board Member Jason Farrar and volunteer Thomas Foley recently so that the West Roxbury wholesaler could donate several large bags and boxes of clothes worth up to \$30,000 retail.

The donation was for the MFH Sample Sale, a monthly fundraiser that usually takes samples from retail businesses and resells them for MFH's programming.

The samples can be anything from housewares to furniture, decorations to tools to, and as in this case, clothing.

The next sale is set for Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 19 Philips Ln. in Hanover.

Farrar is currently a Weymouth Firefighter and works with Foley to pick up and drop off most if not all the donations the sample sale takes in to process and sell every month. A lot of the time, they said, they get items from big box retail and corporate entities, but those entities, for whatever reason, do not want to be associated with the sale. However, Top It Off owner Elizabeth Hoenscheid said she's proud to stand with the organization.

Farrar got involved with MFH much like many of its volunteers and board mem-

bers. His brother, Marine Sgt. Andrew K. Farrar Jr., was killed in 2005 in Iraq – <https://tinyurl.com/d5kthw8u>

He left behind a wife and two very young boys, aged 1 and 5 at the time. Some time later Andrew Farrar Jr.'s wife died so the sons' grandfather, Andrew Farrar Sr., took in the two boys and officially adopted them.

Jason Farrar also enlisted in the marines and served overseas. He then became a firefighter and helped his father with his nephews. As the boys got older and were ready for college, Andrew Sr. thought they should use An-

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It looks like Great Scott will finally be returning to Allston, this time with a lot more going on up top.

COURTESY PHOTO

## ZBA approves Great Scott plan

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Great Scott owners Carl Lavin, Paul Armstrong and Jordan Warshaw joined attorney Don Wiest last week at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to state their case for the return of the Great Scott music venue to Allston.

The new site will be located at 1-17 Harvard Ave., about two blocks away from the old location, which was replaced with a Taco Bell. The new, mixed-use building will create a 300-seat venue location replacing O'Brien's, which is currently at the redevelopment site.

Wiest said to "offset" the cost of doing this, the mixed-use development will have 139 units of rental housing. There is no vehicle parking set for the site.

The community benefits listed for the project include the new music venues – which are to be independently owned and operated from the rental property – along with new, wider sidewalks, new street trees, the elimination of a Harvard Avenue curb cut, a contribution to Boston for parks and open space in Allston and Brighton, 200 construction jobs and 50-60 permanent jobs.

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## ALCo Auto Parts site planned for housing

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

In a proverbial leap of faith, Karti Sabramanian of Patten Street is urging his Woodbourne neighbors to support a new housing proposal none have seen or heard of before.

All online.

On Friday, Sept. 5, Subramanian posted on the Woodbourne Neighborhood Association listserv his "short version" of the plan.

"A local developer Arx Urban has proposed a 47-unit affordable housing project on the site of ALCo Auto Parts on Hyde Park Ave. I'm putting together a letter of support to the city looking to

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ALCO Auto Parts, a fixture on Hyde Park Avenue in Jamaica Plain since 1954.

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Date: September 12, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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drew Jr.’s military benefits to get the oldest into Stonehill College.

“He’s one of those old school guys, you can’t tell him how to do anything,” Farrar said. “He has his own morals and own set of rules that he abides. He’s a very strange animal. And so my oldest nephew Tyler was going to use my brother’s benefits, but Stonehill pretty much said the government doesn’t have the right paperwork. Stonehill said ‘have him reapply in the spring.’ My father lost his mind.”

Farrar said his father put up his retirement money to send Tyler to school. “Again, he’s not the person you can reason with,” he said.

Farrar said his fellow firefighters suggested giving MFH Executive Director Dan Magoon a call, and the Stonehill issue was straightened out almost immediately. Tyler attended school that year. Tyler has now entered the Marine Corps and is studying for an MBA at Boston College

with his Corps benefits, and his younger brother is also entering the service as a Marines aviator.

Magoon had his own idea as to how Farrar could pay back the MFH for its efforts.

“A couple months after they helped my dad out, I get a phone call from Dan,” he said. “He’s like, ‘Hey, remember how I helped out your family?’ and I said, ‘Yeah, I really appreciated that.’ He’s like, ‘Well I need you to head down to Washington D.C. and run the Marine Corps Marathon for Mass Fallen Heroes.’ I’m like, ‘Whoa! Dude you’re talking to the world’s worst runner.’ But I did it, and that was 10 years ago.”

Farrar said he was hooked on the organization since then. Foley said he volunteered along with a Boston Police officer he knew and the pair said the MFH has become like a second family to them. Though it’s a lot of work getting the box truck in and out of tight spaces – the Top It Off office is in a small driveway alcove just behind the Engine 30 and Ladder 25 at 1940 Centre St. – they said it’s all worth it every day.

Hoenscheid said she and her team, led by Michelle Sarro in this particular case, formulated this partnership because they are always looking for good causes, and Sarro found the MFH through her husband and it just seemed like a great fit.

“My husband is on Boston Fire and was born and raised in Boston in Jamaica Plain,” Sarro said. “He and (MFH) Executive Director Dan Magoon – they know each other very well through the fire depart-

ment – and I have attended their fundraising galas they host once a year. And just the stories that you hear from Gold Star Families, male and female veterans alike and what they have gone through in the military and in the war, it’s very very impactful.”

She said Hoenscheid is always looking to work with organizations that line up with the company’s goals, like the work the company has done with Dress for Success, headed by Large Account Manager Kate Tobin.

“And hearing those stories, it’s always been something that’s kind of stuck with me,” Sarro said.

Sarro and Hoenscheid said Top It Off used to have an outlet store down south, but that has since been discontinued. Hoenscheid said they occasionally host a ‘friends and family’ sale’ with excess material, but those are small, and so the company has had a good deal of excess material, and this kind of donation seemed to be the perfect fit.

“It’s more than 1,200 items for this donation alone,” Hoenscheid said.

Hoenscheid added that they were awestruck with the work MFH does, and with Farrar’s story in particular.

“Being able to support all the programs you run, whether it’s the spa retreat for Gold Star Families, supporting kids, whatever the programming is that’s most beneficial to the families, we are very proud to be able to support, in a small way, the work that’s done every day,” Hoenscheid said.

For more information on MFH, go to <https://www.massfallenheroes.org>



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# Billings Field work continues

Ariane Komyati  
Staff Reporter

During the summer months, West Roxbury's Billings Field is usually filled with activities including basketball, tennis, pickleball, adult baseball and softball leagues, dog walkers, summer camps and rowdy teens in the woods.

But summer 2025 looked much different as construction work started on the renovation project.

In late June, construction vehicles began tearing down sports lights, bleachers, drinking fountains, baseball backstops, benches, parts of the stone wall and more. The project team also completed partial court surfacing on the basketball and tennis courts.

A tall fence was placed around most of Billings Field's perimeter, excluding the playground. Large, detailed diagrams showing the planned upgrades for Billings Field now hang on the fence.

The Billings Field renovations include a new set of stairs and an accessible ramp off of Bellevue Street, new paths and trees throughout the park, minor upgrades to the basketball, tennis courts, pickleball courts,



Work is continuing over at Billings Field, which has an expected completion date by next year.

COURTESY PHOTO

a splash pad, minor playground upgrades, field upgrades and an outdoor hockey rink. The in-line rink was highly supported by residents during the 2022, 2023 and 2024 community meetings. The updated Billings Field will also include a large path around its perimeter, connecting the whole park.

At the end of July, a very large hydraulic breaker attached to an excavator destroyed the steep concrete stairs. Last week, the crew began construction of the new pedestrian stairs and accessibility ramp off of Bellevue

Street.

Many trees along Bellevue have been cleared to make way for the accessibility ramp.

“Over the past few weeks, tree removal has begun, targeting dead, dying, invasive trees as reviewed and approved by the Boston Parks Tree Warden. All removals will be conducted with oversight from the project design team to ensure best practices for urban tree management are followed,” stated a Boston Parks and Rec-

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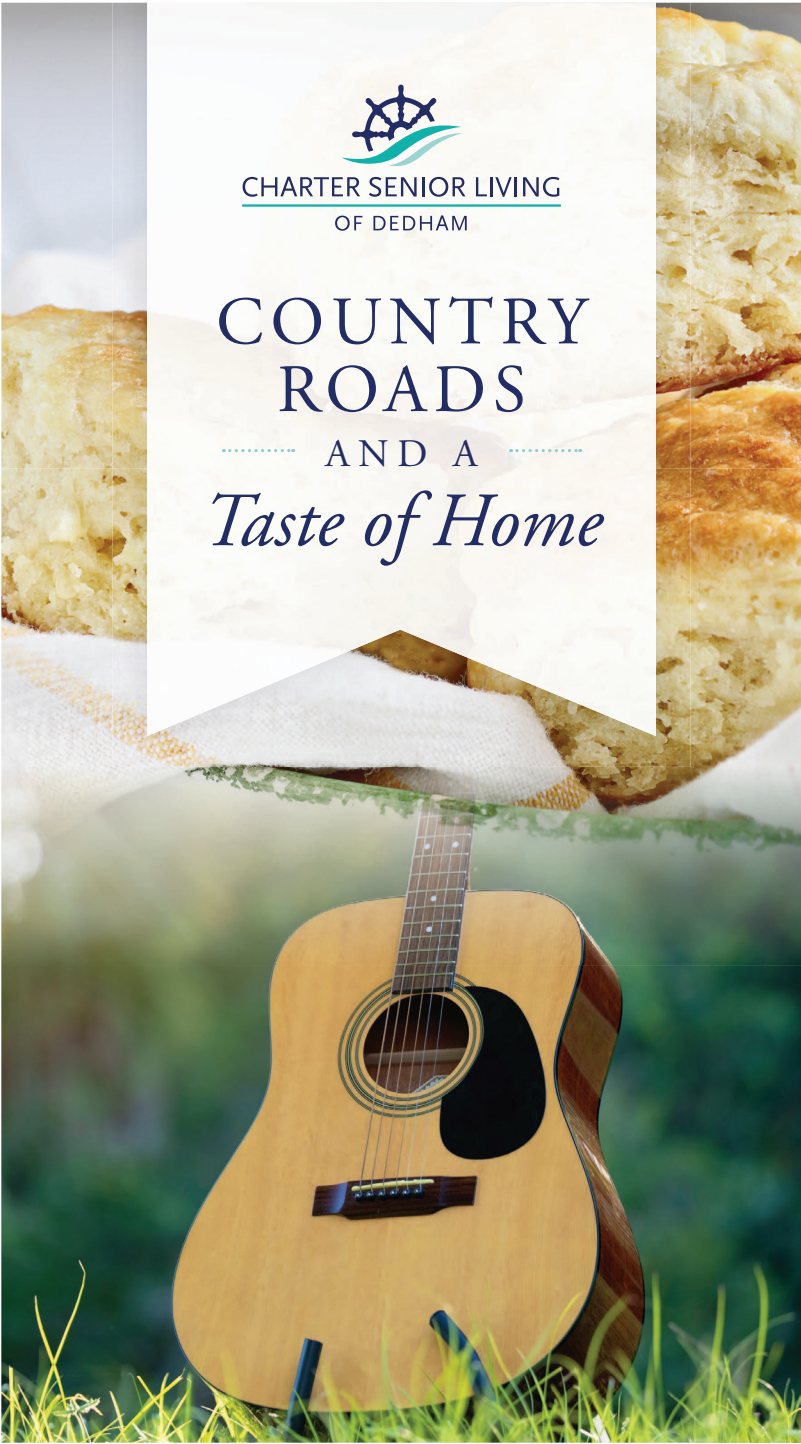


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# BPS—room(s) for improvement

Now that the mayoral race is a foregone conclusion, it seems that the topic of the Boston Public Schools—one of the several elephants that used to be in the room—does not have to be addressed. But if it did need to be debated, here are topics that mayoral aspirants could have argued about or even agreed upon:

1. School for kindergarteners always begins several days after the start of school for other children. Why not begin on the same day and save parents the trouble of finding day care?
2. Why not see if any children born after the cut-off date of September 1 are ready for kindergarten? They could be screened for emotional and academic development beyond their age. You can't tell me that all the kids born between September 1 and December 31 are not ready for school.
3. Re-establish the Advanced Work Classes for 4th, 5th and 6th graders to eliminate boredom on their parts.
4. Examine whether more children can walk to school without violating any federal court mandates: the exercise will do them well, it saves on busing, and it fosters community as well as neighborhood schools.
5. End the half days at the end of the year: this creates child-care



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- problems. Perhaps the only half-day should be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving because of so many teacher and student absences due to travel.
6. Re-establish suspensions for truly egregious behavior, regardless of what it does for the child-care of the parents of the offender.
  7. Provide intense summer tutoring for rising 6th graders and autumn after-school tutoring for BPS students aiming for exam school admission, but bring everyone regardless of their school and neighborhood up to the starting line without giving any student an advantage.
  8. Make Madison Park a vocational school deserving of a noble reputation.
  9. Decrease the number of days that teachers can be absent with pay.

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Wiest said the project has a lot of community support, to say the least. He said at the time of the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board approval in April, they had about 358 letters of support. “And five in opposition,” he said. “Since that time, by our count, we’ve got in 1,584 support letters for this project as of today’s hearing.”

Allston Brighton Liaison of

the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Jennifer Roberts said her office is in support of the project, which is unusual. Most of the time, ONS states the office, “defers to the judgment of the Board.” According to Roberts, “Great Scott is a famed Allston institution which promotes local bands and up-and-coming musical talent and revival of this venue, as well as sorely-needed

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### KRAFT DID THE RIGHT THING

To the Editor:

I commend Josh Kraft for suspending his mayoral campaign. I am sure there will be people who will say he should have seen the campaign to the end. I will say to those people it is not your name on the ballot.

Kraft was down by 47 points. He won only nine precincts, seven in South Boston and two in Dorchester. As he said in his decision, he didn't want 8 weeks of mudslinging. It would not have changed the outcome in November, but would have changed how people look at him.

Kraft is a decent guy, no one comes out looking good running a negative campaign.

You have to respect Kraft when he says while suspending his campaign he wants to use the money that he would have spent to take the first steps to solve the issues around Mass & Cass. There are no easy answers when it comes to Mass & Cass, but he wants to work with organizations and the Wu administration should let him give it a try.

Stephen Smith  
West Roxbury

### VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT ENOUGH ARE TAKING PART

To the Editor:

On September 9th, Boston held a preliminary election to determine which candidates would advance to the November election for Mayor and City Councilors. I was at the polls, and because I was asked to get the unofficial results, I was there until the polls closed. There were four of us, and a few minutes before 8PM, the poll warden was kind enough to let us wait in the hallway until the polls were officially closed and the number of votes reported. As we waited, last minute voters rushed in, voted, and left. A family of three was the last, and when they came out into the hallway after voting, the youngest asked the interpreter, in Spanish, if she would take a picture, as it was this young woman's first time voting. She gave the interpreter her phone, and we watched while she and her family affixed their “I voted” stickers prominently on their shirts, posed in front of the wall of voting instructions, and beamed proudly while the interpreter snapped a photo. We all applauded and congratulated her on achieving this important milestone. It was a moment that made the long day worthwhile for all of us.

The next day, I went to the City's election department website to see the results, and I noticed that there were also archived results for previous years. I clicked on 2024, and found a spreadsheet

showing the total number of ballots cast in the 2024 election, along with the percentage of registered voters who voted, all broken down by ward and precinct.

I have lived in Dorchester's ward 15, precinct 1 for more than forty years, and I love my neighborhood. My neighbors are some of the finest people on earth, and it's a neighborhood where we watch out for one another. You don't find neighbors like this every day, and I am grateful for them. But when I looked at the numbers for ward 15, I was stunned. Of all of the registered voters in my ward, fewer than half cast a ballot in 2024 – 47.72%, to be precise. This was 2024! – not only a presidential election, but possibly the most consequential presidential election of our lifetime.

The wards of the city that had the highest percentage of voter turnout were wards 19 (part of Jamaica Plain) and 20 (West Roxbury.) These were the only two wards out of the city's 22 wards where 70% or more registered voters actually turned out to vote. For the city as a whole, the voter turnout was a hair over 60%, meaning that four out of ten registered voters stayed home in 2024 and let democracy fend for itself.

Democracy is a lot like marriage – if we don't do the work, if we don't take care of it, one morning we could wake up and find it gone. As a nation, we are standing at a precipice, and our democracy, which people in our very city fought and died to create 250 years ago– a government of, by, and for the people – is under threat. As a city, we have an opportunity to go to the polls this November and decide who will lead the city as Mayor and who will represent our neighborhoods on the City Council. If you are tempted to stay home in November, if you think that your vote won't count, that the outcome is pre-ordained, that one vote can't make a difference, think again. Vote by mail, vote early or vote on Election Day, November 5th. Vote for the candidates you believe will best represent you. If you are not registered to vote, you can register in person, by mail or online at [www.RegisterToVoteMA.com](http://www.RegisterToVoteMA.com). You can also update your address online or change your party affiliation. The deadline for registering to vote in the November 5th election is October 26th, but don't wait, do it today. My fellow Bostonians, please, please vote. Like the first-time voter at the polls on Tuesday night, remember that having a vote is a privilege and a right. With her same sense of agency and hope, help decide who will represent us best in City Hall.

Marti A. Glynn  
Dorchester

housing stock will invigorate the Allston Brighton artist community,” she said.

District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon's representative said the councilor supports the project, and Minor Perez, the Carpenter's Union representative, said the Union is also in support.

Allston Civic Association President Tony D'Isidoro said the ACA will defer to the Board on the project, but posed a general statement of personal support.

“As a frequent patron of the old Great Scott's and occasional patron of O'Brien's, who wouldn't be in support of bringing Great Scott back?” he said. “But we are going to defer judgment to the Board. The proponent came to us in March with the proposal, and the reason we're deferring judgment is that there was no real consen-

sus on the ACA Board.”

D'Isidoro said he felt obligated to voice concerns some members had. He said the concerns include density, no parking and a pick up and drop off area for patrons and residents was never articulated by the proponent. He also mentioned a lack of streetscape, a lack of open space and a concern around construction mitigation in a very congested and strategic intersection.

“Those who did have concerns feel that the lack of on-street parking in the neighborhood will be further compromised by the proposed redevelopments in that area including, Madam Chair, there has been a proposal to construct a 96-room hotel there that we're all excited about but, guess what, that's another proposal with no parking whatsoever,” he said. “Given this is a key access point for the

Mass Pike, there is concern around congestion in the area.”

Resident Wendy Schiller said it's been a long time since a new venue opened, as many have been lost in the Greater Boston Area.

“Since this project was announced we have lost other important venues here in Boston including the Sound Museum, a critical rehearsal space for artists,” she said. “So a project with an owner like Carl, who really cares about the music, as well as the other owners involved will make a huge difference in this community. I cannot stress this enough.

Lastly, a user going by the name Micah Miscreant gave their greeting to the meeting from the inside of O'Brien's Pub through the meeting's chat function.

The Board unanimously approved the proposal.



# Keeley reviews Marathon Bombing

Dilani Yogaratnam  
Staff Reporter

A crowd of 50 leaned forward in their seats at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library on Sept. 13, to listen to Firefighter Chief (retired) Dennis Keeley talk about what it was like to be the firefighter in charge of District 4 on the day of the Boston Marathon Bombing – April 15, 2013.

Most of the elite runners had finished when the first blast went off at 2:49 p.m. Between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. is when the largest number of runners usually crosses the finish line.

“They did their homework. It wasn’t the runners, it was the crowd they wanted to get,” Keeley said, referring to the Tsarnaev brothers.

Keeley presented a vivid timeline, relevant figures, and maps and pictures of where the two explosions occurred more than a decade ago. The Tsarnaev brothers were also involved in a shootout killing an MIT officer. The older brother, Tamerlan, died from gunshot and vehicle wounds, while his younger brother Dzhokhar made his way to a residential neighborhood in Watertown before being apprehended and ending up in a death



Former Boston Fire Department Chief Dennis Keeley at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library last week.

PHOTO BY DILANI YOGARATNAM

row facility, where he remains to this day. His death sentence was overturned on appeal in 2020 and then reinstated in 2022.

“They did their homework, but they didn’t do all of it,” Keeley asserted. Keeley showed audience members images of the thickness of the crowd along Boylston Street. The first bomb went off at the finish line and the second bomb went off near 739 Boylston St.

“It was a perfect scenario

for them (the terrorists). The two bombs, while identical, created different blast patterns.” The first bomb was from the older brother placing his backpack on the ground which made the blast go down and fan out in a circular pattern, accounting for the many severe leg injuries.

One person died in the first bombing, Krystle Campbell, a restaurant manager. Two oth-

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THE GRINGO TROPHY

Travelers should be aware of a conspiracy among Latin American taxi drivers known as The Gringo Trophy. The Gringo Trophy is awarded annually to the taxi driver who scares the most English-speaking patrons to death. For obvious political concerns, largely unreported is that nearly eleven million Americans die of fright each year in the back seats of Latin American taxis. At first only rumored, I saw it verified when I saw a taxi driver smiling as a body was removed



Don Reddick

pugned, rendering a torrent of Spanish too fast to understand, but whose meaning was clear.

Travelers should know that self-preservation, in the land of the true southern accent, is considered a pre-existing condition. Its medication is covered by insurance, but with a steep, four-hundred-drink deductible. It is somewhat eased, however, in Latin America which uses the metric system, reducing the deductible to approximately three hundred and twenty



from his back seat. Businessman from Paducah, I overheard.

Spanish-to-English phrase books are not entirely accurate. *No problema*, for instance, often means, *problema*. *Manana*, believed to mean 'tomorrow,' frequently means, *never*. Perhaps most important, *meno velocidad, por favor*, more accurately translates as, *for the love of Dios* please slow down!

We must acknowledge a taxi driver's earnest attempts to make a living. This is the genesis of "the scenic route,"

which is a more leisurely, round-a-bout—and more expensive—ride to work. Once, after being driven directly and understanding the fee, I engaged a new driver who bestowed upon me a wonderful, leisurely scenic route. And what a grand excursion it was, over the river and through the woods we traveled, I saw mountains and valleys, cities and suburbs, rivers and lakes. At one point I thought I saw my grandmother's house. When I suggested, at journey's end, that the route may have been somewhat elongated, the driver flew into fury, his integrity im-

drinks. After steeling ourselves with after-work, sidewalk cocktails in Buenos Aires, a co-worker and I hailed a taxi. Our man drove ten feet, suddenly stopped in the middle of the street, and demanded we exit.

"Porque?" I asked, as my companion sat slumped, eyes closed, caressing his brow with thumb and forefinger.

"Because I have no gas," our driver responded, but we suspected he knew we had medicated, thus unlikely to

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# Around the Neighborhood

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT HALE

Thurs. Sept. 25—Fall Equinox Celebration Welcome the new season, reflect on a successful summer, reconnect with friends as we enjoy hors d'oeuvres, toast our annual award winners, and listen to keynote speaker, Ian Bowles, career environmentalist and clean energy investor. 6:30-9 PM. Powissett Lodge at Hale Education. Westwood. \$50. Learn more at [hale.education/events](http://hale.education/events).  
Sun. Oct. 19—Great Pumpkin Smash MTB Race Join us for this 4-mile course on some of Hale's best trails. This event is designed as an XC Olympic (XCO) format race, and has opportunities for racers of all ages and abilities. Family members are welcome to attend as spectators and competitors. 9 AM–2 PM. Hale Education. Westwood. \$10–\$45. Learn more at [hale.education/events](http://hale.education/events).

## TASTE of ALLSTON

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## WRCIA MEETING RESCHEDULED

The next meeting of the West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association will be next month, Tuesday, October 14 at the St Stephen Church at 5160 Washington Street beginning at 7:00PM.

## DEDHAM FARMERS MARKET

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## MENINO ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES "36TH HPAA MEMBERS AT SCOLLAY SQUARE"

The Menino Arts Center proudly announces "36th Annual HPAA Members at Scollay Square," a juried exhibition which runs thru October 24th. The exhibition will be viewable both in person at the Scollay Square Gallery, Boston City Hall and in a virtual 3D gallery that you can stroll through at <http://www.hpaa-mac.org/exhibits/>.  
This exhibition will be installed at the Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Ave, Hyde Park, MA. from November 10, 2025 – January 9, 2026. The reception is TBA. Gallery hours at Scollay Square are during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. Gallery hours at the MAC are Wednesdays, 1 – 4 pm; and Thursdays and Fridays, 10 am – 4 pm.  
The exhibition features 47 Hyde Park Art Association Members' artworks and is curated by Mariana Rey of Boston City Hall Galleries and Sasja Lucas of the Menino Arts Center (<https://www.sasjalucas.com>).

the time, the parish was on the verge of bankruptcy. The property had only a rectory and community center built on land donated by Richard Cardinal Cushing. Many would have seen it as a lost cause. But not Chorbishop Lahoud. With quiet determination and steadfast faith, he led the parish out of the financial crisis. Within three years, the existing debt was paid off and he began building a new church. In 1974, construction began on the new church and by 1975 the first Mass was celebrated in the monastic-inspired sanctuary that stands today. In recognition of his exemplary service, he was elevated to Monsignor in 1982, Ordained Chorbishop in 1986. He was honored in 2009 with a celebration of 50 years in the priesthood. He officially retired in 2010 though he continued to serve well into his later years. Chorbishop Lahoud was not only a pastor, but a true father to his parish family. His kindness, humility, and ability to unite people will remain his most enduring legacy. He is survived by his loving siblings nawal Abdul-Massih, Fattan Lahoud, and many others. His life was a living sermon of devotion, humility, and action. May he rest in eternal peace and rise in glory. A 40 day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Our Lady of The Cedars of Lebanon Church, 61 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain, MA at 11:00 a.m.



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## MARSH



Suzanne (Gall), age 75, of Roslindale, died unexpectedly on September 9, 2025. Her cherished family members are George Marsh and Victoria Gall. Suzanne founded the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands in 1979 and most recently, was a National Park Service Interpretive Ranger, and a teacher at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass Boston. Suzanne donated her body to medical research. A Memorial Celebration

of Suzanne's life of community service and advocacy for Boston Harbor Islands will be planned for a later date. Suzanne's bright light will forever shine over her beloved Boston Harbor. Donations in Suzanne's memory may be made to the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, c/o Boston Harbor Now, P.O. Box 96172, Boston, MA 02196 or the Hyde Park Historical Society, 35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136.

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die of fright in his back seat.  
Next day, after again performing preventive maintenance for our pre-existing condition (recommended to be taken twice a day, or as needed), another erstwhile driver decided that the traffic jam we endured was easily managed by driving full speed onto the sidewalk for several blocks, under burrito stands and over taco stands. I flew into Mexico City once and needed to get to the bus station for a ride to San Juan Del Rio. I summoned a taxi whose driver thoughtfully assessed my request, then assured me he knew where the station was. We then leisurely toured Mexico City, went over the river and through the woods, where I saw mountains and valleys, cities and suburbs, rivers and lakes—at one point I thought I saw my grandmother's house—before returning to the airport where we began, and where the bus station was located. I could have walked.  
But of all these inconveniences, the Gringo Trophy remains most concerning. I recall rationalizing in Buenos Aires that, well, these drivers must be used to driving this speed and well adapted to it. Then at work, publishing the Clarion, an English-language newspaper, I read that Argentina suffered seven-times the number of accidental vehicular deaths than the average industrial nation. So I could not reduce myself, as my co-worker did, to slumping in the backseat, closing my eyes, caressing brow with thumb and forefinger, and trusting in the Lord. I remained transfixed, my eyes bulging, my pulse surging, as taco and burrito stands flew over and under, often arriving at work so white I was nicknamed Casper.  
Arriving today at my Mexican destination, my driver looks

back and is plainly disappointed to see me still alive. He had certainly tried his best, driving on sidewalks, through gymnasiums, over taco stands and under burrito stands at breaking-the-sound-barrier speeds. Next to us, fellow drivers high-five as another star is spray-painted onto the side of a taxi. Paramedics are removing a well-dressed cadaver from the backseat. His pants appear wet. Salesman from Wichita, I overhear. I stride immediately to the stress clinic, my hands shaking, my knees wobbly, and order a double dose of preventative medicine for my pre-existing condition.  
My bartender, observing obvious distress, folded hands together, placed elbows on the bar, gazed knowingly at me and said, "And who's going to pay for the wall?"

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Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
Docket No. SU25C0458CA

CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of: Stefan Tialoc Kai Fischer

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by  
Stefan Tialoc Kai Fischer  
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
Stefan Amadeus Do Fatima Tavares Quiroz

Any person may appear for purposes objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 09/25/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 04, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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The Trial Court  
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Docket No. SU25P2098EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: James Leo Mahan  
Also known as: James Leo Mahan, Jr.  
Date of Death: 12/26/2017

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

A Petition for Late and Limited  
Formal Testacy and/or Appointment  
has been filed by  
David G. Heaton of  
Apache Junction, AZ  
requesting that the Court enter a  
formal Decree and Order and for such  
other relief as 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 10/27/2025. This is  
NOT a hearing date, but a deadline  
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object to this proceeding. If you fail to  
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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.  
September 15, 2025  
Stephanie L Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Department

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU91P0236

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR RESIGNATION  
OF A GUARDIAN OF AN  
INCAPACITATED PERSON

In the Interests of: Maria DaSilva  
Of: Hyde Park, MA

RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/Protected  
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:  
Ana Hoelzl (FKA Barbosa) of  
Saugus, MA  
in the above captioned matter  
requesting that the court:  
Accept the Resignation of the  
Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the Court to make a  
determination that the Guardian and/or  
Conservator should be allowed to resign;  
or should be removed for good cause; or  
the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship  
is no longer necessary and therefore  
should be terminated. The original  
petition is on file with the court.

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  
10:00A.M. on the return date of  
10/09/2025. 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

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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: September 10, 2025  
Colleen M. Brierley,  
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Department

Docket No. SU25P2045GD

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

In the matter of: Maria DaSilva  
Of: Hyde Park, 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  
Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of  
Westborough, MA  
in the above captioned matter alleging  
that Maria DaSilva is in need of a  
Guardian and requesting that  
Suzy DaSilva of Brockton, MA  
(or some other suitable person) to 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.

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this proceeding. If you wish to do  
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cannot afford a lawyer, one may be  
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Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: September 10, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P2054EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Simon Miller  
Date of Death: 01/01/2004

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

A Petition for Formal Adjudication  
of Intestacy has been filed by:  
Barbara A. Edwards of  
Randolph MA  
requesting that the Court enter a formal  
Decree and Order and for such other  
relief as requested in the Petition.

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of the Petition from the Petitioner  
or at the Court. You have a right  
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the administration directly from the  
Personal Representative and may  
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relating to the estate, including the  
distribution of assets and expenses of  
administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 11, 2025  
Stephanie L Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P1730EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Ruth Cheney Wyman  
Also known as: Ruth C Wyman  
Date of Death: 06/22/2025

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

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate  
of Will with Appointment of  
Personal Representative has been  
filed by:  
Gilbert M Roddy, Jr. of Boston MA  
and Franklin Wyman, III of  
Washington DC  
requesting that the Court enter a  
formal Decree and Order and for such  
other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:  
Gilbert M Roddy, Jr. of Boston MA  
and Franklin Wyman, III of  
Washington DC  
be appointed as Personal  
Representative(s) of said estate to  
serve Without Surety on the bond in  
unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers,  
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