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The buildings at 15 Meehan St. and 14 Meehan St., which have been the subject of long meetings in Jamaica Plain.

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Community criticism impedes housing in Stonybrook neighborhood

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The community process is one part of housing development review Mayor Michelle Wu seems unable to streamline, at least in Jamaica Plain. Ground zero of that is tiny Meehan Street as Jose Harnett is quickly finding out with his modest plans to add a third apartment to 14 Meehan St.

The first Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) presentation was on April 7 about converting a ground-floor office to an apartment with new windows and doors; Harnett was asked to return with better plans and another Inspectional Services Department (ISD) refusal letter.

His second SNA presentation with attorney Lorene Schettino on June 9 lasted over 90 minutes; it ended with a seemingly exasperated chair Alcurtis Clark calling a vote on

a motion to defer the customary SNA vote until a special meeting was held. That delay vote passed 6 to 4. The reason was not enough advance notification of the plans as Jennifer Urhrane quickly pointed out after Schettino finished her brief presentation.

“Who were we supposed to notify?” asked a seemingly bewildered Schettino. “This is no fault of my client. He’s losing money [with 14 Meehan] sitting there. This will delay us four months,” she said. “This is an allowed [three-unit] use.”

Meehan Street seems to have bad karma.

In 2019, Scott Dabney began his journey to convert 14 Meehan St., an old brick stable used as an artist studio, into two apartments and an office.

After going through the usual SNA process and getting Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) approval over SNA opposition (reasons cited were removal of trees and lack of

parking) in June 2021, Dabney let the project sit and finally sold it to Harnett in January 2024 for \$1.45 million.

The same arguments about trees and parking by the same two abutters, although parking is onsite and trees will be added not removed, have also beset Harnett.

Harnett’s 14 Meehan St. is a rerun of 15 Meehan Street around the corner from Janus’s laundromat.

Sitting vacant and crumbling after the owner passed away, the two-family house was bought by Pierre Joas in November 2020, who proposed adding a third flat-roofed story to convert it into a typical triple-decker.

Joas faced months of meetings after first proposing his plans to SNA in Nov 2021 – SNA subcommittee, the full SNA, the zoning subcommittee of the Jamaica Plain Neigh-

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Mayoral Candidate Josh Kraft took to West Roxbury on Monday to talk with residents and business owners on the Centre Street Road Diet.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Kraft talks bike lane demos

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Centre Street Road Diet discussion is not over, not if Boston Mayoral Candidate Josh Kraft has anything to say about it.

“I think, as I said, we want to do a deep study on the bike lanes and where they have the most impacts, positive and negative, especially on small businesses,” he said when asked if he’d remove the bike lanes on Centre Street. “Centre Street could be one of the bike lanes we could remove. It’s the impact on businesses, and we would take the time to do detailed traffic studies and detailed impact studies on small businesses, detailed community studies and figure out the best place for bike lanes that are safe and efficient for everybody.”

Kraft said he believes taking a look at bike lanes will help to

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WRBPA focuses on fellowship

Dilani Yogaratnam
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Business Professional Association (WRBPA) held its last meeting before summer break in a cozy corner of the Corrib on June 18.

Typical meetings are held in the morning featuring one or two speakers who lecture and then take questions. According to some members of the WRBPA, President Jim Hennigan has in the past offered members the opportunity to introduce themselves and state their concerns, but that had apparently led to an unbalanced meeting with vocal members dominating time. Hennigan took over the role of president from the late Mary Mulvey Jacobson, a vibrant volunteer in the community and close friend of Hennigan’s in 2017 after her passing. Two of her sisters, Helen and Maggie, were in attendance at the meeting and greeted each table.

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District 6 City Councilor Ben Weber speaking during the last WRBPA meeting before summer break.

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borhood Association and the ZBA (delayed once). Joas finally earned ZBA approval in July 2022.

The major objection came from an abutting condo owner at 13 Meehan St., who demanded that Joas take out liability insurance; the building was too close to his unit he argued, even though Joas was not expanding the building.

Joas did not clean up the site or make the house look safe. The neighbors got testy. “He [Joas] is kinda shifty,” said Patty Yehle. “Three strikes you’re out.”

“I’m not believing we’re taking too much time,” said Jon McCurdy.

Joas was frustrated. “This is taking longer than expected. The process is too long. I’m paying a monthly mortgage.”

Joas sold the approved property on Dec. 30, 2022 for \$769,000 to LCF Investments which built out the house as planned into three condominiums. The units went on the market in August 2023; the SNA never discussed 15 Meehan St. again.

As requested, Schettino and Harnett returned on June 9 with the same plans from April 7 to convert the office on 14 Meehan into an apartment with a new front door, new windows (“all largely interior work” Schettino said) also a new lawn, entrance foundation plantings and three on-site parking spaces.

Criticism was quick: windows (“don’t make as busy”), tree plantings (“no lollipop trees”) and Yehle didn’t think the licensed surveyor’s plans were accurate; she offered Dabney’s plan as an alternative.

Clark asked Schettino and Harnett to step off the call. “We will come back with our findings.”

Urhrane seemed to be ready. “There was not enough notification for this meeting,” she said, “three days instead of seven.”

McCurdy and Urhrane were concerned that 14 Meehan would skirt the SNA and go directly to the JP zoning committee, and that would “set a precedent like 71a Williams and the CatLabs residences which did not get an SNA yes or no” McCurdy said.

McCurdy wanted “a special meeting with proper notice. It’s not our place go make special arrangements to developers because their ISD letter came in late.”

Caliga said she was concerned. “City Hall is speeding up projects to cancel our voices to help developers,” she said. “It’s our quality of life in the balance.”

Royce Abel, of 93 Brookley Rd., is an active SNA member and has had experience with delay. In 2021 he and the two other condominium owners in their triple-decker commissioned architect Elaine Scales to design a three-story build-out of the three porches into living spaces.

“Improvements to my home cost money,” he said. “Delays cost money. One month has an impact. My costs with two [SNA] meetings to enclose a porch went up 20 percent.”

“14 Meehan is minor improvements to an existing use,” Royce said.

JP Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) liaison Caroline Peters has been on every SNA call. “ONS hears this all the time,” she said. “All applicants send out photos; sends out notices. It’s a struggle to get people involved.”

Michael Babcock, from Kenton Road made a motion for a special meeting that was seconded and approved six-to-four with one abstention.

Urhrane explained to a clearly exasperated Schettino that there was not enough advance notice so a special meeting was decided.

“This is an allowed use,” Schettino said. “I’ve been on 30-unit buildings. This is a three-unit allowed use.”

Schettino said she would go to the mayor’s office and ask to proceed to the JP zoning committee.

Peters said she would try “to move this along and get an SNA date before the June 18 JP zoning committee.”

And that she did: The Bulletin’s in-box lit up 12 hours later with the message that a special SNA meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 17.

At that meeting the SNA voted not to oppose, but with five provisos having to do with trees (“no arborvitae”), permeable pavers (reduce the “heat island”) and dark sky lighting guidelines.

At the Wednesday, June 18 JP zoning committee, after 30 minutes with comments from SNA members, 14 Meehan was approved with the five provisos.

Harnett seems to be wasting no time: a contractor was out first thing Thursday morning working on the new front windows.

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Fighting Irish earned place in Boston

Dilani Yogaratnam
Staff Reporter

Head librarian of User Engagement at Boston College’s Burns Library, Marta Crilly gave an hour-long lecture on the Irish’s significance in Boston at the West Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library on June 16.

Crilly’s talk covered oppression, discrimination and ultimate triumph of the Irish immigrant experience in Boston, ranging from the 1600s all the way into the 1990s. Sandy Serkess, president of the West Roxbury Historical Society, introduced Crilly.

Crilly jumped around to different time periods throughout the lecture, but patrons didn’t seem thrown, and she provided copies of original historical documents which she passed to the audience at various moments in the lecture. In 1901, Boston Mayor Thomas Hart declared Evacuation Day, celebrating the US triumph over the British on March 17, 1776. However, in South Boston, Charlestown, West Roxbury, to name a few, the Irish celebrated with extra gusto as the day happened to fall on St. Patrick’s Day. Roughly 40 percent of the city had close ties to Ireland at the time.

A Boston Catholic newspaper, The Pilot, noted in 1850 that Boston’s native-born Irish population had been celebrating St. Patrick’s Day for over a century. Hart, perhaps think-



The crowd at the West Roxbury branch library listening to a lecture on Irish history in Boston

PHOTO BY DILANI YOGARATNAM

ing of the Irish vote, decided to make March 17 a dual holiday celebrating imperialist defeat as well as Irish culture, Crilly said. People often think of the Irish population in Boston as a result of the Great Famine (1845-1852), but the Irish were in Boston 200 years prior.

In the late 1600s, about 60,000 Irish came to the Americas, some involuntarily, she said, and some came to escape Oliver Cromwell’s attack of Ireland. In 1672, Robert Collins won his freedom from indenture in the Suffolk Court as he had been captured and sold against his will. Some could not speak for themselves in English, such as Irish Catholic Ann Glover, and suffered

accusations of being a witch and was hung.

By the 1700s, the Irish population included merchants and free landholders who emigrated to New England from northern Ireland, most of whom were Protestants. Though some Irish were Protestants they were not Anglican and suffered similar discrimination such as an inability to perform marriages or hold offices, Crilly said. In addition, pressure was put on them to join the Congregationalist church. As a result, some fled to nearby regions. In 1729, the Irish Presbyterians formed their own church on the corner of what is now Channing and Federal Street and started performing baptisms. However, “Irish Catholics were met with persecutions.”

In 1731, Massachusetts Governor Jonathan Belcher or-

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Letters to the Editor

SQUARES + STREETS IN ROSLINDALE CONCERNS

To the Editor:

As homeowners in Roslindale since 1984, we would like to address the following concerns that were not discussed in your May 29 article about the Squares + Streets rezoning plans that recently received full approval by the City of Boston’s Zoning Commission.

The design is for 17 buildings in and around Roslindale Square with heights ranging from 7 to 10 stories with a 14-story building planned somewhere near the Commuter Rail. Imagine Wallpaper City with three- to six-stories added to its present height to get an idea of how this will impact Roslindale Village and Adam’s Park. To get a true picture of these intended changes we need exact street names and building addresses rather than unclear parcel descriptions. How many of our valiant long time small business owners will be displaced? Will they be able to afford new and probably higher rents? Will there be adequate parking? None of the business owners that we have talked to are at all happy about these changes. They tell us that the growing density of Roslindale has not helped their businesses at all.

Yes, affordable housing is needed all over Boston, but can we receive some assurances that the heights of the new buildings will be reasonably aesthetic without destroying the beauty and village congeniality of what we presently have? Aren’t four-story buildings high enough? We do not want to become the fiasco that the Seaport District is, being very good for lining the pockets of developers, but not so good for affordable rents. So far all the additional housing already built in Roslindale seems to have “luxury” affixed to its descriptions, which doesn’t bode well for lower rents.

Let’s be honest. There are many fine words said about the proposed plans by our elected officials but, in truth, these opinions are speculative. It’s a mighty big gamble.

*Janice Regolsky-Babcock and Stephen Babcock
Roslindale*

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reduce traffic congestion.

“On some of the biggest thoroughfares congestion is a big problem, and I think the bike lanes have something to do with that,” he said. “But I also think we need to look at the timing of the lights and how that impacts it. But everything we do will be done with a detailed traffic study and community feedback and impact on small businesses. Small businesses are the heartbeat of our city, and we need to make sure their needs are taken into consideration, as well as bikers and pedestrians.”

Kraft said he has spoken to “daily bikers who use their bikes to get to work,” who told him the notification and public process around bike lane installations isn’t up to snuff. “One said, ‘I woke up and there was a bike lane on my street; I like biking but I wouldn’t bike there,’” he said.

Kraft said, when asked, that he would reach out to the community, “The way we always do,” when putting together a public process for such traffic improvements.

“I know people in the biking community who I’ve had long-term relationships with, and the Boston Cyclists Union, and we’d sit and we’d use detailed experts on traffic studies to figure out the traffic patterns, where bikes and where people

would be least impacted and safest,” he said. “We would work with small businesses as well, because they are the heartbeat of the city.”

The Centre Street Road Diet – <https://tinyurl.com/53287sym> – was completed in 2023 and was first conceived in 2019 under former Mayor Marty Walsh. The impetus behind the diet was not in fact on bike lanes, but rather to slow drivers down, as resident Marilyn Wentworth was struck and killed by a vehicle that winter. Speed is widely regarded as the most critical factor when a vehicle strikes a pedestrian, and creating infrastructure that forces cars to go slower has been shown to help reduce deaths – <https://tinyurl.com/543xfhtf>. Since the implementation of the Road Diet, even businesses affected by the reconfiguration and reduction from four travel lanes to two travel lanes – with a middle turning lane – say drivers have slowed down.

“They have to, they have no choice,” said Perfect 10 Salon owner Kannessa Alexander.

Alexander was one of three business owners who came to the event and expressed their frustration with the current configuration and how it has made parking more difficult for potential customers in the area. Alexander said they are in-

Were they russets or Yukon golds?

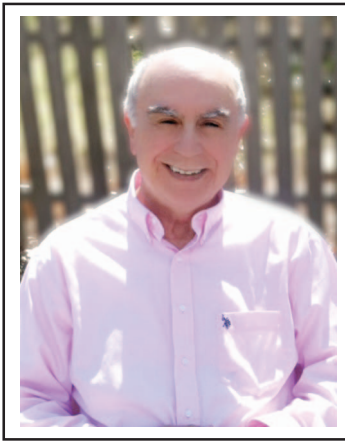
If there’s one thing I’ve learned in life, always ask the people at the bottom of an administrative ladder about situations: people in command at the top don’t always have a feel for what’s going on at the bottom. If some school superintendent states that almost all of that school system’s third graders have mastered the times tables, ask the third-grade teachers if this is really true. If some police commissioner thinks that a neighborhood is safe to walk at night, ask the cop on the beat or the sergeant at the local station. If some mayor thinks that rats are not a problem in his city, ask the public works employee who places rat traps.

All of this having been said, Captain Donald McDonald of the U.S.S. O’Bannon said that the strange situation with his destroyer never occurred, although multiple sailors attested to it. Whom would you believe?

The O’Bannon was commissioned on June 26, 1942—some 83 years ago this week—at Bath Maine Ironworks. Two months later the 375-foot-long destroyer departed Boston for heavy action in the Solomon Islands at the Naval Battle at Guadalcanal (Iron bottom Sound) and then at the invasion of Leyte, among other places. With a crew of 329, “The Lucky O,” as it was called, never lost a sailor in spite of acquiring 15 battle stars in WWII and 2 in the Korean War.

According to the captain, who wrote that prior to the incident that the sea was calm and the night very dark because of no moon and intermittent squalls, the enemy sub was first spotted 7,000 yards away traveling at about 10 knots on April 5, 1943. Here the story digresses, depending on who is telling it.

As the two ships approached very close to each other, Captain



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McDonald decided to ram it, as the O’Bannon’s 5-inch guns could not be lowered that much for a shell to hit the sub nor would its torpedoes have enough distance to be armed. The decision to ram was quickly aborted when Captain McDonald expressed indecision as to whether this was a mine-laying sub, in which case both ships would have been blown up.

The O’Bannon’s last-minute swerve generated water to awaken and drench some enemy sailors sleeping on the deck near the conning tower; they scrambled to man their 3-inch deck guns. Realizing that time was of the essence, the American sailors realized that they had not enough time to arm their own guns. They started hurling potatoes at the on-deck enemy. Initially thinking that they were a type of grenade, the enemy lobbed them into the water and back at the O’Bannon.

Did the enemy boat sink because it descended with an open hatch, as the throwers jumped back into their sub? Was it sunk by depth charges from the O’Bannon? Or was it sunk by

the U.S.S. Strong, another American destroyer in the area?

Captain MacDonald said the hurled spuds never happened. As it turns out, he could not have known: he was on the bridge, giving commands in the heat of battle. The skipper did not know that Seaman First Class Ambrose Hardin, the son of a naval book’s coauthor, was on deck hurling a few spuds, as he told his son 100 times through the years. A gunner on the port side of the O’Bannon, also recalled some folks throwing potatoes.

The man with the best seat in the house for the incident was another sailor, whose battle station was the searchlight platform amidships. He saw others on deck and remembered they were throwing things, though he could not say with certainty whether they were potatoes. Indeed, most likely no one in the crew ran to the skipper later to boast of throwing away valuable food and spare parts.

Memories can fade and shift as years pass, and even the participants who were there issued conflicting stories. Did the crew of the O’Bannon launch potatoes at the Japanese sub? Yes, but given that their closest range during the attack was 90 yards, as stated in the action report, only the best arms in the crew could have hurled spuds that far. Whatever damage they might have inflicted was not documented. For those exacting naval historians who can admit eyewitness testimony from run-of-the-mill swabs, the truth is somewhere there.

In later years the Maine Potato Growers Association presented the O’Bannon with a plaque for their ingenuity in using potatoes to sink an enemy vessel. “Sink” is indeed a stretch, but nevertheless the plaque remained on the ship until it was decommissioned in 1970.

vested in the community.

“We need to know what’s happening one way or another, because everything that happens here affects us,” she said.

Sugar Bakery owner Julie Freitas said she felt the preparation and outcome of the Road Diet wasn’t thought through. “There was no proper analysis done and now (Kraft) wants to do that analysis and get real data and see what makes sense,” she said.

Images owner Cheryl Smith and Freitas said their businesses have been negatively affected, with Freitas saying the number of transactions at Sugar now are lower than they were in 2020.

Cyclist advocates also came to the press event, including Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) Board member and cycling advocate David Wean. LANA, while ostensibly a Roslindale organization, has crossover with District 6, which is mostly West Roxbury and Jamaica

Plain. But the dividing line on the most recent district maps – <https://tinyurl.com/y93kb65s> – is Congreve Street, meaning there are LANA members in District 6.

Wean said the bike lanes have made Centre Street more inviting for cyclists, and the Road Diet has made that section of the street safer for pedestrians as well, and pointed out the Road Diet was the main goal of the project, not the bike lanes. He also took issue with Kraft’s assertion that there was not enough data collection and study before the implementation of a plan four years in the making.

He also said he doesn’t believe the loss of parking spaces – around seven or eight for the quarter-mile stretch – has a large impact on local businesses.

“There was rigorous data and information,” he said. “This has been going on here for the last five or six years

since Marilyn Wentworth was killed, and there are some legitimate issues here I’m sure, but the number of parking spaces taken away were minimal; there is plenty of parking in the municipal lots, and pitting bike lanes against small businesses is wrong.”

Kraft said he would join Wean and Jamaica Plain resident Peter Cheung on a bike ride when asked, but he would have to “wear sneakers.” He said he’s not opposed to bike lanes, but just wants them in the right place.

“I will make it easier to do the bike lanes, but it will be the result of meticulous planning and study, not the whims of a single staffer at City Hall,” he said. “You will have traffic laws enforced equally and rigorously, especially if a car is parked in a bus lane, double parked, or if a moped is driving in the bike lane.”

ACA reviews shootings, meetings

Bestows John Woods a lifetime award

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) met last week in a virtual format and discussed neighborhood issues.

First, Boston Police Department (BPD) D-14 Community Service Officer Christine Marini discussed two shootings that occurred two weeks ago.

“They don’t usually occur,” she said. “The first was on June 12 on Pomeroy Street, which if you’re not familiar, it’s off of Gordon Street closer to North Beacon. We got a number of calls around 8:09 p.m. of shots fired. We did locate a juvenile male on the sidewalk there, he had a head injury from the fall and a gunshot wound to the chest. He is in critical condition and homicide has taken that case.”

The juvenile victim later succumbed to his wounds on June 17. He was 15 years old.

“Last night, there was another shooting incident around 9:20 p.m. around 282 N. Beacon,” she said, which is adjacent to the Faneuil Gardens Boston Housing Authority (NHA) building. “We got a lot of calls and when officers arrived they found the victim with a gunshot wound to the arm. They applied a tourniquet and

got him to the ambulance and he’s going to be okay. Fortunately, on this incident the BHA has video and they anticipate an arrest shortly.” Marini said both shootings did not appear to be random.

In some good news, Marini said the neighborhood is a little safer in one regard, at least. “House breaks are really down,” she said. “We had four last month for the whole month. They’re still in that Gardner, Ashford and Pratt area. We have some video and the detectives believe this is the same person hitting this area and they’re hoping to get a little more on that and make an arrest soon. The suspect came in and the (victim) had a camera and wasn’t home. She called us quickly because she was alerted from her camera someone was in the house. He came in and threw a blanket over the camera so they have good video for that.”

Marini said another incident saw a witness observe the suspect jumping out of a window, and the witness called the homeowner first before calling the



ABCDC Director
John Woods

police.

“So my advice is if you see anything like that call us first,” she said. “Then he called the neighbor, she wasn’t home, she got home and she said she believes he got in through the front window. They removed the bars and pushed in the screens. So the best thing to do, and I know the window is nice and you like to leave the windows open, but if you’re on ground floor you really need to shut the window.”

In other news, D’Isidoro announced that the ACA had selected Allston Brighton Community Development Corpora-

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- 3. Is a person who has never contributed to the Social Security System entitled to any benefits from the Social Security Administration?
- 4. Is there a central location online that a person can access that explains the history and current status of the Social Security System, that explains all of it in simple terms. I would like to be able to give this location to people I talk with about Social Security.

Most of the articles we read are like slogging through mud! I enjoy AMAC articles and am college educated, but the average reading level in the US is less than 6th grade. Thank you for considering these questions.

Signed: Curious Reader

Dear Curious: Thank you for your readership, and I'll be happy to tackle your "over coffee" questions about Social Security:

- 1. Social Security is a "pay as you go" program, where all money collected from workers is used to pay benefits for all those who are currently receiving Social Security. In other words, all money contributed is used to pay benefits to others already receiving benefits. It is not put into a separate account for each person, and that is a good thing. Most people get more from Social Security than they ever contributed, but benefits are paid for life, regardless of how long one lives. The specific answer to your question is that if someone dies before retirement age, the money contributed has already been used to pay benefits to others. Keep in mind though, that a surviving spouse or minor or disabled adult child may also collect benefits on a deceased person's Social Security record.
- 2. The decreasing birth rate in the US hurts Social Security. That's because fewer babies mean fewer future workers contributing to the Social Security program. FYI, in 1950 there were about 15 workers contributing to SS for every one person collecting benefits, but today there are



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

less than 3 workers for each SS beneficiary. That problem is exacerbated by the steadily increasing U.S. life expectancy. Beneficiaries are now often collecting SS benefits for decades from a program designed to pay benefits for only a few years.

- 3. Only those who have worked and contributed to Social Security through payroll taxes for about 10 years (40 quarters of SS credit) are eligible to collect SS Retirement benefits. However, some dependent spouses and/or dependent minor or dependent disabled children who have never worked might also be eligible for benefits from the worker's Social Security record. Along with each U.S. state, the SSA also administers another program, known as Supplement Security Income (SSI), on behalf of the federal government. However, federal "SSI" benefits are not paid with Social Security funds. "SSI" is a separate government benefit program, with federal benefits paid from the general U.S. Treasury.

- 4. There are lots of places to get information about Social Security, but I suggest you start at our AMAC Foundation Social Security information website, which can be found at www.socialsecurityreport.org. Here you will find numerous articles about Social Security, retirement, Medicare, etc., as well as all the Ask Rusty articles I have published weekly over the last 8 years. You can also find excellent Social Security information on our AMAC Foundation main website, www.amacfoundation.org. And, of course, you can always ask any questions you have via email to ssadviser@amacfoundation.org. Or, if you prefer, you can just call us on 1.888.750.2622 if you have questions about Social Security or about Medicare enrollment.

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Accessibility, party issues raised at Arboretum path design meeting

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Parks Department and members of the Arnold Arboretum held a public meeting last week to discuss an upcoming repaving project from South Street through Peter's Hill Way, known as the Oak Allee.

The paved path currently connects Peters Hill Road to South Street/Flora Way and the paths to and around Hemlock Hill. The plan, as presented by KZLA Architect Kyle Zick, is to analyze the tree roots and repave the path based on how shallow those roots are.

Zick said if the roots are

too shallow they will keep the existing base and just repave with impervious asphalt. If not, then they will use pervious asphalt to help feed the deeper roots. He said the pervious asphalt would require a whole new base, which, if the roots are too shallow, would disturb and injure the trees.

On that tack, Zick said they are also looking at accessibility concerns for those with mobility issues. He said the regulatory requirements for an accessible path would have no greater than a 5 percent incline grade, and currently it's at 7 percent. He said they cannot reconcile that without disturbing the trees, and so they are compromising

with a level rest area in the middle of the path.

Zick said this compromise came about after consultation with the Boston Disabilities Commission, and that signage would reflect the steeper grade. One neighbor said she has mobility issues and appreciated the work, but said there is a different accessibility issue going on at the Arboretum as a whole.

"With the closure of some of the parking areas next to these gates, how am I supposed to get to these paths?" she said. "My family tried to drive me to the South Street gate, but it was terrifying to

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dered officers to break into papists' homes and bring them to the courts. Despite obstacles, immigration continued.

"Among them was Mary Singleton, from County Clare with her new husband Richard Copley, and they gave birth to painter John Singleton Copley, the namesake of Copley Square."

Crilly said during this period, poor weather conditions lead to Irish Presbyterians forming the Charitable Irish Society. Only Protestants could be officers which showed that the group derived from the Ulster province in Ireland. "The society still exists and they became a key part of Boston's Irish community." While empowering themselves on a cultural front, the Irish faced discrimination from mainstream society during the Revolution where papers suggested that many of the Redcoats were Irish. In actuality, the Irish played a role for the loyalists as well as the revolutionaries. About 16 percent of the British rank and file was Irish and more than a third of the officers were as well, though many deserted to fight for the Revolution and many Irish fought with George Washington. Due to this and Washington's push for religious freedom, anti-Catholic sentiment subsided and in 1788, and the Irish held their first Catholic mass in a converted Huguenot Church in the West End, later named Holy Cross Church.

In 1815, Catholics gained the right to build their own cemeteries and the first Catholic newspaper began in 1829. Crilly pointed out the class divide in viewing the Irish. Intellectuals had sympathy for the Irish and other immigrants while the working class

blamed the Irish for the discomforts in a growing population.

In 1834, a Yankee mob burned the Ursuline Convent in Charlestown, which at the time was not technically part of Boston, nor was Roxbury. Ironically, only a few Catholics attended the convent, Crilly said, including 8-year-old Mary Ellen O'Connell of Limerick. She later became a nun. Another act of violence took place between an Irish funeral procession clashing with a Yankee fire brigade resulting in the Broad Street Riot which Mayor Samuel Eliot broke up to prevent Irish homes from being set ablaze.

Amidst this turbulence, the Great Hunger in Ireland caused approximately 1 million deaths, while 2 million fled for North America. In 1847, 100,000 Irish refugees arrived in Boston, to an ill-prepared city. Many camped out on Boston Common as orphanages overflowed, Crilly said. "It was a really tragic and horrifying situation." Yankee charitable organizations, despite nativism, raised money to be sent to Ireland. By the mid 1800s, the Irish comprised a third of the population in Boston. South Boston was an Irish stronghold but many also lived in tenements in the North End, which were subject to disease outbreak, including cholera. But even through harsh conditions, "the Irish found joy and fellowship through dance and music in North End cellars and later to more respectable venues. One example was the Thomas Moore Society."

While the Irish stretched the living accommodations in Boston, they also contributed to the labor force with men in construction, doing dangerous

work and women in factories and childcare. It is hard not to draw a parallel to current circumstances in the U.S. Despite their value, the Irish faced their most harsh pushback from a political party called the Know Nothing Party, officially the American Party that was vehemently anti-immigrant. They tried to keep Irish people from gaining employment, and shut down cemeteries in addition to mob violence.

"But Boston's Irish were determined to embrace Boston as their new permanent home and to exercise their civil rights." The Irish joined forces with German immigrants to fight legislation on not allowing an increase in waiting time for citizenship.

Crilly discussed the Irish's role in the Civil War in the Union Party. Mary Ellen O'Connell, who lived through the burning of Ursuline Convent, worked as a nun on the battlefield and helped to develop one of the first modern triage techniques. She was commended by Abraham Lincoln.

After the Civil War, a cultural shift took place for the Irish where they upgraded their roles in society and began moving to other communities in Boston. Crilly, who works at Boston College, said BC was started to educate immigrants and she noted that Roxbury was the hub for most Irish people. Mayor Michael James Curley who served four terms as Boston's mayor was from Roxbury. Crilly described more memorable events during the 1900s and mentioned notable Irish-American politicians like John F. Kennedy and Tip O'Neil.

For more information, email margaret.crilly@bc.edu.

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get out of the car while the cars were passing because there is no place to park for a person with mobility issues. So the closing off of some of the parking by some of these gates has made it dangerous or impossible for me to access these gates.”

Arnold Arboretum Head of Operations Dan Schissler said the parking was removed from those gates because late night parties were making so much noise and also impacting the Arboretum’s cleanup budget.

“It had become an area for late night car gatherings and late night parties that were absolutely horrible for the neighbors,” he said. “There is music blasting late night; we worked with the Parks Department to put stones at the entrance, which has pretty much solved the problem.”

And Schissler said the Arboretum is working with the city to try to get accessible street parking. “We are working continuously to advocate to the city for truly accessible parking corridors, including Flora Way,” he said. Flora Way is adjacent to the Poplar Gate, which is the entrance connected to the Oak Allee. “In fact, we’re advocating for an entire reconstruction of Flora Way, including the sidewalks which are in real rough shape. I did get confirmation from the Boston Engineering Department last year that they put in an engineering request for some short-term Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking at what used to be Bussey Gate, and I would point you towards that as the next best accessible entrance.”

Schissler added that anyone with accessibility issues can call the visitor’s center and request a pass that allows one to drive into the Arboretum Directly. For more information on those passes, go to <https://arboretum.harvard.edu/visit/accessibility/>

The Oak Allee project is a small piece of the overall Roslindale Gateway project that aims to connect the Roslindale Village Commuter Rail Station with Forest Hills, a project started in 2015 and currently in phase three of five. For more information on that, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4fj4c7kj>

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—V.C.

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tion (ABCDC) Director John Woods by the group for this year’s Joseph M. Smith Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award.

D’Isidoro said Woods was selected, along with that of the ABCDC, for helping to bring affordable housing to the neighborhood, which has been seeing home prices and rents spike for the better part of a decade.

“He’s out there doing God’s work,” D’Isidoro said. “As you know, we got the Hill Memorial Project on North Harvard Street and the Warren Building on Washington Street. They purchased some additional units as well and are retrofitting Raymond Street.

They’re just doing an extraordinary amount of good work that has taken place in this community. So John, congratulations.”

Woods said he was surprised, to say the least, when he heard.

“I guess it really blew me away when Tony called because it means an awful lot to me to be acknowledged this way,” Woods said. “I’m very grateful and very humbled by the award, especially knowing who got it in the past. There have been a lot of serious hard workers who have gotten it and I really appreciate it. But as Tony mentioned, I’m representing an organization. My mug is very often who you see,

but I’m blessed to have a very strong and active board that gives me directions on what to do and very fortunate to have a staff that does most of the things you see celebrated, so thank you very much.”

Woods added he really didn’t believe D’Isidoro when he got the call. “At one point I thought I was getting punked a little bit by Tony, but thank you,” he said. “I want you to know it means a lot to me, thanks.”

Also at the meeting, D’Isidoro said the ACA will be looking to move back to hybrid in-person meetings in the fall at the Community Room of the Honan Allston Branch of the Boston Public Library.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Docket No. SU19P1733EA

In the matter of: Mondany Sanieoff
Date of Death: 06/09/2019

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

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A Petition has been filed by:
Robert E. Fierman of Cambridge, MA
requesting allowance of the 2nd Annual account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 18, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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ZBA approves farming at West End House

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) unanimously voted to approve a proposal for farming at the West End House Boys and Girls Club in Allston.

The farm would be a hydroponic indoor 350-square-foot farming system housed in a shipping container to both provide food and education for the club’s members. Representative Kevin Gaughan said the additional space will be housed in the existing envelope of the site. He said the project could grow 4,000 to 6,000 pounds of leafy greens for the Food for Families and Daily Meals programs, and would employ about 10 teens for planting and harvesting.

“The only relief we require for this is the use, and it’s obviously a very unique use,” he said of the zoning variance relief requests.

CEO of the West End House Andrea Howard said the organization has been in the city for more than 120 years. “And in Allston for almost 55 years,” she said. “This exciting building opportunity enables us to expand on our long-term commitment to food security currently, which focuses on scratch-made meals daily, and our Food for Families

program which provides food for families every month to more than 900 folks, approximately 25,000 pounds of food every month.”

Howard said the partnership with Container Farms is growing around Boys and Girls Clubs across the nation. “There are several successful ones here in the Commonwealth,” she said. “We are excited about the opportunity to grow up to 6,000 pounds of culturally-preferred vegetables for our families and it also creates a great opportunity for our STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities for our younger kids and it’s going to be a workforce development component with our employment of 10 teens there.”

Gaughan said they have received a lot of support from the local community on the project, and Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) liaison Siggy Johnson backed that up. “Our office would like to go on record in support,” he said. After Boston Mayor Michelle Wu took over, ONS has rarely offered an endorsement, preferring to “defer to the Board’s judgment” in most cases.

“Our office flyered within 300 feet of the proposed application and received one letter of opposition which has

been filed with the Board. The Allston Civic Association is in strong support of this application, and the West End House is a cornerstone of the Allston Brighton Community, providing extensive benefits to residents and ONS is enthusiastically in support of this application.”

District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon’s representative Moira McCrave said the councilor was in support of the proposal as well. “The West End House provides critical programming and services to youth and their families in Allston and Brighton,” she said. “With this proposed project, they’ll be able to expand their programming and also be able to expand their services related to food access and security.”

State Rep. Kevin Honan’s representative Alex Camarena also expressed his boss’s support for the project. “Rep Honan wished to highlight some of the benefits of this project, in particular he notes the expanded access to healthy food in our neighborhood, as well as the creation of meaningful opportunities for our youth,” he said. “Rep. Honan urges the Board to support this dynamic proposal and support a project that will strengthen both the health and economic wellbeing of our community and beyond.”

Around the Neighborhood

MENINO ARTS CENTER RECYCLING EVENT

The Menino Arts Center proudly announces “Recycled : Trash and Treasure : Rediscovered”, a juried exhibition which runs from until July 25, 2025. The exhibition will be viewable both in person at the Menino Arts Center and in a virtual 3D gallery that you can stroll through at <http://www.hpaa-mac.org/exhibits/>. Gallery hours at the MAC are Wednesdays from 1 – 4 pm, and Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am – 4 pm. The exhibition features 67 artworks by 43 artists. It was juried by Suzanne Moseley (<https://www.suzannemoseleyart.com>) and Adrienne Shishko (<https://www.adrienneart.net>), and curated by Sasja Lucas (<https://www.sasjalucas.com>).

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Stacie Lynch and her husband Gregory of Westwood, Jeanne Lewis and her husband Aaron of Needham, and Susan Ball and her husband Brian of West Roxbury. Loving grandmother of Colin, Kendal, Emma, Avery, Bridget, Brendan, Delaney. Dear cousin of Patricia Philla. Eleanor was born and raised in Jamaica Plain, MA and graduated from Blessed Sacrament high school. It was there she made her group of dear and lifelong friends. She went on to marry and raise three daughters and have 7 Grandchildren. Her family was the center of her world and of the utmost importance to her. She had a heart and home that was open to many friends of her girls throughout the years. She embodied patience and kindness and was loved dearly by all who knew her. She loved the simple pleasures in life including trips to the beach, music and food. In later years, she was able to enjoy her 7 beautiful grandchildren who adore her. They will always have a special place in their hearts for “Mum”. Her humor and sweetness will be greatly missed. A private funeral service was held at the P.E.

Murray - F.J. Higgins Funeral Home West Roxbury. A Private burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.


SENNETT

Carol E. (Toffoloni) of Norton, formerly of Hyde Park, passed peacefully on June 16, 2025 in her home surrounded by her loving family at the age of 80. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Most Precious Blood Church Hyde Park. Interment at Blue Hills Cemetery Braintree. Carol was born in Brockton on January 31, 1945 to Dorothy and John Toffoloni. Carol grew up in Hyde Park MA and attended Hyde Park High School. In her early years she worked at John Hancock and later at Friendly’s. She was the wife of the late Mark Sennett. Carol and Mark eventually moved to Norton MA. She is survived by her caring sister Linda Toffoloni, of Norton, her brother John Toffoloni and his wife Cynthia of Duxbury, her nieces Jennifer Toffoloni

of Sleepy Hollow NY, Melissa Toffoloni of Plympton, MA, her special friend Josh and her wonderful neighbors Craig and Starnie. In addition, Carol was stepmother to, Linda Robinson, of Jacksonville, Florida, Mark S Sennett of Canton, the late Debbie Dambrosio, the late Gail Sennett. She was grandmother to Derek Dambrosio and Michael, Kerrin and Justine Sennett. Her family wishes to acknowledge the wonderful nurses at Sturdy Memorial Hospital and Hospice care. Carol enjoyed doing many craft projects and working in her garden. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU25P0256EA
Suffolk Division

Estate of: Edward J. O’Connor
Date of Death: January 3, 2025

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate and, by Petition of

Petitioner Sirin O’Connor of Quincy, MA
a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Sirin O’Connor of Quincy, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P1235EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: John Ambrose Tynan
Also known as: John A. Tynan
Date of Death: 07/20/2023

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Kathleen C. Tynan of
West Roxbury, MA

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

Kathleen C. Tynan of
West Roxbury, MA

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/17/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court
Date: June 12, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P1357EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Mary Louise Cronin
Also known as: Mary Lou Cronin
Date of Death: 03/31/2025

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

To all interested persons:

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

George F. Cronin, III of Dedham, MA

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

The Petitioner requests that:

George F. Cronin, III of Dedham, MA

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.
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Case No. 316-2024-EQ-02021

In re: In the Matter of Elizabeth Mellen and Ashley Brent (aka Ashley Grasso)

CITATION AND ORDERS NOTICE

In the matter of the Petition to Partition now pending in the 9th Circuit Court Nashua Probate Division for said County of Hillsborough:

It is ordered that the plaintiff notify the defendants to file a written Appearance form with the 9th Circuit Court Nashua Probate Division on or before August 5, 2025 by causing a true and attested copy of this order of notice to be published in the Roslindale Bulletin, once each week for two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than fourteen days before said return date and by causing true and attested copies of said Petition to Partition and this order to be served upon individual defendants at least fourteen (14) days prior to the return date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said defendants, each of them, file with the Clerk of said Court within thirty days after the return date, a Plea, Answer or Demurrer, and deliver a copy of said document to Kalie L. Lydon, Esq, plaintiff; otherwise, said Petition SHALL BE TAKEN AS CONFESSED.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST;
Sherry L Bison, Clerk of Court
Dated: June 10, 2025

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No. SU24P2008PM

CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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

Estate of: John Stanton O’Donnell, Jr.

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by:

Ann Cobleigh of Peabody, MA

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

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 07/09/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 04, 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. SU25P1141GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR

In the interests of Naychi Win
of Brighton, MA
Minor

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

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 05/21/2025 by Angela S. Knox of Newton, MA will be held 07/23/2025 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for the Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over the age of 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests.

Date: June 04, 2025
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Docket No. SU25P1366GD

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

In the matter of: Gelin Etienne
Of: Boston, 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 Gelin Etienne is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

(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.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00AM. on the return date of 07/10/2025. 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

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

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: June 17, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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