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Hundreds came out on Monday to honor Boston Firefighter Robert "BK" Kilduff.

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WR comes out for Kilduff

Family, firefighters and residents remember BK

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About 150 residents, officials and firefighters came out on a hot Monday morning in the middle of Centre Street to celebrate the life Robert "BK" Kilduff by raising a memorial

Hero Flag at the corner of Centre and Richwood.

The flag program has been around for a few years now in Boston and many West Roxbury corners have been dedicated to local veterans. Kilduff served in the Boston Fire Department (BFD) for 24 years, and was

among the third generation of firefighters in his family. He served in the United States Marine Corps. before that and attained the rank of corporal in the service.

Kilduff

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A rendering of the third iteration of the building to replace the Monastery of St. Clare in Jamaica Plain.

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Third time for 920 Centre Street proposal: 5 stories / 158 units

\$2 million concession to the Arboretum
Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

John Holland of Sixteen Penny has been trying to develop housing on the three-acre Poor Clares' Monastery property since May 2023 and has been through multiple public meetings.

But in a virtual meeting with The Bulletin on June 18 Holland admitted, "The project came off the rails a year ago; the big hurdle

Clare

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– Senator Mike Rush

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Cleveland Circle meeting gets contentious

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Can't we all just get along?

The Boston Planning Department held a virtual meeting last week on the city's side of renovations for Cleveland Circle.

The plan comes because, according to Boston Planning Transportation Planner Colin Fredrickson, the MBTA will, hopefully, soon be ripping up the street to place new tracks to accommodate the new Type 10 Green Line Trolleys, and he said that makes an opportunity for Boston to put back something better when that happens, as the current layout traps a lot of traffic islands where they are now. This meeting was the first phase in that plan.

Planner Jack Halverson said the presented work is based on improving pedestrian and cyclist safety by shortening crossing times for both modes of travel and keeping cars, pedestrians and cyclists as separate as possible. This method of traffic design is intended to reduce conflicts between modes and increase safety for all.

So the work includes bump-outs – that's wider sidewalks at intersections to get pedestrians off the street faster – at the major road intersection of Chestnut Hill Avenue and Beacon Street, as well as bigger public realm areas on the east side of Beacon Street. The biggest is the reconfiguration of Sutherland Road to create a public space there for residents to enjoy.

"We think this could still be raised to sidewalk grade, but still provide access for loading purposes, potentially parking, a food truck, it could be anything," Fredrickson said. "We wanted it to be built to a condition so it could handle multiple types of activities to support the businesses and the community nearby."

Below that, the existing archipelago of traffic islands would be consolidated into one, where planners said greenspace could be put in, but the existing right lane slip lane for vehicles would be removed. The last change would remove the entry and exit on Beacon Street to Cassidy Playground and have access in and out on Chestnut Hill Avenue.

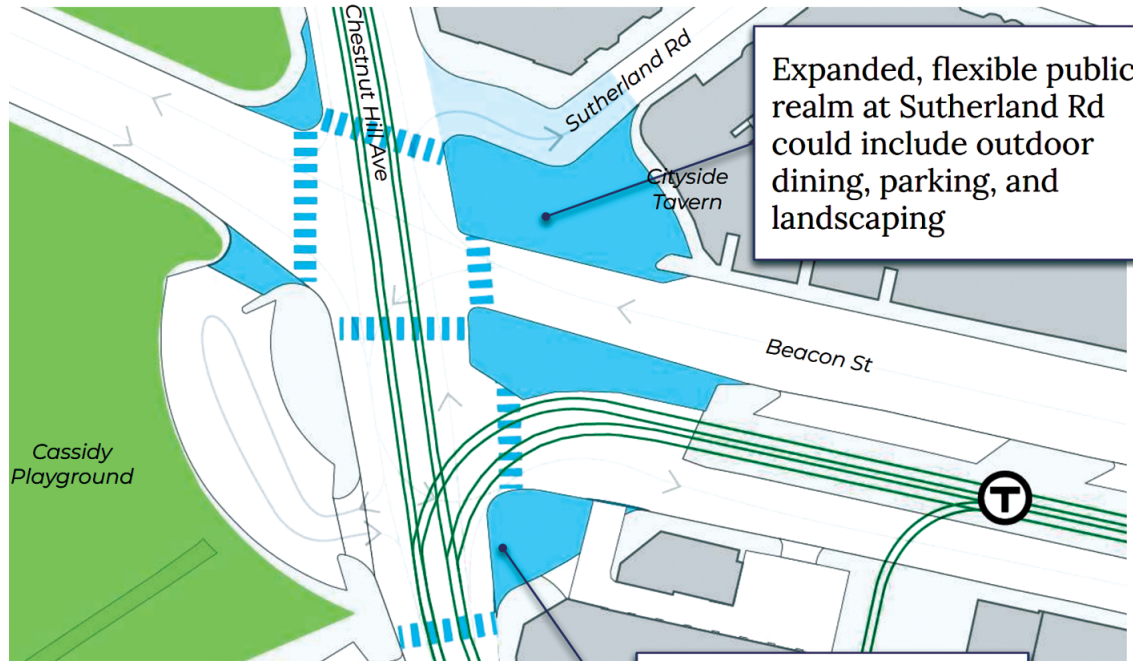
These are draft recommendations only. Planners said they would take community input on the proposal.

They got a lot to take, that's for sure.

One contingent of residents balked at any changes that would impact vehicle traffic.

"I've heard a great deal about pedestrian crossings, bicycle infrastructure, truck delivery and train access but what consideration is being given to overall traffic flow?" asked resident Ari Zacepitzky. "During peak hours, traffic regularly backs up in both directions and creates significant

DRAFT ABCP RECOMMENDATION



Expanded, flexible public realm at Sutherland Rd could include outdoor dining, parking, and landscaping

Residents went back and forth on the particulars, but all agreed Cleveland Circle needs work.

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congestion. I live on Englewood Avenue, which is frequently used as a cut-through by drivers trying to avoid traffic. My hope is any proposed changes would carefully consider their impact on traffic congestion and neighborhood streets, not just pedestrian, bicycle and transit access."

"My concern is that there will be a reduction of overall traffic lanes on Beacon Street, and therefore an increase in congestion for motor vehicle traffic," said Leland Webster.

Fredrickson said the lane configuration isn't being considered right now, and currently there are no plans to change it.

"Over the past 10 years there has not been an increase in bicyclists in Cleveland Circle," said resident Cheryl Weinstein. "We've got to figure out a way for cyclists to be safe; they are a very small group of people. Pedestrians have to be safe, and cars have to move easily through Cleveland Circle... I'm not saying bicyclists aren't important, but cars are the majority going through. People have families going through, and they need cars and they can't use bicycles, or won't."

Planning Department Community Engagement Manager Grey Black piped in after this to say that, at least in the chat,

There were many residents for cycling and pedestrian infrastructure at the meeting, however, only one of them admitted

"I just don't understand why people are still complaining at every one of these stupid meetings about the same old crap, and you know what? It's just all garbage, total garbage,"

Resident Ryan Kelso

residents were "pretty 50/50" on how they travel through the circle.

"Every time we have a meeting that has to do with transportation issues, many of us in the neighborhood feel we're being outnumbered by cyclist activists," said Eva Webster. "I am the first one to admit that cyclist safety is important, because even if you are a driver, you care about not hitting people who are more vulnerable as cyclists. But I would really like the city, at the beginning of each meeting, to ask that commenters say if they live in the area in question, or whether they learned about the meeting from the Boston Cyclists' Union email or text list. It's just very disparaging, because when we are voicing our opinions and our concerns, we are kind of juxtaposed against people who have no other concerns but cycling convenience and safety."

to being a member of the Boston Cyclists Union.

"I don't want to say safety does beget increased ridership, so the more people actually want to go through that intersection on the bikes, the more of them will [do that] instead of taking their cars," said resident Natasha Buckman. "Which reduces car traffic, which makes traffic flow better. So wins for everybody on that front."

"This is a major, major improvement just to pedestrian safety," said resident Cobi Frongillo. "I would feel much safer if this was my circle than current conditions."

"This is one of the most difficult intersections to navigate, either on bicycle or as a pedestrian, and looking at the changes proposed, I don't see how it would materially affect vehicle traffic," said Brookline resident David Kroop, who then went into a response to earlier comments. "I think it's fine for speakers to talk

about their own experiences and what experiences they have getting around in motor vehicles, but to start casting aspersions on people who get around by bicycle by suggesting they're part of some group outside of the community is particularly offensive, and I don't know what evidence you have. I am a member of the Boston Cyclists Union, and I never received any communication about this meeting. I assume it's just not on their radar."

"I think it's astounding that people have the audacity to claim that I and other people on this call have been called in by the Cyclists Union or some conspiratorial group that's trying to push bicycles and prevent people from driving anywhere ever again," said resident Ryan Kelso. "I'm not a member of the Cyclists Union, I'm just a 'psychopath' who bikes around this neighborhood, because that's exactly what you have to be. It's so unsafe, it's ridiculously unsafe, and you're taking your life in your hands every time you go on the street. So for you to say everyone cycling should just 'suck it up' is ridiculous."

Kelso continued, saying he felt these arguments were overused, to say the least.

"I just don't understand why people are still complaining at every one of these stupid meetings about the same old crap, and you know what? It's just all garbage, total garbage," he said. "So my advice to the planners here is to disregard any of these people who are telling you, 'Oh, we got to think about the parking, the cars, how's the traffic flow going to work?' Traffic is not a problem in Allston-Brighton. It's just not a big problem. What is a problem is getting around on a bicycle, or without a car when you can't afford the insurance, gas or to pay for any of these things."

Black said they were not going to disregard anyone's comments, and encouraged residents to "take a breath" and think about what they want, not what they disagree with.

For more information on the project, go to <https://gvimes.link/clvlndcirpln>

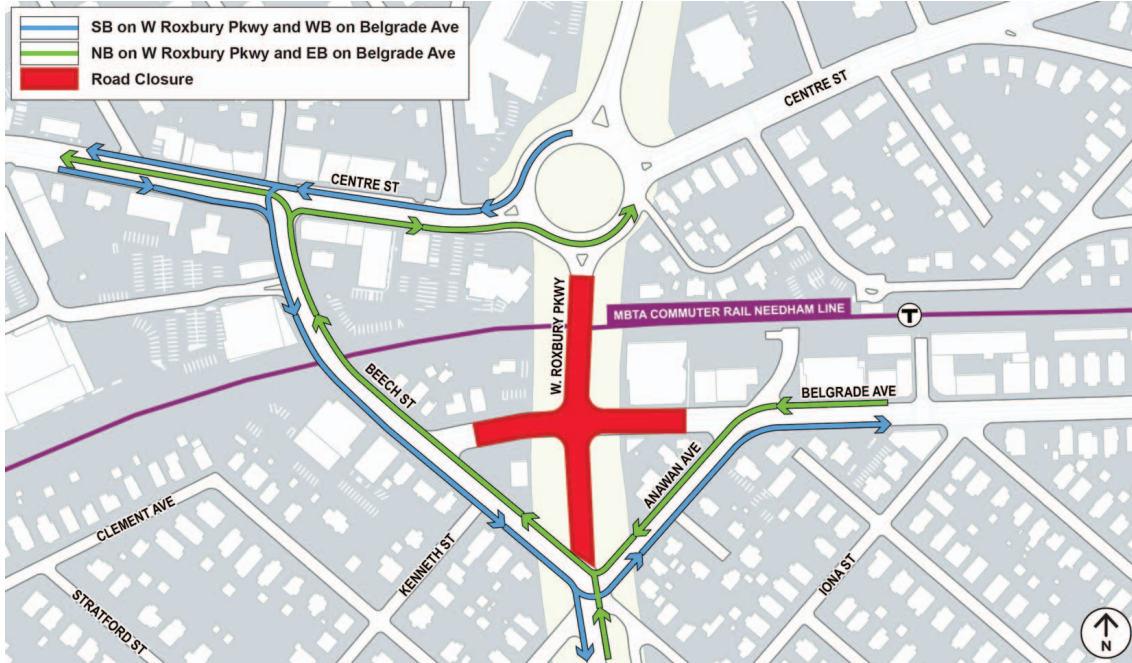
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Limited overnight work for Parkway Bridge

Bridge closing July 20



There will be one weekend where all traffic will be directed through Beech Street and Anawan Avenue, which residents said could be a problem.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) officials said that while work will, sometimes, go well into the night, the construction crews will be doing their best to keep the noise down and that there will be a hot line for residents to call if the noise gets out of hand.

That's just one of the many expected disruptions to be caused by the replacement of the bridge connecting Belgrade Avenue and Centre Street through the West Roxbury Parkway. The bridge has been designated as needing replacement since 2021, and the MassDOT has been holding meetings since last fall with residents regarding the closures and preliminary construction — <https://gvimes.link/2025wrpkwy>

Now, the closure is scheduled for July 20 and is expected to reopen in December. The main detour will move traffic through the intersection of Belgrade and Centre rather than the Holy Name Rotary, with east/west traffic going on Belgrade to Roslindale Square, and south traffic going on Beech Street towards the West Roxbury Parkway. MassDOT Assistant Construction Engineer Chuck Labbee III said the detour is designed to keep traffic out of residential neighborhoods, and navigation companies have been notified of the detour to help keep it that way.

"We're in communication with Google Maps and Waves, in order to specifically encourage people to stay on the detour route and not utilize the neighborhood side streets," he said.

Labbee said for the first week of the closure, they will have police details to help move traffic along and keep drivers on the detour.

"To help mitigate the traffic for the first week while the dust settles," he said. "We've also added new cameras at the Belgrade and West Roxbury

Parkway intersection to help Boston Traffic better coordinate and deal with issues."

Labbee added though that the project is renovating the bridge traffic patterns as well as its super structure, and that traffic will be "significantly better than it is today."

For the train, Labbee said the Needham Line will be shut on weekends from Bellevue to Needham Heights, with actual demolition starting on July 24 to July 27. Labbee added that the MBTA is already shutting down this section of the line to do signal work for seven weeks out of the July-December work schedule.

"During those outages, riders are encouraged to use the existing bus lines in the area," he said. "They're going to be adding buses to Bus Lines 35, 36 and 37 to get the West Roxbury Roslindale commuters to Forest Hills and take the Orange Line to their destination. Further out, the Needham customers are going to be asked to use Bus 59, and that will direct them to the D Branch of the Green Line to Newton Highlands."

The work itself is nominally scheduled to go from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with options to go until 9 p.m. and even overnight.

"There are going to be some extended shifts during the bridge outage that will go until 9 p.m., and as needed, there will be overnight work," he said. "Those will be particularly focused on the weekend shifts when the train is out to take advantage of that as much as we can. You're going to see nighttime work, basically 24/7, however the contractor will

have noise monitors out there, and we're required to monitor the noise, minimize disruptions, and not exceed certain thresholds at night. There will also be a 24-hour hot line for residents to call and report excessive noise."

During the question and answer session, West Roxbury Neighborhood Council Chair Larry Costello spoke on behalf of Rose's Bounty, the food pantry at the Stratford Street Church. The pantry opens twice a month on Saturdays and Fridays. Stratford Street connects directly to Anawan and then to the West Roxbury Parkway and its carriage way, and Costello said the traffic is directly tied to the area's food insecurity, which is high enough for traffic to back up to Beech Street.

The plan called for one weekend in which Beech Street and then Anawan Avenue would be taking all the traffic, east/west and the north/south, for special work, and Costello said that could be even more headache for workers, residents and food pantry patrons, if that closure was scheduled on a distribution day.

"That's just going to clog, and with the construction going on there now (400 Belgrade Ave.) with the condos, I'm just anticipating a bad situation there," Costello said.

Labbee said they would coordinate with the church to make sure Beech Street's increased usage won't fall on a pantry distribution day.

"We don't want to see

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The Billings Family

A woolly legacy



The National Theatre in the West End was designed by the Billings Family and was completed in 1852.

COURTESY PHOTO

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

Nearly every community member in the Parkway area is familiar with the name Billings, due to the widely used Billings Field.

People know the field for football, they know it for the Corrib 5K, they know it for years ago they would flood it in the winter to make an ice rink.

But very few actually know the history behind the namesake.

The Billings family helped shape 19th century West Roxbury through their businesses, land/farm ownership, and civic involvement. Their story begins in colonial-era Milton, within the Massachusetts Bay Colony, where Ebenezer Billings and his wife Mariam raised their eight children. The family's fortune started with the success of their tavern, which Ebenezer owned and operated.

Two of Ebenezer's sons, Lemuel Billings (1757-1842) and Benjamin Billings (1765-1829) moved to Roxbury (modern-day West Roxbury) to start their own

businesses.

According to the West Roxbury Historical Society (WRHS), Lemuel built a large tomb for the Billings family at Westerly Burying Ground. He was a hatter whose home and shop was located at the corner or present-day Centre and Lorette streets.

Benjamin was known as a "pelt monger," operating a tannery and clothing business that turned animal hides into leather. In the 1780s, he married Susannah Weld, who was part of the Weld lineage; one of the oldest, wealthiest, and most prominent families in the area. The couple lived on a 35-acre property near Centre and LaGrange Streets that Benjamin purchased from Lemuel. Benjamin built the Billings Leather Dresser and Breeches Factory, where he processed sheep skins, goat skins, and wool. Much of his material came from the extensive farmland owned by his father-in-law, David Weld.

During the late 18th century,

Billings

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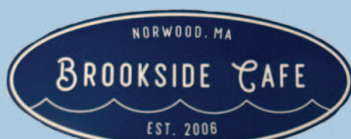
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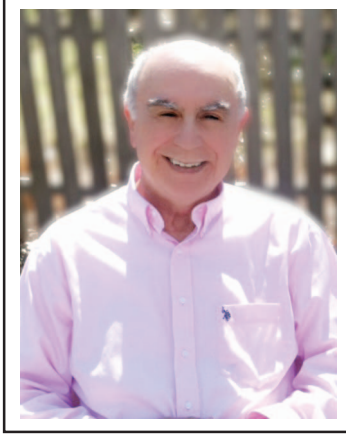
This July 4th: Say hello to shibumis

My father was never a fan of taking us to Nantasket on July Fourth: "Too crowded." As tweens, before any of us had our drivers' licenses, a group of us would then catch the subway to Orient Heights or Revere Beach. In any of the three cases, we never had to worry about shibumis.

Until my son-in-law Harry purchased one for last summer's vacation on the Outer Cape, I had never heard of a shibumi. The only Japanese word in my vocabulary was the one for "goodbye."

While the University of North Carolina is famous for its basketball teams and for its hiring of our Bill Belichick, it is also the institution from which three University of North Carolina grads who were looking for a lightweight, easy-up-and-down solution to sunburn and searing sand invented their two-color blue tarp that's stretched over a tent pole and held aloft by the wind. On some beaches in distant states it is now such a common beach accessory that swimmers coming out of the ocean have to scan the shore for a few minutes to figure out which shibumi is theirs.

The inventors, Dana Barnes and brother Scott, and Alex Slater, now vary the colors: they are not all colored teal-and-blue. Unlike tent-like structures on the beach, there are side flaps. There are downsides: because there used to be an irritable flapping during windy days, they now use a different fabric for "putting the Shh back in Shibumi." Another



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downside that has not been rectified yet is that it blocks the view of the ocean for bathers sitting behind you. The mere beach umbrella offers those sitting behind virtually an unimpeded view of those looking on the horizon for prowling sharks.

One beach community in South Carolina has already forbidden shibumi usage. Up here in the Bay State we have more pressing problems: beach access for those of us living in Boston and inland communities has been effectively thwarted by coastal towns, forcing us into nearby, overcrowded DCR beaches or long rides to Scusset, Horseneck, Salisbury, or Cape Cod's National Seashore.

You can bet good money that shibumis will be outlawed before most of Massachusetts tax-paying citizenry gains access to the many beaches of the Bay State's coastal towns.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.
—V.C.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favours. But I plead for this one. (mention favour). Take it, place it in your open broken Heart. And when the eternal Father sees it, covered with the mantel of his most precious Blood, He cannot refuse it. For then it is your prayer, not mine. Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee. Amen.
Say three times for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.
—V.C.

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Letters to the Editor

DEMOCRACY SUFFERS WITHOUT DEBATE

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, many of us are rightfully concerned about the state of our democracy. Extreme polarization, dark money in elections, and rising authoritarianism are just a few of the challenges facing our ongoing experiment in self-government. While it is tempting to place the blame squarely on the leading party in Washington, there are many actions we can take here in Massachusetts to strengthen our democratic values and institutions.

For starters, we need to shine more light on one of the least transparent legislatures in the country, but that won't happen until we have more competitive state legislative races. This would require more primary challengers to Democratic incumbents, who generally receive strong support from party leadership and other electeds. When voters lack any choice, elections become meaningless and elected representatives become unaccountable.

For the first time in over a decade, voters in Dedham, Norwood, Westwood, Walpole, West

Roxbury, and parts of Roslindale, Hyde Park, and Jamaica Plain have a choice on the ballot for their State Senator. An accomplished public interest lawyer and BPS parent, Persis Yu, is challenging longtime incumbent Mike Rush. The September 1 primary is a great opportunity for Suffolk and Norfolk voters to engage in the electoral process, talk to their neighbors about the issues, and express their budget and policy priorities.

One way for voters to be well informed and engaged is by watching the candidates debate. However, Rush has yet to accept Yu's challenge to three debates, which she made on June 1. If Rush declines to debate, it will be a disservice to his constituents and harmful for democracy. Elected officials bear a civic responsibility to educate voters about their positions and engage fully in the democratic process. Like many incumbents, Rush presumably feels he has nothing to gain from a public debate. But the voters certainly do, as does the democratic process.

Roy Lincoln Karp
West Roxbury

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gridlock in the area so maybe we'll get some officers there," he said.

Resident Jeffrey Sarin said he felt a lot of cars will be cutting through the Roche Bros. parking lot for some trips. Design Engineer Jake Holman said he agreed, but said short of blocking it off, he didn't see a way to stop that activity.

Sarin asked for a "no left turn" sign there and organizers said they'd consider it, but that got into a general discussion about using signage to stop drivers from cutting through residential streets, like making the streets legal only for local traffic. Labbee said the MassDOT's position on restricting traffic to just abutters is a measure they have used, but

only very, very sparingly.

"The DOT's position is, I think even legally, either a road is open or it's closed," he said. "It's also impossible to enforce, because we're not going to put a police officer at the end of everyone's streets."

Labbee did say they would consider the no left on Lords and Ladies Way.

Resident Scott Kirschner asked about replacement trees for those they are planning to cut down. Labbee said they worked "hand-in-glove" with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation (DCR) Arborists and they found that many trees they had to remove were dying anyway, but added that they will be adding new trees to replace those cut down.

For more information and to sign up for updates, go to <https://gvimes.link/wrpkwybridge>

HP Multicultural Fair kicks off at Ross Neighborhood celebrates diversity



Residents had a field day at Ross Field in Hyde Park on Saturday as part of the One Boston Multicultural Fair, sponsored by the city and HP's Afrimerican Academy.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

Ross Field wasn't just all about softball on Saturday as scores of residents came out for the first annual One Boston Multicultural Fair.

The day featured a live DJ, food from Las Delicias Colombianas, kids activities, face painting and massages from local businesses from around Hyde Park.

Organizer and Afrimerican Academy Founder Marlon Solomon said the weather cooperated and they had good

community participation.

"It was a perfect day, 70 degrees with a cool breeze. People from all over Hyde Park came out and had fun," he said. "Different races, different creeds, they all came together and had a blast."

Solomon said the kids had fun going back and forth between the activities, and a lot of nonprofits got their information out to those in need.

"It's really just a beautiful vibe today, and I'm not just saying that because it's my thing. I really love it," he said. "We're trying to do this to highlight

Hyde Park. I mean during the 250th anniversary of the United States, people think of 250 Boston and they think Downtown, the Freedom Trail or the Tea Party. But we're trying to put Hyde Park more on the map. The Hyde Park Equity Tours is part of the same thing."

For more information on the Hyde Park Equity Tours, go to <https://afrimericanone.org/home>

Residents Desmond Hall and Angela Scott said they loved the idea, and came out because

HP Fair

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was proximity to the Arnold Arboretum.”

This was in the wake of the last public meeting on March 3, 2025 convened by the Boston Planning Department (BPD) as part of the Article 80 process.

As reported by The Bulletin, Sixteen Penny proposed a four-story, 85-unit condominium building at the rear of the monastery building that would be converted to 38 senior housing apartments.

Nothing happened in the meantime, but Holland apparently was talking with The Boston Globe editorial board; a blistering Globe editorial came off the press on March 7, 2026.

“The story of... 920 Centre Street is a case study on how housing doesn’t get built in this city.”

“It’s a story about how one mid-sized project and a developer willing to make one compromise after the other can’t move in the face of one powerful opponent who has the ear of city hall [the Arnold Arboretum].”

Sixteen Penny is now willing to spend a million dollars on new trees to shelter the Arboretum; “massive trees, 60-70 feet high,” Holland told The Bulletin.

“Tree screening. We met with (Director of the Arboretum) Ned Friedman three weeks ago,” Holland said. “We gave the Arboretum a tree easement.”

But Holland said Friedman was worried about, “What would happen in a hundred years?”

So Holland said, Sixteen Penny would give an enforceable, recorded agreement added to the condominium agreement that gives the Arboretum the right to enter the property and cull trees and plant trees; “this agreement will be concurrent with the city lease.”

The brick wall around the outside of the property would remain.

Part of the agreement would also guarantee a “no build” provision within 50 feet all around the new building. Sixteen Penny will also change the color of the building from a red brick to green copper siding.

“We haven’t heard back from him,” Holland said.

Sixteen Penny has made even more changes to 920 Centre St., now called “The Magnolia.” Another such change is from mass timber construction, as first proposed in 2023, to steel structure for a much lower building, Holland said later.

The most significant design changes were first reported in The Boston Business Journal on June 9, 2026. The monastery building will be razed to be re-

placed by three, attached, five-story buildings set more than 50 feet from Centre Street. The fifth floor would be set back with a green roof terrace.

The buildings will be set around an interior courtyard garden open to the Arboretum. The massing would be alleviated by glass atriums between the three buildings. The current turnaround will be removed with a broad planted garden and a border of trees shading the building from Centre Street.

The entrance will be set into the far right edge of the property.

There will be no senior housing but 158 units of a mix of condominium and rental; an increase of 35 units.

Ironically when the Poor Clare Sisters first announced in March 2022 they were going to sell their property and move to a new home, they wanted the monastery razed; they felt the religious purpose had been served and they did not want it reused.

This caused community uproar and the preservationists were mobilized, which apparently surprised the Sisters; they decided to keep the building. A year later Holland planned to turn it into senior housing.

“The existing monastery will have to come down,” Holland said. “There’s asbestos, pipes and boilers. But it was a purpose-built building, 8-by-10-foot rooms.”

“Mainly removing the existing monastery allows for the 50-foot buffer, moving the building closer to Centre Street.”

The revised 920 Centre – now The Magnolia – will be an uncommon mix of condominiums and rentals with two levels of below-grade parking for 150 spaces, which is also unusual.

There will be 79 market-rate condominiums and 79 rental apartments.

Thirty-eight of the rental units will be affordable, 36 at 60 percent area median income (AMI) and two with permanent mobile vouchers.

Home ownership and rental units will be scattered throughout the five floors.

“We’ve done a lot of traffic analysis,” Holland said. “All turns will be right turns, into and out of the site, the turnaround has been removed. There will be 20 parking spaces for visitors.”

“We’ve met with (the Department of Conservation and Recreation) DCR and they’re satisfied with the traffic management plan, Holland said adding, “We’ll give them some land from 920 Centre St. for the new Murray square signalized intersection. They’re at 25 percent design.”

Sixteen Penny has been more proactive in getting their new plans out; they have a public relations firm, Benchmark Strategies, which emailed The Bulletin and set up the June 18 Team call.

Holland went back to the Globe editorial board and got a sympathetic editorial on June 18 “in the midst of a housing crisis... 920 Centre has become the canary in the coal mine about how serious the city is about growth.”

According to Holland he met twice with the IAG and implied that he was supportive.

A meeting with the Jamaica Hills Neighborhood Association (JHNA) was held on June 22 and Benchmark sent the time and link to The Bulletin.

The JHNA met for nearly two hours with 50 people on the call, all of whom discovered 50 ways to say no.

Ranging from unfriendly to hostile as the meeting wore on, not one speaker had a good word. “Shoving this down our throats.”

“This is too big. You’re redefining our neighborhood.”

“This is not what I bought my house for.”

“You’ve addressed the concerns of the Arboretum but none of the concerns of the neighborhood.”

One caller demanded to know why Holland increased the unit count to 158 from 123. Holland replied that the addition of larger trees and the set back of the building “added significantly to the cost, \$2 million.”

“Oh so it’s just your bottom line,” the caller said.

Holland told The Bulletin on June 18 that the next step was a supplemental filing in with the Planning Department (submitted on June 24) and a second Article 80 meeting in August.

Holland said he was hoping for a Boston Planning and Development Agency Board vote in late August.

The Bulletin asked about the Poor Clare Sisters, who still own the property.

“The Sisters are waiting patiently, but it’s very stressful for them,” Holland said. “They’re settled but need help with their new monastery, an addition for more sisters. More rooms, a chapel. Elevators. Handicap accessibility, the sale of the monastery will pay for that. They’re stuck in this process.”

No one at the JHNA meeting asked about the Poor Clare Sisters, their neighbor for 90 years.

A Boston Planning-sponsored IAG meeting is scheduled for July 6.

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Around the Neighborhood

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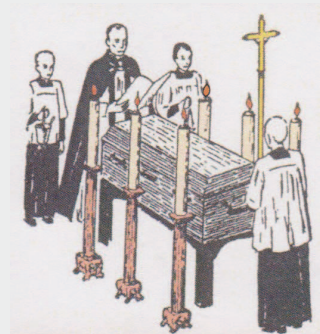
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Helen Peterson McCloskey
Soloist

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Benjamin became quite wealthy, and extended his property from Bellevue Hill to the Charles River. This was plenty of space for Susannah and their eight children. After his death, Benjamin's son, Joseph Henry Billings (1808-1874), took over the family business – J.H. Billings & Co., also known as the Billings Sheepskin Factory.

Joseph owned the land that is now Billings Field, which was filled with shrubs and fruit trees. A small creek deposited into present-day Billings Field, which extended from the Charles River. Multiple other Billings family members resided across the street. In July 1866, The Boston Transcript reported that a "gang of three men" stole \$2,500 worth of wool bales belonging to Joseph. Eleven wool bales were eventually recovered in South Boston.

Joseph had four children and died in 1874 due to a stroke. In 1879, the Boston Post ran an auction notice that stated: "In WR, corner of Centre and LaGrange streets, will be sold on premises, the old homestead of the late Joseph H. Billings, being a part of the well-known Billings farm, comprising a dwelling house containing 12 large rooms, a large barn containing 13 stalls w/ room for 10+ stalls." Joseph's homestead

spanned 250,000 square feet. The old sheepskin factory burned down in 1891.

Another notable member of the Billings family is Robert Charles Billings (1819-1899), grandson of Lemuel Billings. Robert graduated from Boston Latin School and then worked for Faulkner, Kimball & Co., a Boston dry goods and textile firm led by Thomas Tarbell and Charles Faulkner. After Tarbell's retirement, Robert received a one-quarter share in the business and remained a wool merchant for the rest of his life.

Robert left behind a great legacy. In his will, he left more than \$1.5 million in public gifts, benefiting institutions such as Harvard, M.I.T, the Boston Medical Library, Wellesley College, as well as support for schools/facilities serving the blind and elderly. Billings Hall at Wellesley College is named in his honor.

Many members of the Billings family were friends with Theodore Parker and active in the parish, especially Joseph. Inside Theodore Parker Church, the Sarah Weld Billings Dana Memorial Window, often called the "Guardian Angel," is the oldest Tiffany stained glass window in the church and was installed in 1893 by Dana's son. Benjamin, Joseph, and Robert

are discussed in a book about the Unitarian Church, titled "Some Recollections of the Pastors and People of the Second Church of Old Roxbury, West Roxbury," written by Charles Mackintosh in 1901. (It can be read here: bit.ly/4cUF88V) Robert left money for the Unitarian Church in his will.

Robert Billings created a perpetual trust for the maintenance of Westerly Burying Ground, where he is buried. Fifteen descendants of the Billings Family are interred at Westerly, which sits next to the old sheepskin factory site and is less than a block away from Billings Field.

Around 1899, the land now known as Billings Field was designated as a playground. In the early 1900s, it was named Billings Field after the Billings family (Source: Atlascope Boston). The greenspace where the Billings' sheep, cows, and horses once grazed is now used for basketball, tennis, baseball, pickleball, and more.

Present-day West Roxbury was settled as part of Roxbury in 1630. WR seceded from Roxbury in 1851, and was annexed by Boston in 1874. West Roxbury Main Streets (WRMS) celebrated WR's 175th Anniversary in May. For more information about the event, visit wrms.org/west-roxbury-175

Tune in next week for Part 2 of the Billings Family History.

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Ethos celebrates three years at West Roxbury Elks Senior center pilot going strong



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, District 6 City Councilor Ben Weber, District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepen, State Rep. Bill MacGregor and Ethos celebrated the third anniversary of the Senior Pilot Center at the Elks in West Roxbury last week. In just three years, the center has grown into a vibrant hub where older adults come together to learn, connect, and thrive.

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The morning atmosphere was celebratory but subdued in West Roxbury. Friends and family could be overheard sharing memories of Kilduff before the banner was unveiled.

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Kilduff died on May 23 at a fire in Dorchester. His last words were reportedly warnings to his fellow firefighters that the roof was about to give way.

Kilduff was an active member of the West Roxbury community, and family, friends and fellow firefighters shared his love of community during the dedication.

His two children, Hanna Jane and Mason Kilduff, spoke during the dedication ceremony.

"It's an honor to wear the same last name as his on my uniform," said Mason. "He really was the hero everyone says he is, and it's awesome to be surrounded by so many people who loved him almost as much as me, so America!"

"My dad loved living in West Roxbury so much, and it's just really beautiful that there is going to be a tribute to him here in Town, and we're really grateful to everybody who made this possible," said Hanna Jane.

District 10 Chief Steve Mitchell said the Greg Hill Foundation first reached out to the department and the city to get this done, and with the help of the West Roxbury Main Streets, the department was able to whip up the ceremony in a flash.

"I remember Bobby's first day in the fire house in 2003, and we've been friends ever since," he said. "The thing I remember about Bobby is he always made the difficult, very easy. He always took something very hard – any kind of incident – and just

made it relaxed. I remember a year ago we were here with a resident of West Roxbury stuck underneath the train – probably about three football fields away from here – and he was just calm as can be and professional as always."

Mitchell said he still talks to his friend.

"Just remember, when you walk by here and see the banner, don't be sad," he said. "I was talking to him the other day, praying. Don't be sad, he's doing good up there. He's on the Rescue, working with Mike Kennedy on it. Remember this is an amazing thing you guys put together. Thank you."

BFD Lt. Greg Kelly said he felt heartfelt thanks for the quick effort to get the banner up be-

fore July 4.

"I just want to say to the Greg Hill Foundation and the WRMS, on behalf of Rescue 2 and Engine 42 in Egleston Square, we just like to say we appreciate what you're doing here and we're happy to come out and support it," Kelly said. "Anything we can do to remember our brother BK, we're going to be all about that. Thank you to WRMS and the Greg Hill Foundation. Great work."

Resident Ken Martin, who is also a managing director at the Greg Hill Foundation, said he was walking down the street a couple of weeks ago seeing the Hero Banners and thought, "Why not one for BK?"

After that, the Greg Hill Foundation reached out to the

City of Boston and it came together very quickly.

"I wasn't expecting this many people, this is crazy," Martin said.

Greg Hill Foundation Executive Director Ashley Hanson said the Foundation has raised more than \$67,000 for the family so far, but she hopes more will come.

"We're hoping this can maybe jump up funds a little bit," she said. "We're just really honored to be here and be a part of it. We sponsored the banner, but these guys are the true heroes.

We're just happy to be the vessel that made it happen."

To donate to the family through the Greg Hill Foundation, which Hanson said has donated \$34 million to 10,000 people in the last 16 years, go to <https://gvimes.link/ghfkilduff>

There is also a GoFundMe for the family, which can be found at <https://gvimes.link/kilduffdonate>

The VFW Post 2902 Honor Guard attended and performed its services, led by Lord Mayor of West Roxbury and Post 2902 Commander Richie Gormley.

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Antonietta (Lavita), of Roslindale passed away on June 28, 2026. She was 87 years old.

Antonietta was born and raised

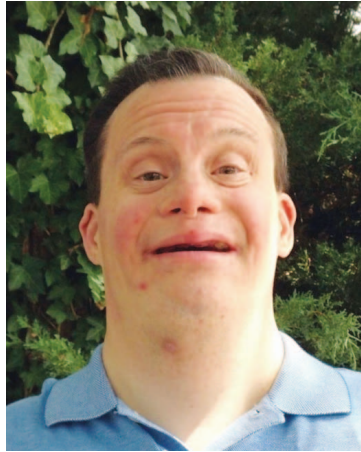
in Mirabella, Italy. She came to the U.S. in the 1960s and worked as a nurse's aide for many years while raising her three children. She was the dear and devoted wife of the late Carmine Barletta. Beloved "Ma" of John Barletta and his wife Brenda Blight of Litchfield, NH, Carmelina Barletta of Norwood, Pamela Cativera and her husband Jamey of Stoneham. Loving "Nonna" of Ariana Barletta-Giggi, Angelina Barletta, and Anthony Barletta. Dear sister of Joseph Lavita, and the late Carmine Lavita, Carmelina Fino, and Maria Lavita. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St., West Roxbury Thursday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Visiting hour at the funeral home Thursday 9:30-10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Antonietta's memory to Smile Train <https://www.smiletrain.org/> or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/>

Antonietta will be laid to rest with her beloved Carmine at St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury.

DEATHS

BEAUPRE



Gerald "Gerry" L. of West Roxbury passed away on June 25, 2026. He was 60 years old.

Born and raised in West Roxbury, Gerry worked for over 19 years as a bagger at Star Market on Spring St. In his spare time he enjoyed bowling at Ron's in Hyde Park, playing miniature golf, and watching old TV shows and game shows, especially the Three Stooges. He loved spaghetti and meatballs and spending time with his family.

Gerry was the loving son of the late George Beaupre Sr. and Audrey (Sprague) Beaupre. Dear brother of Gary Beaupre and his wife Joanne of Westwood, Lauren Fontaine and her husband Michael of Dartmouth, and the late George Beaupre Jr. and Noreena Beaupre. Dear uncle of George Beaupre III, Melissa Weeks, Jacqueline Beaupre and Andrea Denley.

Gerry's Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa of Avila Church in West Roxbury. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2026 from 4-7 p.m. at the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (at the corner of Centre St.) West Roxbury. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gerry's memory may be made to the Special Olympics at support.specialolympics.org.

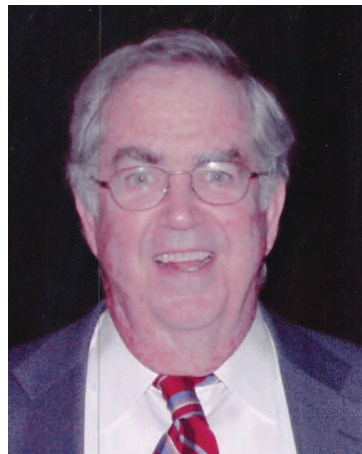
Gerry will be laid to rest with his parents at St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury.

CHALIFOUX



William G. of West Roxbury, formerly of Mission Hill, June 22, 2026. Beloved father of Teresa "Tess" Parks of Portland, ME. Loving brother of Jeanne Chalifoux, Linda Chalifoux, Diane Chalifoux-Judge, Christopher Chalifoux, James Chalifoux, Mary Chalifoux Conley, Richard Chalifoux, Rita Johnson, Denise Fine, and the late Joseph and Edward Chalifoux. Beloved son of the late Joseph O. and Rita (Schlosky) Chalifoux. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and aunts. Loving partner of the late Andrea Natsios, and former husband of Janet Jones. Visitation services provided by the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church), 1545 Tremont St. Mission Hill. Interment private. U.S. Air Force Veteran. William had a Masters Degree in Engineering. He loved to travel and antique shop with Andrea. He was an avid photographer.

DONLAN



Michael Francis "Mike" Donlan, of West Roxbury, a Boston attorney whose life's work joined the law to the cause of peace – in his city, in Ireland, and in the wider world – died peacefully on June 20, 2026, surrounded by his family and loved ones. He was 87.

Born in Boston on September 25, 1938, son of the late Edmond

John Donlan, a Massachusetts state representative and attorney, and Rosella Kenny Donlan, a school teacher, Mike was educated at the Randall G. Morris elementary school, St. Sebastian's Country Day School, and the College of the Holy Cross, where he graduated cum laude in 1960. He earned his law degree at Harvard Law School in 1966 and served in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve.

Over a professional career spanning more than five decades, much of it as a partner at the Boston firm of Rich, May, P.C., Mike practiced energy and corporate law and, in later years, advised on regional energy concerns for the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. He served as Vice Chairman of the Boston Redevelopment Authority and as a Trustee of the University of Massachusetts.

Mike's passion for Ireland – its people, its culture, and its literature – drew him into the quiet, patient work of peacemaking. Alongside Nobel Peace laureate John Hume and other Boston leaders, Mike helped found the Committee for a New Ireland and Boston-Derry Ventures, working behind the scenes in the long effort that would ultimately lead to the Good Friday Agreement. He brought the same conviction to the cause of nuclear disarmament as president of the Lawyers Alliance for World Security, working tirelessly to reduce the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

Mike is best known as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was the beloved husband of Susan Mulvanity Donlan, and the loving father of Maura Donlan of New York City; Michael "Mike" Donlan Jr. of Seattle, WA; Edmond "Ted" Donlan and his wife, Kirsty Boyd Donlan, of Wellesley, MA; and Catherine "Kate" Donlan of Falls Church, VA. He was the cherished grandfather of Liam, Ross, and Charlie, and the proud uncle of the late Charles "Chuck" Campion.

He is reunited in death with his parents, Edmond and Rosella, and his siblings, Edmond, Mary, Julie, and Herbert.

Visitation services provided by the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., West Roxbury. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury. Burial at Saint Joseph's Cemetery followed immediately after the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Ceres (<https://www.ceres.org/>), a Bos-

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they heard the celebratory sounds coming from the field. Hall said it meant a lot to him, because when he first came to Hyde Park, Ross Field was unofficially off limits for him.

"I grew up over there on Lewiston Street; my family came here in 1977 and I couldn't come to this park," he said. "I'd get stoned, harassed, spit on and kicked. So it's amazing to see this place so integrated and multicultural. That used to be a street hockey rink up top, and that was the gathering place for the local thugs. But the neighborhood has

changed. It's beautiful. I'm tickled seeing this now."

"We came down here to watch the softball game, actually, because we could see it from our house, but we saw this and it's just great to see the many community outlets out here being supported," said Scott.

"And when she sees vendors, she gets excited!" Hall added.

Residents Betty Magny, Bionca St. Fleur and Jennifer said they like the event, but hope that next year there will be a bigger crowd.

"I wish there were more people here, but it's a beautiful event," said Magny.

"There will be more for next year definitely," said Jennifer. "They have a lot of good vendors."

"It's good to get out and meet people out here in the community," said St. Fleur.

Resident Abner Gerome said he came out to support his daughter, who was DJing the event as TripleA.

"It's just beautiful here," he said. "People are coming out and supporting the cause. There are a lot of good vendors here. I got a good massage for my shoulders, so it's pretty nice here."

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KALAITZIDIS

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Pelagia (Papantoniadis) Kalaitzidis of West Roxbury, who passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 24, 2026. Beloved wife of the late George Kalaitzidis. Devoted mother of Pavlos Kalaitzidis of Greece, Kyriaki Kioroglou and her husband Dimitrios of West Roxbury, Konstantinos Kalaitzidis and his wife Polixeni of CA. Dear sister of the late Polixeni, Gregory, Stavros, and Maro. Loving grandmother of Helen and Pella Kioroglou, Betty Poulos and her husband Alex, George, Stathis, Katerina, Irene, Georgia, and Maria. Great grandmother of Niko, Gia, and Melina. Sister-in-law of Soula Papantoniadis of West Roxbury. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Born in Kria Vrisi, Greece, immigrated to the United States with her family in 1970 to begin a new chapter. Through hard work and deeply rooted Greek Orthodox faith, she built a life centered on love, family, and generosity.

She worked for many years as a seamstress, taking great pride in her craftsmanship. Outside of work, her greatest joy was caring for others. Her kitchen was the heart of her home, where she expressed her love through cooking, baking, and making sure no one ever left her table hungry. Whether family, friends, or someone visiting, everyone was welcomed with warmth, kindness, and a meal prepared with love. Her beautiful garden was always full of flowers and vegetables that she would share with everyone.

Above all else, Pelagia was the cherished matriarch of her family. She devoted her life to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, celebrating their accomplishments, comforting them through life's challenges, and teaching them the importance of family.

She leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish her memory and strive to honor the legacy she created. Though her presence will be deeply missed, the love she shared and the traditions she passed down will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

May her memory be eternal.

Visitation and funeral services provided by William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA.

Interment in the Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 601 Sherman Street, Canton, MA 02021. <https://hellenicnursingandrehabilitationcenter.org/support-our-mission/remembrance/>

KELLY



Nancy Theresa Kelly (Doherty), 92, longtime resident of

West Roxbury and East Harwich, formerly of Donegal Ireland died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on June 24, 2026. She was a devoted wife for 48 years to the late Daniel F. Kelly. Her loving parents were the late Michael and Ellen Doherty of Donegal Ireland. She is predeceased by her seven siblings Michael, Patrick, James, Kathleen, Mary, Evelyn and Rose.

She was the proud mother of seven children, Daniel and his wife Chris of Tampa, FL, Eileen M. Kelly and her wife Elizabeth Wales of Norwood, Michael and his wife Carol of Mansfield, Maureen Kent and her husband Kevin of Norwood, Patrick and his wife Judy of Norwood, Paul and his wife Marybeth of Mansfield, and Karen Nasson and her husband Jeff of Norwood. Loving and cherished grandmother to Sean, Shannon, Eric, Kristen, Jennifer, Sarah, Michaela, Amanda, Timothy, Marykate, Oliver, Jack, Emma, Patrick, Sam, Emily and Samantha and great grandmother to Olivia, Giuliana, Mike, Logan, Parker, David (Tripp), Danny, Amaya, Adrian, Quinn, and Nora. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Nancy was the heart of our family. Known lovingly as "Ma" she lived with a warmth, generosity, and grace that touched all who knew her. Her kindness was steady, her love unconditional, and her greatest joy was found in the simple, meaningful moments of everyday life, especially those spent with the family she cherished above all else. She found joy in life's simple moments, always putting her family first and making everyone feel loved. Nothing brought her more happiness than watching her family grow and celebrating every milestone.

Nancy cherished the many friendships she made throughout her life. Whether through her church community, the Irish groups that brought her so much joy, or her neighbors, she built lasting relationships grounded in laughter, loyalty, faith and love. Ireland held a special place in Nancy's heart, not only as part of her heritage, but as a source of family, memory, and belonging, especially through her deep connection to family in Donegal.

Nancy found her greatest peace at the Cape. She loved the beach, the fresh ocean air, her walks at Red River, and sitting on the swing at her beloved Cape house in East Harwich. She also loved keeping up with her family through her GrandPad, where she eagerly looked through photos and followed everyone's adventures.

Nancy was always beautifully put together and never without her purse, filled with her favorite powder, hair comb, and lipstick. These small details reflected the elegance, care, and pride she carried with her throughout her life.

Above all, Nancy leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, family, and devotion. She will be deeply missed by her children, her sons and daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family, and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her love and memory will remain in our hearts forever.

Visitation services provided by William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA. Funeral from the funeral home on Thursday, July 2 at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St. West Roxbury at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

NORDQUIST



Maria M. (Silva) "Melanie" Longtime resident of Brookline, passed away on June 22, 2026. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Norman Nordquist. Devoted mother of Lawrence Christian Nordquist and his wife Laurene of Norwood, Gregory Jose Nordquist and his wife Shannon of HI, and Alexandra Nordquist and her partner Michael LaManna of HI. Loving grandmother of DKN., Gabrielle Nordquist, Michaela Sickles, and Danielle Sickles. Sister of Lori Lake, Jane Tomeo, and Joseph Silva. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Melanie was born in the Azores Portugal, and moved to the U.S. when she was about six. She grew up in Somerville and graduated with a Business Degree from Burdette College. Melanie then married Lawrence "Larry" from Cape Cod and moved to Brookline where she has had her home for 53 years. Melanie worked for more than forty years in various roles with Architectural firms, first within Larry's company, and then as an administrative assistant to the president of a large local firm. She worked her way to vice president at the firm and president of the property management division of the same company. She traveled extensively both with family and by herself to foreign destinations out of a sense of curiosity and love for adventure. She was an avid reader and often read multiple books at once. Melanie always loved to entertain, setting a nice table and being the life of the party. She used to dress with care in designer clothes, get her hair and nails done frequently and generally presented herself elegantly. Melanie was fiercely loving and generous when it came to family.

Visitation services provided by the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. A private burial will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery, Brookline on Thursday, July 2nd at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Maria's memory to The Brain Aneurysm Foundation, 269 Hanover St. Hanover, MA 02339, www.bafound.org/

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O'CONNOR



Francis Michael "Red" "Franny" O'Connor of West Roxbury, formerly of Brighton, passed away on June 25, 2026. Beloved son of the late John J. and Dorothy M. (Woelfel) O'Connor. Devoted brother of Mary Ann Shea and her husband John of West Roxbury, Paul O'Connor and his wife Lorraine of Norwood, Christine O'Connor Downs and her late husband Carroll Downs of NH, the late Charles, John, and Robert O'Connor, and Margaret O'Leary. Dear nephew of Patricia Johnson of NH, Ann Faherty Sceles of Norton, and Judith Donahoe of Randolph. Loving godfather of Jaime O'Connor of Dedham. Brother-in-law of Linda, Carol, and

the late Deborah O'Connor. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Visiting in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury, on Tuesday, July 7th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 11:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend.

Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Franny may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org

SAGAN



Margie, 66, of Boston Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on June 27th surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Sep

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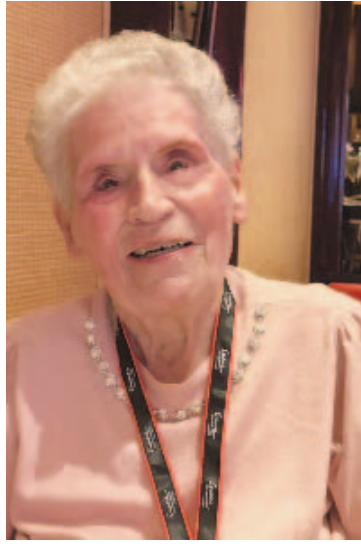
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tember 7th in Boston and spent her life as a loving sister and mother. Margie's passion for life always led her to the best of food, wine, travel, friends and music. She was known above all for infectious laughter, slightly complicated but lovable food and drink ordering style, refigting abilities, love of Cape Cod

and most of all the love she had for her daughter, Nicole. She is survived by her daughter, Nicole, her siblings Bud & his wife Kate, Pat & her husband Joe, and Barb and her late husband Al. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving parents Felix & Mary, her grandmother Catherine "Tootsie" and her great aunt Peg.

Visiting hours will be at The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. West Roxbury on Monday July 6th from 4-7 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday July 7th at Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St, Boston, MA 02132. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Alzheimer's Association, Dana Farber Cancer Institute or Care Dimensions.

SULLIVAN



Barbara M. (Matson) Sullivan of Woburn, formerly of Arlington, and Somerville passed away on June 23, 2026. Beloved wife of the

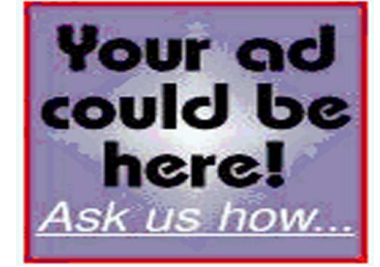
late Peter F. Sullivan. Devoted mother of Susan Rielly and her late husband Daniel of Salem, Carol Trant and her late husband Michael of Plymouth, Mark Sullivan and his wife Regina of Arlington. Dear sister of Mildred Wilks of NH. Loving grandmother of Caitlin Rielly, Michael and Joseph Trant, Kristyn Albright and her husband Samuel. Great grandmother of Jacob and Tara Albright.

Barbara was a lifetime member and instructor of the YMCA in Somerville. She was a lifelong fitness enthusiast and shortly before her passing, was still enjoying time on an exercise bike. She loved playing cards, bingo, scattergories and visiting the casino to play the slots. Just days before her passing she enjoyed dinner and games at Encore and happily took home her winnings. She never missed watching nightly The Wheel of Fortune

and Jeopardy.

Visitation and funeral services provided by William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Barbara may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 www.caredimensions.org or the Somerville YMCA, 101 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 www.somervilleymca.org



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Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
Suffolk Division
Docket No. SU26P1181PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405
In the matter of: Alyssa J. Bletzer Of: West Roxbury, MA
RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)
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
Amanda E. Bletzer-Taddeo of Billerica, MA
William F. Bletzer, Jr. of Bridgewater, MA
in the above captioned matter alleging that Alyssa J. Bletzer is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that:
Amanda E. Bletzer-Taddeo of Billerica, MA
William F. Bletzer, Jr. of Bridgewater, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this 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 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/16/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 22, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 07/02/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
DOCKET No. SU26P1195EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of: Emma H. Wood
Date of Death: 05/04/2026
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by
George J. Anastos of Natick, 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 J. Anastos of Natick, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 08/03/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 24, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 07/02/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
DOCKET NO. SU26P1227EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of: James R. Lopez
Also known as: James Robert Lopez
Date of Death: 02/11/2026
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
Jeremy L. Lopez of Spokane, WA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Jeremy L. Lopez of Spokane, WA
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 07/30/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 25, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 07/02/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
Docket No. SU26P1035GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of: Omolayo Soremekun Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
124 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 Omolayo Soremekun is in need of a Guardian and requesting that
Sara Vasquez of Fitchburg, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of 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 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/25/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 24, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 07/02/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
DOCKET No. SU26A0141AD
CITATION G.L. c. 210, §6
In the matter of:
Luis Manuel Pizarro Lanzo
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
To:
any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.
A Petition has been presented to said court by:
Miguel Angel Franco of Jamaica Plain, MA
Catherine Alexandra Franco of Jamaica Plain, MA
requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to:
Luis Manuel Franco Pizarro
If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person. An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Boston ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) on: 07/31/2026.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 26, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 6/25/2026, 7/2/2026, 7/9/2026

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