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October 2, 2025



The site at 275-279 Centre St. in Jamaica Plain will be razed for two new buildings.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

Plans filed for Phase 4 of Mildred Hailey Apartments

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The next phase of the transformation of 6.9 acres of Mildred Hailey Apartments at Jackson Square was released in a project notification form (PNF) on Sept 12.

But the phasing in the PNF seemed out of order: as Phase 1 is nearing completion visible from the Jackson Square T stop, phases 2 and 3 -already approved - appear to be skipped over to Phase 4.

Phase 4, developed like Phase 1 by The Community Builders (TCB), was approved by Reuban Kantor of the Boston Planning Depart-

ment on Aug. 14.

It will be two buildings, named 4a and 4b, and require the destruction of one building, 275-279 Centre St., a seven-story, 74-unit apartment house.

The destruction of one building and the construction of two buildings are the result of "following a review of the project and funding opportunities as well as discussion with the city. The project team determined it more appropriate to spread Phase 4 into two buildings in two phases."

Originally, Phase 4 was one, six-story building of 225 units; it is now a total of 179 apartments, however the Section 8 income-restricted units remain

the same at 78. The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) added clarification to The Bulletin on Sept. 23.

"There will be no loss of affordable units at Mildred Hailey including in Phase 4: 74 public housing units at 275-279 Centre will have 78 replacement units.

"We are not skipping 1a and 1b. [Phase 1] are nearing completion now and Phases 2 and 3 [built by JPND Urban Edge] will start within the coming year. Phase 2/3 demolition will happen in the coming months: new construction will begin upon financial closings

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The West Fairmount Neighborhood Association recently cut the ribbon on CPA improvements to Moynihan Playground, spearheaded by resident Nathanial Thomas, pictured holding the scissors.

PHOTO BY: MATT MACDONALD

WFH discusses neighborhood safety

BPD to hold Community CompStat meeting

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Monday, Sept. 29, the West Fairmount Hill Community Group (WFHCG) resumed its monthly meetings after a summer break during which it remained active - primarily in response to two tragedies that unfolded a few blocks from each other and less than four months apart.

The more recent of these - a mid-morning double shooting that resulted in one fatality - occurred on Faraday Street on Aug. 13. Jonathan Hernandez of 117 Faraday St. was arrested by responding police officers and was arraigned the next day in West Roxbury District Court.

During the police report, it was announced that the case is

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Dumplings unite the world

Dilani Yogaratnam
Staff Reporter

The main takeaway beyond the deliciously-packed doughy goodness of dumplings is the fact that almost all people, globally, love dumplings, or at least, something similar to a dumpling.

From Jamaica to China, each culture has their own spin on the hand-sized comfort food heated in water or oil that goes well with savory dipping sauces.

On the summer-like Saturday this past weekend, hundreds gathered at Adams Park in Roslindale's cultural heart to experience a wide array of vendors such as Matilda Empandas, Wild Fox Pierogi, Jamaica Mi Hungry and Shanti.

Dumplings Fest
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The second annual Roslindale Dumpling Festival saw huge crowds of hungry patrons at Adams Park in the Square last weekend.

PHOTO BY DILANI YOGARATNAM



The Westerly Buring Ground in West Roxbury predates the United States.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

Westerly Burying Grounds updated

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The year was 1683. This was 53 years after the City of Boston was founded, 48 years after Boston Latin School was established, and nearly a century before the United States declared its independence.

That year, Westerly Burying Ground was designated as West Roxbury’s local burying ground.

Nearly 350 years later, this historical plot of land rests peacefully between an apartment building and Trader Joe’s, enclosed by a stone wall with iron and vinyl fencing. Westerly Burying Ground received a Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant in 2022.

“In December 2022, we were awarded \$200,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, which significantly expanded the work we could undertake,” a spokesperson from the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) stated. The project began with design work in May 2022. Construction began in May 2024 when funding and approvals were finalized. Phase 1, which included wall, tomb, and fence repairs along with grading, was completed earlier this year. Phase two, gravestone conservation, is currently underway and 75 percent complete.

Work at the burying ground included repairs to sections of the stone perimeter wall, replacing a rusted chain-link fence with a new black vinyl fence, and restoring the ornamental front gate. In addition, cast-iron plot fences were repainted, and tomb doors and

roofs were repaired. Crews also re-graded areas around the tombs and fencing. There are many difficulties when restoring an old site like Westerly Burying Ground.

“Because there are no historic site drawings, plans, or records, we often had to uncover conditions as work progressed. For example, large sections of mortar in the perimeter wall needed full replacement rather than partial,” explained the BPRD staff. Marble headstones also present challenges because they are less durable than slate headstones. Many of them are fragile, broken into pieces, or have worn off inscriptions. Unlike the landscaped, park-like cemeteries that emerged in the 1800s, colonial-era graveyards were simple and unplanned. Graves and tombs are set irregularly without formal pathways.

New trees were planted at the site, along with updated signage. The signs highlight the history of the Westerly Burying Grounds, notable individuals/families buried there, and the symbolism carved into the gravestones. The signs were designed by Viamonte design, while the research and writing was done by Nancy Kelleher.

“Unlike Boston’s downtown burying grounds, Westerly doesn’t have as many nationally known figures, so its history is less well known. The new signage shares the stories of Revolutionary War veterans, early settlers, and West Roxbury families whose names still live on in local streets and parks—connecting visitors to the community’s history in a more meaningful way,” the spokesperson explained.

Westerly Burying Ground is the final resting place of many prominent West Roxbury families from the 1600s, 1700s, and 1800s. Some of the surnames may be familiar to community members — Draper, Billings, Weld, and more.

“There are 14 Draper family members, nine Lyons family members (Bellevue Street was first named Lyons Lane), nine Whitings, multiple Billings, and many others buried at Westerly Burying Ground,” explained Sandi Serkess, the director of the West Roxbury Historical Society (WRHS). “The most interesting little white headstone reads ‘Our Little Minnie.’ She is (assumed to be) Judson Chapin’s daughter, Mary Chapin. Mary was born in 1855 and died when she was nine months old.”

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City of Boston
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Virtual Public Meeting

OCT
20
6:00 PM
-
7:30 PM

4259 - 4267
WASHINGTON STREET

Register: bosplans.org/4259Washington-1020
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 888 5502



PROJECT PROPONENT: B'nai B'rith Housing

B'nai B'rith Housing (BBH), a regional nonprofit housing developer, proposes a new mixed-use, affordable senior housing development at 4259–4267 Washington Street in the Roslindale neighborhood of Boston. The project will create 41 units for seniors and older adults (age 55+), all of which will be affordable to households earning at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI). All units will contain one bedroom and one bathroom. The building will include a resident multi-purpose room, a fitness center, bike storage, management offices, shared laundry, a roof deck, and BBH’s resident service coordination. The ground floor will feature approximately 4,250 square feet of commercial space, which BBH intends to lease to the Thrift Shop of Boston, contingent upon the receipt of necessary funding from the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The site plan will include an outdoor courtyard space and improvements to the public realm along Washington Street.

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Close of Public Comment Period:
10/29/2025

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

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The Doyle Park in Hyde Park is finally starting construction this year, and the Belnel Neighborhood Association discussed the construction of a trail coming this spring.

COURTESY PHOTO

Wood Ave getting some TLC

Neponset Trail shaping up in HP

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Belnel Neighborhood Association (Belnel) met last week with residents in a virtual setting and discussed upcoming improvements to Wood Avenue with District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén.

The improvements come after 4-year-old Ivan Pierre was struck and killed on Wood Avenue in 2023. Since that time, debates have gone back and forth about road improvements on the street, including several

flex posts that were designed to help slow down traffic (though many times, they were struck and taken out by drivers).

Pepén said the design process has now started on a new round of safety improvements on Wood Avenue.

“As many of you may know, last year I was able to get \$2 million for safety improvements to Wood Avenue, because there has just been endless accidents,” he said. “Folks are speeding and not thinking about pedestrians.”

The city has a web page for

the improvements and recordings of past meetings. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/vuafnv8y> for more information. Pepén said they are continuing to meet with residents during the design process.

“My team had a walk-through with a few residents about two weeks ago now and we’re already starting to see some of the progress happening,” he said.

Pepén added that the city has implemented several other street improvements, including new crosswalks at all intersections at the Chittick School, repaving of the side streets in the

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In-Person Public Meeting

OCT 15

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING ZONING

LOCATION:
BCYF Roslindale
6 Cummins Highway, Boston, MA 02131


Join the Planning Department for a community discussion on residential zoning in Roslindale. Goals of Neighborhood Housing zoning:

- Simplify home upkeep and renovation
- Enable construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- Encourage infill housing production
- Provide zoning predictability

The first phase will update zoning in Roslindale, Hyde Park, and West Roxbury. For more information on the initiative, see: bostonplans.org/neighborhood-housing

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still being investigated by the Area E-18 homicide unit and by the District Attorney’s office.

“We have no further update on the shooting at this point,” Captain Joseph Boyle added in response to an inquiry from Marcia Kimm-Jackson, who was leading the meeting. “Hopefully, at some point, the DA’s office will come out with more information about what happened with that. We know how concerning that is to you and to the entire neighborhood, so we have been keeping additional patrols up there.”

Following up on that, Kimm-Jackson brought up nearby auto thefts and asked for comment regarding breaking and entering incidents that she had been monitoring. “I’m imagining that these are anomalies that are happening that – because they’re so close in proximity to our homes, and because they’re in the forefront, it does make it feel like it’s a thing,” she said.

E-18 Community Service Officer Matt Conley responded that both burglaries and violent crime are down from a year ago, and that the majority of auto thefts – which is the only district crime statistic that is not trending downward – were due to either key fobs left in cars, or to cars left running while unattended.

“We would be down much more if it wasn’t for those crimes of opportunity,” he explained.

Closely related to this, Sgt. Carolyn Ivens announced a Community CompStat meeting tentatively scheduled for late October at the Boston Police Academy (85 Williams Ave.) and will concentrate on the Fairmount Hill and West Fairmount Hill sections of Hyde Park.

CompStat is a management system used by police departments to statistically analyze crime data, and the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) oversees this for the BPD. The Community CompStat initiative is intended for the BPD to engage with neighborhoods regarding this analysis, and this meeting will be presented by BRIC, as well as E-18 detectives and officers.

To confirm the meeting date and time, call the District E-18 Police Station at 617-343-5600.

In addition to crime safety, traffic safety was also a discussion topic. This has long been an issue for West Fairmount Hill – with the long, straight slope of the Summit/Washington/Wakefield drag that cuts through it lending itself to speeding, and its residential density and regularly crossing side streets increasing the potential for accidents.

Since the death of Lens Arthur Joseph – the 5-year-old boy hit by a school bus on that stretch of road on his way home on April 28 – this has been brought to the fore by the WFHCG to address what happened and to advocate for bringing in some traffic safeguards to the area.

Speed bumps/humps were raised as a possible solution and District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén – in attendance for most of the meeting – noted that they are slated for the neighborhood, and that he has been pushing the Boston Transportation Department on moving up their installation.

Beyond raising these neighborhood issues, since Joseph’s death, the WFHCG has made notable efforts to bring the neighborhood together. These have included the holding of a community gathering after the Aug. 13 shooting, and Sept. 14 a block party to dedicate the newly renovated Moynihan Playground, during which Joseph and his family were honored, as were the efforts of West Fairmount Hill resident Nathaniel Thomas to bring the project to fruition.

Kimm-Jackson also mentioned plans for the rest of the year, including a West Fairmount Hill Clean-Up toward the end of October, a Turkey Giveaway before Thanksgiving, and a Holiday Celebration to close out 2025 – for all of which she said she’s has had difficulty finding volunteers.

At an earlier point, she got at the WFHCG’s deeper goals. “What we know to be true is that – unless people are engaged and involved and say what’s so for them – nothing really changes, and we are agents of change, and we have agency, and we ought to learn how to use our voices.”

For information about the WFHCG, visit <https://westfhcommunity.org>.

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The advent of autumn

Autumn brings out the best in New England. Those of us living in Boston might argue that the quint-essential New England town—in any season—might be Little Compton in Rhode Island or Woodstock in Vermont. We might argue that the best local roads to view at its most attractive might be Goddard Road in Brookline as it abuts Larz Anderson Park or a canopied Allandale Street in Jamaica Plain.

Now, in the winter of my life, I like to grab any poetry compendium at this time of year. I owe any appreciation of various bards to the Sisters of St. Joseph who in the 1950’s staffed Our Lady of Lourdes School in Jamaica Plain.

John Keats’ “To Autumn,” written in 1819 in England, is a tad difficult to understand. Author of “Two Roads Diverged in a Yellow Wood” focusing on decision-making, Robert Frost composed his very short “Nothing Gold Can Stay” in 1923, zeroing in on the sobering end of fall with its iambic trimeter:

*Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf’s a flower;
But only so an hour:
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay...*


James Whitcomb Riley’s “When the Frost Is on the Punkin [sic]” captures the beauty of the rural Indiana autumn (if one can understand the Hoosier dialect):

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder’s in the shock, And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin’ turkey cock, And the clackin’ of the guineys, and the cluckin’ of the hens, And the rooster’s hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence; O, it’s then’s the times a feller is a-feelin’ at his best, With the risin’ sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest, As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock, When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder’s in the shock..


In my mind the best capture of a New England autumn is a 1990 song by Cheryl Wheeler when she resided on Cuttyhunk Island. In “When Fall Comes to New England” she paints stirring visuals with her bewitching voice and guitar:

*When fall comes to
New England
The sun slants in so fine
And the air’s so clean
You can almost hear the grapes grow on the vine.
The nights are sharp
with starlight
And the days are
cool and clean
And in the blue sky overhead
The northern geese
fly south instead
And the leaves are
Irish Setter red
When fall comes
to New England...*

Listen to her: Autumn doesn’t get any better than this musical ode testifying to our local beauty. Enjoy your October.



My Kind of Town/



Honan Allston 5k

Bright Day hits the streets

The annual Honan Allston 5K kicked off the Allston Street Fair on Sunday morning with thousands coming in and out of the neighborhood to sample everything Rock City has to offer. The free event hits Harvard Avenue every year with live music, local vendors, an international food court, artists and more. Proceeds go to the Allston and Brighton communities and charities like the Music Drives Us Foundation. The day is headed by the Parents and Community Build Group and the Ringer Park Partnership Group, both nonprofit and volunteer organizations. Go to allstonvillagestreetfair.com for more information.

COURTESY PHOTO

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A plaque inside of the Billings/Dana crypt lists over 20 names.

The first person to be entombed at Westerly was Marriam Draper in 1694, born in Yorkshire, England. Mary Draper (1713-1810), the widow of Marriam’s grandson, aided Continental soldiers in the Revolutionary War by making clothes and bullets, while also feeding troops at her farm. She is honored and remembered for her service with a plaque and a fountain in the garden of the WR Library (the memorial used to be located on Centre St.) The Draper Pool and Draper Playground are also named after Mary.

Eight Revolutionary War veterans,15 Civil War veterans, and one WWI veteran are laid to rest at the burying ground. Sgt. James Herring is one of those Revolutionary War heroes. He served in the Roxbury Militia, which answered the Lexington Alarm (“The Regulars are coming!”) and fought near Lexington during the British retreat. He was interred at Westerly when he died in 1798.

Three centuries of New England grave art are displayed at Westerly Burying Ground. The new signage at Westerly provides the history behind the symbols. “The earliest motifs

show the influence of a group known as the Boston Carvers. The death’s head symbol, a stylized skull often depicted with wings and/or crossed bones, is among the earliest images found on Westerly Burying Ground markers. The graves of Marriam (d. 1694) and James Draper (d. 1697) bear this blank-eyed image,” the signage reads. By the late 1700s, grave art began using neoclassical imagery.

Americans began to take interest in classical democracy and culture in the 19th century. Because of this influence, obelisks, Roman columns, and pediments were widely used in cemeteries. Carved pieces of wheat appear on multiple headstones, which symbolize longevity and growth. One of the most memorable grave markers at Westerly stands at the Wiggin plot. A sculpted lamb lay on a tall stone, symbolizing innocence. Several young members of the Wiggin family died from scarlet fever and diphtheria in the mid-1800s.

From the 1600s until the mid-1800s, WR was part of the Town of Roxbury. Roxbury’s first burial ground was Eliot Burying Ground (near present-day Nubian Square), which was a long horseback ride for the early inhabitants of WR. In

1683, town selectmen voted to establish a closer burial site — Westerly Burying Ground. West Roxbury separated from Roxbury in 1851 and was annexed to the City of Boston 23 years later.

In the 1840s, residents petitioned to enlarge and enclose the burying ground. Around this time, it became known as ‘Westerly’ due to its location at the westerly end of Roxbury. Sometimes, fences were added to plot boundaries, but only one metal fence remains inside the grounds today. The other metal fencing was removed during WWII to provide materials for ships, airplanes and weapons.

On Google Reviews, one person rated Westerly Burying Ground four stars, stating: “Worth visiting to view the old headstones, quite a few of which pre-date the revolutionary war. I took off one star because a spirit followed me home and terrorized my roommate and me for a couple of days.”

The burying ground remained well-utilized into the late 1800s. The last burial took place in 1962. Westerly Burying Ground was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. To learn more about Boston’s historic burying grounds, visit <https://tinyurl.com/47nzmvsz>

Legals

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK PROBATE COURT

Suffolk, ss. Docket No. SU25E0142PP

To: Jung Ao Yuen of Allston in the County of Suffolk and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Jeanie Yuen, Personal Representative of the Estate of Philip Sui Yen of Brighton, in the County of Suffolk representing that he/she holds as tenants in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Allston in said County of Suffolk and briefly described as follows:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8 Guilford Street, Allston, Suffolk County, MA 02135
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon on the northerly side of Guilford Street in that part of Boston called Allston and being shown as Lot #10 on a plan made by W. A. Mason & Son, Surveyors, and dated April 6, 1885, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1682, Page 530, and further described and bounded as follows:

SOUTHERLY by said Guilford Street, as shown on said plan, forty-four and 90/100 (44.90) feet;
WESTERLY by Lots 11,12 and 13 as shown on said plan, one hundred five and 56/100 (105.56) feet;
NORTHERLY by Lot #16 on said plan, sixteen and 33/100 (16.33) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by Lot #17 on said plan, twenty-eight and 72/100 (28.72) feet;
EASTERLY by Lot #9 on said plan, eighty-five and 80/100 (85.80) feet.

Containing 4156.8 square feet, according to said plan.

For title, see Deed from Philip Sui Yuen to Philip Sui Yuen and Jung Ao Yuen, dated June 2, 2009, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 45041, Page 54; and Deed from Kai H. Yuen to Philip Sui Yuen and Jung Ao Yuen, dated June 19, 2009, and recorded with said Deeds at Book 45130, Page 89.

Setting forth that he/she desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or its prevailing market value and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the 7th day of October, 2025, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Janine D. Rivers, Esquire,
First Justice of said Court
this 25th day of August, 2025.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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Should I Claim Social Security Early Because it is Going Bankrupt?

Dear Rusty: My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately. Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible?

Signed: *Uncertain what to do*



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Uncertain: Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a “cash basis” (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone’s benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security, and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foun-

dation, we are confident that Congress will soon address Social Security’s future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt. That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation, considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one’s SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test (AET) will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision, and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security “not being there” soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need, and marital status.

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Thousands sampled nearly every type of dumpling imaginable last Saturday.

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You might not think Indian cuisine, like that served at Shanti, equates to dumplings, but Jebin Tuladhor, operations manager for Shanti, explained samosas are dumpling-like. Technically, any hot filling encased in a dough-like shape could be considered a dumpling. For their second year in the festival, Shanti offered up momos, an Indian street food which is closer to a typical dumpling and usually comes with a spicy red chutney.

Last year’s debut of the dumpling festival asked patrons to prepay for their tickets. Unfortunately, too many people simply arrived for the event and the vendors were not prepared for the massive crowds they would need to feed. A bartender at nearby Napper Tandy’s even admitted that vendors were asking to use his fryolator and while he sympathized, health codes prevented him from intervening.

“We learned a lot from last year,” Steven Marcelin, event manager for Roslindale Village Main Street RVMS said. Patrons paid vendors directly and were encouraged to donate \$5 for the festive experience. “This year, we are confident and excited to share different forms of dumplings from empanadas to steamed buns. All cultures mesh.”

Marcelin said his favorite

foods were the Jamaican beef patties and anything from Mei Mei’s.

Adam Dziki, representing Wild Fox, a Polish/Portuguese pierogi company appearing at farmers markets and pop ups, also has a restaurant Fox Den where patrons can enjoy dumplings hot and fresh in a cozy bar atmosphere. Sheri Boyce, who is a patron of Fox Den, and volunteers for Wild Fox said she felt so at home at Fox Den she even got married there simply to enjoy the pierogi. What distinguishes Wild Fox is their emphasis on the fillings, i.e. spicy sausage, which, according to Dziki, tastes just like Fenway Park.

“Dumplings are a subset of food.... It’s a great way to bridge multiple cultures: bao, pan-fried, pierogi. They’re different, but everyone has a touch point.”

The four main pierogis of Wild Fox are: potato cheddar scallion, mushroom marsala (Boyce’s favorite), jerk chicken, and spicy sausage.

“Polish food is going through a renaissance and the dumplings help tie together the through-line of the dumplings cross cultures,” Boyce said.

Boyce recalled an experience at a Korean restaurant where her “face was on fire” from the spicy dumplings served in a bubbling hot pot,

but she couldn’t put her chopsticks down.

As for the mostly Gen Z crowd, many waited eagerly in line, playing on their phones, while viewing the many vendors almost sweating over pots, eager to satiate the masses who came by spontaneously or saw the event on Tik Tok.

Ty W. and Emari Scott saw a video on Tik Tok and a friend’s recommendation drew them in and said the event delivered. Yvonne C. said, “We saw the sign and had to stop.” She said she attended the farmers market prior to the festival and stuck around. Originally from Roslindale, she came to support her hometown while enjoying dumplings from Mei Mei though she said, “I love all dumplings.”

Elpida P. of Brookline simply said of herself and family, “We love good food.” Adam C. of Roslindale said he came for the moms at Shanti while his friend Tyler C. of Jamaica Plain said he loves dumplings and called them his ideal food type.

Representing his father’s company, Jamaica Mi Hungry, Skylar Campbell said their food truck, which sells a wide variety of foods, has done business in Roslindale for years. His favorite item is oxtail with rice and beans or sweet plantains.

“Being in Roslindale today feels like a full-circle moment. It’s very nostalgic.” The event is also more exposure for his company. Once in Jamaica Plain, Jamaica Mi Hungry moved its location near South Station.

The entire day would make anyone hungry, and while the majority of people stayed near the vendors eating their dumplings while standing, families took advantage of the many picnic tables and Adirondack chairs in a quiet corner of the park.

For more information on RVMS upcoming events visit roslindale.net.



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School	City/Town	Ages (Grades)	Open House(s)	Website
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Atrium School	Watertown	4–14y (PK–8)	9/25, 7–8:00 p.m. (virtual), 10/19, 10 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	atrium.org
The Rivers School	Weston	11–18y (6–12)	9/28, 12–2:00 p.m. (US), 3–5:00 p.m. (MS); 11/20, 6–8 p.m.	rivers.org
Boston University Academy	Boston	13–18y (9–12)	9/28, 12:30–2:30 p.m. and 12/2, 6:30–8:30 p.m.	buacademy.org
Riverbend School	S. Natick	18 mo–14y (tod–8)	10/4, (toddler–preK) 11 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 12/11, (k-8th) 6:30–8:30 p.m.	riverbendschool.org
The Roxbury Latin School	West Roxbury	12–18y (boys 7–12)	10/4, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 11/2, 12–4 p.m.	roxburylatin.org
Commonwealth School	Boston	14–18y (9–12)	10/6, 6:30–8:30 p.m. and 11/16, 2:30–4:30 p.m. (both virtual)	commschool.org
The Learning Project	Boston	5–12y (K–6)	10/9, 11/13, 12/11 and 1/8 8:30–10:30 a.m. 11/1 9–11:00 a.m.	learningproject.org
St. Sebastian’s School	Needham	12–18y (boys 7–12)	10/9, 5:30 p.m. and 11/18, 5:30 p.m.	stsebs.org
Thacher Montessori School	Milton	18 mo–14y (tod–8)	10/9, 6–7 p.m. (virtual) and 12/10, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. at Thatcher (RSVP)	thacherschool.org
The Woodward School	Quincy	10–18y (girls 6–12)	10/9, 6–8:00 p.m. and 12/6, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	woodwardschool.org
The Winsor School	Boston	10–18y (girls 5–12)	10/15, (LS) 6:30 p.m., (US) 7:30 p.m. (both virtual)	winsor.edu
Beaver Country Day School	Chestnut Hill	11–18y (6–12)	10/16 and 11/6, 6:30–8:30 p.m.	bcdschool.org
The Fessenden School	West Newton	4–15y (boys PK–9)	10/16, 8:30–10:30 a.m. and 11/20, 8:30–10:30 a.m.	fessenden.org
Pingree School	S. Hamilton	14–18y (9–12)	10/18, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.	pingree.org
Boston Trinity Academy	Boston	10–18y (6–12)	10/18, 12–2 p.m. and 11/18, 6–8 p.m.	bostontrinity.org
Noble and Greenough School	Dedham	11–18y (7–12)	10/18, 8:30–11:30 a.m. (MS) and 10/25, 8:30–11:30 a.m. (US)	nobles.edu
Concord Academy	Concord	13–19y (9–12)	10/18, 9 a.m.	concordacademy.org
Dexter Southfield	Brookline	4–18y (PK–12)	10/18, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (PreK–5) and 11/15, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (grades 6–12)	dextersouthfield.org
Thayer Academy	Braintree	10–18 y (5–12)	10/18, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (US) and 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. (MS)	thayer.org
Montrose School	Medfield	11–18y (girls 6–12)	10/19, 1–3:30 p.m. and 11/12, 6–8:30 p.m.	montroseschool.org
Brimmer and May School	Chestnut Hill	4–18y (PK–12)	10/19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.	brimmer.org
Belmont Day School	Belmont	4–14y (PK–8)	10/19, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (in person) and 11/15, 9–10:30 a.m. (virtual)	belmontday.org
Park Street School	Boston	2–12y (tod–6)	10/20, 6–8:00 p.m. and 11/5, 9–11:00 a.m.	parkstreetschool.org
Dedham Country Day School	Dedham	4–14y (PK–8)	10/24 and 11/6, 8:30–10:30 a.m.	dedhamcountryday.org
Meadowbrook School	Weston	4–14y (Jr. K–8)	10/24, 2:00 p.m. (LS), 10/28, 9:30 a.m. (MS)	meadowbrook-ma.org
Falmouth Academy	Falmouth	12–18y (7–12)	10/25 and 1/24, 9:30–11:30 a.m.	falmouthacademy.org
German International School	Boston	3–18y (PS–12)	10/25 and 11/22, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (Preschool - Grade 3)	gisbos.org
Fayerweather Street School	Cambridge	3–14y (PK–8)	10/25, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.	fayerweather.org
The Cambridge School of Weston	Weston	14–19y (9–12)	10/25, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.	csw.org
Waring School	Beverly	11–18y (6–12)	10/25, 9–11:30 a.m. and 11/11, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	waringschool.org
The Chestnut Hill School	Chestnut Hill	3–12y (PS–6)	10/26, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.	tchs.org
Ursuline Academy	Dedham	12–18y (girls 7–12)	10/26, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. and 12/4, 6–8 p.m.	ursulineacademy.net
The Newman School	Boston	12–19y (7–12)	10/26, 9–11:30 a.m. (MS) and 12:30–3:00 p.m. (US)	newmanboston.org
Kingsley Montessori School	Boston	2–12y (tod–6)	10/30 and 11/19, 8:30 a.m.	kingsley.org
Dana Hall School	Wellesley	10–18y (girls 5–12)	11/1, 1–3:30 p.m. and 1/8, 5:30–7:00 p.m.	danahall.org
Tenacre Country Day School	Wellesley	4–12y (PK–6)	11/1, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 11/20, 7–8:15 p.m.	tenacrecds.org
International School of Boston	Cambridge	2–18y (PS–12)	11/1, 10–12 p.m. (all school in person) & 11/13, 1–2p.m. (virtual)	isbos.org
Milton Academy LS and MS	Milton	5–14y (K–8)	11/1, 2–4 p.m. (LS and MS)	milton.edu
Fay School	Southborough	5–15y (K–9)	11/2, 1–3 p.m.	fayschool.org
Newton Country Day School	Newton	10–18y (girls 5–12)	11/2, 1–3:00 p.m.	newtoncountryday.org
Shady Hill School	Cambridge	4–14y (PK–8)	11/2, 1–3:00 p.m. (all school) and 11/20 5:30–7:00 p.m. (MS)	shs.org
The Park School	Brookline	4–14y (PK–8)	11/2, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	parkschool.org
Lesley Ellis School	Arlington	2–9–14y (PS–8)	11/2, 2–4 p.m. (all school) and 11/18, 7–8 p.m. (MS)	lesleyellis.org
Jackson Walnut Park School	Newton	18 mo–12y (tod–6)	11/6, 9–11:30 a.m. and 12/9, 6:30–8:00 p.m.	jwpschools.org
The Fenn School	Concord	9–15y (boys 4–9)	11/16, 10 a.m.	fenn.org
The Rashi School	Dedham	4–14y (PK–8)	2/4, 6 p.m.	rashi.org

Visit school websites for details.

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within the next years.” The site, at 960-964 Parker Street, in the Phase 2/3 area, “is currently vacant and we may be able to start demolition on that building a bit sooner than the other two in Phase 2/3 in a matter of months.

“Residents currently living at 275-279 Centre St. will be relocated (just as at 265-267 Centre and 50 52 Lamartine for Phase 2/3 will be),” Boston Planning wrote. “We have many new apartments coming on line in the brand new 2 and 6 Lamartine St. (building) and we expect many residents will opt to move to one of those new buildings... all households that need to be relocated will ultimately be offered newly constructed apartments at the Hailey redevelopment.”

TCB added more clarification on Sept. 24, confirming the reduction of units from 225 to 179. “In light of current constraints on affordable housing funding, we were directed [by the City] to reconfigure design from a single donut-shaped building into two smaller buildings, inevitably with multiple buildings efficiency lost and the total unit decreased. The Boston Housing Authority is responsible for demolishing [275-279 Centre St.] before TCB begins construction. The BHA is seeking Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) [one of the three Centre Street Partners] to manage demolition ... which could occur in 2026 [depending in part] on the relocation consultant leading the relocation process for residents currently living at 275 279 Centre.

“Since 2021 [when the Centre Street Partners master plan was approved] interest rates and construction costs have gone up significantly. Therefore it is more costly to build, and more expensive to borrow funds and therefore more subsidy is needed to cover those costs. Operating costs (insurance, utility costs etc.) have gone up and the limited rent

that affordable housing owners receive needs to cover more operating costs leaving less to cover long-term debt.

“Affordable housing subsidies have not kept up with these increases in costs. Therefore, funding for affordable housing is more scarce, competitive and more constrained.”

These changes - and the reasons for them - were reviewed with the Mildred Hailey Tenants Task Force on Aug. 14.

Designed by Prellwitz Chillinski Architects (who also designed Phase 1), 4a and 4b will be two L-shaped buildings, the two angles of which will create a shaded interior courtyard.

To provide “architectural variety,” the two buildings will be of different heights. Building 4a “nestled deeper within the neighborhood [nearest the Julia Martin House]” will be five stories with 67 units. It will include the management office and community room.

Building 4b “rises to seven stories along the active Centre Street corridor” with 112 units. The building 4b will have ground floor retail spaces.

There will be 64 at-grade parking spaces (reduced from the original below-grade 95 spaces) with the entrance on the west side nearest Julia Martin House.

The buildings will be built in phases.

The 4a building at the rear of the square lot is proposed to begin in mid 2027 and be completed in late 2029; 4b facing Centre Street is proposed to begin in late 2029 and be completed in 2031.

In the two years constructing Buildings 4a, the 4b space on Centre Street will be fenced off.

The two Phase 4 buildings are in many ways duplicates of Phase 1: square boxes with facades broken up in a variety of verticals and boxes with windows.

Overlapping rectangular boxes with vertical strips try to add interest to the façade as the PNF explains to “reinforce the pedestrian and neighborhood context: brick at the lower floors, metal panels for the upper levels and clapboard on interior facing elevations.”

The PNF tries to make the best of the design. “Chamfered corners are used to enhance the public realm. Additional chamfers will improve day lighting and spatial openness between buildings.”

A Boston Planning project manager has been assigned to what it calls 270 Centre Street and the PNF comment period will end on Oct. 14.

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BIOPHILLIA AT THE ROSLINDALE LIBRARY

Biophilia: The innate affinity of Human beings with the natural world. Group show at the Gallery of the Roslindale Library, through Oct. 31st. and there will be a Reception with Artists Talk on Thursday, October 9, 5-7 4246 Washington Street, (corner of Washington and Poplar) Roslindale.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR MAYOR’S CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department today announced that registration is open for the 2025 Mayor’s Cup Soccer Tournament and Festival, returning to Moakley Park in South Boston this November. The tournament will take place on Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9.

Young athletes from across Boston will compete for the title

of “Boston’s Best” in both competitive and recreational divisions. Teams must register by Friday, October 17, with final rosters due by Friday, October 31.

Tournament play will be organized into two divisions. The Premier League Division (Competitive) will feature 7v7 play with a maximum roster size of 12, including Grades 3/4, Grades 5/6 , and Grades 7/8 teams for both boys and girls. The EFL Division (Recreational) will also feature 7v7 play with a maximum roster size of 12 and will include Grades 3/4, Grades 5/6 , and Grades 7/8 teams for both boys and girls. Teams are required to provide their own uniforms. All participants will receive exclusive Mayor’s Cup swag.

New this year, the 2025 Mayor’s Cup will debut the Challenger Division, reflecting Boston’s commitment to inclusive and accessible youth sports. In partnership with the Boys & Girls

Club of Dorchester, the Challenger Division will expand opportunities for children with disabilities to join the tournament. Games will be played on Saturday, November 8 at Moakley Park, and families, friends, and community members are encouraged to come cheer on the athletes.


The Mayor’s Cup Soccer Tournament is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, please contact Woodley Auguste at (617) 961-3084 or woodley.auguste@boston.gov.

Learn more and register for the 2025 Mayor’s Cup Soccer Tournament at boston.gov/parks-sports. To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks visit boston.gov/parks, call (617) 635-4505, join our email list, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and @parks.boston.gov on Bluesky.

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MEET AND GREET WITH HENRY SANTANA

Jamaica Plain Community Centers Adult Learning Program (JPCCALP) Is Hosting a Community Meet & Greet Featuring City Councilor at large, Henry Santana and other Community Advocates.

The Jamaica Plain Community Centers Adult Learning Program is inviting community members, local leaders, partner organizations and residents to a Community Meet & Greet on Friday, October 24, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the JPCCALP offices at the Curtis Hall Community Center, 20 South Street, Jamaica Plain.

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Vincent J. “Vinny” of Roslindale, formerly of Mission Hill, passed away on September 23, 2025. Beloved husband of Susan M. (Veglia) Cieri. Devoted son of Mary “Maureen” (Collins) Cieri of Mission Hill and the late Vincent J. Cieri. Loving father of Ashleigh Cieri and her husband Ian Moulton

of Westminster, Vincent J. Cieri, III, and Joseph Cieri, both of Roslindale. Dear brother of the late Michelle Cieri. Grandfather of Juliette Montanez. Godson and nephew of Elizabeth “Betty” Luna of Mission Hill. Nephew of Ellen Reilly of Canton, Virginia Miraglia of Wilmington, the late Margaret “Pat” Sheehan, Karen, and Elaine Cieri. Uncle of Nicole Cieri. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Vinny was born in Mission Hill on November 17th, 1968. He later met Susie in 1986 and got married on October 4th, 1992. They went on to have three children together, who he was very proud of. Vinny loved Mission Hill and was proud of where he came from. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Vinny spent a lot of time with his mother and Aunt. He enjoyed playing with his granddaughter and was proud to be called Papa. Vinny enjoyed going

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to Cape Cod with family and visiting his favorite candy store and sitting at Captain Parker’s. He loved getting pizza any chance he could get. Some of his hobbies included looking at vintage cars, riding his motorcycle, and going fishing. He also enjoyed music and reminiscing on “the good old days”. Vinny was taken too soon and will truly be missed by all who loved him. Although Vinny is gone, he will live in our hearts forever. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury on Thursday, October 2nd at 8:30am, followed by a Funeral Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help “Mission Church” at 10:00am Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment Private.



Robert R., age 87, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on September 21, 2025. “Bert” was preceded in death by his dear parents, Beatrice and Arthur Smith; as well as his brother, Arthur, Jr. He is survived by his brother, Dennis Smith and his wife, Susan Oliverio; as well as his sister-in-law, Pamela Smith. He was a beloved “Uncle Bobby” to many loving nieces and nephews; and affectionately known as “Lolo Bob” to Shiela Perez and her daughter, Sabina. He was also preceded in death by his longtime friend and companion, Beverly Moss. Bert had many loving friends through his career. He had fond

memories from his role as Regional Director of the Peace Corp in the Philippines. Subsequently, he served for over forty years in the court system of Massachusetts, as a clinical psychologist/forensic psychologist. He spent a significant portion of that time at the Stoughton District Court. Bert graduated from Suffolk University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, received master’s degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Boston College and McGill University, and a Doctorate in Counseling from the University of New Mexico. When he was not working, Bert loved to go to the racetrack. He also enjoyed going out to eat. He will forever be remembered at his favorite breakfast restaurant, “The Grille and Eye,” in Weymouth, where he is known for his custom-made omelette breakfast, which came to be called “The Bert Special.” Bert was adventurous and very spiritual. He made frequent pilgrimages to Lourdes and Medjugorje, the most recent trip taken at the age of 85. Visiting Hours for Robert will be held on Friday, October 3, from 9 am to 11 am, at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 am, at St. Mary of the Hills, 29 St. Mary’s Rd., Milton. Interment in Milton Cemetery. For guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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This event is a celebration of community connection, adult education, and the power of lifelong learning. Guests will have the opportunity to hear directly from leaders and learners shaping the future of education in Jamaica Plain and beyond.

Featured Speakers Include City Councilor at large, Henry Santana, Kerry Costello, Chairperson of the JPCCALP Board of Directors, Dr. Joyce Henderson, Director of JPCCALP, former JPCCALP Students.

This event is open to all and designed to foster collaboration among individuals and organizations passionate about advancing education, equity, and economic opportunity.

WEST ROXBURY FRIENDS OF ROSIE’S PLACE HARVEST BRUNCH

The West Roxbury Friend’s of Rosie’s Place invite you to its Annual Harvest Brunch and Raffle on Sunday, November 2nd from 10:00-12:00 noon. Join us for a festive brunch to raise money for Rosie’s Place, a multi-service center that offers women emergency shelter and meals and so much more, the Rosie’s Place food pantry, and the Roslindale Food Pantry. It will be held at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury. Gift certificates and items from your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled off.

Join the fun and connect with your friends over brunch while helping neighbors in need. Admission is \$25.00. You may pay at the door, by check to WRFORP, PO Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or by credit card on our website westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org. If you need additional information, please call 617-529 9229.

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

HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING COMMUNITY MEETING

Hyde Park Community Center, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park MA 02136 Join the Planning Department for a community discussion on residential zoning in Hyde Park. Goals of Neighborhood Housing zoning: Simplify home upkeep and renovation - Enable construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

- Encourage infill housing production - Provide zoning predictability.

The first phase will update zoning in Roslindale, Hyde Park, and West Roxbury.

AQUARIUM OFFERING DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES

Special ticket prices available every Tuesday. This fall, the New England Aquarium is offering discounted admission for homeschooling families to learn about the wonders of the ocean.

Every Tuesday through December 23, homeschool families have access to special ticket prices: \$12 for children and \$21 for adults. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Aquarium’s Reservations Department at 617-973-5206 daily between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. More information is available on neaq.org.

Included in admission, the Aquarium offers a variety of programs, presentations, and feedings each day.

The Aquarium also has a host of fun and educational activities on its website that can engage young learners before or after a trip to the Aquarium. The activities help visitors explore the Aquarium more deeply, encourage content learning, and improve science skills as well as support math and literacy development.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Mother Brook Arts and Community Center is pleased to announce a call to artists for the Winter Open Studios Small Works Sale. We are looking for big talent with small works - submit to a curated show of mini masterpieces.

* Theme: Unthemed * Specifications: Under 24"x24"x24" and priced under \$500 * Disciplines: All 2D & 3D arts are welcome. * Eligibility: Open to New England artists 18+ years of all levels and experience levels. We especially encourage artists from BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other under-served communities to apply. * Application Deadline: November 3, 2025 * Submission Method: Complete the submission form here * Drop-off Date: November 15 & 17; Pickup Date: January 10. * Exhibition Dates: December 4 – January 9 * Opening Reception: December 4

Proceeds from the exhibition support Mother Brook Arts and

Community Center. Questions? Contact Donna Pioli at openstudios@motherbrook.org

UPCOMING EVENT AT HALE

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WRCIA MEETING RESCHEDULED

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

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MENINO ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES “36TH HPAA MEMBERS AT SCOLLAY SQUARE”

The Menino Arts Center proudly announces “36th Annual HPAA Members at Scollay Square”, a juried exhibition which runs thru October 24th. The exhibition will be viewable both in person at the Scollay Square Gallery, Boston City Hall and in a virtual 3D gallery that you can stroll through at http://www.hpaa-mac.org/exhibits/.

This exhibition will be installed at the Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Ave, Hyde Park, MA. from November 10, 2025 – January 9, 2026. The reception is TBA.

Gallery hours at Scollay Square are during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. Gallery hours at the MAC are Wednesdays, 1 – 4 pm; and Thursdays and Fridays, 10 am – 4 pm.

The exhibition features 47 Hyde Park Art Association Members’ artworks and is curated by Mariana Rey of Boston City Hall Galleries and Sasja Lucas of the Menino Arts Center (https://www.sasjalucas.com).

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU25C0389CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

In the matter of: Katherine Walsh Herlihy

A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Katherine Walsh Herlihy of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Katherine Walsh Cahillane**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 10/16/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court
Date: August 14, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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neighborhood and the playground was also recently renovated at the Chittick.
Boston Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Hyde Park Liaison Zoe Petty added that she has been meeting with school parents and faculty about road safety issues at the Renaissance School, the New Mission High School, Another Course to College and more.
“We’re also making sure our schools are good,” she said.
Belnel Chair Helena Tonge also discussed upcoming improvements to the Neponset Greenway Trail and park system. The full trail is slated to stretch from Fowl Meadow in Hyde Park along the Neponset River up to Dorchester and Quincy.

Tonge said construction will start soon on a section of the trail from about Kennedy Playground in Mattapan down to Osceola Street in Hyde Park, where it will cross the Neponset to Milton and the Neponset Esplanade Park. Tonge said crucially, this is to give the neighborhood access to the trail along the river, as well as give access to the Esplanade Park from across the river, whenever the bridge gets built.
“No cars will be able to access this area, and so I don’t want neighbors to have concerns,” she said. “Phase 2 of this project is including

a bridge at Osceola Street, and that’s not slated to begin anytime soon. But the trail is getting built in the spring of 2026 and we’re looking forward to this walking and biking trail.”

Tonge said there will also be other amenities in the area, including a canoe launch near the Kennedy Playground.
Tonge, Petty and Boston Planning Department Community Engagement Manager Kenya Beaman also brought up an upcoming Neighborhood Zoning meeting for Hyde Park on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Hyde Park Community Center at 1179 River St.

Beaman said this is a separate initiative to Squares + Streets, which has been approved for Roslindale but the Hyde Park iteration is still up in the air.

“This meeting is to talk about housing and residential zoning in Hyde Park and I would encourage everyone to go if you can,” she said.

For more information on the meeting, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3vec4u69>

Roslindale and West Roxbury are also having similar meetings.

Resident Michelle Pierre-Vilmont also said that the Hyde Park Food Pantry is still taking place every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at 713 River St.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET NO. SU25P2165EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Jacqueline Augusta Maloney
Also known as: Jaqueline Maloney;
Jaqueline A. Maloney
Date of Death: 03/28/2025

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 **Jessie Lee Scott, III of Pawtucket, RI** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Jessie Lee Scott, III of Pawtucket, RI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/03/2025. 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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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: September 22, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 10/02/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU25P2215EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Priscilla E. Cullen
Date of Death: 10/09/2022

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 **Patricia E. Parker of Melrose, 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:

Patricia E. Parker of Melrose, 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 10/31/2025. 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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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court
Date: September 26, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 10/02/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU15P2437GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

In the Interests of:
Michaela E. Stringfellow
Of: Hyde Park, MA

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 **Lisa L. Stringfellow of Hyde Park, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding.

If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/07/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to this 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 a 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, Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court
Date: September 09, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 10/02/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket: No. SU24P2050

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE CONSERVATOR - MAINTENANCE

In the matter of: Patricia Larkin
Of: West Roxbury, MA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by the Conservator **Jonathan Davey, Esq. of Quincy, MA** In the above captioned matter praying for license to sell at - private sale - certain real estate situated in Boston, MA 02130 in the County of Suffolk for her maintenance.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 10/16/2025. This 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.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court
Date: September 8, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/02/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. SU25C0531CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

In the matter of:
Ashley Brooke Scheffler

A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Ashley Brooke Scheffler of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Ashley Scheffler Lasinsky**

Any person may appear for purposes objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 10/23/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 19, 2025
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