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Kathleen Onufer responds to a question at the Neighborhood Housing meeting for Hyde Park. More such meetings are planned through the fall.

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HP Neighborhood Housing goes in-person Meeting goes smoothly

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On July 23, the Boston Planning Department held an in-person meeting regarding its Neighborhood Housing zoning initiative for Hyde Park – in progress since early 2024 and now in its draft map review stage for the neighborhood, as well as for Roslindale and West Roxbury. Along with Squares +

Streets, Neighborhood Housing is one of two major – and separate, though related – zoning initiatives playing out over approximately the same period of time. While both have citywide objectives, the former is focused on the rezoning of neighborhood business districts to allow for residential development as a greatly increased portion of those areas’ mixed-use categories, and the latter is concentrating on rezoning neigh-

borhood residential areas.

With Neighborhood Housing, the Planning Department’s goal is to create and map new residential zoning districts that are designed to bring the existing properties within them into compliance. The vast majority of the city’s residential housing stock is relatively old and out of line with the city’s zoning code (which is, in comparison to the city’s housing,

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Incumbent Stephen Lynch, left, and challenger Patrick Roath, right, are squaring up for the Democratic Primary on Sept. 1.

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8th Congressional District: Roath and Lynch Q&A

Primary coming on Sept. 1

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

Voters in the upcoming 8th Congressional District Democratic primary set for Tuesday Sept. 1, 2026, will choose between incumbent Stephen Lynch and challenger Patrick Roath. In separate interviews with The Bulletin Newspaper, each candidate outlined their views on some of the issues facing district voters.

While each support similar initiatives, Lynch believes his experience, compromise solutions, and leadership is the right approach during tough political times. Roath believes that democracy is under attack and more aggressive action is needed now to restore trust in government.

Lynch has represented the district since 2001. As a former public housing resident, union member, attorney and congressman, he said he believes his experience helps him to understand the concerns of the district’s citizens. He is seeking reelection to

Congress

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3326 Washington Street finally gets approved

Smaller than originally proposed

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

A classic tempest in a teapot calmed down on July 16 when the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board voted unanimously to approve the affordability memo for 3326 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain.

Developer Marc Kaplan bought the fully approved 43-unit apartment house project exactly two years ago at auction, but found the financing difficult; to make the costs work, he filed to change the 5-year-old affordability agreement in October 2025 – <https://gvimes.link/3326washaff>

As reported by The Bulletin, this caused enormous distress

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Proposed



Previous



A rendering of the before and present elevations of 3326 Washington St. The project has changed considerably since it was first proposed.

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The Billings Family: Part 3

Parker's role in the family story



Rev. Theodore Parker played a pivotal role with the Billings Family early in West Roxbury's history. COURTESY PHOTO

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

While the United States is celebrating its semiquincentennial this year, West Roxbury is commemorating its 175th anniversary. To mark this milestone, The Boston Bulletin has been highlighting WR's early history and sharing the stories of people who helped shape the town in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Earlier in July, two articles explored the family behind the Billings Field namesake: their businesses, landholdings, and civic involvement. Part one briefly discussed members of the Billings family, their friendship with Theodore Parker, and their ties to the Unitarian Church – <https://gvimes.link/blngs1> and <https://gvimes.link/blngs2>

Not many people know that

prominent members of the Billings family were neighbors and friends with Parker, as well as devoted members of the Unitarian Church. Among them were Benjamin Billings, a pelt monger who married a member of the prominent Weld family; Joseph Billings, who owned a successful sheepskin factory; and Robert Billings, a wealthy merchant and philanthropist.

Founded in 1712 as the Second Parish of Roxbury, the church was created to serve the growing population in present-day West Roxbury. In the early 1800s, the congregation evolved from its early Puritan origins into a more liberal Unitarian church.

Theodore Parker (1810-1860) was an abolitionist, transcendentalist, and reforming minister of the Unitarian church. In 1837, he was called to the pulpit by the Second Parish of Roxbury (the church was re-

named the First Parish of West Roxbury in 1854). His parishioners, including members of Brook Farm, were deeply devoted to Parker, supporting him even after his radical theology led to his banishment from the Unitarian brotherhood in 1846.

Benjamin, Joseph, and Robert Billings 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," which was written by Charles Mackintosh in 1901.

Robert Charles Billings is mentioned throughout the book: "Robert was a boy and young man who could often be seen on a Sunday morning taking his long, awkward strides from Boston to the venerable old

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Parking "blitz"

coming to Ross Field

School bus cameras hearing coming



The signs are pointing to good news for the East River Neighborhood Association's relationship with the nearby softball league. COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Residents at the most recent East River Neighborhood Association (ERNA) said while issues are not completely resolved at Hyde Park's Ross Field, they're on track to be.

The ERNA has been dealing with ancillary problems around a softball league that uses Ross Field in the summer months. The problems have been going on for years now, and include blocked driveways, noise complaints well into the night, partying, public urination and other quality of life issues.

The ERNA has been petitioning the city to do something about it for years, and after a meeting between residents, ERNA members and league representatives, progress appears to have been made.

"On a positive note, those baseball (sic) players clean that field like no one's ever been there," said one resident. "I can't believe how clean they leave it, but then a whole bunch stay and party on the sidewalk until midnight."

Residents also complained that handicapped ramps on curb cuts are being blocked as well, but did say that the Boston Police Department (BPD) did get on the megaphone at 6 p.m. to clear players out of the neighborhood. Police representatives said they had to only request that players leave, as the park is technically open until dusk.

Residents asked if they

should call police for the sidewalk parties, which go on until after dusk, and BPD representatives said they should definitely call if that happens again.

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Hyde Park Liaison Zoë Petty sent a followup email after the meeting detailing increased police presence to cut down on illegal parking and other problems. She said the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) will be stepping up parking enforcement "blitzes" in the area, as well as showing up after games to help disperse crowds. Petty also said the city Parks Department will be placing more trash cans in the park to help reduce the incentive to litter around the neighborhood. Lastly, Petty said the league has agreed to have dedicated staff for crowd management and to have announcers read out the rules, procedures and end times at the start of games.

"Additionally, as discussed in last night's meeting, BPD will patrol after the games but if people return once they leave residents can call 911," she wrote. "However, the park does close at dusk, which is around 9 p.m. currently. If residents see any concerning activity such as the grilling or public urination as mentioned please call 911. Let me know if you have any other questions."

Resident Mark Oliver was not optimistic during the meet-

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relatively new). In and of itself, that is not an issue, but whenever an exterior change/improvement is made to one of those properties, any pre-existing non-conformity is automatically triggered, thus necessitating an application for zoning relief – in the form of a variance – from the Zoning Board of Appeal.

The new Neighborhood Housing zoning districts – with their increased and more flexible dimensional requirements generally tailored to the areas they are being applied to – are intended to better allow for exterior improvements and/or additions without the need for zoning relief.

ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) – more commonly referred to as in-law apartments – are the major component of this initiative. In different ways, City Hall has been trying to encourage their growth over the last decade, but it has not gained much traction, and the Neighborhood Housing initiative is now seeking to more effectively ease the path toward achieving that end.

Specifically, the Neighborhood Housing zoning districts proposed for Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury would allow for the addition of multiple units to existing housing, depending on its type, lot size and configuration, and zoning district. These additions could – if they were to meet permitting requirements – take the form of internal, attached, and detached ADUs.

ADUs have also been the main point of contention throughout the initiative’s community process, with the primary concern having to do with the proposed rezoning making them as of right, thereby removing any binding community input regarding their construction.

That having been noted, last Thursday’s meeting – which was held in the Hyde Park branch of the BPL and began at 5:30 p.m. – was surprisingly smooth, with the Planning Department’s Neighborhood Housing team going through the same presentation as it had at the virtual meeting held that Monday and then fielding questions from the approximately 25 people in attendance.

As has been the case at Neighborhood Housing community meetings thus far, there were some nuts-and-bolts questions asked by homeowners interested in adding an ADU to their properties.

However, a much more in-

volved question was also asked regarding the initiative’s perceived bias toward building onto the existing housing stock while punishing teardowns and new builds.

This drew technical responses from Senior Planners Will Cohen and Jonathan Palazzolo, before Deputy Director of Zoning Kathleen Onufer simplified things. “We absolutely, as a policy decision, made the decision to incentivize retention of the existing structures because we heard – through all of the engagement that we’ve done over a decade-plus of neighborhood zoning – that it was a priority across the board,” she said, adding that the City’s policy goal “was to design zoning that has a sort of preservation first approach, but isn’t punitive to new construction.”

That concept was encapsulated by Cohen early in the presentation. “We want the zoning to look like the neighborhood in the first place,” he said. “That is the goal of Neighborhood Housing.”

Community outreach for Neighborhood Housing will continue throughout the summer and into the fall, with the public comment period set to close on Oct. 31. The proposed maps for Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury will then go to the Zoning Commission for adoption.

Upcoming Neighborhood Housing community meetings will be at the Roslindale branch of the BPL (4246 Washington St.) starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, followed by a virtual meeting focusing on West Roxbury on Monday, Aug. 3 starting at 6 p.m. and then an in-person meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6 at the E-5 police station (1708 Centre St.).

There will also be virtual and in-person office hours for each neighborhood.

For more information regarding Neighborhood Housing – including access to meeting videos and presentations – visit www.bostonplans.org/neighborhood-housing.

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City Realty losing two buildings on Allston Square

Foreclosure and auction



The highlighted section of the building shows what City Realty is looking to auction off this October.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

JJ Manning Auctioneers announced on its website this week the auction of 4-8 Franklin St. and 20 Braintree St., formerly parts of the City Realty Allston Square redevelopment project.

The building permits for the project were originally issued in 2021 and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board originally approved the massive project in 2019.

Allston Square was originally slated for 344 units in six buildings, as pitched by City Realty. The two buildings now on the auction block are 4-8 Franklin St. and 20 Braintree St.

The building at 4-8 Franklin is a gateway building to Allston, as drivers coming in from Lower Allston see its mural and the painted-on scenes on its facade. It was known as Allston Hall, and the original plan for the site from City Realty was for nine residential units, to go along with the developed Allston Lofts, which share the same address. The property up for auction is the site with the mural of the neighborhood, sitting just next door.

JJ Manning is listing it as 8,160 square feet of warehouse/commercial.

The 20 Braintree St. building was slated for 66 units as a seven-story, mixed-use building with 24 parking spaces and one ground-level retail space. Currently, there is still an industrial/commercial building there.

The first project change reduced the total 244 condominium units to 66 condo units, with 278 rental units instead of the 100 rental units originally proposed. The second project change rearranged the entire project’s affordability for all of the Allston Square development, as well as converting the proposed condominium homeownership units at 8-12 Wilton St., 10 Highgate St., and the above-mentioned 20 Braintree St., which phased out condominiums on the site entirely.

The impetus for the change, according to the attorney representing the project at the time Donald Wiest, was “Commercial financing for residential

condominiums may not become readily available again for several years,” he wrote to the city. “Yet the City of Boston continues to experience a pressing need for thousands of new housing units – and the vacancy rate in the Allston neighborhood averages below 1 percent. It would not be in the best interest of either the proponent or the surrounding community for these sites to remain vacant for an indeterminate amount of time, waiting for a market recovery. Multi-family residential rental projects do, however, remain financially viable, with capital partners available and ready to invest in Boston.”

The last project change, approved late in 2025, reduced the amount of required parking in several buildings of the project.

City Realty did not respond to a request for comment before The Bulletin’s deadline.

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The longest “summer” ever

I realize that Christmas is a long way off, but I could not help but think of some words in the seasonal song, “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas” by Meredith Willson (he of “The Music Man”). The words that drew my attention are “And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again.”

This phrase/clause/sentence – call it what you will – also applies to summertime in late August and early September as day and overnight camps are no longer operating, parents have run out of activities, and kids are starting to get bored. Perhaps, as the Christmas carol says, the parents can hardly wait for school to start again.

I wish that I could say that hope is on the way for Boston Public School families in the summer-autumn of 2026 to start earlier this year, but it isn’t, even in this remarkable year with a virtually unprecedented stretch between Memorial and Labor days. I realize that I complained about the late start last year around this time, but in this, the LATEST in which Labor Day can occur, September 7, the BPS administrative staff has decided to stick with its theory that school for grades 1-12 pupils will not open until after Labor Day – this year September 8, with kindergarten children reporting even later.

This is a tradition with BPS, usually not opening until after Labor Day no matter when Labor Day occurs – always the first Monday in September. (The cynical side of me says the purpose of this delay is to elongate the summers of central administrators from BPS owning homes on the Cape and in Maine.) This year Memorial Day has occurred the earliest it



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

ever could (May 25, the last Monday of May) and Labor Day the latest, providing Americans with the longest “summer” ever, 116 days. Granted that school does not get out on Memorial Day but for all practical purposes the amount of actual learning that occurs in classroom after what my father used to call Decoration Day is decimated with festive barbecues, late sunsets, after-supper sports, and warm weather, all undermining academics.

Kudos to suburban school systems who have decided not to wait until almost mid-September to open their public schools for children. Norwood students for instance, report September 2, Brookline September 3, Newton September 2, and – are you sitting down? – Lexington August 26.

This late start for Boston also means that the last date – barring any snow days – comes very late in June of 2027, thus delaying the opening of municipal swimming pools and perhaps after summer camps have already begun. As Charley Brown would say, “Aaaaargh!”



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Letters to the Editor

THANKS BPD BIKES

Thank you to the District E-18 of the Boston Police Department for sponsoring a fun bike ride on 7/24/26 for members of the West Roxbury/Roslindale community. It was a perfect day weather-wise, and the police officers led the ride safely as well as cheerfully. Cyclists also appreciated the post-ride hot dogs, ice cream and balloons. What a wonderfully festive occasion!

Gratefully, Patricia Connors West Roxbury

I’M MOVING OUT JUST IN TIME

I am a 30-year resident of Louders Lane, a bucolic street down the block from the proposed 920 Centre Street high-rise which includes 158 units of luxury condominiums, a massive development on a site zoned for a small fraction of that density.

Yes, we need affordable housing options in Boston.

We don’t need housing that does not address affordable home ownership.

We don’t need housing that will add overwhelming additional traffic that will pose pedestrian safety risks for abutters and commuters that will be generated in an area already choked with traffic from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

We don’t need a towering development creating shadows beside our world-class Arnold Arboretum, and one that will upset a delicate ecosystem that is the pride of our neighborhood and of Boston itself.

This proposed development is outsized and out of character for our neighborhood.

I’m not writing for myself: we sold our home this summer to retire to Maine. I’m writing on behalf of my friends and neighbors. I wish them luck navigating the additional traffic to get to the grocery store, the post office, or drop children at the Manning School. They will need it.

Alison Cohen Jamaica Plain

Voting is a precious right; it’s time to prepare

Residents encouraged to get out and vote

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Launching Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale’s new Civics Series to promote democracy and engagement

“The vote is precious. The right to vote is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it.” - John Lewis

Thursday, July 17, was the 6th anniversary of Congressman John Lewis’ death, a time to appreciate his dedication to voting rights. It’s also time to make sure we’re all on track to take advantage of that right, that we’re able to vote in the September 1 primary election, especially since, in Massachusetts, races often end with the primary.

Are you registered to vote? Massachusetts has one of the latest primary elections in the U.S. This year, it’s September 1, also the busiest moving day of the year. The deadline to register is August 22. Massachusetts does not yet have same-day voter registration. (Twenty-four states and DC do allow same-day registration.)

Who can vote? Anybody who is registered to vote in Massachusetts by August 22, whether you’re registered in a political party or not. Massachusetts primaries are “semi-closed.” If you

registered to vote as a member of a political party, you can vote in your party’s primary. If you registered without joining a party (“unenrolled”), you can choose which party’s ballot when you go to the polls or request your mail-in ballot.

Online voter registration (OVR) is at the MA Secretary of State website, which is also where you can update your registration if your address or name has changed: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>. And you can check to make sure your voter status is “active.” If you missed this year’s municipal census, for example, it might show as “inactive.” In that case, bring ID to the polls.

How can you vote? You can vote in person on early voting days (Boston voters can vote at any polling site in Boston) or on Sept. 1 (at your assigned polling

place only). You can vote by mail-in ballot, dropped in a drop box or mailed. If you use a mail-in ballot, you can check to make sure it was received and accepted at “Track My Ballot” on the MA Secretary of State website. This year’s advice: vote early.

What offices are on the ballot? Lots. Federal level: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative. Statewide offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor. District level: Governor’s Councilor, State Senator, State Representative, District Attorney, Register of Probate.

Are ballot questions on the September ballot? No, they’re on the November ballot so you still have time to learn about them.

Other questions? Go to boston.gov/departments/election.

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Wu lays out traffic plan after Louisa Gag's death

Previously paused projects restarted

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston released several updates for traffic safety this past week in response to the death of advocate and City Traffic Planner Louisa Gag.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu put out a lengthy statement on Friday reaffirming the city's commitment to Vision Zero, which is the goal of zero traffic fatalities on the road in a year. The letter mentioned Gag's death as a catalyst for further improvements to the city's cycling, pedestrian and traffic infrastructure.

"We remain devastated by the loss of Louisa Gag, a remarkable public servant, advocate, colleague, and friend," Wu wrote. "Louisa loved Boston and devoted her life to making our city better every day. I know many Bostonians are personally mourning this unfathomable loss while also continuing the fight for safer streets – a movement shaped by Louisa's leadership, creativity, and compassion. I am grateful to everyone who has shared feedback and ideas with our administration in recent days and months."

The full six-page letter can be found at <https://gvimes.link/wulttrtrffc>

The letter was seemingly one piece of a push from the city back to street safety. Many major projects seemingly went dark from the winter of 2026 to this summer. For example, the Roslindale Transportation Action Plan seemingly didn't have an update from spring 2025 until May of 2026. Another safety improvement project in the Fenway neighborhood at the intersection of Park Drive, Boylston Street and Brookline Avenue lost \$8.15 million in federal funds just on June 30. Another \$20 million in federal grants were lost for three projects in Roxbury, apparently due to hesitation on the city's part.

As far as the slowdown in projects, Wu said it was an issue of budgetary concerns.

"Especially in a constrained fiscal environment, it is essential that each street investment is carefully prioritized, designed to be well-integrated into the neighborhood, and built to last," she wrote.

Wu's letter detailed that Gag was killed due to an interaction with a truck. She wrote that the first concrete steps she is taking to improve safety on the city's roads is to solidify the city's bike lane infrastructure. She wrote that the initial flex posts installed in many bike lanes were to get improvements quickly. However, funding still remains a problem.

"While these materials are useful as interim measures, they are easily damaged and cannot serve as an effective foundation for a permanent network," she wrote. "Moving forward, we are



A memorial for Louisa Gag set up at Ctiy Hall.

FILE PHOTO

transitioning to more durable and effective bike lane protections, such as cast-in-place concrete barriers, like those recently installed on Congress Street. These barriers cost less than fully-constructed curbs while providing substantially greater protection and requiring less maintenance. However, critical gaps remain in the protected network, creating unacceptable risks for bike commuters and discouraging others from choosing to ride at all. Given changes in the federal funding landscape, we will focus on completing more critical connections and intersection upgrades rather than concentrating resources on a small number of long corridors. Closing critical gaps will deliver exponential benefits for the entire network."

For other safety work, Wu wrote she is looking to install more curb ramps throughout the city to make it easier for residents with disabilities to access the sidewalk. She wrote the city is aiming to rebuild 75,000 square feet of sidewalk this year, after rebuilding 30,000 square feet last year. She said the level of deterioration will determine urgency.

She also touted the city's construction of 1,435 speed humps in the last four years, but did not expand on any future plans in the letter.

Wu also said they are looking at ramping up enforcement against drivers who double park through bike patrol. She also

said the city is advocating for legislation for camera enforcement for speeding, red light, and parking tickets. She added the city is "moving forward" with cameras to enforce school bus stop arm violations.

The letter also included a list of projects for the coming years:

Projects slated for completion in 2026: Cummins Highway Reconstruction (Mattapan), Beacon Street Safety Upgrades and Resurfacing (Brighton), Dartmouth Street Safety And Mobility (Back Bay), Hyde Park Ave North Segment Resurfacing and Safety Improvements (Jamaica Plain), Lost Village Transportation Safety Improvements (Charlestown), Lower Roxbury Neighborhood Safety Improvements (Roxbury) Thoreau Path Reconstruction Project (West End), Washington Street Bike Lane Buffer Upgrade and Resurfacing (Downtown), Harrison Ave Reconstruction (South End), and Bluebikes expansion (Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury).

Projects slated for completion in 2027:

Ellis Elementary School Safe Routes to School (Roxbury), Jones Avenue Neighborhood Street Improvements (Dorchester), Congress, Sleeper, and A Street Reconstruction (South Boston Waterfront), And more to come in 2027.



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ing. He asked about having the league pay for a police detail each game. Petty said it's up to the city as to whether to require that, as it would require more staffing and, likely, more overtime.

"That's interesting, because when I went to a concert last year in Dorchester, there was a lieutenant and four police officers," he said. "I spoke to the guy who did the concert last week, and he said the Parks Department made them get a detail... If someone wants to work the detail, they'll find a way to do that."

Jordan Frias represented District 5 Councilor Enrique Pepén during the meeting and said the councilor has sent warnings to the league about parking.

"I guess it's a last warning, where we say, 'Park correctly or get a ticket,'" he said.

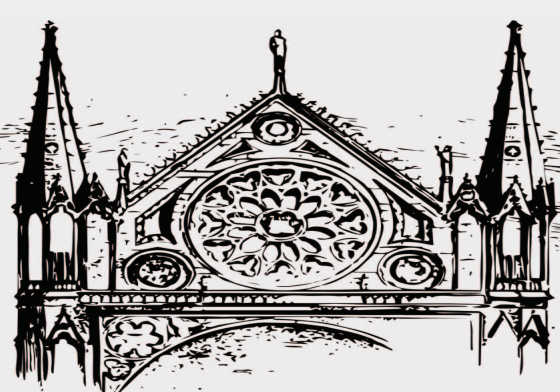
In other news, Frias said the councilor is working to bring a hearing to the city council on putting cameras on school buses and fining drivers who run the buses' stop sign when they are picking up or dropping off students.

"We did file an ordinance for school stop arm cameras; as you may or may not know, thousands of school bus stop signs are violated every day and children, adults and drivers are killed by people who ignore those stop signs," he said. "So following the lead of schools across the country, we are trying to get those cameras on BPS school buses to make the process of picking up and dropping off students safer."

Frias said the hearing should be coming soon and they had a meeting last week with the BPS legal team about how that could work.

Frias added that the council adopted a non-binding resolution to urge the Boston Public Schools (BPS) district to adopt the federal Safe Routes to School Program. The program gives out funds to partnered school districts to help make the areas around schools safer and promote walking to school.

The ERNA is set to meet on Monday, August 10th.



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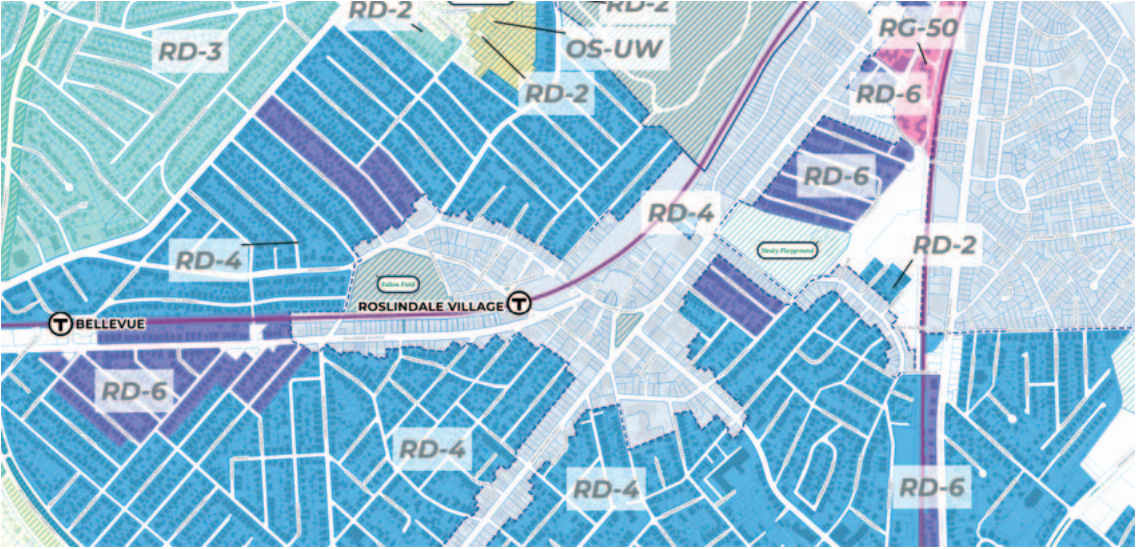
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Roslindale sees

Neighborhood Housing zoning

Parking and outreach issues raised



A smattering of some of the new zones proposed by the Boston Planning Department in Roslindale.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning Department met with residents virtually on Monday to go through the new proposed zoning for Roslindale under the Neighborhood Housing rezoning initiative – <https://gvimes.link/nhbrhdzng>

This new initiative is working from the Mattapan rezoning effort enacted last year to create new zoning districts that allow for greater density in areas that had issues with building more units, as well as small work on houses, new decks, additional dormers, and other mundane repairs.

The issue is, according to Project Manager Will Cohen, that much of the housing in the Parkway – Hyde Park, West Roxbury and Roslindale – was built before the current zoning was enacted. He said great swaths of the neighborhoods, up to 90 percent in some cases, were out of compliance. That means that most upgrades to a house – dormers, decks, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) etc. – required a zoning variance. This is a lengthy process, involving getting a hearing (which can take up to six months) and potentially sitting through hours of other applicants’ hearings. Many times, residents would have to hire an architect to get small jobs through, increasing time, cost and effort.

Cohen said this has also led many homeowners and developers to swing for the fences when trying to add more units to a house. If you’re going to need to do the same thing as a big-time developer – go to the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), hire an architect, create plans, defend your position and possibly more – why not go for as much as you can, like a big-time developer?

So the idea for the majority of these districts – Dormer-2, Dormer-3, Decker-4, Decker-6 – is to allow residents to build without having to go through that much trouble.

These districts allow for more housing to be built. Dormer-2 allows for existing homes to go up to three units (new building only goes to two), Dormer-3 allows both new and old up to three, Decker-4 allows up to four and Decker-6 up to six.

Resident and Roslindale Coalition member Laurie Radwin asked that more be done to reach out to groups historically left out of the zoning process, especially with the Dormer-6 districts.

“Some of those areas are highly burdened and I put the Mass Enviroscreen Map link in the chat – <https://gvimes.link/envscrnmp> – and so people in that neighborhood have a number of economic and social challenges,” she said. “They’re also at higher risk for displacement, they rank in the 90th percentile for unemployment, 93rd for low-income households, and the 73rd percentile for linguistic isolation. Now you can’t fix that, but certain kinds of zoning can really hurt it. And so I’m inviting you to think about ways these residents can have meaningful opportunities to learn about this proposal, share their perspectives, and help shape the decisions. Because this is their community.”

Boston Planning Deputy Director of Zoning Kathleen Onufer said the department is “all ears” for anyone who knows of organizers or leaders in these communities to help reach out to more voices, but only as much as they want to.

“If you have a connection or the right place to make sure that we’re meeting other groups of folks who aren’t at the meeting tonight, we’re always all ears on that, Laurie, from you or any community member,” she said. “I would just say from an advocacy perspective, we are always most focused on making sure we reach as many people as possible. Under this current federal administration, one, the city has always let people self-identify whatever level of detail they want to, about their own

background, whether they live in a certain location or others, and we’ve always had an intentional strategy in reaching out to groups to reemphasize that is optional, because many of our neighbors and community members are really uncomfortable identifying any part of their status right now.”

Resident Michael Williams said he’s concerned about increasing density that might lead to increased fighting for on-street parking.

“The more units you get, the more cars you’re going to have, and where are they going to park?” he said. “That’s going to be an issue for some people.”

Resident Nia Lewis said she was also concerned about this. Cohen said before they released this plan to the public, they enjoined architects to have a go at the maps and rules and asked them to try to skirt them as much as possible to try to break the system and create such problems.

“In all cases, those developers, or those architects putting on their developer hats, so to speak, were able to accommodate parking under the new zoning,” he said. “We are quite confident that when people are proposing new units in this, that they will be able to add parking without having to change the design in a meaningful way. The other piece here is that parking is bigger than zoning. You’re talking less about what people are doing on their house and more about what’s happening on the street itself. That’s actually where the idea of parking steps away from zoning. We agree with you as planners and Planning Department professionals dealing with how people use cars on the street requires a lot of different solutions.”

There is currently a survey out, as well as other forms of community input the Boston Planning Department is seeking. For the survey, go to <https://gvimes.link/srvynghbrhdzng>

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continue advancing district priorities through the committees on which he serves.

Roath, also an attorney, was born in Brockton and raised in Braintree and has worked on campaigns and served at the State House as an aide to Gov. Deval Patrick. He chaired the board of Common Cause Massachusetts, and pushed for expanded voting access, greater government transparency, and stronger accountability on Beacon Hill. He said he believes it is time for new leadership focused on protecting democracy and rebuilding the government to represent the people, not special interests.

Affordability is key for both candidates, particularly with housing. Lynch points to three major developments in which he has been involved in South Boston, the Ann Lynch Homes, the Mary Ellen McCormick, and the West Broadway development, a state development not a federal one.

“We’re knocking down the old ones and building new ones,” he said. As a founding member of the Affordable Housing Caucus and a member of the Financial Services Committee, he is also closely involved in general housing issues.

Roath is focused on how to finance homes in an expensive market.

“For our district, right around Boston here, the most important thing we can work on is making it more affordable for regular people ... everything from financing and directly helping the development of affordable units across the country, to rewarding communities thinking about zoning and density the right way, helping people with first-time down payments.”

He supports converting empty offices into homes and building starter homes to increase access to affordable ownership.

Utility and energy costs are another big issue. “Unfortunately, because of what’s going on in the Middle East and the restriction on the supply, a lot of the cost is just going sky high in terms of utility costs, especially with gas bills and things like that, said Lynch.”

He says President Trump’s tariffs have caused a 50 percent increase on steel that makes construction very expensive.

“So, all the elements that we would use to produce affordable housing, the president has pushed the cost through the roof.”

He said reversing those would make it more affordable.

Roath believes the high cost of energy is a problem that can be solved by using renewable, clean energy sources that are also efficient.

“We now have technologies that can take solar energy, it can take wind, it can take geothermal, store it in batteries for part of the day and get it out to ratepayers.” Roath supports pushing towards a zero-emission clean energy future.

Roath said he wants more money to go to cover heating costs during the winter.

Healthcare unavailability and high costs continue. Lynch cited the bankruptcy of the Steward Health Care system. “Private equity should not be running healthcare. We have to get back to a situation where we don’t put any more money towards that and refocus on making sure that every federal dollar, whether it be Medicare or Medicaid, goes to providing good quality care for the people who need it.”

Noting that Lynch voted against the Affordable Care Act, Roath agrees healthcare is a systemic problem “We need a big-picture solution ... we need to be pushing towards universal health care ... some manner of providing a basic level of support for everyone in the country that’s accessible and is backed by the government that would bring down costs, to have that leveraging power with the government.”

Both agree the environment needs to be protected and improved. “You know, in my time in Congress, we’ve been able to clean up a lot of 21E sites (hazardous waste contaminated sites), not only along the maritime and industrial waterfront, but also in places like Walpole, where we had an old industrial firm that had contaminated a lot of the land there.”

Roath said he believes the long-term energy solution are clean and efficient resources that do not harm the environment.

When asked, both want change in Congress. Lynch thinks the ideal would be groups of new members, those who have some years in and those with a history of getting things done. “It takes a while to build relationships on the other side, and sometimes the benefits that accrue to my district are because of relationships that we have on the other side. But right now, “all you can do is fight.”

Roath believes in a strong Democratic opposition party. “Part of what we need to do as Democrats is do a better job of talking about what we’re for and how we have a different vision than the other side, about how we care about making sure everyone can live the American dream.”

Roath is not taking corporate PAC money and is in favor of term limits.

The Massachusetts League of Women Voters is expected to host a candidate forum between Lynch and Roath in early August.

church of his ancestors. After services he would call among old friends and return with his measured step to his Boston home.” Robert built a successful business career through his connection with Charles Faulkner, one of Boston’s leading merchants at the time.

Mackintosh noted that Robert will always be remembered by the church for his generous gift. In his will, Billings left more than \$1.5 million to charitable/educational institutions, including Harvard, MIT, the Boston Medical Library, and the Unitarian Church.

Benjamin Billings is mentioned in the chapter on members of the Second Parish of Roxbury (the church was renamed “First Parish of West Roxbury” in 1854). He is described as a plain, honest man, who was “industrious, prudent, and public spirited.” The author recalled that Susanna Weld, Benjamin’s wife, consistently offered encouragement and advice to the young. “Generous wherever need appeared, active in town and parish matters, they raised a family of splendid children whom they taught to go and do likewise,” Mackintosh wrote.

Benjamin’s son, Joseph, was “the leading friend of the parish and its ministers until the end of his life.” Every minister at the Parish of Roxbury/West Roxbury considered him a true friend and supporter, and Joseph gave both his time and money to many worthy causes. His love for the parish and his hometown of West Roxbury knew no bounds. Mackintosh noted that even during disagreements within the parish, community members defended his integrity and remained confident that he always acted in the church’s best interests. “Some Recollections of the Pastors and People of the Second Church of Old Roxbury” includes a black-and-white photograph of Joseph “Joe” Billings. He has full, white hair around the sides and back of his head, with mutton-chop sideburns down the sides of his face.

In the spring of 1844, Parker wrote to Joseph from Bologna, Italy. In the letter, Parker expressed his belief that the United States had much to fear from “ignorant people and corrupt leaders” and discussed his desire to promote education. Two months later, Parker wrote to Joseph and his wife, Sarah Keith, reflecting on the meaning of their young son’s death. (Source: Theodore Parker Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society.)

In his book, Mackintosh recounts how Joseph and Parker would “hitch up the buck-skin tandem,” a single-file team of horses, and make a trip to Squantum to dine on clam chowder. They were often accompanied by other prominent WR community members, including Judson Chapin and Cornelius Cowing.

The First Parish of West Roxbury was badly damaged due to a fire in 1890. The blaze was classified as incendiary, meaning that it was intentionally set. Over a year later, the congregation began building the new meetinghouse on Corey Street. Inside the parish, a stained-glass window created by Louis Comfort Tiffany depicts a guardian angel. It is known as the Dana Memorial Window and was installed in 1893. An inscription below the angel reads, “Placed in loving memory of their mother, Sarah Billings Dana, and their child, Bradford Dana, by Samuel and Katherine Dana.” Sarah was the daughter of Benjamin Billings, and her son, Samuel Dana, was a successful cotton broker in Boston. Samuel and Katherine had been devoted church members for nearly two decades when they donated the stained-glass memorial.

In his 1853 work Ten Sermons of Religion, Parker famously wrote: “I do not pretend to understand the moral universe; the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways; I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight, I can divide it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice.”

The phrase “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice” was later popularized by Martin Luther King Jr.

Charles Mackintosh worked with Joseph Billings in the wool business, served on the City Council of Old Roxbury for two years, and on WR’s Board of Selectman for 12 years. His work, “Some Recollections of the Pastors and People of the Second Church of Old Roxbury,” can be read online here: bit.ly/4cUF88V

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in the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC), abetted in large part by non-council members.

Kaplan came literally within minutes of getting a BPDA board vote on Jan. 13, 2026, until a hasty call from Mayor’s Office of Housing Chief Sheila Dillon asked to cancel that agenda item.

The Boston Planning Department, which normally does not require public meetings on change notices, held two on May 18 and June 8 to review Kaplan’s revised affordability agreement: nine units, two at 30 percent area median income (AMI), two at 50%, two at 70%, and three reserved for voucher holders.

The JPNC wrote a letter of opposition on June 9 and met on June 16 in part to strategize; they feared Kaplan would go to the July BPDA Board.

George Lee, who is not part of the neighborhood council, summed up his view.

“The developer is rushing to get to the July board. It’s most difficult. The financial model is fuzzy,” he added (without verification).

Council member Gert Thorn was blunt.

“The developers are either sleazy or dumb,” he said. “The developers bought this knowing what they had. Unload your property. Go somewhere else.”

The comment letters were fairly even; 21 in support, 23 in favor; the longest letters were from the quartet of dissidents who peppered the six months of meetings: Helen Matthews, Lisa Thompson, Benjie Mauer and Maria Christina Blanco.

Opposition comments

seemed to be organized, many were form letters; the main argument being the developer was trying to make more money.

In a rare rebuttal letter, Jeffrey Drago, the attorney for Kaplan responded to the JPNC letter which he said had “factual inaccuracies based on outdated information.”

It is incorrect, Drago wrote, that the “project is proposing a buy-out of affordable units. There are six affordable units on site and three for voucher holders.”

“The request for more public meetings,” Drago wrote, “overlooks the fact that public meetings have already been held” on May 18 and June 8.

At the July 16 BPDA board meeting, councilor Ben Weber testified, “I’m in support of this. I supported the delay to get additional negotiations.”

“The developer was unable to build after he bought it in 2024,” Weber said. “He wanted to buy out three and offer four Section 8 voucher holders.”

“Now it’s 46 units.”

“Nine of the units are onsite affordable apartments at 30%, 50% and 70% AMI,” he said.

The board approved memo also included the original commitment of \$5,000 to Historic Boston for a National Register Nomination of the Green Street Corridor.

Planning Department senior project manager Camille Platt DeCosta opened her remarks by saying, “this process has been going on seven years now. Previously approved November 2020.”

“It’s a new build; the lot is empty.”

“Forty-six rental units with nine IDP units,” DeCosta said.

BPDA Planner I Andrew Plumb put 3326 Washington into zoning background.

“It’s in context with Plan JP/Rox,” he said, “which provides for inclusive growth and new zoning density, but it was never adapted.”

“This is consistent with the goals of Plan JP/Rox,” Plumb said.

BPDA chair Priscilla Rojas apparently had not been following 3326 over the past six months and asked, “What’s driving the design change? Looking at the design slide, it looks different.”

Project designer Gregory Spaulding – who has been architect of record since 2020 – explained that the balconies were removed, “to bring the cost down, it was a matter of construction costs.”

BPDA board member Kate Bennett had been following 3326 over the last six months.

“I know there was a real push for more affordability – housing advocates, the mayor’s office of housing. You pushed back as far as you could go,” Bennett said. “You got better results. I appreciate that.”

The Jamaica Plain Housing Committee met on July 21 and the chair Purple Reign agreed with Bennett.

“We didn’t get what we wanted, but to me the win was we got some changes,” she said summing up the BPDA vote.

“The silver lining is we all worked together. Marc Kaplan was willing to meet with us.”

Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

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Debra Ann “Debbie” (Jones) Donovan of West Roxbury passed away on July 19, 2020. Beloved wife of Mark S. Donovan. Devoted mother of Mark S. Donovan, Jr. of Roslindale, Antoinette “Toni” Hemphill and her husband Kevin of Franklin, Helen Wood and her husband Jeremy of Franklin. Adored daughter of Annette (DiChiara) and the late Floyd Jones of West Roxbury. Dear sister of Russell Jones and his wife Linda of Plymouth, and Virgie

Fitzgerald and her husband Danny of West Roxbury. Loving grandmother or “Nan” of Joshua, John, and Joey Hemphill, Julia Ann, Rose, and Hazel Wood. Sister-in-law of John Donovan and his late wife Theresa of West Roxbury. Grateful friend of caretaker Wandy Valenzuela. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Debbie dedicated 24 years to teaching, spending most of her career as a beloved third-grade teacher at Beethoven Elementary School in West Roxbury. She cherished her students, and her classroom was a place filled with warmth, laughter, creativity, and kindness. Even as multiple sclerosis gradually took away her mobility, it never diminished her passion for teaching. She continued to show up for her students, first with a walker and later from a wheelchair, demonstrating remarkable strength and resilience. Alongside reading and math, she taught her students invaluable lessons about perseverance, compassion, empathy, and treating others with kindness. She was deeply loved not only by her students but also by their families, colleagues, and the entire school community.

Above all else, Debbie's great-

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est joy was her family. She never allowed her illness to define her or prevent her from making memories with the people she loved most. Whether traveling on family cruises, cheering from the sidelines at out-of-state baseball tournaments, or taking in the beauty of the Grand Canyon on a recent family trip, she embraced every opportunity to be together. She found equal happiness in life's simplest moments—Sunday dinners, cuddles from Arturo and Hanibel, backyard birthday parties, and holidays spent surrounded by those she loved. Valentine's Day was her favorite holiday because it gave her one more reason to tell her family how much they meant to her. Debbie's life was a reflection of unconditional love, unwavering strength, and extraordinary grace. She was, simply, love itself.

Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. For guest book please visit www.gormleyfuneral.com

FOSTER

James "Jimmy", age 87, of West Roxbury passed away on July 23, 2026. Beloved husband of the late Carole A. (Connaughton). Devoted father of Diane Carole Burke and her husband Thomas of VA, John W. Foster and his partner Chris Roddick of West Roxbury, the late James T., and Stephen Foster. Dear brother of the late Patricia McKinnon. Loving grandfather of TJ Burke of VA and Shannon Kemp of NY. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly.

Jimmy and Carole raised their family in West Roxbury. Jimmy was a proud Navy veteran and a skilled welder by trade. He worked for General Dynamics at the Quincy Shipyard for many years before beginning a 28-year career with UPS. Throughout his working life, he was a proud member of the Pipefitters, Machinists, and Teamsters unions. After retiring, he enjoyed spending his winters in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he appreciated the beautiful weather.

Jimmy was devoted to his family and friends. His children and grandchildren were the center of his world. He was also very close to his nieces and nephews, who welcomed him into their homes for holidays and Sunday gatherings. Jimmy had a gift for making people feel good and always had a joke, a compliment, or a smile to share. Kind, dependable, and generous, he could always be counted on in times of need.

Funeral from the William J.

Gormley Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 4th at 9:00 a.m. Followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Visiting Hours Monday, August 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Funeral Home.

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



Nancy E. (Lake) age 80 of Walpole, formerly of Roslindale, passed away at her home on July 22, 2026. Beloved wife of the late Joseph P. Gorman, Jr. Loving mother of Lori Hamel and her husband Brian of Foxboro, Joseph P. Gorman III (BPD) of Walpole, and Jennifer Gorman and her fiancé Justin Fitzgerald of Walpole. Cherished sister of Albert E. Lake, Jr. and his late wife Helen, and the late Richard J. Lake. Nancy is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Nancy was known for her quick wit and dry humor by all who knew her. She loved family gatherings, a day trip to the casino, scratching her lottery tickets, a good lobster roll, the occasional T-Bone steak on the grill, and spending time with her new kitty, Paddy. Though she asked for little, she gave so much, and she will be dearly missed.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre Street, West Roxbury. Interment Mount Benedict Cemetery. For guestbook gormleyfuneral.com.

KELLIHER



Francis Xavier “Fran, Frank” Kelliher passed away on July 23, 2026, at the age of 78. He was born on March 8, 1948, to Robert Emmet Kelliher and Margaret Elizabeth “Bess” MacNeil. Frank grew up in West Roxbury, Massachusetts, where he spent most of his life, except for his

cherished summers in Falmouth on Cape Cod. He attended The English High School before pursuing a degree in accounting from Bentley College. He devoted his entire professional career to the Boston Redevelopment Authority (EDIC), where his dedication and work ethic saw him rise from the mail room to Assistant Controller. A lifelong Type 1 diabetic, Frank never let his diagnosis define him.

Instead, he used his experience to educate others about the disease and was always willing to share his knowledge and encouragement. Frank embraced life with enthusiasm. He loved skiing in New Hampshire and traveling out west in search of fresh powder. Summers were spent golfing at Falmouth Country Club and swimming in the balmy waters of Buzzards Bay, especially at Chappaquoit Beach.

If there was a stereo nearby, chances were Frank was filling the room with his beloved Irish and folk music. He remained a steadfast fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots, even if his colorful commentary on their performances occasionally included a few choice expletives. Frank was loving, funny, and delightfully quirky, with a penchant for offering advice to anyone. He genuinely enjoyed connecting with people and never hesitated to help those in need, whether they asked or not. As anyone who knew him could attest, Frank always “knew a guy.”

Above all, Frank was a devoted husband and father. He delighted in building elaborate sandcastles, getting the kids wound up just before bedtime, and, later in life, offering career guidance or recommending the best mechanic in town. His generosity, humor, and unwavering support left a lasting mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia M. (Carney) Kelliher; his children, Timothy and Caitlin; his brother, Robert E. "Bob" Kelliher; his sister, Katherine McKnight; and many extended family members and dear friends. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Margaret Hoffman.

Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. West Roxbury on Friday July 31, at 9:00 a.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours in the funeral home on Thursday July 30, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

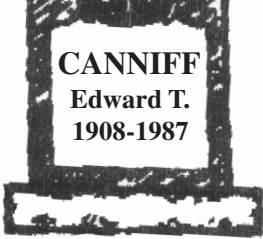
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association <https://donate.diabetes.org/wefight> or GBH <https://www.wgbh.org/help/donations-and-membership-faqs> his source of entertainment. Frank will be remembered for his gregarious spirit, his inappropriate jokes, his endless stories, and his unwavering dedication to helping those around him. He leaves behind a legacy of laughter, generosity, and kindness that will continue to live on in all who knew and loved him.

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KOFMAN



August 3, 1933 (Bucharest, Romania) – July 20, 2026 (Boston, MA USA)

Aron Kofman passed away peacefully on July 20, 2026 at the age of 92 at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Boston, MA.

After WWII he moved with his family to the city of Chernovtsy, at that time, Soviet Ukraine.

He worked as an engineer in the Chernovtsy textile industry, devoting his entire career to manufacturing carpets and kilims. He loved fine clothes, and at the age of rising synthetics industry, he was an early advocate of natural organic fabrics. He loved nature and birds. He was especially fond of canaries. He subscribed to numerous scientific journals, and loved to read about popular science and travel. He was also an amateur transistor radio enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife Eva Kofman, daughter Sarah Heretz and her husband Leonid Heretz, his grandson Jaroslav Heretz and his wife Jennifer Trebbin, and his great grandchildren Jamie and Simone.

Visitation services provided by Robert J. Lawler and Crosby, 1803 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. Interment at Puritan Mt. Sinai, Baker Street, West Roxbury, MA.

LOUIS-JACQUES



Metellus Louis-Jacques of West Roxbury, formerly of Petite Rievriere, Haiti, died July 18, 2026. He was 103 years old. Beloved husband of the late Lucie (Fleurant) Louis-Jacques.

Visiting hours in The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral

Home, 1803 Centre St. West Roxbury on Saturday August 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Interment Fairview Cemetery Hyde Park.

MACDONALD

Thomas F., III of Walpole, and formerly of Norwood passed away at his home on Friday July 10, 2026. He was 73.

Born in Brighton, he was the son of the late Nora (Meekins) and Thomas F. MacDonald, Jr. Thomas was the brother of Barbara Saunders, Richard J. O'Donnell, Marilyn O'Donnell, Sharon N. Kelley, and Mildred C. Bailey.

Thomas was raised in Norwood and attended Norwood High School. He worked as a small engine repair man for All Seasons Rental, and a 'Tin Knocker' at Quincy Shipyard. He was also a plumbers helper for American Appliances and Vito Serratore.

Thomas had a remarkable gift for making people smile and laugh. Whether it was with a perfectly timed joke or story, he could brighten any moment. His sense of humor was matched by the kindness in his heart. He was always ready to lend a hand or simply be there when someone needed him.

Though we will deeply miss his laughter and the light he brought into our lives, we find comfort in the countless memories he leaves behind. His legacy lives on in the stories we share and the love he gave so freely.

He will be remembered with love and gratitude.

A Graveside Service will be held at Highland Cemetery, 320 Winter Street, NORWOOD on Thursday (TODAY) July 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Please gather at the main entrance to the cemetery near the office and chapel prior to the service.

Arrangements are in the care of Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

PRATT



Steven L. of Walpole formerly of Westwood on July 12, 2026. Devoted father of Leonard E. Pratt of Dorchester and Edward S. Pratt of Stoughton. Son of Catherine (Connelly) Pratt of Mansfield and the late Leonard Pratt. Brother of Linda M. Pratt of Hopkinton, Deborah Glynn and her husband Michael of Franklin, and Lisa Renzi and her husband Vincent of Mansfield. Former husband of Linda A. (Borsare) Pratt of Stoughton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on July 23, followed by a funeral

service. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

RAINVILLE



Barbara E. (Mudarri) Rainville of Oneonta, NY passed away on July 18, 2026 surrounded by her family, following a cardiac arrest at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, NY. She was 83 years old.

Barbara was born in Boston, MA on December 3, 1942, daughter of Sobhey and Rose Mudarri. She was raised on Franklin Street in Allston, MA and graduated from Brighton High School in 1960.

Barbara married Raymond Rainville on September 1, 1967. They were married 42 years until Raymond died on October 9, 2009. Barbara was also pre-deceased by her sister, Janice Tamoush, who died in August 2023.

Barbara gained a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Oneonta in 1976. She was proud to have worked for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan for almost 20 years as Regional Director of Central NY and was able to use her political advocacy to touch many lives. Barbara was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and a dedicated and loyal friend. Her fun loving, warm personality endeared her to all. She loved to travel, spend time at the beach, enjoy good food, play card games, decorate and remodel houses, and talk with the people she loved. Barbara enjoyed an active life, full of projects, travel, and social events, until the day she died.

Barbara is survived by her three children: Michelle Thomson and her husband, Alex, of Buffalo, NY, Marc Rainville of Phoenix, AZ, and Laura Rainville of Berkeley, CA; her six grandchildren, Ramona, Evelyn and Mackenzie Thomson, Sophia Rainville-Lintner, and Lavender and Lily Rainville Potts. She is also survived by two brothers, Shelby Mudarri of East Falmouth, MA and Richard Mudarri of Wellfleet, MA.

Barbara's Funeral Service was celebrated at The Church of St. John of Damascus, 300 West St., Dedham, MA 02026. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Barbara will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in Boston.

Arrangements managed by Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (at the corner of Cen-

tre St.) West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to The Church or to The Sameer Project at <https://thesameerproject.org/>

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Jonathan, of Norwood, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. He was 35.

Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Jonathan was the son of Louis Sylvain Sanon of Haiti, Marie Marcelin of Norwood, and Moliere Desrosiers of Norwood. Jonathan was raised in Roslindale

and was a graduate of West Roxbury High School. He worked for many years in local restaurants. Jonathan was always smiling. He was a wonderful son, brother, and friend.

Jonathan was the brother of Ervain Sanon, Geanne and Marie Louise Sanon, all of Canada, and Yurhi and Daryl Desrosiers, all of Norwood. He was the grandson of Jacqueline Marcelin of Haiti and the late Abel Marcelin; the nephew of Nylsa and Hans Marcelin, Gislaine Baptiste; and cousin of Sary and Bernard Saint Remy, all of Haiti.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. SU25D2303DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Jude Elizabeth Michaud Manigat vs. Antoine Manigat

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

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **Irretrievable Breakdown**. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Jude Elizabeth Michaud Manigat, 12 Lincoln Street, Apt. 2, Hyde Park, MA 02136 your answer, if any, on or before 08/27/2026. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of his Court.
Date: July 06, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 07/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU25D0611 DR

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Dina V. Berg vs. Daryl A. Berg

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

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **irretrievable breakdown**. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 .**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Dina V Berg, 1875 Commonwealth Ave., Apt 6, Brighton, MA 02135 your answer, if any, on or before 08/04/2026. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 25, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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DOCKET No. SU15P1491GD

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

In the Interests of: Angel D. Brown
Of: Hyde Park, MA

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected
Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Deborah Gorham, Esq. of Westboro, 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 **08/11/2026**. 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: July 13, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin:
07/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department

Docket No. SU26P1441GD

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

In the matter of:
Jason Ogochukwu Okonkwo
Of: Hyde Park, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

DCF of Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Jason Ogochukwu Okonkwo** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Dept. of Children and Families of Boston, 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 **08/12/2026**. 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: July 24, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin:
07/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department

Docket No. SU26P1468GD

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

In the matter of: Stacey Casaletto
Of: West Roxbury, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Brigham & Women’s Faulkner Hospital of Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Stacey Casaletto** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00AM. on the return date of **08/19/2026**. 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: July 27, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin:
07/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU26P1466GD

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

In the matter of: Estis Santiago
Of: Boston, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Department of Developmental Serv of Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Estis Santiago** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Bruce Fortunato, Esq. of Chestnut Hill, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/19/2026**. 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: July 27, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin:
7/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU26P1451EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Paraskeve Tsiakalis
Also known as: Paraskevi Tsiakalis
Date of Death: 07/14/2025

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

Tina Tsiakalis of Seattle, 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:

Tina Tsiakalis of Seattle, 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 09/01/2026. 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: July 29, 2026
Stephanie L Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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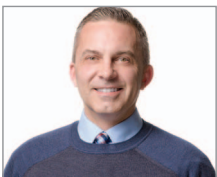
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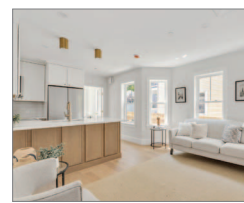
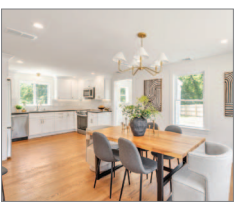
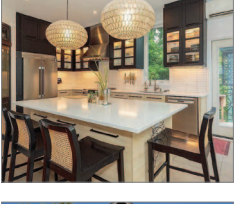
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