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Hundreds came out last week for a rally to support and keep the U.S. Social Security system in place.
PHOTOS BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Rozzie rallies for Social Security

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About 250 residents from the Parkway and beyond came out to Adams Park in Roslindale Square on Friday to protest what they saw as the current presidential administration’s efforts to curtail, privatize or end the Social Security program.

Vehicular traffic passed by with supportive honking – near constant – and waving from those going through Adams Square.

Though the White House has stipulated that it will “always protect” social security and its 70 million recipients, it also plans to cut 10,000 Social Security Administration jobs through buyouts. That’s 7 percent of the total workforce (<https://tinyurl.com/3ccawxwk>).

Regardless of several of the administration’s previous attempts to cut personnel being

thwarted – either by the judiciary (<https://tinyurl.com/544t93wp>) or common sense (<https://tinyurl.com/3brx7hy4>), residents here were still worried, so West Roxbury Roslindale Progressives (WRRP) decided to host a rally the previous week at the Social Security Office at the Square.

“The turnout is great because this was very spontaneous; we decided a week ago to do something in Roslindale and we want to appreciate the people who do such a hard job at the SSA, and we want to keep the issue alive,” said WRRP organizer Nin Lev. “Our social security and safety nets are at risk and we need people to pay attention.”

Lev said they want to rally not only to stand up for social security, but also to raise awareness to the administration’s indifference to those who rely on social security for their income. “One thing I was thinking about was last week when a cabinet

member said no one would care if they didn’t get their social security check,” she said, referring to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick’s comments recently on a podcast (<https://tinyurl.com/mwxn7jew>). “How completely out of touch it is to have billionaires running the country. We know lots of people that without their social security checks can’t pay the rent, or don’t eat, or don’t buy their medications. That’s what happens when you have such out of touch people in government.”

Residents Mel and Nancy said they were reluctant to give their last names for fear of reprisal, but still wanted to lend their voices to the rally.

“I’m afraid they’re going to cut my social security if I give my name,” said Nancy. “I’m on social security; I worked 45 years as a registered nurse. I

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White Stadium goes on trial

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Parks and playgrounds don’t usually go on trial, but that changed on March 18 when the long-forgotten White Stadium at Franklin Park went on trial at Suffolk Superior Court before Judge Matthew Nestor.

The trial has festered since February 2024 when the Emerald Necklace Conservancy (ENC) filed a lawsuit to stop the leasing of half of White Stadium to “a private group of sports investors,” Boston Unity Sports Partners.

The ENC and its subsidiary, the Franklin Park Defenders, allege that the lease (signed on Dec. 23, 2024) violates Chapter 97 of the Mass. General Laws which, according to the suit, “requires a vote of the state legislature in order to change the use of a public park and recreation land... no such vote was taken.”

On day three of the trial, as The Herald reported on March 20, the plaintiffs introduced “a legal theory purportedly backed by state law that gives 10 taxpayers the ability to block the type of project the city of Boston and Boston Unity Sports Partners (now called Boston Legacy Football Club) are pursuing by erecting more than a 600,000-square-foot building without legislative approval and raising funds of the roughly \$500 million project.”

White Stadium is also a campaign issue; on March 12 mayoral candidate Josh Kraft called on Mayor Wu to cancel the lease. “Mayor Wu’s actions are a massive failure of leadership,” he said in a statement. “Mayor Wu should immediately take steps to reset this process” and put BPS students ahead of “the interests of wealthy private investors.”

The words “Franklin Park,” much less “White Stadium”, have never before been in any mayor’s speech, but they were in Wu’s March 19 state of the city address. “Today we are renovating White Stadium into a world-class athletic hub for BPS students, coaches and residents. I will never stop fighting for what our BPS kids deserve. Thank you to our coaches, students and the Franklin Park Coalition for guiding us.”

In what seemed like pre-trial warm ups, the partisans on both sides burned up The Bulletin’s in-box days before.

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Morgan: Pleasant Cafe not going anywhere

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Pleasant Cafe owner John Morgan said despite the listing of his property – and its adjacent parking lot – going up for a possible sale, he said he would not be closing down the restaurant anytime soon.

Morgan said if any presented deal doesn’t meet his approval then they won’t be saying yes, and that any deal will require the restaurant to be allowed to stay on. Morgan said he just wanted to see what was on the table, since he’s been getting requests for years now.

“Once a month, I’m going to say on average, I’ll get someone who walks in the door asking ‘Are you interested in selling the parking lot?’ and that’s been going on forever,” he

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Rozzie S+S reactions mixed

Arguments get heated

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning Department held a Squares + Streets (S+S) check-in meeting before the end of the comment period on March 31.

To give your feedback on the plan or to see the zoning maps for it, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4u632bpn>

The S+S plan for Roslindale Square is currently mapped to allow its highest density in the core of Roslindale Square – around Adams Park basically – and to increase density along the Square’s major corridors. Most of Roslindale Square, if the plan moves ahead as it is, would allow seven stories as-of-right and a small section would allow 145 feet (12 stories maximum). It should be noted that while this would remove the city’s abutters meet-

ings and Zoning Board of Approval (ZBA) vote on such projects, the Boston Planning Department has Article 80 Project Review public process for any building over 20,000 square feet, which would require public meetings.


Forest Hills resident Caliga said she does not believe more units are necessary, as the problem is that developers, banks who lend to them, and property owners are all too greedy and charge more than necessary for their properties, and would rather let them sit empty than lower the prices.

“I would like honesty if that could ever be possible? Who really is supposed to benefit from this?” she said. “There is no housing crisis. What there is is a truly affordable housing crisis. I live in Forest Hills but I can walk to Rozzie from my house. I’m going to tell you that

there are empty luxury units all over the city. Velo has them, the Pierce in the Fenway has them, Millennium Towers in Downtown has them. And what they call affordable we all know is not really affordable for people who are struggling to make it. For people who just got out of college with debt or who are maybe new cops, teachers, and nurses... What we call affordable is not truly affordable housing.”

Resident Evan Zinner said this was a disingenuous or misguided argument against S+S. “I know some people don’t think we have a housing crisis, they want to put other words on it, but the truth is that the rent is too damn high and the only way that can be fixed is building a lot of housing,” he said. “Austin (Texas) has done it and rent has gone down. It can happen here. The other person mentioned there are all these vacant units, but that’s simply not true. Boston has the lowest vacancy rate in the country. I don’t know where they’re getting their data.”

At least according to a report from Axios Boston on the vacancy data, while it doesn’t show comparison data, it showed that the Boston Metro had a vacancy rate of .4 percent in 2023. Real time data from Boston Pads has shown some increase since then as the estimated vacancy rate has doubled to .84 percent (<https://bostonpads.com/real-time->



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Public Feedback and Comment Form - Roslindale Square Draft Zoning Updates

Not shared

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English

The public comment period to inform the draft zoning map and text amendments for Roslindale Square that will make formatting and land use updates to the Squares + Streets Districts (known as Article 26) is from Friday, February 14, 2025 through Monday, March 31, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

The Planning Department will make revisions to the draft zoning map and text amendments as needed based on the comments received during this period. The draft zoning map and text amendments and a summary of the changes can be found here: bosplans.org/RoslindaleSquaresAndStreets.

All public comments received will also be shared with the Boston Zoning Commission ahead of their hearing on these zoning updates. Boston Zoning Commission meetings are public hearings, so public comments can be shared live during those sessions, as well.


data/).

Boston Planning Director of Zoning Kathleen Onufer said the increased zoning presented by S+S is designed to lower housing price pressure by increasing the supply. “These zoning updates will enable affordable housing development to go forward,” she said. “They very specifically allow uses that are responsible for delivering truly affordable housing, like permanent supportive housing that targets the lowest incomes in the city. And as you, someone who lives in Forest Hills, has experienced very recently how out of date and weaponized zoning has become against affordable housing projects, delaying the implementation of truly affordable housing that is desperately needed in our communities is a mistake. We as a city deeply believe this helps us meet the need we have for housing.”

Zinner added he felt that doing nothing and keeping the zoning the way it is will continue to hurt residents. “It’s ridiculous to think that building housing is going to displace people but that not building housing, allowing rich people to move in, pay higher rates for the same housing is somehow going to keep lower income people here makes no sense,” he said. “If there isn’t enough housing for everyone, it isn’t going to be the poor people who win out. I hope we build enough housing so that everyone can stay.”

Zinner also asked how comments are weighed in the Boston Planning Department process here. “Are concerns that are not really based in reality of, ‘Oh if we build more prices will go up,’ or ‘Oh if we build

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DESCRIPTION: The City of Boston Planning Department is hosting this virtual public meeting to close out the public review process for the draft zoning updates to Roslindale Square and to present the updated draft zoning map amendment that will be brought to the BPDA Board for petition and the Boston Zoning Commission for adoption.

At this meeting, staff will highlight the updates made to the draft zoning map compared to the draft version that was released back on February 14. Staff will also provide a summary of public comments received overall. The remaining timeline for zoning adoption will be explained, including how stakeholders can continue to direct their comments on the draft zoning updates to the BPDA Board and Boston Zoning Commission. Interpretation in Spanish will be provided.

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Neponset data evaluation presented

EPA preparing for next Superfund step

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, March 25, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held its most recent community meeting regarding its Superfund cleanup of the Lower Neponset River.

That noted, nobody from the EPA was present for it, which was all according to plan. The meeting was, in fact, hosted by Skeo – a third-party contractor specializing in environmental sustainability that has worked with the EPA on various Superfund projects since the

1990s.

In the case of the Lower Neponset, Skeo has been brought in by the EPA to independently assist the communities directly impacted by the project (Hyde Park, Mattapan, and Milton) to better understand the massive amount of data that has been collected in preparation for it.

Specifically, last Tuesday's meeting focused on the EPA's Phase 1 Data Evaluation Memorandum, which concentrates on the first mile of the Superfund site – from the confluence of the Neponset and

Mother Brook at the Grimké Bridge in Hyde Park to the Tileston and Hollingsworth Dam behind the Shops at Riverwood Place at the Hyde Park-Mattapan line.

The 615-page document – comprised mainly of tables – was released to the public last November, along with supporting technical documents tallying thousands of pages. Taken together, they represent the extensive sampling of the Lower Neponset's riverbed sediment – as well as its pore and surface water – that the EPA has collected and analyzed to both

identify all of its contaminants and to determine the severity of the pollution in that first mile.

The entire Lower Neponset Superfund site stretches nearly four miles to the Walter Baker Dam at Adams Street in Lower Mills and – for hundreds of years – was the site of mills, factories, and industrial plants that took advantage of the hydraulic power it offered. However, these businesses also contaminated the river, most notoriously – through much of the 20th century – with toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). These manmade and hard-to-break-down industrial chemicals were used in the manufacturing of paper and as a coolant for electrical equipment.

The industrial contamination in this section of the river is why the Neponset – which flows nearly 30 miles from Foxborough (near Gillette Stadium) before emptying into Dorchester Bay – is considered by the EPA to be one of the most polluted bodies of water in the United States. It is also why the site was approved as a federally funded and coordinated Superfund project.

Skeo Senior Associate Karmen King conducted the meeting, and its timing was based on the EPA's imminent release of its Lower Neponset Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for public

comment. This report will propose courses of action to clean up the site, and public commentary will be an important part of determining the course of action to be taken.

A key point of King's presentation had to do with the importance of riverbed core samples in determining how deep the contamination goes. Both riverbanks were also sampled in this way, and she explained why doing that was essential in preparing for the actual remediation work.

"You want enough information so that, when you mobilize your contractors, they get it — they find all the contamination. They're going to get it done the first time," she said. "They're collecting samples to make sure they have enough information to design this solid remedy."

The meeting – held at the Hyde Park Municipal Building/BCYF and drawing about 25 attendees – ran about an hour-and-a-half, and about half of that was devoted to a Q&A. In keeping with the limited scope of Skeo's involvement thus far, King was unable to go into much detail when responding to questions that went beyond the memorandum itself. These included those pertaining to risks in the river and for private property contamination along it, re-

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more people will be priced out,' or 'If we build more, somehow fewer people will be able to live here?', are those weighed the same as those that are based in reality?" he said. "Is it one comment is one comment or do you guys weigh the ridiculous s%#t some people say?"

"Who are you to say what is reality?" said resident Laurie Radwin.

Onufer asked that residents wait to speak during the meeting and take a deep breath. She also said that all comments are read in detail and they try to figure out if they can respond to concerns in the comments. She also said the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board and the Boston Zoning Commission

have all comments forwarded to them when weighing their votes on the new zoning.

Resident Adriana Cillo asked about how congestion might be tackled. She was referred to the Roslindale Square Transportation Plan at <https://tinyurl.com/mtce3cf5>, as zoning and transportation are two different but related topics.

Transportation infrastructure has been an issue with the MBTA. While there are a good deal of bus routes and a commuter rail station at the square, buses are often crowded and prone to traffic – despite the bus lanes – and the T comes only about once an hour. At the most recent Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association meeting, State Rep. Bill MacGregor reported he has once again filed legislation to get the state and the MBTA to look at ex-

tending the Orange Line to Rozzie Square. He said then that this would help provide more transportation options for residents new and old.

Cillo also said that she, along with several other residents, were concerned about the heights of buildings. "We call it the village because it really is like a village," she said. "This is not Downtown Boston. It really isn't. I truly hope that it will not be three or four floors."

Onufer said these are maximums and there will be smaller buildings, not just the maximum heights.

The comment period for Roslindale S+S ends on April 5. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/4u632bpn> to leave your voice on the project.



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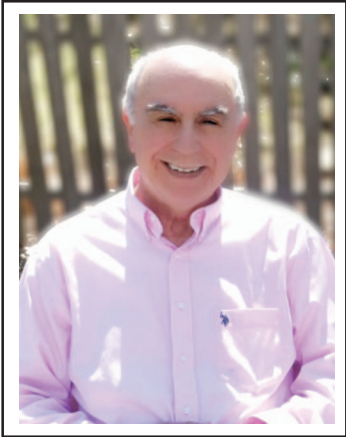
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When this card expired, it was easy to procure a second, accomplished by a mere telephone call. I did not have to go downtown. I guess I just had to prove I was still alive. When the replacement card did arrive in the mail, I was taken aback that there was no photo with the “younger” version of me on it: it was just a plain T pass with relevant information embedded within it.

I used to rant how excluding a photograph was poor thinking on the part of the T: I could furtively (and unethically) slide my card to non-seniors to use, and they would benefit from a reduced fare. But the more I thought about it, the more that I think big government is to blame. Was this an offshoot of the American with Disabilities Act based on the fact that handicap placards for parking no longer have to show faces outwardly, thereby enabling the T to decline showing old people’s faces on Senior



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

CharlieCards? Is big government trying to conceal my age to any nearby T attendants by not having to tap a photo-enhanced card? Whatever the cause, it seems to be that such a policy could lead to lots of abuse. I have no appreciation for a government, whose money I support with my taxes, that is trying to conceal my photo/age on T cards and perhaps leading to fraudulent usage. (And perhaps, some with disabilities may feel the same way about parking placards in their cars.)

Anyway, I’m on my way to Roche Brothers to pick up a bottle of wine. Oops, I’ll have to bring some ID to attest to my having lived 80 years: the store won’t sell to me unless I show a visual identification card—my slow gait and wrinkled face, as well as grey hair and receding hairline, won’t suffice to convince the cashiers of my octogenarian status. Is this another case of big government interference?

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Letters to the Editor

GALEOTA NEEDS TO STOP ATTACKING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

To the Editor:
We were dismayed to read another of Joe Galeota’s attacks on the traffic calming measures the City of Boston is taking to make our streets safer. One of us is a resident of the neighborhood Joe reminisces about who lives with three young children near where Sigourney Street ends and Walnut begins.

Joe needs to step out of his car and walk in the shoes of the current residents who cross this busy road daily as they navigate the neighborhood. Many of the neighbors are parents of young children and others older citizens who have had close calls with distracted or careless drivers speeding or running stop signs.

And regarding Franklin Park, a cherished community green space, we strongly disagree with the out-of-touch notion of reopening Glen Road to Circuit Drive. Not only is it a bad idea, but good luck con-

vincing the many near and far park users, as well as the influential cross-country track federation that uses the regionally recognized race course daily in the fall, to accept using this part of Franklin Park as a shortcut for car traffic.

Joe needs to understand that cities are best designed for the safety of people crossing the streets and not for prioritizing the convenience of car drivers. We are thankful for the traffic calming measures the city has implemented via the installation of speed humps and other measures in the Safety Surge program. May it continue, full speed ahead.

Dorothy Fennel, Jamaica Plain
Alan Wright, Roslindale

GALEOTA DOESN’T APPRECIATE THE BENEFITS

To the Editor:
I write in response to Mr. Galeota’s recent column (“The nadir of easy driving,” March 27). In it, he questions the value of speed humps and Stop signs along Sigourney Street /

Walnut Avenue in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury. As a resident who lives on a side street of this road and uses it daily as a pedestrian and a driver, the installation of speed humps in addition to the Stop signs has been incredibly beneficial.

Prior to their installation cars would routinely speed down the street, including failing to stop at Stop signs. Crossing the street to walk into Franklin Park was an uncomfortable experience as cars sped around turns; I have had a number of near-misses myself. And, poor sight lines combined with speeding made turning onto the street from side streets a dangerous endeavor.

With these traffic calming measures in place the experience now is much better. Cars actually follow the speed limit, making the environment safer for everyone. I welcome the marginally more inconvenient experience of driving over speed humps knowing that it makes it safer for the countless residents and visitors who use the park every day.

Chris Vaughan
Jamaica Plain

Skeo Senior Associate Karmen King responds to a question as Marilynne Smith Quarcoo and Naomi Yang look on.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MACDONALD

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sponsible parties, and the remediation impact of the dredging of the river in the 1960s.

The slow-moving nature of the project – which is slated to run for about 10 years – was also discussed, and talk alluded to funding concerns due to the new presidential administration, including the environmental justice component of the project being put on hold. This, in turn, led to the suggestion to contact senators and representatives to make them aware of the situation.

That noted, the response to the EPA’s work on the river has been generally positive thus far. “It’s one of the first experiences I’ve had where I feel like the community has a voice... and there’s value placed on the voice,” Community Advisory Group (CAG) member

Marilynne Smith Quarcoo said of the EPA’s community engagement. “So it’s not, ‘Oh, let’s just see what they’re going to do and find out later.’ I really feel like we have an opportunity to empower ourselves.”

For information about the Lower Neponset Superfund project, or to download the Phase 1 Data Evaluation Memorandum documents, visit www.epa.gov/neponsetriver. Contact Karmen King at kking@skeo.com or call her at 970-852-0036 with any questions about those documents.

To join the Lower Neponset River Community Advisory Group, contact Public Affairs Specialist ZaNetta Purnell at Purnell.ZaNetta@epa.gov or call her at 617-918-1306 or 857-286-6766.

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On March 6, Michelle Davis and Marti Glynn sent in a copy of a two-page letter to National Soccer League commissioner Jessica Berman seeking to “make you aware of the looming crisis for the national women’s soccer league, with ill-conceived plans to build a professional soccer stadium on public parkland in Boston’s historic Franklin Park.”

Littered with buzz words, “clear opposition,” “growing public outcry,” “resisting permanent damage to Franklin Park” and “threatening quality of life,” it was signed by 34 people and copied to 60 others, including The Bulletin and a host of elected officials.

On March 13, Beth Santos, Dorothy Fennel and Terry Cousins, representing “grassroots White Stadium supporters of BPS parents, students and neighbors” sent in a press release in which they wanted the “public to know that BPS students support White Stadium plans.”

On March 13, they held a virtual press conference, “letting our young people share their enthusiasm for this once-in-a-lifetime project,” and decrying “forty years of broken promises.”

The press release was signed by 50 students.

On March 14, a bright colored flyer pinged into the inbox sent by Diane Valle. “Gather Again Against Tyranny.” “No More Community Displacement.” “White Stadium, The Shot Heard Round the World.” “We The People Gather at State and Congress Street on March 15.”

As the trial opened up it became clear that the debate was centered on whether White Stadium is an integral part of Franklin Park or a separate entity entirely.

As the Dorchester Reporter wrote on March 18, Attorney Alan Lipkin, representing the city, said that saying White Stadium is part of Franklin Park “is a mistake.”

Showing Park Dept. maps, Lipkin said that the now retired parks department employee who drew those maps showing the stadium as part of Franklin Park “no longer holds that view.” White Stadium is separate from Franklin Park, Lipkin maintained, and Article 97 does not apply.

The Reporter wrote that outside the Pemberton Square courthouse “supporters rallied with signs promoting the project and its future use by BPS students. Inside, Franklin Park Defenders sat with their orange t-shirts ‘Keep Franklin

Park Public.’ ”

The Globe reported the next day, “Judge Nestor is tuning out the considerable background noise over the ambitious, costly and controversial project.”

“I’m not here to decide if this is a good or a bad project,” said Nestor, “but only if the project violates Article 97, a state law meant to protect park lands.”

The third day ended on Friday March 21 with Nestor saying he would return “in a week or two” with a decision.

The post-trial comments promptly rolled into The Bulletin inbox.

Emma Pettit, the mayor’s press secretary, was first at 5:16 p.m.

“For 40 years White Stadium has been crumbling and the students have paid the price,” Pettit wrote. “We believe that state law and decades of evidence make clear that White Stadium is a school facility and the Boston Public Schools has full authority to

rebuild it with the financial assistance of a private partner to serve students.”

At The Bulletin’s request, the ENC responded at 9:14 p.m.

“We were glad to have our day in court and look forward to the judge’s decision. There is still time for a better solution. The White Stadium development project has not been fully put out to bid and the full cost of construction... for the city’s share of the project will not be clear until July 15 when bids are due.”

The Supporters of White Stadium minced no words in its March 20 message.

“The ENC has lost its way, becoming an elitist, high society soccer group out of touch with average Bostonians. As supporters of Boston Public school students, athletes and coaches we’re appalled by the baseless claims to stall a project in a park they rarely engage in.”

Half of White Stadium is now a rubble filled vacant lot and the other half at Sigourney Street is now well underway to retrofit layers of seating shelves

and below stairs public entranceways, athletic rooms and soccer team facilities.

Larry DiCara, an attorney, a trustee of the George Robert White Fund which owns the stadium and an erstwhile member of the Franklin Park Coalition has observed the trial and spoke with The Globe on March 18.

“The city has a right to manage its property but there are no laws that determine what you can do and cannot do,” he said. “That’s what the court’s going to decide. I hope there’s a clear-cut decision so people can move on with their lives in every sense.”

Franklin Park Defender and plaintiff Renee Stacey Welch is not moving on. Welch, since January, has also been the administrative assistant to the ENC president; she told The Globe “the battle will continue.”

“Even if the verdict goes against the plaintiffs we’re still going to keep fighting. We’re not going to stop,” said Welch outside the courthouse.”

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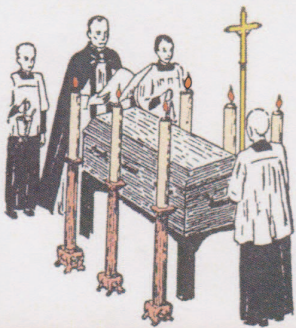
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Boston Water and Sewer Commission will commence Water Main Flushing in the Brighton area starting:

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The boundaries for the areas being flushed are
Mass Pike to the north, Chestnut Hill Reservoir/Commonwealth Avenue to the south, Ringer Park/City Border West/Brookline to the east and City of Newton Border to the west.

The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.



Water Main flushing will take place between the hours of **10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.**

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In the Writers Room

Matthew MacDonald
Staff Reporter

For the students at Hyde Park’s New Mission High School, the act of putting pen to paper to express their ideas – and themselves – is now a little less intimidating and a lot more inviting.

That was the message delivered on Thursday, March 20 at the ribbon cutting ceremony that officially opened the doors

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in-school location.

The idea is to provide a dedicated place within the school where students can drop in, get comfortable, and freely consult with 826 Boston staff and volunteers about whatever writing they’re working on or pondering. While many stop by for help with assignments and college application essays, the program’s overarching goal is to get at students’ full potential through ongoing individual guidance and support, class activities, and after-school projects.

Although the ribbon cutting

April 3, 2025

dents, and often present ideas to the English Department faculty and exchange them. “The roles can kind of vary based on how the teacher thinks the support should look,” she said of the relationship.

The ribbon cutting was preceded by a speaking program during which Loughran, 826 Boston Writers’ Room Manager Cassie Edouard, and New Mission English as a New Language Teacher Jennifer Dines all took to the podium. Everything that they had to say served as a foundation for the final three speakers – all of whom were New Mission students and Writers’ Room habitués.

Each read a sample of their own work that had come of their time in the Writers’ Room.

Each was different: a personal statement from a (successful) college application that reflected on the 12th grade author’s recovery from addiction, a short-short story inspired

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Legals

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT SUFFOLK, ss. Case No. SU25E0023

To **Octavia M. Stots-Nembhard and Olivia M. Stots**, and to all other persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by **Jesse L. Stots, Jr. of Roslindale, MA** in the County of Suffolk requesting that he hold as tenant in common ½ undivided part or share of certain land lying in Boston, MA in said County, Suffolk, and briefly described as follows:

The address of the residential property which is the subject of the petition for Partition is 83 Atherton Street in the Jamaica Plain district of the City of Boston (Suffolk County), Massachusetts, being particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in that part said Boston called Jamaica Plain, being Lot numbered 15 on plan of land on Amory Street and Atherton Street made by G. W. Hayward and Company, Architects and Engineers, dated September 26, 1896, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds in Book 2419, Page 230, and bounded and described as:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Atherton Street, 43 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by lot numbered 16 on said plan, 72 and 12/100 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by Lot numbered 17 on said plan, 43 and 2/100 feet; and
SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot numbered 14 on said plan, 73 and 41/100 feet.

Containing 3,412 square feet of land according to said plan.

Title to said land is derived under: The deed to grantees, Jessie Lee Stots, Sr., and Mary L. Stots, as tenants by the entirety via quitclaim deed dated February 7, 2006 and record with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 39044, Page 222.

Setting forth that he desires that - all the following described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$1,200,000 dollars (One Million and Two hundred Thousand Dollars) 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 **24th day of April, 2025** the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this 25th day of February 2025.
Stephanie L Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department Docket No. SU25C0177CA

CITATION ON PETITION PETITION TO CHANGE NAME **Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, Ma 02114 617-788-8300**

In the Matter of: Judy Annetta Gamble
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Judy Annetta Gamble of Hyde Park, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Judy Annetta Gamble-Maxwell**

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 **04/23/2025**. 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. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date March 26, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Aletta Horton (the “Mortgagor”) to Finance of America Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns, dated November 29, 2022; recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 00686, Page 101 and registered at the Suffolk County (Suffolk District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 939801 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 138101 (the “mortgage”); which mortgage the undersigned is present holder by assignment, pursuant to and in execution of said power and for breach of conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at:

Public Auction on May 28, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Said sale being located on the mortgaged premises and having a present address of **10 Waterloo Street, Hyde Park, Suffolk Country, MA**. The premises are more particularly described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Hyde Park with the buildings thereon, described as follows:
A certain lot of land containing 5,555 square feet more or less referred to as Lot 2 on a Plan entitled, “Land Court Subdivision Land Court Plan 20221-B in Boston, MA (Hyde Park District) Scale 1” = 20’ dated August 11, 2005 created by Toomey-Munson & Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors” and filed at the Suffolk County Land Court on November 10, 2005 as Document No. 20221B.

For mortgagor’s title see deed registered at Suffolk County (Suffolk District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 939801 and Noted on Certificate of Title Number 138101.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/ or rights or parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier’s, or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (The mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Leopold & Associates, 80 Business Park Ave., or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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officially opened it, the Writer’s Room has been in business at New Mission since the beginning of this academic year, and 826 Boston has been working with the school since 2021. The partnership was productive enough that – when a teachers’ lounge attached to the school library became available – plans were put in motion to set up shop in it.

“I would say that one of the benefits of 826 is that they’re really enmeshed in the school culture,” Co-Head of School Karen Loughran said as the post-ribbon cutting reception was winding down. “They’re here Monday to Thursday, all day. And so it’s not something that’s drop-by-a-different-tutor each week. It’s like they feel like they’re part of the community and so are very accessible.”

Going into more detail, Loughran described the interaction between 826 Boston and New Mission: beyond serving as tutors, the staff assist with classroom projects, mentor stu-

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paid into that system and I think Elon Musk is planning to make enough cuts so the whole system just doesn’t work.”

Mel said she’s on disability, and it was announced that day that the Department of Health and Human Services was the Department of Government Efficiency’s latest target, aiming to cut programs for older adults and those with disabilities (<https://tinyurl.com/45a3bdas>).

“I have a Masters in Public Health, and I want to go back to work, but I’ve been on disability since I was a child, as I was born with a brittle bone condition,” Nancy said. “I’ve broken my bones more than 60 times. And here I am, even though I’m dizzy. I couldn’t even bring my cane because how am I going to hold up the sign?”

District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén also came out to support the rally. “It just shows where our hearts and priorities are in our country,” he said. “The fact is the residents of Roslindale and the immediate area, we are about protecting people’s rights, about making sure we continue to have a strong democracy in our country and make sure our residents aren’t impacted by any crazy legislation coming from the White House right now.”

Residents Pam and Scott said they want to stop social security from being privatized.

“It seems pretty clear that they want to sabotage the admin functions and it just seems absurd, ridiculous, bad faith - what else can I say?” said Pam.

“It’s a program that’s working beautifully and people love it and they’re trying to destroy it. It makes no sense,” said Scott. “They want that money; they want to privatize it so they can make money off it.”

“I think step one is make it dysfunctional and step 2 is to say ‘This doesn’t work, so let’s privatize it,’” said Pam.

“They’re driving a wedge between the people and the service so they can get away with, ‘Oh, we have to fix it then,’ i.e., privatize,” Scott said.

Resident Kevin Murray said he was scared about losing social security. “I wouldn’t have thought six months ago there would have been this kind of threat, but the way they’re talking now, I’m not sure anybody can rely on social security, which has been fundamental in this country since the 1930s. That’s why so many people are out here. There are so many things happening that nobody believed could happen. It’s gotten to the point people are concerned about social security.”

Resident David Ween said he wanted to support the Social Security Administration. “Just to show there is some general resistance to all the terrible things going on in our country right now,” he said. “I think we’re getting a lot of positive honking and waving. It’s a gesture and I think it’s important to show people care and are deeply offended by what’s going on in our country, and that this is just a small piece of what’s going on.”

There will be a generalized Hands Off! Rally at the Boston Common on April 5. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3sh99v9b>



The Pleasant Cafe isn't going anywhere, owner John Morgan said, but the family is looking to see what it can do with its property.

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said. “And you wouldn’t believe how many times I heard the place was up for sale when it never was. You wouldn’t believe the amount of times I’ve heard from people ‘Oh I hear you’re selling the place!’”

He said recently a representative from 128 Commercial Real Estate Brokers came in and said that he wanted to show Morgan what’s possible if they decide to sell the land around the cafe. “I mean he told me, ‘You have zero obligation to accept anything unless it meets your needs or criteria,’ and he asked if they could market it and see where it goes,” he said. “Finally, I just said, ‘There is zero obligation, no harm no foul, why not hear offers and what people have to say?’”

And CRE 128 representative Jeremy Freid said they have a myriad of options to keep the restaurant in place through a lease buyback, even if both the building parcel and parking lot are sold.

“There is a variety of different ways that you can structure a sale leaseback,” he said. “You could sell it as part of the sale, you can sign a long-term lease on the current property, you can develop a new property and have the Pleasant be required to be a part of that new development, they can stay on as owners and joint venture with somebody, there is a land/lease scenario where someone might build something across the street and build parking underneath, I mean commercial real estate

allows for very many creative solutions to keep the Pleasant going. Our job is to market it to potential buyers and developers and listen to the market and present the family with a bunch of different scenarios... We could literally spend an hour talking about the different scenarios.”

Morgan said they are not even on step one for anything and they are looking for options. “This is stage zero, we haven’t explored anything or done any engineering studies,” he said.

Morgan emphasized that the Pleasant is going to keep going and stay with his family. “It’s been in my family since 1979. My dad bought it at that time and, unfortunately, he died when he was 52 from cancer,” he said, adding that the restaurant is still very much a family affair. “My mother actually still comes in at 84 and puts in a few days a week, and my wife Joanie works here too.”

Morgan said he’s got so much history with the restaurant it’d be hard to imagine him without it. “I’ve been working here since I was 14 years old, and I’ll be 60 in July, so 47 years,” he said. “I started busing tables when I was a kid and worked my way through all the positions in the place. When I graduated from Northeastern I came in with my mom full-time, as my dad had passed.”

District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén said he was relieved that one of Roslindale’s treasures is still remaining in the Morgan family. “That’s

the approach I want, because I don’t want the day to come when we don’t see Pleasant Cafe there,” he said. “That is a beloved place for the community.”

Former Roslindale Village Main Streets Director Steve Gag said he’s relieved they’re sticking around. “I’ve been looking at that parking lot across the street and I’ve been assuming that somebody would want to cash in on that,” he said. “So I’m not surprised to see that go up, but I was somewhat surprised that the building they own with the café is up for sale, but I love the idea that they’re going to cash out and keep the restaurant going. What’s not to like about this? It’s so much different than what happened with Doyle’s in Jamaica Plain.”

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O’GRADY



Mary F. (Sullivan) of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away on March 27, 2025. Beloved wife of the late Leonard “Lenny” R. O’Grady. Devoted daughter of the late Mary T. (McCarthy) and John J. Sullivan, both of whom were from the Beara Peninsula, in Co. Cork, Ireland. Loving mother of Maureen MacDonald and her late husband, Christopher, of Spencer, Stephen O’Grady and his wife, Eileen, of West Roxbury. Proud grandmother of Kara MacDonald, Kathleen and

Patrick O’Grady. Dear sister of the late Julia “Sheila” Lydon, baby, Agnes Sullivan, Anne Welcome and John “Jackie” Sullivan (BFD). Mary cherished her many nieces and nephews and was the adored “Auntie Mame” to the late Sheila Anne Lydon. Mary was raised in Blessed Sacrament Parish, Jamaica Plain. She met Lenny at a Saturday dance at Moseley’s in Dedham on Christmas night in 1948. After their wedding in 1953, they settled in Roslindale and then in West Roxbury. Mary was a devoted parishioner of the Holy Name Church for many decades, where she and Lenny met many great friends and families. She served as Prefect of the Ladies Sodality and especially enjoyed the company of some wonderful friends at the Saturday evening Mass after Lenny’s passing. Mary often recalled many fond memories growing up with her beloved girlfriends in Hyde Square and greatly enjoyed the reunions with her St. Thomas Aquinas High School classmates, from the class of 1948. She and Lenny always had great neighbors in

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the Willowdean/Parklawn neighborhood, both when they were young parents and as elders. She will be greatly missed by her friend and Irish soulmate, Rosanna Murphy. Mary enjoyed reading, keeping up with world politics, her Irish heritage, the Sunday crossword and correctly answering Final Jeopardy. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary may be made to a charity of choice. For guestbook, please visit www.gormleyfuneral.com William J Gormley Funeral Service West Roxbury 617-323-8600.

PEPIN



Mildred T. (Ward) “Millie” of Norwood, formerly of West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, passed away on March 24, 2025. Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Pepin. Devoted mother of William E. Pepin and his wife Frances, and the late James E. Pepin (Ret. Lt. Norwood Police), Mary E. Johnson, Joseph Pepin (Ret. Sgt. Cambridge Police), Janice A. DeBella, and Barbara Sarkas. Mildred is survived by 15 grandchildren, 30

great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. Sister of the late Catherine Sansone, Mary Swankowski, Rita Tanner, Margaret Barbour, Clare Reese, and William, Thomas, John, Charlie, Joseph, James, and Arthur Ward. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mildred’s memory to St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

TANGUI



Ingrid Patricia of Hyde Park, formerly of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic passed away on March 26, 2025. Beloved daughter of Maria Turbides and the late Leonardo Turbides. Devoted mother of Chantalle Tangui and Gerald Turbides. Sister of Josefina Turbides and Luis Turbides. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment private.

WHITE



Pauline M. (Ventola) of Hyde Park, March 26, 2025. Beloved wife of the late Anthony F. White. Devoted mother of Robert M. White and his wife, Susan of Franklin, Susan McGowan and her husband, Brian of South Yarmouth, Linda Kelly and her husband, Vincent of Mansfield and the late William F. White. Grandmother of Michael B. McGowan, Brendan B. McGowan, Robert M. White, Jr., Jennifer N. Coggin, Amanda C. Kelly and Brianna L. Kelly. Great-grandmother of Madison G. McGowan, Cecelia I. Coggin and Anthony N. Coggin. Pauline was a graduate of Cathedral High School, Class of 1954 and Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School, Class of 1955. She worked as an executive secretary for Simmons University Admissions Department. She was an active member of St. Anne’s Parish, Readville, a member of the St. Anne’s School Committee, a member of the St. Anne’s Parish Council and a member of the Mil-Par Seniors. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. Donations may be made, in Pauline’s memory, to St. Anne’s Church, 20 Como Rd., Readville, MA 02136. Online guestbook, at gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

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Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude’s Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

In gratitude for helping me.

—J.H.

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.

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—D.J.

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The Writers’ Room

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by seventh grade events taking shape in an eighth grader’s restlessly imaginative mind, and an 11th grader’s full-length poem as rhythmically nuanced homage to a beloved (but unnamed) comfort food.

Each read their work to a library full of guests – teachers, administrators, elected officials, people filming and taking photos, classmates – yet spoke with calm confidence and pacing in their voices as they each surefootedly brought the room along with them, in their own words.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, Atekha Ighodaro offered a copy of her poem to further assist in guessing the name of its unidentified subject and good-naturedly gave it up: fufu and okra – an African stew. And to read her poem was to know the dish, to taste it, and to enjoy it.

A little later, short story writer Eloise Planchard chatted before heading home with her mom. “I feel like, in the Writers’ Room, they can really respect your ideas and treat you like they aren’t just, like, some silly story in your head.” As an example, she spoke of the support she has gotten for an idea she has had in her head since the 5th grade that she now wants to make into a novella.

“I’m glad to see an environment that is encouraging creativity in a social setting,” Stephanie – Eloise’s mom – added. “Having them write stories with their friends is great and exploring this form of expression... It’s exciting. I’m excited to hear it, to see something like this.”

Hearing Emely Echevarria’s personal statement was jolting but positive. It was also very well-constructed, and after the



The New Mission High School cut the ribbon recently on the new Writers' Room.

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reception she talked a little about how it had gotten onto the page.

Stopping by the Writers’ Room for help with her college application essay a couple of months after going cold turkey, she’d had a rough draft for something else but was encouraged to focus on her recovery. What she wrote helped Emely to get into

Northeastern, where she intends to pursue a degree in biochemistry. It had also served to memorialize what she had overcome.

Her personal statement – and all that went into it – had also brought Emely to some personal discoveries: the realization that she can do whatever she puts her mind to doing, and another that

she stated and then restated. “Asking for help is not a bad thing,” she reaffirmed with conviction. “It’s actually a good thing that you can ask other people for help and share your thoughts.”

For information about 826 Boston, visit www.826Boston.org.

Around the Neighborhood

WRICA MEETING

The next meeting of the West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association will be held this Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 PM at the St Stephen Church, 5160 Washington Street. Nominations for Association offices elections to be submitted. Election for WRCIA President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be held on the following second Tuesday of May, May 13, 2025. As always, meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month from September through June and will not be cancelled by the Executive Committee unless for good cause.

2025 FOOD TRUCK SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

The return of spring to The Greenway brings so many good things! Flowers are blooming, the carousel is spinning, and, beginning on April 1 we’ll be celebrating the start of our 2025 Food Truck Season!

This year we’re welcoming four new food trucks to our program: Mi Corazón Taqueria, Hungry Nomads, Suya Joint, and Butter “UR” Biscuit, and we’re looking forward to seeing them out on the park throughout the summer!

In addition to the four new trucks joining our program, we’re also happy to announce that we’ll welcome a number of returning food truck partners this year including Bees & Thank You, Bibim Box, Bonetown Burgers, Chicken & Rice Guys, Cookie Monstah, Gogi on The Block, Jamaica Mi Hungry, Moyzilla, Mr. Gourmet, Paisani, Revelry, Tacos Calleteco, Stuffed by Papi, Sweet Bubble, Tandoor & Curry on Wheels, Tenoch, Wanderlust and Zaaki.

The Greenway Conservancy is delighted to work with an incredible group of diverse business owners within the Food Truck Program, and we’re excited to share that of the 22 local businesses, 16 identify as women- and/or BIPOC- owned.

If you’re eager to explore all of the cuisines the 2025 Food Truck Program has to offer this year, head to our website <https://www.rosekennedygreenway.org/> food to see the weekly schedule.

TWO APRIL MHCNA NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS!

20th Annual MHCM Love Your Block – Pride in our Neighborhood Clean Up Day. Saturday, April 5, at 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Meet up at the intersection of Canterbury and Mt. Hope Streets. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know more of your neighbors. We will walk our streets together raking up the winter’s collection of trash and debris. Streets include Mt. Hope/Mt. Calvary/Manning/Gilman/Canterbury/ Stella/Legion/Paine Streets, and our corner of Cummins and ALH.

The Mayor’s office will provide rakes, garbage bags, gloves, and T-shirts! The Dept. of Public Works will come round during the day to pick up the filled garbage bags. If you cannot be there at 9:30 am, just look for us on Mt. Calvary and Canterbury Streets, down to Paine St. It is a fun “civics lesson” for your kids.

APRIL MHCM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, April 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (We meet the

2nd Thursday of each month) at the Home for Little Wanderers, 780 American Legion Hwy. Room 302. Meeting agenda includes E-18 Community Police crime report, reports from officials: Representative Russell Holmes, District 4 Councilor Worrell), others.

Please share this with your neighbors! And come to any and all of these events, show support for our neighborhood, and take part in these discussions. We make progress by working together, and making sure that our elected officials represent us. Email lisabeatman@yahoo.com to add your contact info to our mailing list.

10th ANNUAL LOVE YOUR BLOCK

West Roxbury, Centre Street, April 5th, 9:00 am. Meet at Tim White Way. Join your neighbors to beautify West Roxbury. West Roxbury Main Streets will provide the equipment. We just need your help.

PLANT SALE 2025!

Every gardener loves a plant sale! RG&C will hold our yearly sale on Saturday, June 14, from 10 AM to 1 PM. This event will be at the homes of two of our members - 53 Prospect Avenue and 5 Sheldon Street (just a few houses from each other).

We’ll be selling plants from our own members’ plant divisions, mostly perennials (both sun and shade loving) with a few edibles and shrubs. Depending on donations, we sometimes have a small selection of decorative garden items or gardening books.

If you are dividing plants this spring and have some to share with us (no wild orange daylilies or invasives, please), consider potting them up and labeling them (sticks are great but even masking tape on the pots is OK) for us to sell.

If you need plastic pots, we can supply them. We’d appreciate donations delivered to us after June 1 and no later than Wednesday, June 11. Thank you in advance.

The proceeds of the sale fund our 501c3 non-profit mission to plant and maintain public green spaces in Roslindale Village. That’s right–your extra plant donations keep us afloat for the year ahead.

If you have questions about the sale or about donating plants, please email us at rgc.plantsale@gmail.com.

GARDENING IN THE SQUARE

If you enjoy gardening and would like to meet and work with other Roslindale gardeners, we have over a dozen sessions each gardening season in which we weed, deadhead, prune, and remove trash from our green spaces.

As a small gesture of thanks for your efforts, after each session join us for a refreshing treat.

In addition, the first time a volunteer works with us for three times in a single gardening season, they get a Roslindale Green & Clean T-shirt!

THE NEXT TWO EVENTS:

Saturday, 4/5 9:00 AM - Love Your Block at Alexander the Great Park and Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 PM - Taft Hill Park. In case of bad weather, a session may be rescheduled. For more information, please email us at rgc.plantsale@gmail.com

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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU25P0581EA
Suffolk Division

Estate of: Francis Lawrence Harrington
Date of Death: January 15, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner Francis J. Harrington of Jamaica Plain, MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate
Francis J. Harrington of Jamaica Plain, MA
has been informally appointed as the **Personal Representative** of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

Hyde Park Bulletin: 04/03/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU18P2742EA

CITATION ON GENERAL
PROBATE PETITION

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

Estate of: Louis John Cijan
Date of Death: 08/29/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
Francisca C. Guzman of Roslindale, MA
requesting the property located at 103-105 Neoponset Avenue, Roslindale, MA 02131, be included in the estate.

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 04/15/2025. 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 04/03/2025

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU24P0442GD

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

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

In the Interests of:
Angel Perez Najera
of: Jamaica Plain, 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
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital of Jamaica Plain, 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 **04/17/2025**. 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, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 21, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin:
04/03/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU11P1113GD

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

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

In the Interests of: Roger Marcotte
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
Brigham and Women’s Hospital of Boston, 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 **04/22/2025**. 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.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 25, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin:
04/03/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET NO. SU25P0668EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Jane Mary Ryan
Also known as:
Jane M. Ryan, Jane Ryan
Date of Death: 12/30/2024

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

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
John D. Ryan of Dedham, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
John D. Ryan of Dedham, 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 **05/01/2025**. 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.

UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: March 27, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin:
04/03/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P0548EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Vergia L. Massey
Also known as: Vegie Lee Parker
Date of Death: 02/07/2025

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

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Appointment of Special Personal Representative** has been filed by
Sarah Washington-Tucker of Charlotte, NC

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

The Petitioner requests that:
Sarah Washington-Tucker of Charlotte, NC
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 **04/17/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 13, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin:
04/03/25

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK, ss.
SUPERIOR COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2584CV00409

EDEN BROWNELL
Plaintiff
v.
Any persons claiming under
UNITED CALIFORNIA
SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL,
INC., and/or GMAC MORTGAGE
CORPORATION who may Claim
an interest in certain property
in Boston, Suffolk County,
Massachusetts by purchase,
descent or otherwise
Defendants

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: the Defendants, any persons claiming under United California Systems International, Inc., and/or GMAC Mortgage Corporation who may claim an interest in the certain property located at 14 Bowdoin Avenue, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts (the “Premises”) by purchase, descent or otherwise.
EDEN BROWNELL
claiming to have an interest in the Premises by virtue of that certain Condominium Unit Deed made by 14 Bowdoin, LLC dated February 27, 2023 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 68732, page 235 has filed with this Court a Complaint to Discharge a Mortgage pursuant to M.G.L. c. 240, §15 and an Action to Quiet Title pursuant to M.G.L. c. 240, §§ 6 to 10.

If you object to the Plaintiff’s Complaint, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer or other responsive pleading with the Suffolk County Superior Court, 3 Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before April 30, 2025 (the “Return Date”), or you may be forever barred from objecting to the Plaintiff’s claims.

Witness: Wilson, J.
Attest: John Powers, Clerk,
Suffolk County Superior Court.

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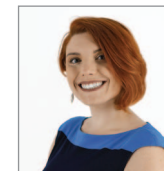
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