



Bill Downey, fourth from the right, his family and U.S. Service Members at his recent award ceremony.

PHOTO BY KWOT ANWEY

WR Veteran honored at U.S.S Constitution

Bill Downey gets special birthday

Kwot Anwey
Staff Reporter

As the family stepped up the ramp of the ship, the bustling City of Boston began to fade into the background. Loud car horns and the mingling sounds of the multitude of the city were replaced with the rhythmic lapsing of water against the bottom of the floating monument. With feet planted on the dark wooden floors, they were transported to the time of America's emergence as a global superpower, reminded of the significance of the U.S. military

in their own lives.

In a formal ceremony on May 2, US Navy Veteran Bill Downey was awarded the United States flag that, previously, had flown high atop the rigging of the USS Constitution. Born on February 9, 1936, Downey was honored three months after his 90th birthday.

After being officially recognized by sailors of the naval ship, attendees applauded as Downey saluted and was handed the flag. He beamed as other visitors joyfully sang him happy birthday.

"I'm a Navy guy through and through, forever and ever," said

Downey. "I couldn't wait to become 17 so I could join, and many years later, I still feel like I am 17, joining the Navy."

The USS Constitution (also known as Old Ironsides) is the US Navy's oldest commissioned warship still afloat in the world, built in 1797 and docked today at Pier 1 of the Charlestown Navy Yard. The ship is now open to visitors, a key location on the Freedom Trail, and manned by a crew of the Navy.

For Bill Downey and his family, visiting the USS Constitution

Downey

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Andrea Spencer, right, asks Mayor Wu about better police enforcement at Forest Hills.

COURTESY PHOTO

Despite tragedy, little progress at Forest Hills

Mayor surprises at safety walk

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 12, 2024, an MBTA bus struck and killed Glen Inghram, of Forest Hills, as he was walking through Washington and Tower Streets.

Jascha Franklin-Hodge, then Chief of Streets, came to the virtual Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA) meeting on October 20, 2024.

Franklin-Hodge, who lives on Eliot Street, said he wanted to "be here in person" to offer his condolences.

"I appreciate your advocacy," he said to meeting attendees. He came with a long list of promises: Making pedestrian changes at Tower Street exclusively for pedestrians. Curb extensions on Tower Street. Reconfiguration of the intersection. "Not just paint."

Crosswalks at the stop line where the buses exit. Ongoing safety signals at the two intersections of the Arborway and South Street. Reduce left-turning vehicle conflicts. "Give pedestrians a head start at every intersection."

"Like to begin with signal delays."

"Talking with the T about where the bus exited."

"Working in the next couple weeks."

Forest Hills

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City noncommittal on Beacon St. bike lane

Protected bike lanes promised in Brighton, but when?

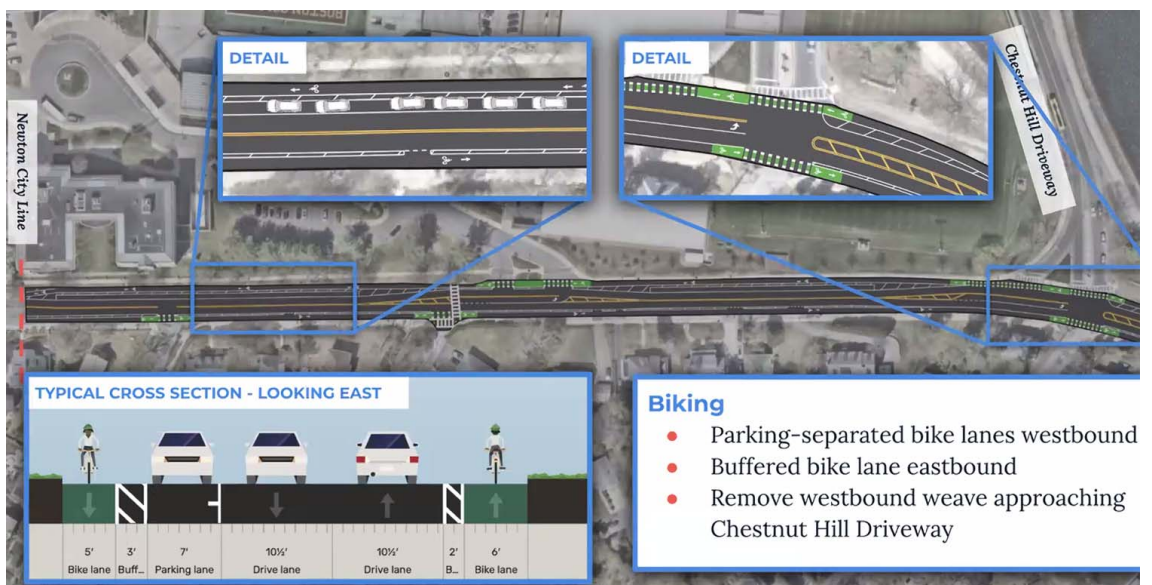
Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The City of Boston hosted a virtual meeting last Wednesday on proposed safety improvements to Beacon Street in Brighton in between the Newton line and Cleveland Circle.

City officials were adamant that the work was focused on Brighton Street, and that other work is already planned and underway to improve the sea of potholes that is currently Cleveland Circle – <https://gvimes.link/clevcir> – by the MBTA, the city,

Beacon

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A rendering of proposed safety improvements at Beacon Street in Brighton. These improvements approach the oft-maligned Cleveland Circle, but do not fix the myriad of issues there.

COURTESY PHOTO

HPNA questions S+S comments

Victorian Row may get rezoned

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, May 7 – as the official public comment period for City Hall’s proposed rezoning of Cleary Square entered its final week.

As the key part of Mayor Michelle Wu’s Squares + Streets initiative, the rezoning is designed – through the mapping of selected “S” districts – to increase the allowed height and density of new residential construction in Hyde Park’s downtown business district.

For the owners of real estate (both commercial and residential) in S+S rezoned districts, the value of their properties could very well increase. However, for small businesses renting space within S+S zoned commercial buildings, there could be an increased chance of displacement should their landlords decide to sell to developers, or to expand or rebuild on their own.

S+S development will also likely lead to the reduction in new ground floor business/retail/active use space by either eliminating it as a requirement in lower density S+S zones (S0-SC).



Two students walk past Dell Rock in the Victorian Row section of Hyde Park Avenue.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

There is also no minimum parking requirement in the eight codified S+S zoning districts.

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (now the Planning Department) officially kicked off the Cleary Square S+S small area planning process in February 2024. Throughout, it has been marked by neighborhood pushback due to its lack of public engagement regarding which S+S zoning districts would be applied to Cleary

Square, and where they would be mapped.

When the draft S+S zoning map for Cleary Square was finally released for public review on March 17, it was poorly received by nearly all of those who chose to speak at the Planning Department’s virtual public meeting the next day, and then at an in-person public meeting that it held on April 8. Chief issues were the map’s proposed seven-story (S4) zoning of the Cleary Square

sections of Hyde Park Avenue and River Street, the lack of displacement protection for its primarily foreign-born business owners, the lack of provisions for traffic and parking congestion, and the lack of tree canopy to counterbalance anticipated new construction.

At those meetings, attendees were strongly advised to submit their comments via online portal to register their input. Since then, community-based efforts have been made to encourage this – including at

Thursday’s night’s meeting, at which some of its time was reserved for that purpose.

S+S comments also became the main topic when Hyde Park Liaison Zoë Petty of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services gave her monthly update. This was triggered by her reading of the latest tally: 30 in support, 35 opposed, eight neutral, and 18 in support with specific concerns.

This led to a question of how three March 23 comments submitted by Milan Patel – an active developer with two Dana Avenue properties (which he noted in two of his three detailed comments in favor of residential development beyond what the S+S zoning districts currently allow) who is based on the North Shore – were weighted relative to those of local residents.

The question had been asked by HPNA member Elaine Coveney, who clarified that she had also submitted four-to-five comments in a row (which were also detailed, and in opposition to the S+S proposal for Cleary Square) due to the 1,000-character limit placed on each submission.

Petty – who does not work for the Planning Department – gave a questionable response.

“I think it would be biased to say, necessarily, they would be treated

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MAC Art sale makes a scene

Inspiration and variety on offer



Just a few of the pieces on display. These are from local artist Judith Robichaud.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Menino Arts Center (MAC) hosted its third annual Arts Center Open Studio sale on Saturday, May 9 making it a perfect destination for those looking for an indoor activity on a rainy day or if you were on the lookout for a piece of artwork in any medium – oil, watercolors, fabrics, clay, print, graphics or ink – for yourself or as a gift.

The works on display were created by MAC studio artists, Hype Park Arts Association (HPAA) members and from a recent Curry College Students, Faculty and Alumni show, held at the MAC. Many of the artists were on-hand and eager to talk about their creative process.

At her booth, Sharon Armour asked visitors how they manage stress. She cre-

ates clay labyrinths set into hand-glazed tiles that people can trace with a finger – a simple practice meant to encourage calm and meditation. Labyrinths have appeared across cultures and spiritual traditions for centuries.

“This is a handheld form that you take a walk with your finger instead of taking a walk through the park,” said Armour. “And it helps you to push everything out of your mind, clear your mind, ... get on with your day. I have two patterns... that I think really work well... for anybody for a couple of minutes to refocus.”

Katie McGinnis works in eco-printing: creating scarves, T-shirts, and napkins from a natural dyeing technique that transfers the shapes and color of leaves on to fabric.

“I print with leaves and

flowers, many of which all come from around here... and it’s a long process, but the middle of the process is putting the leaves and flowers on a natural fabric, using silk and linen as they hold and release the dye well.”

She rolls the leaves, flowers, and fabric tightly around a pole, secures it and then steams it. McGinnis initially gave her pieces to friends. Now she sells them. At this event, a customer bought a scarf as a Mother’s Day gift for her mother and purchased napkins for herself.

Judith Robichaud works in oils, painting nature or birds from photos she takes plein-air (outdoors). Her studio, at the MAC, is filled with portraits of chickadees, cardinals, robins, pigeons, squirrels and landscapes.

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Corrib 5K

returning June 7



Racers are lacing up already in preparation for the 32nd annual Corrib 5K Road Race.

FILE PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 32nd annual Corrib 5K will be kicking on in style this year on LaGrange Street in West Roxbury on June 7 at 12 noon sharp.

Organizer and Corrib Charitable Trust representative Tony Bligh said this year’s race won’t be stopped by the construction on Billings Field; however, they will have to make some changes to accommodate the work.

“The Y has graciously and kindly allowed us the use of their two parking lots, and so we’ll have the post-race celebration there,” he said.

Signups will also be affected, taking place in the parking lot just behind Billings Field. Bligh said runners will be able to access signups by using the path in be-

tween the field and Corrib Pub/Roslindale Pediatric Associates.

“People will only have to walk an extra 20 feet,” Bligh said.

Bligh said despite the inconvenience of the work, he’s amazed at the job going on there. He said the field has been in disrepair for years and really needed the work.

“It’s close to a \$20 million project, and they’re ahead of schedule,” he said. “And the company doing the work, Fleming Contractors, are an amazing company and they’re doing a great job. They’re the best company in New England for this kind of stuff, and the community lucked out getting them. That’s how I feel, and Parks’s B Chatfield and Kevin Bogle have done an amazing job too.”

There have been impacts, however, as they won’t be able to

Corrib 5K

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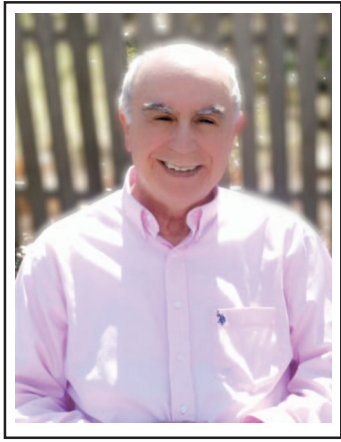
Pride of JP 61 years ago

When the Artemis II plunged into the Atlantic recently after its trip around the moon, I was caught off guard by the large number of Navy people in rafts surrounding the bobbing lunar module as they checked for strange microbes before attaching a flotation collar and “front porch” for a helicopter lift to the USS John P. Murtha a short distance away.

My cousin, Kathleen Grassl (nee Sullivan), now living in Canton, recently reminded me of a similar event in August of 1965. It was then that Forest Hills Street’s Johnny Hunt, the son of two Irish immigrants living on the third floor of a neighboring triple-decker, became nationally famous when he and two other frogman – in sharp contrast to the large number of Artemis rescuers – secured the flotation collar to Gemini 5. Lieutenant Hunt – known to everybody in Ward 11’s 7th precinct as Johnny* – was stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain awaiting the capsule’s descent into the ocean. After Hunt opened the hatch to greet astronauts Conrad and Chandler, he gave the thumbs up to the hovering helicopter to prepare for the hoists.

On that eventful Sunday morning, when Mike Wallace mentioned his name on national television, it surprised most of us – not knowing his assignment – but made his mother Molly beam with pride as her phone started ringing off the cradle. His brother Gene and sister Peggy McLaughlin were no less proud.

Having graduated from Boston College in 1962, he enlisted in the Navy and entered Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. Shortly after-



My Kind
of Town/
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ward – though not an athlete – he passed grueling swimming tests to become a member of its elite Underwater Demolition Team.

Launched in late August of 1965 with the motto “8 Days or Bust,” Gemini 5 made 120 orbits around the earth before its splashdown seven days and 23 hours later. It successfully demonstrated that astronauts could endure weightlessness for the approximate period of time necessary to fly to the moon and back. Sixteen out of 17 experiments were conducted, with its success concluded by a “rescue” facilitated by a 25-year-old frogman from Our Lady of Lourdes almost 61 years ago.

* It seemed that most kids in the 50s had an “ee” sound appended to their first names: Timmy, Tommy, Paulie, Richie, Bobby, Billy, Jerry, Frankie, Buzzy, Cathy, Joey, Genie, Ronnie, Eddie, Kenny, Skippy, Buddy, Peggy, Annie, Dickie, Margie, Jimmy (but never Jamie) – reminiscent of Matt Damon’s litany of his siblings for heartthrob Minnie Driver at the L Street Tavern in the movie “Good Will Hunting.”

Chili peppers are measured in Scoville Heat Units, or SHU. Jalapenos, the most common North American pepper, rate between 2,500 and 8,000 SHU. Mexico’s Serrano is rated between 10,000 and 23,000 SHU. Louisiana’s Tabasco peppers reach 30,000 to 50,000 SHU.

Shortly before 9/11 in Boston, I passed through a metal detector and froze when the alarm sounded. Looking for any reaction, I saw four attendants chatting nearby. Irritated – constant travel does this – I interrupted. “Does anyone care that I triggered the metal detector?” They glanced at me, then resumed chatting.

“Are you the boss?” I asked a man nearby, whose uniform indicated authority. “I just triggered that metal detector and no one seems to care.” The man dispatched me with a waved hand, without requiring re-entry or wand wave-down. Such was airport security prior to 9/11.

Next are the Tepin Chile from Texas and Mexico, ranked between 10,000 and 50,000 SHU, and Cayenne pepper, rated between 30,000 and 50,000 SHU.

While perusing shops in Mexico City’s aeropuerto, I spied Habanero peppers! Desiring an increase in SHU consumption, I purchased a jar and stuffed it in my shoulder bag. When I arrived in Chicago, I rechecked my bags and entered the TSA security line.

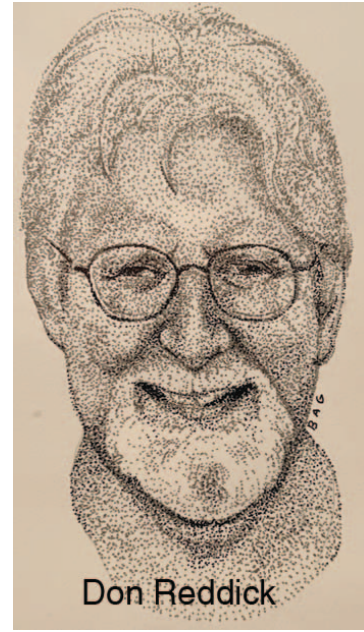
The Scotch Bonnet, native to the Caribbean, and the Guntur Chile, native to southern Asia, are the next hottest chilies, rating between 100,000 and 350,000 SHU.

“It took time,” said Jorge Saitillo, spokesperson for Department of Homeland Security’s newly formed Pepper Interdiction Division (PID), “to comprehend the chili pepper threat. It starts innocently, with table pepper. Then comes powdered red pepper and Jalapenos, and then the truly gateway pepper, the Habanero...”

Inspecting my carry-on, my Habanero peppers were discovered.

“I can’t let you take these through,” I was informed. I stared.

“I can’t,” TSA Man insisted. “Why not?” “Because it’s



Don Reddick

the rules.”

“What rules?”

“There’s liquid in this jar. You can’t take this in. You can take it back out and either check it with your luggage or pour out the liquid and bring it back through.”

My luggage already checked, I stared. “It’s the rules.”

“OK, hand me the jar, I’ll pour out the liquid right here.” I pointed to his wastebasket, brimming with PID victories.

“Oh, I can’t allow that.”

“Why can’t you allow that?”

“Because it’s the rules.”

You can gauge the level of abuse you can bestow upon such men. I gauged.

“What, is PID making the world safe from Habaneros now?”

“Sir, I’m just doing my job.”

“They’re friggin’ peppers! Look, I’ll pour the liquid into your basket. There will be no liquid. Why can’t I do that?”

“Because it’s against the rules.”

“There’s a rule that says I can’t empty the liquid from a jar of Habaneros?”

“Sir, I’m just telling you the rules.”

“Let me get this straight. I can go back, lose an hour, empty the liquid back there and miss my connection, but can’t empty it here and make my connection. Is that right?”

“Or you can have it checked through in the baggage department.”

“How the hell do you check a three-dollar jar of Habanero peppers?”

“You need to box it up.”

“Where do I get a box?”

“Sir...”

“Okay,” I conceded. “Give me that.”

The man handed me my jar of peppers. I fired it into his wastebasket, put on my angry eyes and continued Habanero free, no longer threat to God and country.

Habaneros are native to Mexico and rated between 100,000 and 350,000 SHU and hot enough to deeply concern the Department of Homeland Security. PID agents, instructed to interdict all incoming jars, bottles, or powders, are trained to recognize characteristics of the Pepper Eater like nervousness, heavy facial sweating and glazed eyes, as well as choking and asking for bread.

Well, perhaps not everything here is accurate. But sometimes to drive a story forward, you need to bump a few fenders.

Breaking News: PID, the CIA, the FBI as well as the Girl Scouts of America jointly announce the placing of the Red Savina, as well as the notorious Bhut Jolokia, rated between 800,000 to 1,000,000 SHU, on the chili pepper “terrorist watch list.” They have also designated the Trinidad Moruga Scorpion, the hottest pepper on earth, a Weapon of Mass Destruction.

“We shall not flag or fail,” Jorge Saitillo, PID spokesperson announced. “We shall fight chili peppers in the TSA line, we shall fight them on the seas and the oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend the Homeland from the Pepper Threat. We shall fight Jalapenos on the beaches, we shall fight Serranos on the landing grounds, we shall fight Tepins and Scotch Bonnets in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight the Habanero in the hills; we – shall – nevah – surrendah!”

Once home, I was forced to buy Habaneros on the street, unsure if a Bhut Jolokia, or even a Trinidad Moruga Scorpion might be mixed in. I moved to the window, scanned the street and carefully closed the curtains. I turned off Alexa and my cell phone. I dimmed the lights and put the cat out. Sitting for dinner, I whispered to my wife:

“Pass the peppers, please?”

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“Safety is a core goal. No compromises.”

... But nothing happened.

Ten months later, Benjamin Siegal of the FHNA, told StreetsBlog Mass on Aug. 14, 2025, “I talked to the mayor about [these promises] at one of her coffee hours. She told us to keep on engaging, keep on making your voices heard. We did that. They ignored us anyway.”

At a city council hearing in transportation on April 22, 2026, City Councilor Ben Weber grew impatient with acting chief of streets Nick Gove who testified he would improve “community engagement and making sure we get the plans right.”

Weber seemed frustrated.

“Glen Inghram was killed crossing a green light,” he said. “What we’re getting is still vague: ‘we need more community process’. This doesn’t fill me with a lot of faith in the process.”

“My constituents want to be able to walk across [Forest Hills] safely. I don’t know what to tell my constituents,” Weber said. “More process. Never going to do anything.”

Apparently sensing the need for some damage control, Mayor Wu notified the FHNA on Friday April 24 that she would join them on their long-planned April 25 Hyde Park Avenue Safety Walk.

“Late breaking news!” Siegal announced on the FHNA

list serv. “Mayor Wu is going to join us. All of us have been really disappointed by the lack of any action here.”

More than 60 residents assembled in the lobby of Forest Hills station and for 20 minutes the mayor spoke, but offered nothing as specific as her erstwhile chief of streets offered 18 months earlier.

Instead she apologized for staffing changes and spent more time on her criticism of the Ukraine Way traffic pattern and proposing bike lanes for Hyde Park Avenue than addressing the safety concerns of the bus turn-out opposite Tower Street and the “corduroy” road bed conditions at that intersection.

Almost as a non sequitur, Wu questioned if the [MBTA] parking lot was needed, suggesting housing for the site.

Wu apparently overlooked the fact that across at the Tower Street corner, a six-story, 35-unit apartment building is being reviewed by her Boston Planning Department.

“I want to share a couple of things,” Wu said. “Delays and confusion are very much on me, I take full responsibility.”

Wu cited staffing changes. “A full change over all of us. You name it, a wonderful crew who stayed on the full term.”

“Engagement and communication, we’re doing it better and in a different way,” Wu said as deputy director of neighborhood services Cisely Graham



Residents are concerned for safety around this intersection, as two years ago a bus struck and killed resident Glenn Inghram while he was crossing the street.

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held an iPhone recording the remarks.

Graham has also been filling the JP liaison position, vacant for three months, and had previously worked as the Hyde Park liaison.

“Very specific thoughts on this. There’s the station itself, which is the T’s property, and then the other side of the street with crosswalks, which is the city,” Wu said.

Turning radius at the lower busway, the parking lot and Ukraine Way were on Wu’s mind.

“We have to make changes and work with the T around the station. Get together with the T, what we can do together. Intersections and crosswalks.”

Wu was unhappy with Ukraine Way, “its function

and purpose,” suggesting changes are needed in the redesign of Ukraine Way.

Wu took questions from the audience and Siegal spoke out.

“You were elected with a mandate. Do something; you’re the only person who can,” he said.

“I hear you,” Wu replied.

Andrea Spence of Tower Street criticized the lack of traffic enforcement in Forest Hills Square.

Wu acknowledged that problem.

“We’re thinking about traffic enforcement,” she said, adding she was interested in what Toronto has done using civilian traffic monitors to help people at intersections. “We’re looking at that,” Wu said.

Wu offered no timetable or

specific next steps as the gathering dissolved into individual conversations and the group assembled for a walk through the business district.

The mayor’s office did not respond to The Bulletin’s question about next steps for Forest Hills.

Ben Siegal couldn’t seem to find the beef. “After more than five years[the mayor] still cannot give us a timeline,” he told The Bulletin the next day. “And the suggestions she offered are either things the city cannot implement or distractions.”

“Gesturing at the MBTA, at Ukraine Way, at the [T] parking lot are not substitutes for delivery on a corridor the city has been studying since 2019... slower traffic, real enforcement, bus priority, and safe walking,” Siegal said.



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National Grid, and Boston Water and Sewer. Boston Chief Engineer Construction Manager Norman Parks said that Cleveland Circle will see better days coming, but with all that work being completed, but toned up and then repaved, those days are still a couple of years off, likely 2028.

“There is a lot to do with this area that is being coordinated through the City of Boston and the MBTA,” he said.

Deputy Director for Capital Project Planning Nathaniel Fink said the scope is further limited by the area’s stakeholders.

“This is part of a routine asphalt resurfacing program, and that comes with some targeted sidewalk improvements and curb ramp repairs,” he said. “The specific scope of work is to repave the road surface curb to curb, install a new pavement marking and signage plan with an updated design – and that is the bulk of our presentation tonight, that design – we will be making standard (Americans with Disabilities Act) ADA upgrades to curb ramps in the area and we are also making targeted sidewalk repairs.”

Fink and Lead Planner Maddie Webster said the city is looking to start construction around the end of June and finish before the end of the summer, to accommodate Boston College. The city said they consulted with BC, but no representative from the school was on the call.

Residents were mostly concerned with the prospect of a bike lane and the proposed traffic calming measures the city is planning on installing. Those measures include the usual vehicle-slowing measures, with the notable exception of any speed humps and raised crosswalks. Fink was asked about

the lack of a raised crosswalk on the stretch of road, and while he said he wants to put raised crosswalks into every situation he can, the scope of the project was for repaving only, and a raised crosswalk would require drainage improvements because how such a structure affects waterflow.

The biggest point of contention was the bike lane. The plan proposes painting lines for a bike lane – protected by parking spaces where available, but just marked by paint where not – to conform with the lane currently in operation at Newton. It would also narrow the road to help slow traffic – an extremely common tactic in traffic calming.

“Currently the lanes are (sized) closer to what we would see on a highway, where people are comfortable driving at much higher speeds,” said Boston Transportation Planner Daniel Merrow. “Currently the intent is to keep people driving 25 miles per hour, and the lane sizes reflect that.”

Residents said they were concerned about the fact that large portions of the bike lanes would not be initially protected by anything but a paint line. Fink said he agreed that protection is needed, but did not commit to any timeline or method of protection – e.g., flex posts of cast concrete.

“We are facing a relatively short timeline for construction; our construction management colleagues want to get this work sometime in mid-June, which is largely reflective of the college schedule,” he said. “Boston College, both for their classes as well as getting the bulk of the work completed before folks come back to school and certainly before the football season... We hear all your questions loud and clear about pro-

tection, and it is something we are looking into, but at this time I can’t make any guarantees about a specific timeline on that other than I can say that we are doing our best to leave as many places as there is space for it... We are absolutely building it to ‘future proof’ it.”

Resident Eva Webster objected to the road narrowing and flex posts.

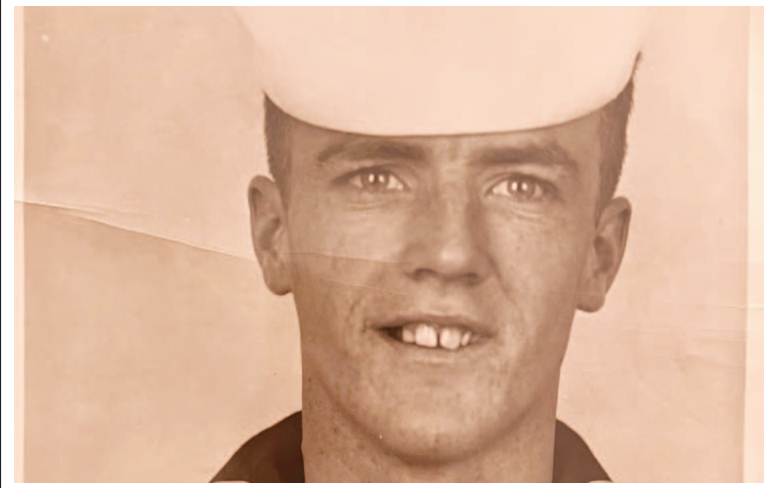
“I would like to point out that many of us consider those flex posts eye sores that conflict with the beauty of the landscape,” she said. “The other thing I would like to bring up is that in the presentation it was mentioned multiple times that the lanes were being narrowed as if it was a good thing. I think when car lanes are too narrow, it is a safety issue for cars, because it increases the chances that cars might hit head on. Unless it is absolutely necessary to narrow those lanes, I would advocate for keeping them reasonably wide, because it’s not a typical urban street.”

Resident Marcos Rodriguez said he wanted to emphasize the importance of even flex posts.

“I would love to see some sort of separation on the unprotected areas; cars will just use it to park and swerve, which we’ve seen around Boston with the removal of the protection,” he said, referencing the recent Boylston Street removal of such protections. “I personally have been attacked by a driver because I’ve had to go around a bike lane that was blocked and unusable. I want to show that importance, because they probably would have saved me from getting punched in the face.”

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

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Bill Downey during his days in the U.S. Navy.

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is about more than learning history – it is a family tradition too.

“It’s special because he would always be so proud to bring the grandkids over here, to take them on the tour and to show them the ship,” said Linda Downey, Bill’s daughter. “If there were ever any events going on here and grandkids were in town, they were here with him.”

Born in Roslindale and raised in West Roxbury, Bill Downey enrolled in the US Navy in 1953, serving for 12 years aboard aircraft carrier USS Siboney as an engineer and plumber. During his three-day leaves while stationed in Norfolk, he would buy a car to drive and see his now-wife, Ann Downey.

After retiring from the Navy, Bill Downey became a plumber with the Plumbers Local 12 Union. He has now lived in West Roxbury for over 65 years, raising his five daughters in the neighborhood – four of whom are now scattered across Massachusetts and one who routinely comes back to Boston.

Bill Downey has become a fixture of the community, volun-


teering with local veteran organizations, including the Wounded Warrior Project. On his 80th birthday, he received the Key to the City of Boston and had the day dedicated to him, according to Linda Downey.

“This is a staple place,” said Linda Downey. “Even though he [obviously] wasn’t on the Constitution, this is like his pride rock.”

The gentle sway of the boat encapsulates the life Bill Downey has lived, impacting his community in every phase of his life and embodying the spirit of the Navy with every stride he takes.

“Most of the time, people receive [a flag] at a cemetery – a family member receives it at a cemetery. For him to receive a flag personally from somebody in the Navy on the Constitution is a pretty big highlight,” said Linda Downey. “Being able to serve his country was probably – besides having his family – the most important thing that he could do in his life, and he honors that and carries that with him every day.”

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Artist Sharon Armour said these finger labyrinths are a meditative form of art.

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“I go birding and I bring my camera and if I can get a good photo, I’ll use it as a reference,” she said. In the past week she’s been at the Arnold Arboretum “painting in the good weather.” A new painting of a crabapple tree in her backyard is undergoing adjustments in her studio. “I didn’t like the color of the background, so I’m changing it right now to make it darker.” Anna Johnson was browsing the collection. Visiting

from Northampton, MA she heard about the show and dropped in. “We’re surprised to find that there are not only textiles here, photographs, paintings, a woman who makes art out of her gum, which is amazing,” she said. “She chews gum, makes little figurines, and then imagines them digitally.” Johnson continued to be impressed by the variety and extent of the artwork. “I think all of it catches my

eye.” Melissa La Bianca, who recently acquired space onsite, was hard at work on her new macrame designs. “I really like macrame, and so I was just kind of curious to try something new and creative.” La Bianca works with cotton and likes macrame because she can work on it for a while, put it away and pick it up later. “I don’t have to worry about time urgency. You know, like

with clay, you kind of have to be kind of quick about it and have a real schedule.” She has new macrame holders for air plants. “They just absorb moisture from the air, and then you soak them once a week and put them back in.” Erik Gehring, executive director of the MAC, said the idea for a show came from members. “We have seven studios and it’s a great way to promote their work,” he said. “We have other space in which member artists can also exhibit, so it seemed

like a great idea. And so we’ve done it now for the third time.” Gehring is enthusiastically promoting two future shows, “Exhibit Volunteers Exhibition, May 18- June 19, 2026, which showcases the contributions of the HPAA member volunteers who help put on MAC exhibitions. It will feature 42 works by 11 artists. Also coming is “Fiber, Fabric and Thread: On and Off the Walls” scheduled for June 29 – August 28, 2026. For more information go to <https://gvimes.link/macexhib>

Council looking at senior water/sewer discount To mirror senior tax breaks



District 4 City Councilor Brian Worrell said he wants to make water and sewer discounts automatic.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted unanimously last week to hold a hearing to go through how it might enact an automatic senior and persons with disabilities discount to homeowners’ water and sewer bills.

Currently, qualifying homeowners can get up to a 30 percent discount on their monthly water, sewer and stormwater charges. Those qualifications include being either 65 years of age or older or being fully disabled, and living in a one-to-four-unit residential dwelling.

Currently, the program requires residents to apply through a process, which can be found at <https://gvimes.link/seniorwater> and residents can call the Commissioner’s collection department at 617-989-7070.

But hearing sponsor and District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn and District 4 City Councilor Brian Worrell said they want to make that an automatic discount when residents are enrolled in senior tax exemption programs.

“We all know that costs are rising and our seniors are living on fixed incomes, so it feels like a double burden for our seniors,” Worrell said. “I think this is an opportunity for us to simplify access for the opt-in program and strategy.”

Worrell said the current program may not be as well-utilized as it could be, and auto-enrolling residents through the senior tax exemption program – <https://gvimes.link/taxexemp> – could be a way to help ensure no one is being left behind.

“We know residents are currently qualifying for the senior tax exemption program,” he said. “So if you are enrolled in that senior tax exemption, then you should be automatically enrolled in this senior water and sewer discount program. This is just a way to modernize our systems, instead of having to print out a PDF to fill out and submit back to the City of Boston.”

Worrell said that the application process is basically like the city asking residents to tell the city what it, administratively, already knows. “We already know who our seniors are, who owns homes, and then we also know through that senior tax program, the income limits,” he said. “Just looking forward to this conversation to find ways to modernize and simplify these programs.”

The tax exemption program allows for up to \$1,000 off your tax bill if you qualify. Residents must be 65 or older as of July 1 of the corresponding fiscal year. They must have owned and occupied their home for the same time, the ownership interest must be at least \$4,000, they must have lived in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years, income must not exceed \$25,980 single/\$38,970 married, and one’s estate – not including real estate property – can’t be valued at more than \$40,000 single/\$55,000 married.

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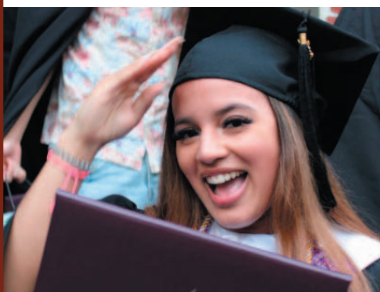
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equally, when – in the public meetings – we’re talking to residents directly and, for the most part, I know your faces, the Planning Department knows your faces,” she put forward. “The same way you guys know there’s a developer, the Planning Department also knows there’s a developer. You get what I’m saying?”

That statement did not obviously agree with what the Planning Department’s S+S team has been saying regarding the importance of submitting comments via the official online portal, and it led to an indefinite exchange between Petty, Coveney, and several other HPNA members regarding what is being counted, in terms of community feedback, and how it is being counted.

“It seems like there should be more analysis to see where things fall,” Coveney concluded.

Related to that, on the May 8 tally sheet accessed from the Planning Department’s Cleary Square S+S webpage, Coveney’s April 27 submissions appear as one entry, while Patel’s appear as three.

In her monthly report, HPNA President Mimi Turchinetz brought up another aspect of the draft S+S zoning map that has raised concern: its proposed rezoning of Hyde Park Avenue from West Street toward Cleary Square from two-family

residential (2F-5000) to S1. The zoning change would allow for up to four floors of residential units, as well as small-scale commercial use.

That stretch of Hyde Park Avenue is informally referred to as “Victorian Row” because of the uniquely designed old houses that line it. “If you map this as S1, what you’re doing is you’re incentivizing people to sell their houses and demolish beautiful Victorian houses,” Turchinetz said of the implications of S+S zoning in that area as she interpreted them. “I don’t think that’s a great idea. Maybe it’s just me, but I think that really is the gateway to Cleary Square.”

The public comment period for the S+S draft zoning map and small area plan closes on Friday, May 15. To access the Cleary Square draft plan and zoning map and to submit comments, visit <https://gvimes.link/hpsquaresmap>. Comments can also be submitted to squaresandstreets@boston.gov.

For further information, contact Cleary Square S+S Project Manager Maya Kattler-Gold at Maya.Kattler-Gold@Boston.gov or call 617-918-4432.

The HPNA meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Hyde Park Municipal Building/BCYF (1179 River St.). For information, email hydeparkneighbors@gmail.com.

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Billings Field is still under construction, and won't be available this year. However, the Parkway Y has offered its parking lot for the festivities.

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do the Kids Fun Run this year, as Bligh said they couldn't find a space he was comfortable with.

“Roxbury Latin was kind enough to offer to let us use their field, but we get nervous about the kids going across the street,” he said. “But it will be back in full force in 2027 on the new field.”

Bligh said the race is a fundraiser for the Corrib Charitable Trust, which is aimed at spreading funds around in the community. He said the Trust raises tens of thousands of dollars for local charities focused on veterans causes and youth sports. He said last year, they were able to disperse more than \$60,000 to local causes.

“In the history of the race, our total disbursements is right around \$2 million,” he said. “And we give to the little league, Parkway Youth Basketball, veterans associations and those kinds of organizations. Our focus is youth, veterans and senior organizations.”

Bligh said organizing the race each year is a hectic and chaotic event that he does stress about, but he said the work is made lighter by many hands.

“I have a lot of fun, because our Board is just the best bunch of guys and we have a ton of laughs,” he said. “It’s a lot of work, but we have a ton of fun. It’s definitely not your typical board meeting.”

Bligh said the community has really gotten behind The Corrib to help ease any speed bumps caused by the Billings Field reconstruction. He said he was very surprised by the outpouring of support and offers from other local organizations.

“We were floored by how much help and kindness we’re receiving from our neighbors, I mean everybody’s offering to help,” he said. “It’s unbelievable, you know? God bless America!”

To sign up, go to <https://gvimes.link/corrib5k2026>

Sponsors for this year’s race include Gormley Funeral Home, the Parkway YMCA, and The Cooperative Bank.

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Volunteers Exhibition 2026”, which will run from May 18 through June 19, 2026. The exhibition will be viewable both in person at the Menino Arts Center (26 Central Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136), and in a virtual 3D gallery that you can stroll through at <http://www.hpamac.org/exhibits/>. There will be an in-person Artist Reception on Friday, May 29, 2026, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

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Between 9:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2026, and 5:00 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026, the intersection of Belgrade Avenue and West Roxbury Parkway in West Roxbury will be closed to allow for a full depth reconstruction of the road. Work will be done during day and nighttime hours for the duration of the closure. The contractor will use muted backup alarms to mitigate noise pollution.

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The intersection will be closed from Friday night, May 15 until Monday morning, May 18. Traffic will be detoured via Anawan Avenue and Beech Street. Police will be stationed to guide traffic

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Bus Detour

The MBTA bus stops servicing routes 35, 36, 37, and 38 at the Belgrade Ave/W. Roxbury Parkway intersection, which will be closed during the detour, and riders will be directed to the adjacent stop pairs at Belgrade Ave/Centre Street and Belgrade Ave/Iona Street/McCraw Street. Buses will follow the prescribed detour on Anawan Ave & Beech Street. The MBTA will place additional signage at the affected bus stops to notify riders of this change.

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Wu and B.A.A. announce fastest Bostonian awards



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu held a ceremony for the four fastest Bostonians in the Boston Marathon.

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On May 7th, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) announced the recipients of the Fastest Bostonians Awards, given to four Boston residents with the quickest finish times at the 130th Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America. During a celebration hosted at City Hall, the fastest man in the marathon's wheelchair division, along with the fastest man, woman, and non-binary runners,

received recognition for their outstanding performance.

The awards were presented to:

Michael Schmidt, who finished the race in 2:22:32. Schmidt is an East Boston resident who coaches track and field and cross country at Brandeis University.

Tara Lyons, who finished the

Marathon

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Christian, a faithful wife, loving mother and adoring grandmother. She loved cooking, baking and making sure her children and grandchildren were happy and well fed.

Afife enjoyed traveling and embraced a very dignified and respectful self-expression sense of fashion and style. She had many friends and lived by the golden rule: treat others as you want to be treated.

She is survived by her three sons, a daughter, grandchildren, and sisters and brothers in Lebanon. Afife's perpetual message to her family, and friends was: pray, pray, pray.

Afife's Funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon, 61 Rockwood Street, Boston, Mass 02130. Visitation services provided by Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring Street in West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Afife's memory may be made to the Church <https://www.ourladyofthecedars.org>

Afife will be laid to rest with her beloved husband at The Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, 670 Baker Street, West Roxbury.

Surrounded by her loving children, Afife Chahwan of West Roxbury passed away peacefully. She was born in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon and spent the last 40 years in Boston. She embodied a simple elegant lifestyle, focusing on grace, modesty and humble demeanor.

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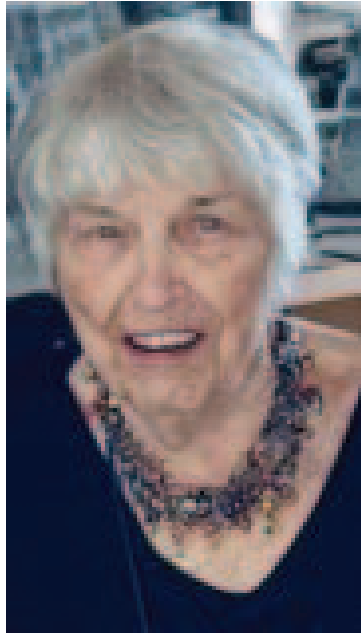
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CROWLEY



Barbara Sally (Armour) Crowley of Dedham, passed away peacefully on Tuesday May 5, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was 88.

Born in Boston, Sally was the daughter of the late Barbara (Burns) and Robert Armour. Sally was raised in Readville and was a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School with the class of 1955. Sally had many jobs over the years but the one she enjoyed the most and retired from was with New England Telephone.

Sally was a woman of deep faith. It was that faith that supported her every day and that forged the basis of her love of family and friends. Sally was blessed with an amazing partner in Francis. Together they built a strong family that continues to grow. Her family is extremely fortunate to hold many happy memories, photos and even a book (self-authored) to share all their stories of Nana Crowley. There are so many people in both her Dedham and North Palm Beach communities that have had the privilege to call Sally their friend. Sally was a spectacular organizer and always made sure that if you were in her company you would have as much fun as possible. Sally Crowley will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Sally was the beloved wife of 65 years of the late Francis M. Crowley, the devoted mother to James Crowley of Marshfield, the late John Crowley and his wife Susan of Ft. Myers FL, and William Crowley and his wife Sara of Walpole. Sally was the sister of Robert Armour of North Palm Beach, FL and the proud Grandmother of eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Visitation for friends and family will be held in St. Anne Parish, 90 W. Milton Street, Readville on Saturday May 16, 2026 beginning at 9:30 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park will be private. Arrangements are in the care of Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Sally's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105 or see www.stjude.org.

HARRINGTON



Brian Harrington, of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 7, 2026 surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Devoted husband of Lisa (Campo) Harrington, and loving father of Megan and Brian Harrington. Beloved son of the late Joseph and Mary (Early) Harrington. Youngest brother of the late Johnny Harrington, and is survived by his brothers Tommy, Jimmy, and Paul Harrington, as well as many nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Brian began his lifelong plumbing career after graduating from Boston Trade, working at several local plumbing companies before starting his own business, Harrington Plumbing and Heating. He then went on to join the Plumber's Union Local 12 serving as a proud member for the remainder of his career. Brian took tremendous pride in his craft and the relationships he built through his work.

An avid sports fan, Brian always rooted for the underdog when his hometown teams were no longer in the running. He loved spending time with his dog Hunter, eating Sunday dinner with his kids, and cherished his daily rides to Dunkin' with his wife for her afternoon coffee – a small ritual that brought him great joy. Brian had an incredible sense of humor—quick, dry, and perfectly timed—and an infectious laugh that could brighten even the toughest days.

His generosity knew no bounds, always there to help Family members, Friends, and Colleagues in need. Brian was a kind, loyal, and hardworking man who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visiting Hours at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. West Roxbury, on Thursday, May 14th from 3-8 p.m. Funeral from the funeral home on Friday, May 15th at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend.

Brian had a generous heart and a deep admiration for the mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through their official website.

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KERINS



Anne Kathleen (Cherry) of Norfolk, formerly of West Roxbury, passed away on May 5, 2026. Beloved wife of William Kerins. Devoted mother of William Joseph Kerins III and his wife Dominique of FL, Kathryn Anne Calo and her husband Joseph of Sturbridge, Anne Therese Kerins of Norfolk, and Patrick Michael Kerins of Norfolk. Loving grandmother of William Kerins IV, Dylan Kerins, Lillian Kerins, Maxwell Kerins, and Joseph Calo III. Dear sister of William Joseph Cherry Jr., Susan Virginia Rodden, Patrick Michael Cherry, Michael John Cherry, Mary Jane Mitchell, Kathleen Nora Cherry, John Francis Cherry, and the late Jane Marie Cherry, and Maureen Theresa Cherry. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Anne was one of ten children born to the late Bill and Nancy Cherry. She was raised in West Roxbury, a graduate of Copley Square High School. Anne cherished her many friends and always spoke fondly of her days at Billings Field. At just 19 years old Anne met the love of her life, Bill, with whom she shared over 45 years of marriage. Anne was a force, her energy could not be matched. She loved life and was always the life of the party especially if there was good music and dancing. Anne will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who knew her because to know her was to love her.

Visiting hours were held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on May 8th. A Funeral Service was held in the funeral home on May 9th. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Anne's memory to The Salvation Army 1500 Washington St, Boston, MA 02118, give.salvationarmy.org

MACNABB



Jean Anne (Burke) MacNabb, longtime resident of Dedham and originally from

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White Stadium transportation update

New framework sets clear transportation rules for Boston Legacy FC game days at White Stadium, invites residents to help shape key details during the next phase of community engagement

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that city leaders signed a Transportation Access Plan Agreement (TAPA) – a formal set of commitments by a development team that is required of all Article 80 large projects – between the City of Boston and Boston Legacy Football Club (BLFC) for White Stadium. The agreement serves as a framework that sets clear rules for how fans will travel to and from White Stadium on Boston Legacy game days and locks in BLFC’s core commitments, including fully funding the transportation plan, at no cost to taxpayers.

For the first time, there will be a formalized transportation plan to manage how fans get in and out of White Stadium on BLFC game days while protecting Franklin Park and its surrounding neighborhoods. The plan was shaped by nearly two years of community input, including dozens of public meetings and conversations, and creates a blueprint for managing all large-scale events in Franklin Park moving forward.

The City will now launch the next round of community engagement and invite residents to help shape key details, such as the boundaries of the resident parking protection zone, the number of visitor parking passes for households, and managing parking on BLFC game days for other users and events at Franklin Park. On Thursday, June 11th, the City invites all interested members of the community to a public meeting at the William J. Devine Golf Course Club House, where residents can weigh in on all of these decisions and more before details are finalized.

“Franklin Park and White Stadium have hosted some of Boston’s largest gatherings for decades. Now, for the first time, we have a comprehensive plan to get people there safely and efficiently while protecting the beautiful parkland and surrounding neighborhoods,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “After nearly a hundred meetings over the course of two years, we’ve reached an agreement with Boston Legacy FC to deliver a fully-funded transportation plan that will set the standard for managing big events at Franklin Park—at no cost to taxpayers. We now look forward to hearing directly from residents to finalize key details, and we encourage everyone to join an upcoming community meeting.”

“Franklin Park has long needed a structured approach to managing large events, and this agreement is an important step toward achieving that. We look forward to continuing to work with the City and Boston Legacy FC to make sure the final details protect our park and our neighbors,” said Rickie Thompson, President of the Franklin Park Coalition.

The transportation framework includes the following benefits:
For Fans:

Fans can get to games by public transit, shuttles, biking, walking, or rideshare, and they’ll make this choice when they buy tickets, helping the City plan ahead and minimize impact on the community. Free shuttle service will run from Forest Hills, Ruggles, and JFK/UMass stations, plus shuttles from satellite parking lots located outside of the City, all operated and paid for by BLFC.

For Residents and Park Users:

No BLFC spectator parking in Franklin Park or on neighborhood streets will be allowed on Boston Legacy game days.

A dedicated game-day residential parking protection program for on-street parking will be in place and fully enforced—with all enforcement costs covered by BLFC.

A parking reservation system for Franklin Park lots will ensure that zoo visitors, golfers, youth sports families, and other park users always have access to the Park on game days.

For Surrounding Neighborhoods:

Traffic cameras connected to the City’s Traffic Management Center will enable real-time monitoring on game days.

A fully electric shuttle fleet for game days targeted for deployment within two years, a direct result of community feedback.

After the first 10 games of the inaugural season, a report will be submitted to the City and the White Stadium Neighborhood Advisory Council, allowing the transportation plan to be evaluated and adjusted based on what actually happens. This report will also be prepared and reviewed annually after each season with the Council.

“We are committed to being a responsible partner in this community, and that includes how our fans get to and from White Stadium. This transportation plan ensures that match days at White Stadium are not only exciting for fans, but respectful of Franklin Park and its neighbors,” said Jennifer Epstein, Controlling Owner of Boston Legacy FC. “We’re proud to fully fund a model that prioritizes access, sustainability, and accountability from day one.”

The TAPA also includes site plans and operational exhibits, detailing shuttle drop-offs, pick-up zones, and dedicated bike parking areas, that lay the groundwork for the operational details for how to execute the game day transportation plan.

Many of the decisions that matter most to residents are still ahead: Join the City and Boston Legacy Football Club on Thursday, June 11th at 6PM at the William J. Devine Golf Course Club House in Franklin Park. With a “community fair” format, the meeting will allow the City to hear feedback on the variety of key transportation plan decisions yet to be made. Additional engagement opportunities will also be announced at boston.gov/whitestadium. This announcement

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West Roxbury, passed away Sunday, May 3, 2026, after declining health and just minutes shy of her 93rd birthday. Jean was born in Boston to Mary (Barry) and John Burke on May 4, 1933. John tragically died shortly after Jean’s birth. She and her older sister Mary were lovingly raised by Frank Savage, who married their mother when they were young girls. Jean was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Richard. She was also predeceased by her sister Mary Lucas, and her brother Thomas Savage. She is survived by her five children, Andrea Calandrella and her husband Paul of Lebanon, NH, Thomas MacNabb and his wife Martha of Norwood, Jean Anne Gerrior of Stoughton, Patricia Monahan and her husband Brian of Dedham, and Amy MacNabb of Pawtucket, RI. She was a grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of two and an aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Jean was educated at the Boston Dispensary and worked for many years at the Carney Hospital as a lab technician. She was an avid gardener and bird watcher; both hobbies brought her great joy.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at the St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org) or a charity of your choice. For guestbook, please visit www.gormleyfuneral.com.

QUIGLEY



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ellen Quigley of Placitas, New Mexico, loving wife, mother and grandmother on May 10, 2026 in Albuquerque, NM after a fierce battle with aphasia and progressive dementia.

Ellen was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on July 7, 1943, to William and Mary Skehan. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years Gerard and her two sons, Thomas and his wife Karen of Boulder, CO, and David and his wife Eva of Vienna, Austria. She is greatly missed by her 6 grand-

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children: Elissa, Joshua, Kooper, Jonas, Maria and Paolo. She grew up in a close family in Roslindale (Boston), Massachusetts with two sisters: Nancy and Maureen, and three brothers: Bill, Jack and Richie (now deceased). Her friendship with her sister-in-law Mary Quigley was also important to Ellen.

Ellen was joyfully committed to her family and community. She graduated from Roslindale High School and UMass Boston where she received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. After teaching in schools across the country from Boston to New Mexico, she spent many years at the San Juan Elementary School in Espanola, New Mexico, while living in Los Alamos. While working as a teacher, she completed a master’s degree in counseling at the University of New Mexico. She finished off her career of more than twenty years at San Juan Pueblo as the school counselor.

Visiting hours in The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. West Roxbury on Wednesday May 20, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral to start at Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home on Thursday May 21, at 9:00 a.m. with the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in the Holy Name Church at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children’s or Shriners Children’s Hospitals.

WOOD



Emma H. (Anastos) of Roslindale, May 4, 2026. Beloved wife of the late Harold C. Wood. Daughter of the late George and Antonia (Totorella) Anastos. Sister of Anna and Laurence Buechs, George and Carol Anastos, John and Gail Anastos, James Anastos, Nancy Kramer, Philip Baglowski, and the late Charles Anastos and Joseph Anastos. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation services were provided at St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury, where also a Funeral Mass was celebrated. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Emma may be made to St. John Chrysostom Church.

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Walk for Peace draws thousands

Commemorates healing efforts

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute welcomed more than 5,000 walkers to Town Field Park on Sunday for the 30th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace, marking three decades of healing, advocacy, and community action in support of families impacted by homicide, trauma, grief, and loss.

This year's milestone event, themed "30 Years Strong," brought together survivors, families, elected officials, community leaders, ad-

vocates, and supporters from across Massachusetts to honor loved ones lost to violence and to raise critical funds for the Peace Institute's programs and services. To date, the organization has raised nearly \$500,000 toward its \$600,000 goal by Father's Day.

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is the Peace Institute's largest annual fundraiser and a powerful tradition rooted in remembrance, healing, and hope. Funds raised support the

organization's ongoing advocacy, training, and services for survivors of homicide victims, communities impacted by violence, formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering communities, and young people working to build a future free from violence.

"This year's walk was an incredible reflection of what 30 years of community, resilience, and collective action can accomplish," said Clementina Chery, CEO & President of Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.. "Seeing thousands of people come together to honor loved ones while investing in peace and healing

is deeply powerful and reminds us why this work is so important."

The day began with registration and an opening program before participants stepped off on the annual walk through Dorchester. Following the walk, attendees gathered for a celebratory community rally and concert featuring live music by Angelena and the Unit, mocktails, local food vendors including Snacks Box Boston and Murl's Kitchen, entertainment, activities, and special gifts for mothers.

In recognition of the milestone anniversary, landmarks

and buildings across Massachusetts also participated in "Turn Massachusetts Purple," lighting their facades purple in honor of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and the families and communities impacted by violence.

Founded in 1994 following the murder of Louis D. Brown, the Peace Institute has become a nationally recognized center of healing, teaching, and learning for families and communities affected by murder, trauma, grief, and loss.

Supporters can continue contributing toward the organization's \$600,000 fundraising goal through Father's Day.

About the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's mission is to support and advocate for families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss. The Peace Institute is currently conducting a Campaign for Peace, a transformative capital campaign to raise \$25 million for the construction of a Center of Healing, Teaching, and Learning in Dorchester. The Peace Institute has been an integral partner to the City of Boston and has developed best practices in serving families and communities for 30 years. We offer resources to families seeking support and training to providers in the field of homicide response. Learn more: <http://www.LDBpeaceinstitute.org/>.

Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU26P0915EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Anne V. Sheehan
Date of Death: 12/18/2025

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 **Lois A. Muller of Canton, 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:
Lois A. Muller of Canton, 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 06/15/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 08, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU26P0902EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Margaret Hazerjian
Date of Death: 04/13/2026

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

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Maryanne R. Borzakian of Rockport 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:
Maryanne R. Borzakian of Rockport 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 06/11/2026. 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: May 07, 2026
Stephanie L Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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race in 2:48:41. Lyons is a North End resident who works full-time in benefit consulting.

Danielle Bishop, who finished the race in 3:21:28. Bishop is an Allston resident who works as an Account Specialist for New Balance.

Delmace Mayo, a Jamaica Plain resident who competed in the wheelchair division of the marathon and finished in 1:51:11. There were no women from Boston competing in the wheelchair division this year.

"The Boston Marathon is more than a race—it's a celebration of our City. Congratulations to everyone who took part in one of our most treasured traditions and represented our communities," said Mayor Wu. "We're especially proud to recognize Michael Schmidt, Tara Lyons, Danielle Bishop, and Delmace Mayo for earning this year's Fastest Bostonian honors, and for demonstrating true Boston grit and determination to the world. We're grateful to the B.A.A. for their continued partnership in carrying this legacy forward."

"As we reflect on a successful 130th Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America, we recognize the more than 4,300 finishers from Massachusetts and especially those hailing from our City of Boston community," said Jack Fleming, President and CEO of the Boston Athletic Association. "Our city's athletes shined on race day. Whether running to achieve a personal best, raise awareness for a charity partner, or simply aiming to earn the unicorn finisher medal, Boston runners met the moment on Patriots' Day. We look forward to celebrating the fastest from our hometown soon!"

The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon. This is the fourth year that Boston residents with the quickest times crossing the Finish Line received a commemorative glass bowl engraved with the phrase "Fastest Bostonian."

Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU26P0927EA **Suffolk Division**

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: Lois A. Nunez
Also Known As: Lois Nunez
Date of Death: March 29, 2026

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Alexandra Costello of Alexandria, VA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Alexandra Costello of Alexandria, VA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
(Never known to fail!)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. —V.C.

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

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