



Congressional candidate for the 8th district Patrick Roath addressed the West Roxbury Business Professional Association at the group's most recent monthly meeting.

PHOTO BY DILANI YOGARATNAM

## Roath explains why he is better candidate than Lynch in Congress

**Dilani Yogaratnam**  
Staff Reporter

Candidate for the 8th Congressional District Patrick Roath made a pitch for why he was the politician crucial to this specific time in history, at the monthly West Roxbury Business Professional Association (WRBPA) meeting, on Feb. 11. Nobody needs an explanation on how democracy is under threat in this current administration; they can just keep doomscrolling. Roath brought up specific points on why he is the better candidate to effect change and also said in reference to his opponent, Stephen Lynch, that he believes in term limits. Lynch has served since 2001.

Roath began his speech saying he was on three hours of

sleep due to his 8-week-old daughter, Simone. After that, he launched into his bid for becoming a representative in Congress. "More than anything this campaign is about what we are going through as a country right now. It is a really scary time. There is a threat from the White House threatening our way of life, our democracy in a way that is different from what we have seen before."

Roath grew up in Braintree and said his parents met while working at IBM, a company they both stayed with for 30-plus years enjoying middle class prosperity. Roath said he chose to share that, as he feels that type of story is less common as the American Dream, even feeling unattainable for many.

From the age of high school,

Roath said he was political, protesting the war in Iraq. Later in college, he worked for former Governor Deval Patrick and afterwards he spent time at the White House under Barack Obama. For the past 10 years, Roath has worked as a lawyer in private practice and also is aligned with Common Cause Massachusetts, a non partisan group that focuses on voting rights, democracy and reform, and helps with things like mail-in ballots and automatic voter registration.

"We have got to rebuild confidence in our democracy," he said. "It's not just about saying Trump is bad. Of course, Trump is bad, but it's about providing an affirmative, optimistic vision like Deval Patrick did, like

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The Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association went through what neighbors can do around organizing against ICE.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA

## MHC seeks more public engagement regarding ICE

**Susan Kryczka**  
Staff Reporter

The Mt. Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) held an intense discussion at its Feb. 12 meeting about how local communities and elected officials share information and respond to the Trump administration's immigration policies and actions, especially those of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Lisa Beatman, MHC co-chair, asked State Rep. Russell Holmes what the local response to ICE is, and if this is something that might be discussed at future meetings.

"I guess the way I'll put it is, how the city and state are responding to national law en-

forcement issues? ... If this is something that we do want to cover in our meeting, ICE, you know, things like that, responses to ICE?" Beatman went on to suggest that it could be placed on the March 2026 agenda and elected officials could be invited to come and discuss it in whatever way seems appropriate.

"I wouldn't even try to find a solution for a problem that doesn't exist yet," said Holmes. "We don't know what we're dealing with, or if we're going to be dealing with anything."

He said the federal level is where the issue needs to be debated. With the Department of Homeland Security funding uncertain in areas, Holmes said

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## ICE best practices protections discussed at SNA

**Richard Heath**  
Staff Reporter

The Feb. 9 hybrid in-person/zoom meeting of the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) was a bit tense.

On the agenda was a preparedness discussion for potential Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) appearances in the Stonybrook neighborhood and a speaker was invited yet it became apparent that the speaker did not want to be identified, nor the information quoted verbatim.

The speaker who called in began by saying a small group of business owners around the Stonybrook neighborhood had been talking about their "shared perspective of increased ICE presence in our

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The SNA steering Committee, (L-R) David Brewster, Caliga and chair Joy Silverstein.

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backyard.”

“We’re in a little bit of a no-man’s land” referring to the Forest Hills-Egleston corridor. “There’s no Main Streets.”

The Bulletin asked who the others were in the group, “Would you be able to tell us that?” There was a pause. “No.”

“Is this off the record? Do you want your name and business in the story?” The speaker did not want to be identified. It should be noted that public meetings, if a neighborhood association chooses to have a public meeting, are open to the public. That means anyone can come, and so, anyone is there, in potentia. That is why public meetings are on the record.

What follows is a summary.

Identified as “anonymous cells” the boundaries of which were not said.

According to the speaker, it’s a block-by-block group admittedly very new at “hyper organizing.”

The goal is to share resources and to establish best practices for ICE presence in the neighborhood.

A pro bono attorney has advised the group for protection of employees and to keep the group better informed, to protect somebody at risk.

The group of other businesses is very unofficial, trying to understand the risk. There is, in JP, a degree of risk. The question is confrontation or interaction? But be very cautious.

From Egleston to Stonybrook, it’s very much a neighbor-to-neighbor “figure it out on the fly.”

Likely in the back of everyone’s mind was the sudden taking by ICE agents on Feb. 5 of a man in the middle of the Roslindale business district to the consternation of residents and District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepen, who just happened to be

nearby. Takings can take seven or eight minutes, the speaker said. There was some discussion on how cell members can be vetted to prevent infiltration.

SNA steering committee member Caliga worried about that.

“We were prepared that someone from ICE would be at this meeting,” she said. SNA member Brad Cohen said that the JP Signal group “is trying to figure out how to vet people who join.”

SNA member Peter Fraunholz urged caution.

“People that are pro ICE are appalled at their tactics,” he said. “Be careful. Don’t use a broad brush.”

Caliga had some advice.

“Whistles can warn people, but can be confrontational,” she said “Three short blasts ‘ICE is here.’ That gets people out of their homes, gets people in action.”

“Get identification,” she said. “take license plate numbers.”

With almost a sigh of relief, Silverstein moved the agenda to updates.

For the proposal at 19 Kenton Rd. Caliga read from a letter but could not say what the date was or who it came from.

She said the owners say the house is still usable but are unable to rent. The owners are weighing options, Caliga said.

Hatoffs: No information on when the gas station will close now that Boston Real Estate Capital has zoning approval [Jan 13].

White Stadium: Peter Fraunholz summarized the Feb. 6 press conference.

He noted that most of the press conference was devoted to the benefit to Boston public school athletes and athletic programs.

Fraunholz was right; the press conference opened not with the

mayor but with Boston Public Schools (BPS) track coach Tony DaRosa. DaRosa went on to speak for five minutes about how the new stadium would be “a high-quality facility” with “stable funding” for BPS students.

Da Rosa introduced mayor Wu who, after listing a long list of benefits to BPS students, assured everyone that they would be able to use the new stadium “every single day.”

Fraunholz said that after the press conference he talked with chief of streets Nick Gove and urged him to use the year that Boston Legacy Football Club would be using Gillette Stadium for home games to work out a transportation plan.

Fraunholz said that a series of community meetings devoted to the latest transportation plan will begin in April through July or August.

The result at the end, he said, would be a more finalized transportation plan.

Fraunholz suggested using the 15 Boston Legacy home days between March and October to “educate suburbanites what it will be like to use White Stadium.”

“Use the fall to inform people in the suburbs what transportation will be like,” he said, “do’s and don’t of cars coming into our neighborhood.”

The next morning Wu went on WGBH radio and doubled down on the critical reaction to the \$135 million piece tag for the city’s half of the stadium.

As The Herald reported on Feb. 11, Wu said she “would have done it all over again if she knew the final cost.”

And as she said at the Feb 6 press conference Wu repeated on WGBH the \$135 million price was because “we heard from over 100 public meetings what people’s needs and dreams were, and we decided to expand the project to do it right... Boston kids deserve nothing but the best.”

# Allston-Brighton talks residential zoning

## Draws big crowd

Paulina Duarte  
Staff Reporter

One-hundred-and-eleven Allston-Brighton residents met virtually on Zoom last week with the City of Boston Planning Department to learn more about zoning and discuss smaller-scale and residential zoning topics with the department ahead of the 2026 Allston-Brighton zoning map and the Allston-Brighton Community Plan drafts’ release in late spring.

The community plan will guide future development and investment into the neighborhoods, and it will build on factors including community knowledge and feedback, community needs and opportunities, along with other plans or development projects that are currently happening.

Grey Black, a Community Engagement Manager on the Planning Department, noted that a big theme of this year’s community plan is to ensure Allston-Brighton is “a neighborhood where everyone can put down roots, where seniors can stay, where young people can grow their careers and their families. They can find chosen family and become parents where children can grow up.” Black added, “We can’t wait on only the biggest projects to provide housing everyone in Allston-Brighton needs.”

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, since 2010, the neighborhood gained 4 percent additional children (aged 0 to 9) and 37 percent family-aged adults (aged 25 to 54), while Boston overall saw an 11 percent decline in children and a 20 percent growth in family-age adults. This growth “calls for a range of housing strategies across the neighborhood... at a range of scales to help support long-term residents that are here today,” noted Planning Department member Andrew Nahmias. Since 2022, the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal approved 2,583 housing units, including 61 additional units by property owners and 210 units from small new construction. Planning Board member Jack Halverson presented strategies to address additional housing needs in the smaller residential areas, including allowing internal renovations to improve buildings, additions to existing buildings, new construction that fits into the current surrounding context, townhouses as pathways to homeownership in some places, and embracing small multifamily buildings (6 to 14 housing units) with required affordable and accessible units.

Halverson also noted that the increased housing density must be accompanied with parking strategies that include adjusting parking regulations, district parking facilities, and concentrating housing growth density around transit to reduce reliance on cars.

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nothing should change right now at the local level.

“If you want to have a discussion next month, it should be clear, what we do locally is community policing. We have a federal challenge where they are policing our communities. And if that comes to Massachusetts, we have to all start to prepare for the differences between what may happen federally and what we’ve been, relationships we’ve been having with our local police, for a very long time.”

Holmes said people are asking about responses and should look to U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley.

“You need to have Ayanna’s team here describing what are they doing at the federal level and not putting that on the mayor, the city councilor, and your state rep and state senator. Call her office and have her office come and tell us what they’re doing at the federal level on this issue.”

Beatman explained that she was seeking information. “It’s just that there’s a lot going on. A lot of people are talking; a lot of people are getting information from subjective sources. So, we want people to be informed.”

Russell said no one should expect a resolution to the issues. “Set the expectation. Like, if they’re walking in here believing that we, at the state level and the city level, are going to solve a federal problem, that is the thing that I want to make sure is not the expectation when you go out in your e-mail.” He suggested asking Pressley; both Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Sen. Ed Markey. It was decided to contact their respective offices to see if a meeting could be possible.

Josh McCorkle, of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, gave his report announcing that the Age Strong Commission is hosting free, in person, Cost Savings Clinics for those 55+ years. Designed to help lower everyday expenses, the dates are March 23-27 in Roslindale, March 2 in Brighton, March 5-6 in Roxbury, March 9-13 in Dorchester, and March 23-27, Downtown. To schedule an appointment for between 10 a.m. -3 p.m., call 617-635-4366. “There are all sorts of programs and opportunities that can help you cut down various bills, save money on things. I strongly encourage you to set up a meeting and go check it out,” said McCorkle.

Timothy Guimond, the director of civic engagement for District 4 City Councilor Brian Worrell, reported that a crosswalk is scheduled to be put in at the corner of American Legion Highway and Stella Road. He also acknowledged the lack of sidewalk snow shoveling by businesses at American Legion Highway Mall, which Rick Yoder, MHC co-chair, brought up. “Things are getting a little bit better, but I am absolutely happy to push for more responsibility from the abutting property owners as is their responsibility per the city code.”

Guimond also announced that he is leaving his position, as of Feb. 13. He is taking a job with South Coast Habitat for Humanity. “I just wanted to say thank you all. I will definitely miss coming to these meetings.”

# Council setting up ICE defense fund



District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon spoke during the meeting, saying that organizations like LUCE were invaluable last fall when an ICE raid hit her district.

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted unanimously last Wednesday at its regular meeting to hold a hearing to discuss how to set up a defense fund for those taken by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The hearing will look at setting up a scalable funding model for an immigrant emergency response fund, and according to sponsor and At-Large City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, would be based on previous funding models set up during the COVID-19 pandemic. She said the work itself has already started.

“This filing memorializes work that is already underway at this moment to ensure that we are bringing all of our resources, people and given organizations together to be able to respond to current challenges that our immi-

grant communities are facing,” she said. “At a time when our communities are under a direct threat from shifting federal policies, Boston has to demonstrate leadership. We can’t afford to be reactive and we must be prepared, coordinated and united in our response.”

Louijeune said her office has been working with organizations across the Greater Boston area to create the fund, which would allow affected persons, particularly those current with temporary protected status, to tap into the fund for legal defense, family stabilization and emergency assistance.

Louijeune said the fund would leverage private dollars and donations from organizations already raising funds with public dollars.

“I want to thank my colleagues because last year during the budget we added money in the process, unanimously, to support legal entities that were supporting our immigrant commu-

nities,” she said. “This work builds off that work and that of philanthropy, where community-based organizations and families can quickly access resources they need. For example, in the event that Temporary Protected Status is ended, we’re going to have people who are having problems paying everyday bills, paying their mortgages, paying for utilities and this will help address that.”

Louijeune compared the endeavor to the SNAP gap last year and modeled it off of that. She said they have already partnered

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## BPD celebrates retirees with party at District E-5



Officers from District E-5 hosted a special breakfast at the district station for local retired members of the Boston Police Department. Officers cooked and served a full spread while catching up, sharing stories, and reconnecting with those who dedicated years of service to Boston.

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### Correction

*In last week's issue of the Bulletin, the story entitled “WRHS hosting trivia and tours for neighborhood's 175th birthday,” stated that West Roxbury Historical Society President Sandra Serkess was the sole member of the organization. That is not the case, and we apologize for the error.*

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# Letters to the Editor

## A REPLY TO MARK

Mark Giordano of West Roxbury, in his letter of February 12th, blames Renee Good for her murder at the hands of a poorly-trained ICE agent in Minneapolis, then goes on to blame former President Biden as well. And for good measure, he threw in his opinion that Alex Pretti should have known better than to protest these goons.

Whatever Mr. Giordano says, fascism is evil, state-sponsored killing of innocent civilians is evil, and sending armed goons out on the streets with orders to raise hell is evil. To remind Mr. Giordano, if you live in the United States in a "blue" state, you yourself are at risk of being killed by these people for simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time – regardless of whom you voted for. Hopefully it won't happen to you or any of your loved ones, but the threat is real and the probability of more deaths is high.

And you're OK with that? The majority of Americans aren't.

Tim Casey  
Roslindale

## MASSACHUSETTS MUST TAKE ACTION AGAINST ICE COLLABORATION

Every day, horrific acts of violence committed by ICE agents occur across the country, including in Massachusetts. These actions not only harm individuals but also make our communities less safe for everyone.

Massachusetts residents have consistently turned out in large

numbers for protests and standouts, calling on elected leaders to take decisive action and stand up against the cruelty and lawlessness of the Trump administration.

Recently, there has been a surge of ICE activity in Maine, which raises concerns that Massachusetts may be targeted next. It is imperative that we prepare for this possibility now.

Massachusetts cannot stop all of ICE's operations, but we must refuse to be complicit. Despite our reputation as a liberal state, Massachusetts has often lagged behind others in protecting immigrant communities.

Several states, including California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington, have enacted critical legislation to prevent state and local law enforcement from collaborating with ICE.

Governor Healey and legislators on Beacon Hill are beginning to recognize the public's demand for action. However, it is essential that any legislation passed truly addresses the challenges we face.

Beacon Hill should clarify that state and local law enforcement must not assist ICE or act as ICE agents.

Massachusetts law enforcement should never help ICE make civil immigration arrests—where no crime has been committed—or question members of the public about their immigration status.

ICE is pressuring local police departments to join its 287(g) pro-

gram, which turns street-level officers into ICE agents. Massachusetts must prevent this misuse of public safety resources within our borders.

Massachusetts is currently the only state with a Democratic governor and legislature to have a statewide 287(g) agreement with ICE. Governor Healey can end this collaboration with a single signature.

Find out if your local legislators support bills like the Safe Communities Act, the Dignity Not Deportations Bill, or the Black and Latino Caucus's PROTECT Act. Urge them to rally their peers for strong legislation.

Immigrant workers, survivors of domestic and sexual assault, and tenants must feel safe reporting crimes, abuse, or exploitation without fearing deportation.

Restricting collaboration between ICE and police is essential to restoring trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement, ultimately strengthening public safety for all.

The 287(g) agreements with ICE empower local police and sheriffs to stop, identify, and transfer immigrants to ICE for deportation, effectively turning them into an arm of ICE.

These voluntary agreements have become the linchpin of Trump's mass deportation agenda, expanding from 135 in January to over 1,000 nationwide by October 2025.

Sincerely,  
Anne M Rousseau  
Jamaica Plain

# Superbowl LX and the Arnold Arboretum

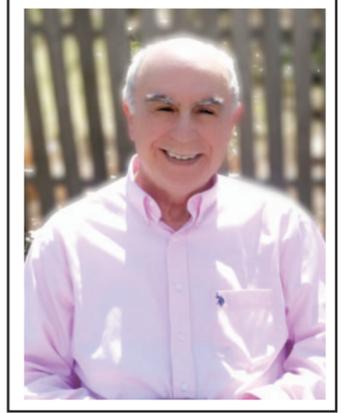
Okay, okay, the Superbowl is long gone with its painful ending. All we have left is a couple of court appearances to determine if the misogyny was real. But in LX's aftermath there is one advertisement that warmed the hearts of all middle-school math students and teachers: the Dunkin' Donuts ad featuring a host of actors, many with Boston roots: Ben Affleck, Alfonzo Ribeiro, Jason Alexander, Tom Brady, Jennifer Aniston, Ted Danson, Jasmine Guy, and Matt LeBlanc.

While the ad may not be that memorable, the topic dwelt upon the Fibonacci sequence. A woman states publicly at the beginning of the commercial that she will marry anybody who can explain the Fibonacci sequence, which, unknown to her and the others is uniquely concerned with the science of botany.

The Fibonacci pattern of counting is not something from calculus: it's a pattern of somewhat simple counting. Two, four, six, eight, is merely adding two to the preceding number. The Fibonacci sequence is a bit more involved. Here's what it looks like: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21.... You might expect the next number after 3 to be 4, but it isn't: the next numbers are 5, 8, 13, 21, etc. The pattern results from merely adding the two preceding numbers.

First publicized by Italian mathematician Leonard Fibonacci in the 13th century, the pattern can also omit 0 and start with 1, 1, 2, 3, 5.... Fibonacci himself started with 1, 2, 3, 5, etc.

Numbers that are part of this sequence are known as Fibonacci numbers. First described in Indian mathematics as early as 200 BCE, they are named after the Italian



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mathematician Leonardo of Pisa, also known as Fibonacci, who introduced the sequence to Western European mathematics in his 13th century book.

Fibonacci numbers are strongly related to the golden ratio: 1: 1.1618 (which as a non-repeating, non-terminating decimal goes on forever). The further a counter goes out by dividing two consecutive Fibonacci numbers (the smaller into the larger), the closer she/he comes to this ratio, held up as the symbol of beauty in art, sculpture, and architecture.

All of this is well and good, but the true beauty of the Fibonacci numbers is how they appear in biological settings, such as branching in trees, the arrangement of leaves on a stem, the fruit sprouts of a pineapple, the flowering of an artichoke, and the arrangement within a pinecone. Was the Creator of nature playing a game with us? Hmm.

So, when all this snow melts and you're enjoying a walk in early spring through Jamaica Plain's most famous garden, think of the Dunkin' Donuts ad during Superbowl LX with its Fibonacci numbers as you view various plants and count their various parts.

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# 34 Oak opens as condos

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The new building at 34 Oak St. in Hyde Park.

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**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

In what was originally proposed as a 21-unit rental building, the owners of the newly-minted 34 Oak St. complex have switched.

At a time when proposals are constantly changing to rentals in Allston and several projects in Jamaica Plain, the owners at 34 Oak decided to go for 14 condominiums instead of the proposed rentals.

“The fall market was dead for condos in Boston; no condos were selling,” he said. “Single-family units were selling, but condominiums were not. I think that gave a lot of builders pause going, ‘I don’t know if I want to move forward because I don’t know if this will sell.’ But in the last two-to-

three weeks, some of those things that were happening in the fall are being absorbed into the market and things are starting to sell again.”

Insight Agent Mike McGuire said another point is that in Hyde Park, the missing middle housing – housing that’s not quite huge buildings but not single-family homes either – is starting to gain traction. <https://tinyurl.com/39janaj8>

“Allston-Brighton, that’s where my gym is and I’m there all the time, you have mega buildings,” he said. “One-hundred-and-twenty units, 80 units, 90 units, and so it’s a density issue where there is a lot of supply. An area like this [Hyde Park] has a more ‘neighborhood’ feel, so in my opinion there is going to be a lot more demand for this than a 14-unit bou-

tique building. And this is more workforce housing instead of ultra-luxury modern units at \$1,000 a square foot. This is very unique.”

The starting price for a condo in the building is \$485,000, well in the middle range for Hyde Park, but well below the city median price of about \$800,000.

And while the public process was fraught with discussion and delay, as oftentimes can be the case, many of the objections to the proposal stemmed from parking and the lack of home ownership. Now, the building has one space per unit and is a condominium building.

“We’ve got parking, a lot of the setbacks on the sides and we’ve got the right height at 35 feet here,” McGuire said. “A bunch of my friends live a few doors down here, and I think it was a good process.”

After the main presentation, Planning Department members opened breakout rooms for residents to ask questions about specific zoning topics, including small-scale residential housing and the community plan draft. In one of the small-scale residential housing groups, resident Benjamin Bressel noted he was “astounded at how difficult it was to add an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) with a sprinkler system, and it wasn’t making money for years.” Planning board member Kathleen Onufer, Deputy Director of Zoning replied that the requirements were set by building codes and fire codes. She urged developers that they must “be cognizant of alignment with the state building codes that zoning envelopes could fall into” to ensure people don’t “do things without a permit.”

In the 2026 community plan breakout room, resident Tom Crowley wondered how neighbors would react to the community plan and zoning proposal for housing for college students and who’s proposing the changes, as he felt that some changes would mean the residents would lose access to the process. He said he felt they would be shaped by the higher education institutions and not residents. Planning Department Ben Zunkeler reassured Crowley by noting the community plan’s development will remain a representative process, following the neighborhood’s master plan. “The planning process will strive for students and residents to live in harmony,” noted Zunkeler.

Nahmias noted that the Planning Department will conduct extensive engagement to collect feedback to refine the community plan and zoning maps’ drafts over the spring and summer. Residents can learn more about the plan and related upcoming events online at [www.bosplans.org/ABCP](http://www.bosplans.org/ABCP).

Additionally, residents can learn more about zoning through the Urban Design Initiative’s interactive Planning Academy, scheduled for Feb. 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. More information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/5c9fnupe>

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7	2	889sf	\$284,970	\$412	80%	-	1
9	2	934sf	\$347,999	\$503	100%	2	-
3	3	1,135sf	\$327,633	\$474	80%	-	1

We will hold two informational meetings as listed below:

Date & Time	In-Person Address	Join Virtually
Thursday, January 29, 2026 6:00PM to 7:00PM	The Salvation Army Boston Kroc Center Village Hall Meeting Room 650 Dudley Street Dorchester, MA 02125	<b>Join Zoom Meeting:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/BlumeSession">https://bit.ly/BlumeSession</a> <b>Zoom Dial-In #:</b> (309) 205-3325 <b>Meeting ID:</b> 861 2433 3532
Saturday, February 21, 2026 11:30AM to 12:30PM	Mattapan Branch Library Yancey Community Meeting Room 1350 Blue Hill Ave Mattapan, MA 02126	<b>Scan Here to Join:</b> 

Applications are available in person on the following days, dates, and times in the following place(s)

Day	Date	Time	Location
Monday - Friday	1/20/2026 - 3/1/2026	10:00AM – 4:00PM	DVM Housing Partners, 35 Batchelder Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Roxbury, MA 02119
Wednesday	1/21/2026	3:30PM – 6:30PM	Berkshire Partners, Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club, 15 Talbot Ave, Dorchester, MA 02124
Thursday	1/29/2026	4:00PM – 6:00PM	The Salvation Army Boston Kroc Center, 650 Dudley Street, Dorchester, MA 02125
Saturday	2/21/2026	9:00AM – 1:00PM	Mattapan Branch Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave Mattapan, MA 02126

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Applications are available during the application period for 35-days, from **January 20, 2026 to March 11, 2026**

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# Legals

### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION - DIVISION

NO. 2025-FM-0279

**KATHLEEN PIERRE** vs. **ZACHE JOSEPH BERVIL**  
Plaintiff Defendant  
IN CUSTODY

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Furthermore, be informed that a Custody Conciliation Conference will be held in Room #312 of the Lebanon County Municipal Building, 400 South Eighth Street, Lebanon, PA on June 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM. The purpose of this conference will be to attempt to reach a resolution to the custody petition. One (1) hour has been allotted for this conference.

The parties to the petition, together with their counsel, are expected to attend this conference. Failure of a party to appear at the conference may provide grounds for the entry of a recommendation of a temporary or permanent order.

*Boston Bulletin: 2/19/2025, 2/26/2026, 3/5/2026*

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN NO. 99 TL 119961

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A Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff City of Boston. The Complaint asks the Court to enter a judgment ending any ownership rights or interests in the land described below. The Complaint is about a parcel of land located in the City of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, described in the Complaint as follows:

Said land is situated in Ward 18, in the Hyde Park District as shown on the Boston Assessors Plans of said City, filed in the Office of the Board of Assessors.

**To respond to the Complaint, you or your attorney must take these steps by the Deadline to Answer, which is the thirteenth day of April in the year two thousand and twenty-six.**

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**Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court** this twelfth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty-six.  
Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

*Hyde Park Bulletin: 2/19/2026*

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU26P0158EA

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Catherine T. O'Connor  
Date of Death: 12/16/2025

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

**Kathy O'Connor of Boston, MA and Donald O'Connor of Quincy, 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:

**Donald O'Connor of Quincy, MA and Kathy O'Connor of Boston, MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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**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 03/17/2026. 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: February 13, 2026  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 02/19/2026*

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU26P0229EA

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Catherine Lourda Brown  
Also known as: Catherine L. Brown  
Date of Death: 01/20/2026

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:

**Patrick Brown of Gilford, NH**

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

The Petitioner requests that:

**Patrick Brown of Gilford, NH**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 10, 2026  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

DOCKET NO. SU26P0236EA

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Adrienne E. Brown  
Date of Death: 01/19/2026

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

**Scott Brown of West Roxbury, 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:

**Scott Brown of West Roxbury, MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 11, 2026  
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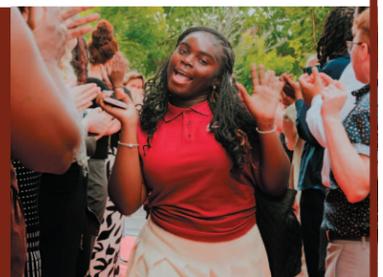
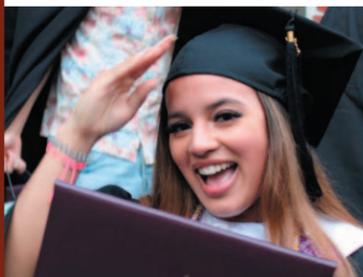


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## WRBPA *continued from page 1*

Obama did.” Affordable housing is a fundamental issue for Roath, and he wants to develop ways to help people make their first down payment and incentivize people to stay in communities.

A secondary issue is childcare, which he joked was a little selfish of him to say as he is a new father. Childcare centers average \$25,000 a year in Massachusetts, and Democrats in Congress have the potential to help families cover those expenses, he said. Healthcare and education also are up on the list and if Democrats had their politics “right” they could get down to nuts and bolts issues. What sets Roath apart from many politicians is that he said he does not receive corporate PAC money. He values the separation of politics and corporations and lives up to his ideals. The combination of campaign financing and “the structures” created make it easy for politicians to become passive. “I think it’s time to have term limits, to make it easier to get new people into the system.”

Roath said he does not see the leadership from Lynch on the important topics of housing, healthcare, childcare and education. He spelled out that

Lynch does not listen to communities the way he did earlier in his career, and that he has not had an in-person town hall meeting since 2019. (Lynch did have a virtual town hall meeting March 2025). Of the decisions Lynch has made, like voting no on the Affordable Care Act, Roath is in disagreement; he also disagrees with Lynch voting with Republicans on the Laken Riley Act, which causes immediate incarceration for immigrants accused of crimes. He called that bill short-sighted and said it did not help curb crimes of immigrants but instead terrorized communities.

The first question that followed dealt with Roath potentially being a socialist, to which Roath said no. Prior to the question portion of the meeting, WRBPA President Jim Hennigan advised members to actually ask questions and not deliver long commentaries. The member challenged Roath on his response by saying his desire for universal healthcare suggests otherwise. Roath said that wanting optional solutions is not socialized medicine; it is simply smarter to make sure everyone is able to receive basic healthcare because if not, it

causes problems down the road. When asked if Boston city employees would be allowed to stay on their own health insurance plans, Roath said yes. He is not interested in stripping away private insurances; instead he said he wants to expand options for those who need it.

Joe Donnelly, who said he works in real estate, asked for Lynch’s net worth when he started in office to now. Roath laughed and said he appreciated the question but does not know. Roath then switched gears to the main question which he felt everyone wanted to ask: how does he expect to beat Lynch, an incumbent of 25 years. His campaign manager interjected and said to add something positive, but Roath said he wanted to address the difficult question. He said his message is one that people are excited about, and people have “an appetite for change.” Roath has been a full-time candidate since last May and the primaries are in September, so that is a long way. He has already raised more money than Lynch without PAC support, which Roath is very proud of.

Another question dealt with how to raise incomes or reduce debts. “We have to get our fiscal house in order,” Roath said. First, the economy needs to grow in order to get more tax

revenue. If people’s basic needs are met they will be able to invest more in the economy, making it grow. He said this in regard to his agenda of supporting social programs. Roath would ask the people making the most money to pay the most in taxes, and stop using loopholes to avoid paying taxes.

“It’s a serious challenge. I’m aware of it.”

Billionaires are not the only ones Roath would tax more. Universities and hospitals should be taxed more fairly too, he said, and the idea of a distinction between profit and non-profit was a fiction. He used Harvard University as an example of a non-profit with a lot of wealth.

In response to a question on rent control, Roath said the main answer is supply in areas that are

accessible to big economic areas. Rent control can make sense but it is just one option.

Roath said if anyone is interested in volunteering or asking him questions to reach out to him. His email is [patrick@patrickroath.com](mailto:patrick@patrickroath.com).

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## BOSTON STATE COMMUNITY TRUST, INC. **REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS**

The Boston State Community Trust, Inc, a subsidiary of the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee, Inc, is requesting grant proposals from community-based organizations located in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and Roslindale.

**This funding round invites proposals in the following funding categories:**

**Education & Job Training Initiatives;  
Youth Recreation & Social Development Initiatives;  
and Mental Health Initiatives.**

A maximum of \$10,000.00 per organization will be distributed in this funding round.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will only be available for distribution to interested parties via electronic mail on **Monday, March 2, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

On March 2nd interested parties must submit an electronic mail request for a copy of the RFP.

All RFP requests must identify the organization that is requesting the RFP.

If the organization is not identified, the RFP will not be distributed.

**NO REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED BEFORE 8:00 a.m. OR AFTER 6:00p.m.**

**NO REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED “PRIOR” TO MARCH 2nd.**

Upon submission of the request, an electronic version of the RFP will be forwarded to each respondent.

The electronic mail request must be submitted to [bjohnson@bevcoassociates.comcastbiz.net](mailto:bjohnson@bevcoassociates.comcastbiz.net).

The Boston State Community Trust Reserves the right to suspend, withdraw, or amend the aforementioned RFP without prior notice.

# ICE Fund *continued from page 3*



The Allston Car Wash was the site of an ICE raid last fall that caught national media attention. Councilors said they were caught unprepared, and want to make sure that doesn't happen again.

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with the United Way and the Boston Fund to name a few.

“This is building off of that so that we have a coordinated response,” she said.

Louijeune added that they will be coordinating with legal, community and mutual aid organizations to let those affected know these resources are available.

“When federal immigration policies shift overnight, it affects our neighbors and it affects our residents,” she said.

District 9 City Councilor and City Council President Liz Breadon pointed out that last fall, her district saw an ICE raid at the Allston Car Wash and took nine workers who had temporary legal status and were in the process of obtaining permanent legal status. Some were moved as far away as Texas, and Breadon said knowing where to find legal resources

to, at the very least, contact and figure out what was happening, was a challenge.

“From my perspective as a district councilor, the most disorienting challenge was the speed with which everything occurred,” she said. “Our neighbors were kidnapped by ICE and then immediately whisked away to detention facilities, some as far away as Texas. ICE seems to create chaos in an attempt to prevent community members from responding effectively to their actions. In the wake of the ICE raid in November, however, local immigrant rights organizations in Allston-Brighton were prepared, organized and ready to support those detained and their loved ones.”

Breadon said she was incredibly grateful to Liberty, Unity, Community and Esperanza

(LUCE) and the Brazilian Women’s Center during that incident.

“We know ICE isn’t done with Boston,” she said. “Just recently we saw someone kidnapped in (District 5 City Councilor Enrique) Pepén’s district. When incidents like this occur, every second counts.”

Breadon said the fund would allow residents to bring monies to bear quickly to react to such incidents.

Pepén said, for his part, he was thankful for the work Louijeune was doing reaching out to residents in his district and across the city, as well as the Governor’s Office of Refugees and Immigrants.

“This is a topic that is very timely for what we’re going through,” he said.

# March is Irish American Heritage Month

## City celebrates contributions of Irish to Boston

The Council, through an order offered by Councilor Murphy and co-sponsored by Councilors Flynn and FitzGerald, has proclaimed March 2026 as Irish-American Heritage Month.

The proclamation honors the Irish-American community for its vital role in shaping Boston over the past two centuries.

Irish immigrants arriving during the Great Famine of the 1840s faced hardship, prejudice, and poverty, yet contributed to the city’s infrastructure, labor industries, and public service.

Over time, the community became central to Boston’s political life, public safety workforce, and labor movement, advocating for workers’ rights and civic engagement.

Today, Irish-Americans continue to enrich Boston’s cultural life through contributions to arts, music, literary traditions, universities, businesses, and community organizations.

In recognition of this legacy, the Council directed the Property Management Department to raise the Irish flag on March 4, 2026, honoring the community’s enduring impact on the city.

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# Boston looking at tax relief for long-time residents, city employees

Hefty tax increase on horizon, but many exemptions available already

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted unanimously to hold a hearing to offer tax relief to residents 55 years and older and who have owned their homes for more than 20 years, and to “essential” municipal workers.

Offered by District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn, the idea is to give relief to residents and employees who are finding it difficult to remain in the city due to the rising cost of living in Boston. He said the idea of the hearing would be to explore all methods by which the city could reduce the tax burden on qualifying residents.

This is after the state legislature blocked a measure from Boston Mayor Michelle Wu to reduce the burden, again, on residential taxpayers as office and commercial property values, and there-

fore their portion of the tax levy, go down. The result has been sharp increases in property taxes over the last two years: this year 13 percent and last year saw 28 percent. Both times, the legislature shot down efforts to decrease residential property owners’ share of the burden.

“Our essential municipal workers, they play a critical role in our city, they’re all our neighbors, they’re our little league coaches, they’re active in the PTA and they’re community leaders and do an incredible job working in the city, but they’re finding it difficult to stay in Boston with property taxes increasing significantly,” he said. “But this is an opportunity to figure out what relief we can provide them.”

Flynn said there are examples around the country and in Massachusetts. Detroit, for example, allows exemptions based on household

income.

In Boston, there is already a residential tax exemption, for which you can still apply so long as you owned your property before July 1, 2025. The property must be your primary residence, and you must “actually occupy” your property. The exemption works by excluding a portion of your property’s value from taxation and is designed to shift the tax burden from people who actually live in Boston to investment property owners.

For more information on this exemption, go to <https://tinyurl.com/35457hzd>

There are several other types of property tax exemptions offered by the city you can apply for this fiscal year. They include the Blind Exemption, the Hardship Exemption, elderly exemption, the Co-op Housing Exemp-

## Exemptions

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# One Month Until the 250th Anniversary of Evacuation Day



Some folks are already lining up for the 250th anniversary of Evacuation Day here in Boston.

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On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in partnership with the National Park Service, the City of Boston, the South Boston Citizens Association, and civic and historical organizations, will commemorate the 250th anniversary of Evacuation Day,

marking the historic departure of British forces from Boston in 1776 and the first major victory of the American Revolutionary War.

The commemoration, part of Massachusetts 250, will feature a ceremonial 10:30 a.m. processional march through South Boston, reen-

acting the transportation of canon towards the Dorchester Heights Monument in South Boston. A commemorative program will begin at 11:00 a.m., and rededicate the newly refurbished monument at Dorchester Heights. The

## Evacuation

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# A retirement nightmare: The Social Security Earnings Test



## Russell Gloor

AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Picture this: You’ve worked all your life in your chosen profession and are getting tired of the rat race. You’re 62 years old and comforted to know that you are now eligible to collect Social Security. You will get a retirement pension from your career, and you have some money in your “nest egg” to tide you over in case of emergencies. So, you retire from work and apply for your Social Security benefits, confident that between your monthly pension and your Social Security check, you will have enough to make it financially in retirement. Sounds like a good plan, right? Well, maybe not so good.

After retiring and receiving your pension and Social Security payments, you are dismayed to find that you are struggling to make ends meet. Turns out your monthly Social Security payment is less than you expected (because it was reduced for claiming early), and you’re hesitant to start depleting your retirement nest egg so soon after retiring. So, you seek, and find, full time employment to supplement your income during your “retirement.” And that works well for a couple of years – until you receive a notice from the Social Security Administration telling you they have paid

you more than you are entitled to. Not only that, but you must also repay those overpaid amounts – likely tens of thousands of dollars – immediately or they will withhold your monthly SS benefits until they recover what is owed. Needless to say, your financial world in “retirement” just came tumbling down. So, what caused this to happen? Introducing a Social Security rule known as the Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET limits how much a beneficiary can earn from working while collecting early Social Security benefits, and it is all too often the source of financial hardship for seniors who rely on Social Security to fund their “golden years.”

How the “AET” works

Each year, several Social Security thresholds change to keep pace with inflation. Annual change to the average national wage also affects Social Security’s rules. An increase to the Average National Wage Index (ANWI) will result in a corresponding increase to Social Security’s threshold for its Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET restricts how much a beneficiary can earn from working while collecting SS benefits before reaching their full retirement age (FRA). For 2026, that limit is \$24,480, and if your work earnings exceed that amount, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the annual limit. To assess that penalty, SSA will issue an Overpayment Notice detailing how much is owed and how it can be repaid. And since Social Security relies on the IRS to find out how much your earnings were each year, the Overpayment Notice from SSA usually doesn’t arrive

Rusty

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in your mail until well over a year after you file your income tax return with the IRS. All of which means that, in the scenario described above, you will be looking at a surprise bill from SSA for many thousands of dollars, which you have little choice but to repay. In other words, your earnings from working put you over the AET limit, so you must repay Social Security a substantial amount of the SS benefits you were paid. A nightmare, for sure!

Can the Overpayment be appealed?

The most likely reaction to receiving an Overpayment Notice is “how can I avoid repaying this amount?” And the answer is, you likely can’t – especially if you simply neglected to tell the Social Security Administration (SSA) that you have returned to work. That you didn’t understand the ramifications of working while collecting early benefits will likely be met by Social Security with an attitude of “ignorance of the rules is no excuse.” Nevertheless, you can always submit an appeal for a Social Security decision, by taking the following actions:

File a Request for Reconsideration (Form SSA-561) SSA-561 should be used if you do not believe you have been overpaid, or if you believe the amount of overpayment is incorrect. This essentially results in someone at the SSA reviewing your case again to ensure it accurately defines the issue. That review is done by an independent agent at the SSA, who will analyze all information used to arrive at SSA’s original decision and verify its accuracy. That review can take from 1 to 5 months, depending on the complexity and SSA staffing, but it will result in either a confirmation of the original decision, or a more positive

outcome in your favor.

Appeal to an Independent Administrative Law Judge (Form HA-501)

If your Request for Reconsideration does not turn out in your favor and you wish to appeal further, you can request a hearing before an independent Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). This option can be either participatory (with you in attendance) or nonparticipating (the ALJ will separately and independently review the facts of your case). In either case, the ALJ will render a determination and advise you of their decision, usually within 1-3 months after their review. If that hearing does not turn out in your favor, other levels of appeal still exist, including a review by Social Security’s Appeals Council. And, as a last resort, you can also file a civil suit with the U.S. District Court to hear your case. Many who fail to obtain a satisfactory outcome for a Request for Reconsideration and who wish to appeal further choose to engage an attorney to represent their interests. Note that all appeals must be filed within 60 days of SSA’s notification to you of the issue.

### Other Options

If, after filing the Request for Reconsideration, you agree that overpayment has, in fact, occurred, you have two options besides repayment as requested in the original Overpayment Notice:

If you agree that you have been overpaid, but you believe you should not have to pay it back because you did not cause the overpayment and you cannot afford to repay it, you should file Form SSA-632, Request for Waiver of Overpayment Recovery. If you agree that you have been overpaid and are willing to pay it back, but cannot afford to pay it back at the rate SS requests in the Overpayment

Notice letter, you should file Form SSA-634, Request for Change in Overpayment Recovery Rate.

Avoiding Social Security’s Overpayment Notice

In the sports world we say, “the best offense is a good defense” – an adage that is certainly true when it comes to Social Security and the issue of working while collecting early benefits. When you submit your application for Social Security benefits, you will be asked if you have any plans for working. If you do, you will be asked about those plans, and Social Security will adjust your monthly payment schedule to avoid overpaying your benefits. Thus, by telling SSA in advance you shouldn’t get an Overpayment Notice (unless your actual earnings are substantially more than you originally told them).

Social Security requests that if you are not now working but return to work after you claim, or if your previously estimated annual earnings are more than you originally stated, you should contact Social Security to inform them of your new expected earnings amount. In this way, Social Security can adjust your payment schedule in advance to avoid overpaying your benefits. In the end, Social Security does not want to overpay your benefits because they know that it usually results in hardship for the beneficiary – either a substantial and unexpected cash layout, or cessation of benefits for a period of time, neither of which are pleasant.

So How Can I Prevent This?

To avoid that dreaded Overpayment Notice and suffering a complete disruption of your retirement plans, we suggest the following:

If you are collecting early SS benefits, stay informed of the annual earnings limit (which changes each year). If you will not exceed the annual earnings limit, no action is required. If you have already claimed your SS benefits and are working full time, and expect to exceed the annual earnings limit, be sure to inform the Social Security Administration of your anticipated annual work earnings as soon as possible. Social Security will work with you to avoid overpaying your ben-

efits. If you have not yet applied for Social Security and you are still working full time, consider waiting until you either reach your SS full retirement age, or stop working full time, to apply for Social Security. Your SS benefit will continue to grow until the month you claim (up to age 70). Remember that the annual earnings limit goes away after you reach your SS full retirement age. Thereafter, you can earn as much as you like from working and your SS benefits will not suffer any negative consequences.

The last thing you want to happen is to receive an Overpayment Notice from Social Security that you owe them many thousands of dollars, which you must repay.

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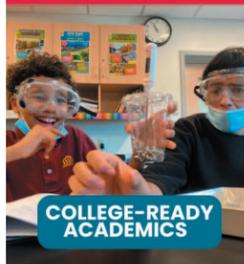
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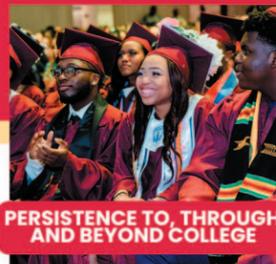
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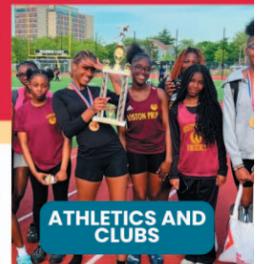
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# Ward 20 Dems to meet next week

Per the timeframe provided by the State Democratic Party, Ward 20 Democrats will officially hold their caucus on Saturday, February 28 to elect delegates for the State Convention. Doors open for registration at 8:30 a.m., and the caucus begins promptly at 9:15 a.m. at the E5 Police Station, 1708 Centre Street, West Roxbury. All are welcome to join the caucus and any registered member of the Democratic party residing in Ward 20 is eligible to serve as a delegate to the State Convention to be held on Friday, May 29 & Saturday, May 30 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Questions? Please email [W20boston@gmail.com](mailto:W20boston@gmail.com).



Mary Amicangelo, known lovingly as Mrs. A, Aunt Mary, Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, and most recently, Great-Great-Grandma, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of February 11, 2026, at the remarkable age of 102.

To all who knew her, Mary was the definition of love. Her home and her heart were always open. Her smile lit up every room, and her laughter and good humor were contagious. Generations of people who crossed her path walked away feeling lighter, hap-

pier, and more loved than before they met her.

Mary loved to sing, and her family will forever cherish her joyful rendition of "Partridge in a Pear Tree" and the delight she took in being the center of her family's attention. Whenever she had the chance, Mary would sing and dance, and her love of music lives on in the memories of all who knew her.

Mary also loved to cook, and the kitchen was her favorite room in the house. She was happiest when feeding the people she loved, singing as she cooked, and filling her home with warmth, food, and joy.

Mary was married to her beloved husband, Dante, for 67 years. Together, they raised seven children: Janet, Tom, the late Nancy, Debby, Steve, Paul, John, and Joe. She was a proud grandmother to Tommy, Billy, Nancy, Loribeth, Jill, Paul, Nicole, Thomas, Annalisa, John, Jack, and Lisa; a great-grandmother to Brigitte, Tommy III, Dante, Cole, William, Brynn, Cara, Jocelyn, Jordyn, Devin, Sofia, Lily, Olivia, Noah, Lyla, Claire, Paul III,

# DEATHS

James, Ada, Alden, Cece, Ellie, Ben, Izzy and a great-great-grandmother to Thomas IV in 2025.

Mary Amicangelo lived a life full of love; love she shared freely and love she inspired in everyone around her. She will forever be remembered as the smile in our eyes and the song in our hearts.

Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary may be made to the Italian Home for Children, Attn: Agency Advancement, 1125 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 or [www.italianhome.org](http://www.italianhome.org)

## ARNOLD



U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Robert R., 27, of Roslindale, MA, passed away suddenly Feb. 1, 2026, leaving behind his parents, Kellie J Arnold and Frederick J Rogers of Roslindale. He was the nephew of Robert and the late Katharine Baglio (Arnold) of Mansfield, Karyn S. Arnold of Foxboro, cousins Daniel R. Arnold of Brighton, Michael R. and Mary Baglio of Taunton, and predeceased by his grandparents Robert R. and Joan M (Horwitz). He also leaves behind many friends and service brothers.

He was a proud Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corp. for 5 years, before joining the U.S. Army.

Robert spoke German, Russian, French, and Latin, which he learned attending Boston Latin School, Class of 2016.

His parents will hold a Celebration of Life once he is returned from Alaska.

## BARDEN



Philip Vincent Jr., of West Roxbury passed away in his home on Friday, February 13, 2026, at the age of 89.

Loving husband of the late Ann (Furden) and devoted father of the late Philip V. Barden III (Maureen).

Beloved father of Theresa Barden, Michael Barden (Jacki) and Katherine Shannon. Adored Papa of Philip Barden IV, Leslie, Emily, Karen and Jack Barden, Grace, Michael and Ann Shannon. Father – in- law of Adam Shannon. Loving brother of Margaret Tremblay (Paul), Stewart Barden and the late Forrest Barden, Russell Barden, Phylis Barden, Eugene Barden, Dorothy Slattery, and Robert Barden. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and his brother-in-law, Eugene Furden.

Phil was born in Boston on August 13, 1936, and proudly remained a lifelong Boston resident. He grew up in the South End, the son of Philip V. Barden and Mehitabel (Woolsey) Barden King. He was educated in Boston Public Schools including the Abraham Lincoln School and Boston Trade High School. On June 16, 1955, Phil proudly enlisted in the US Army and served stateside at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was discharged in June of 1957. He began his career in electrical engineering at MIT Lincoln Labs, retired from GTE/Sylvania and in retirement, consulted at MIT Lincoln Labs. A highlight of his career was working on government satellites on the island of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.

Phil was an active resident of West Roxbury and St. Theresa of Avila Parish. It was at St. Theresa's that he received the sacraments as he converted to Catholicism before marrying Ann on May 5, 1962. He was involved in the P.T.A., variety shows and the church choir. Phil's interests included the Red Sox and Patriots, visiting Hampton Beach and his beloved Castle Island, music, history and the evolution of the city. He enjoyed rides downtown to see the next new development with the backdrop of the enduring Public Garden and Boston Common. "Wow, I can't believe how much it has changed down here!"

May he rest in peace with his loved ones.

Visiting Hours at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. West Roxbury on Friday, February 20th from 3-7 p.m. Funeral from the funeral home on Saturday, February 21st at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 11 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

## CAREY



William G., of Roslindale and West Roxbury entered into eternal rest on February 15, 2026 following a battle with Occupational Cancer. He was an active member of

The Boston Fire Department and guitarist and founding member of the Boston-based Irish musical group The Fenian Sons.

Bill was predeceased by his father Lt. Thomas J. Carey (BFD retired). He was the beloved husband of Jill (Govoni) Carey and the proud father of Gavin, Molly and Connor Carey; the devoted son of Elizabeth A. Carey; dedicated brother of Patrick and his wife Katie, Matthew and his wife Rachel, and Timothy and his wife Chelsey; proud uncle to Liam, Lillian and Ronan Carey, and Cal, Anna, Jake and Greta Govoni.

After graduating Boston Latin Academy in 1992 he volunteered on the Boston Ambulance Squad before joining Boston Health and Hospitals (City Ambulance) where he worked as an EMT for 14 years. In 2002 he accomplished his lifelong dream of becoming a member of the Boston Fire Department. He was assigned to Ladder 4, joined Rescue 1 and then joined Rescue 2. He was a decorated firefighter having been awarded multiple citations for bravery and he earned distinction as an advanced tech rescue specialist. Bill was a Trustee of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department, a member of the Boston Fire Cancer Foundation, and a member of the Boston Fire Department A Capella Quartet with whom he regularly performed the National Anthem at major Boston sporting events and fundraisers.

In 1996 Bill was a founding member and the driving force behind the legendary Boston Irish musical group The Fenian Sons. Together with the band Bill entertained thousands of fans throughout greater Boston and New England over thirty years of performing. He dedicated his time and musical talents to countless charitable causes and was always seeking to help those in need. Bill was a loyal and dedicated friend and a patriot who loved his country. Above all, he was a loving and proud husband and father.

A viewing will be held for family and friends at Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St. West Roxbury on Thursday, February 19 from 2-7 p.m. A funeral mass will be held Friday, February 20 at 10 a.m. at Holy Name Church. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery.

The Carey Family is grateful to all the doctors and caregivers at Dana Farber Boston. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Boston Fire Cancer Foundation at [Bostonfirecancerfoundation.org](http://Bostonfirecancerfoundation.org).

## CLIFFORD



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loved husband of the late Joyce Clifford. Loving brother to Deborah O'Connor, Elizabeth Clifford and the late Mary Hubert, Eleanor and Margaret Clifford. Loving uncle to nieces and nephews. Great friend and Godfather to Lt. Gen. Luke and Kate Ahmann, their children Jack, Wyatt, and Nora; Carolyn and Danny Craddock, their son Lt. Maguire Craddock; and Nora and Butch Walker, their son James.

Larry was a proud Veteran of the US Air Force and Vietnam with 78 combat missions and 345 combat hours. He went on to become an academic with multiple PhDs and advanced degrees, and used that knowledge to teach others throughout his life. Larry, blind for most of his adult life, navigated life with full sight and will be missed dearly by his vast network of friends, assistants, readers, drivers, international relation discussion groupers at La Salle and relatives.

Visiting hours provided by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. West Roxbury. Funeral Mass was held at the St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church, 28 Commonwealth Ave, Chestnut Hill MA. Interment Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne with full military honors at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Seeing Eye at [seeingeye.org](http://seeingeye.org).

## McLAUGHLIN



Marianne (McDonnell) of West Roxbury, MA, died on February 12, 2026, at age 77. Marianne, proudly from Jamaica Plain (importantly, Moraine Street) was born in Boston on December 8, 1948, to the late J. Allen and Elizabeth McDonnell. Marianne graduated from Roslindale High School and University of Massachusetts, Boston. In 1971, Marianne married her best friend Richard J. McLaughlin.

The two met in high school and were married for nearly 55 years. They built a beautiful life in West Roxbury (God's Country) and were very involved with their community. She leaves behind her sons and their families: David McLaughlin, his wife Meredith, their children Mary, Thomas and Christopher of Redwood City, CA; and Robert McLaughlin, his wife Autumn and their son William of Braintree, MA. She is survived by brothers John McDonnell and his wife Maureen Cowie of West Boylston, MA, Mark McDonnell of Milton, MA, and Ana McDonnell of Framingham, MA. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Mary Walsh of Braintree, MA, and

Mary Callahan McLaughlin of Dedham, MA, and many nieces and nephews.

Marianne loved the beach and spent many summer days on Cape Cod and Duxbury Beach. She was known for her impeccable gift wrapping, her beautiful garden and unmatched home décor (especially for Easter when she hosted her extended family). She loved walking in Millenium Park with her friends and driving her old VW convertible. She was a master of crossword puzzles. She and Rich relished their trips abroad, especially Paris, Omaha Beach and Ireland. She felt lucky to have such wonderful daughters-in-law. Most of all, she loved her grandkids.

She enjoyed her work at Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp. and Citizens Energy. She worked with the Fair Housing Commission to ensure fair and equitable access to housing for all people of Boston. She had a strong belief in connecting the people in her community to make it even better.

Visiting Hours will be held on Wednesday, February 18 from 3-7 p.m. at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa of Avila Parish, 2078 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boston Children's Hospital at [giving.childrenshospital.org/donate](http://giving.childrenshospital.org/donate)

## KOKTSIDIS



Paraskevi "Voula" was born in Boston, Massachusetts on December 23, 1961, to Greek immigrants Constantine "Charlie" and Aristeia Sougaridis.

The oldest of four, Panayioti

"Peter" Sougarides, Efthalia "Ethel" Sougaridis, and the late Eleni "Helen" Ziavras, Voula grew up in Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury.

She attended Boston Latin School, and was the first in her family to graduate from college with a Bachelors in Business Administration from Northeastern University in 1985.

Voula worked as a teller at Union Warren and People's Bank, a Budget Analyst for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), and as a sales associate at Bloomingdales.

She met Dimitri in 1989, and soon after they became engaged. Together, they built a life centered around family, where she devoted her time to raising their children, Alexandra and Aristides. Later on, she found joy working as a sales associate at Anne Taylor Lofts.

Voula found meaning in small moments, whether in fashion, art, architecture, flowers, or reading literature and poetry. By nature, she was grounded and pragmatic, guided by a sense of inner responsibility.

She is survived by her devoted husband Dimitrios, beloved children Alexandra and Aristides, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews in the United States and Greece.

Funeral services were held at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church at 15 Union Park Street in Boston. Burial followed at the Gardens Cemetery, 670 Baker Street, West Roxbury, MA.

Visitation services provided by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, Norwood, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Voula's Memory may be made to St. John the Baptist Greek Church, 15 Union Park Street, Boston, MA.

## MICHAEL



With heavy hearts, the family of Diana Barbara (Laham) Michael announce her passing on Tuesday February 10, 2026 at the age of 83.

Diana was born on June 15, 1942 in Boston to Monsour and Nellie Laham who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Robert Laham of Chestnut Hill and Roger Laham of West Roxbury and her dear friend and "sidekick" of many years, Linda Hakar of Norwood.

Diana leaves behind her cherished children: sons George Michael (Kathy) of Waltham, Kenneth Michael (Debbie) of Norwood and her daughter Dawn Michael Dagostino (Jerry) of Waltham, her four grandchildren: Kenneth Michael Jr. (Alyssa), Kristina Michael Ryan (Johnny), Kasey Michael (Joey) and Anthony Dagostino; two great-grandchildren, Bryce Michael and Cole Ryan, her sister-in-law Gladys Laham of Chestnut Hill and many close friends and extended family who will miss her dearly.

Diana lived a very full and eventful life. Her love of travel began when she was young and she traveled with her parents to numerous countries in the Mediterranean and Middle East as well most of the U.S. as part of her father's role in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling on cruises to Hawaii, Greece, Italy and many other locations and

took frequent trips to Florida with family and friends.

Diana had a passion for cooking and baking and loved to share her skills with family and friends. She especially enjoyed cooking vegetables from her garden and trying new recipes. She loved shopping and often surprised family and friends with things she just thought they would just like or needed. Her generosity, thoughtfulness and lively zest for life will be very missed by her family and friends. Her love and infectious laughter will live in the hearts of her loved ones forever.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at St. George Antiochan Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury on Friday February 13, 2026 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. followed by the Funeral Service at 11:30 a.m. Diana will be laid to rest at The Gardens Cemetery, 670 Baker St., West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Diana can be made to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Boston, 55 Emmonsdale Rd. West Roxbury, MA 02132. <https://www.stgeorgeofboston.org/>

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## Miracle Prayer

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—V.C.

## 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.

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Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 12, 2026  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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Docket No. SU26P0117EA Suffolk Division

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**Leila Ray of Brockton, MA**

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DOCKET No. SU26P0233EA

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of: **Calvin Lee Durham**  
Also known as: **Calvin Durham;**  
**Calvin Durham, Sr.**  
Date of Death: **12/06/2025**

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  
**Brighton Operator, LLC d/b/a Bri of Brighton, 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:  
**Arielle S. Howe, Esq. of Lowell, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 03/25/2026. 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: February 11, 2026  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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2/19/2026*

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
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Docket No. SU26P0247GD

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

In the matter of: **Richie Lee Wilson**  
Of: **Allston, MA**

**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
**Spaulding Nursing and Therapy Center of Allston, MA**

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Richie Lee Wilson** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that  
**Jeffrey Von Arx of Cambridge, MA**  
(or some other suitable person) to be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00AM. on the return date of **03/19/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 12, 2026  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
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Docket No. SU26P0178GD

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

In the matter of: **Briant Mejia**  
Of: **Jamaica Plain, MA**

**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by  
**Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA**

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Briant Mejia** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that  
**Jocelyn Feliz of Boston, MA**  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/05/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**

Docket No. SU25P1127EA

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of: **Mary Franklin**  
Also known as: **Mary Ann Franklin**  
Date of Death: **06/19/2022**

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by  
**Emily L. Franklin of Dorchester 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:  
**Emily L. Franklin of Dorchester 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 03/04/2026 . 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: February 04, 2026  
Stephanie L Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**

DOCKET No. SU26P0235EA

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of: **Vincent Bennett Ryan**  
Also known as: **Vincent B. Ryan**  
Date of Death: **11/19/2025**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by  
**Kathleen M. Ryan of Norfolk, 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:  
**Kathleen M. Ryan of Norfolk, MA**  
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.  
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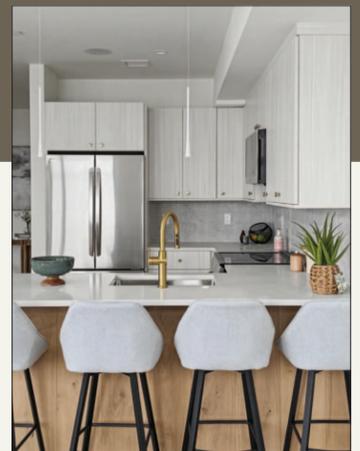


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