



Menino YMCA's Vanessa Wilson-Howard led the assembled crowd in some aerobic dancing to keep the blood pumping, and the (heart) beat bumping at the second annual HP Health and Wellness Summit.

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A view of the Myer/Dana block of River Street from Cleary Square.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Cleary Square S+S zoning map released

Planning Dept. trustworthiness questioned

Matt MacDonald

Staff Reporter

On March 18, after two years in the making, the Boston Planning Department held a community meeting to present its Squares+Streets (S+S) small area plan and zoning map for Cleary Square.

Greatly concerning to attendees was the fact that almost all of both sides of the block of River Street between Hyde Park Avenue and Harvard Avenue would allow for the development of up to seven stories of primarily residential space with no minimum parking requirement.

Even more concerning to them was the fact that the block's commercial real estate is owned by Myer Dana and Sons, and there have been signals that it might be ready to sell. Under S+S zoning guidelines, such a transaction would make a seven-story, as-of-right development on either side of that relatively narrow block of River Street a real possibility.

It's all part of a planning and zoning initiative championed by Mayor Michelle Wu that – at its core – is about making it easier for developers to build new high-density residential housing in neighborhood business districts that have easy access to public transportation.

S+S planning for Cleary Square kicked off in February 2024, and it was immediately met with pushback and suspicion. It has been touted as a community-led process seeking “consensus” but – until last Wednesday – any City-led interaction with the neighborhood about it

S+S

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Message clear: HP needs a health center

Health and Wellness Summit focuses on need and problems

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Together Hyde Park hosted its second annual Health and Wellness Summit at the Pryde Building off of Harvard Avenue on Saturday to a dedicated crowd of more than 200 residents, officials, electeds and one Congresswoman.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley was not on the schedule several days before the summit began, but the former At-Large City Councilor came by and offered words of support for the neighborhood, which tends on the lower end of health outcomes in the city and does not have its own community health

center.

“It’s good to be in my own community of Hyde Park!” she said. “My own neighborhood of Lake Street, Mattapan keeps trying to claim us but we all know we’re Hyde Park.”

Pressley said she believes that Hyde Park will get its health center because of events like this and the work that residents put in day in and day out to make the neighborhood the community it is. The day featured roundtable discussions and updates on the health center, as well as free health screenings, vision screenings, wellness experiences and access to doctors from Hyde Park Pediatrics. The day also featured aerobic dances from Menino YMCA Instructor

Vanessa Wilson Howard and other exercises.

Pressley didn’t mince words about the need for a health center, especially since the implosion of Steward Health Care and the loss of Carney Hospital in Dorchester, as well as a lack of healthcare investment. She said despite those setbacks, she was optimistic about the health center, and said that, “While it will take a lot of work, it’s not by any means out of reach.”

“It is always impossible until it is done,” she said. “The way it is done is staying interested, organized and advocating. And it is so good to look out into this

HP Health

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Empty Bowls feed 400

Fundraiser lifts a spoon to help those in need

Paulina Duarte
Staff Reporter

Four hundred residents from Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and other Boston neighborhoods gathered at the Roslindale Substation on Washington Street on March 22 to participate in the annual Empty Bowls event. Organized by art studios Create and JP Clay in partnership with the Hyde Park Food Coop and the Food Access Volunteers of Roslindale (FAVOR), the annual fundraiser brought community members together to address food insecurity through fundraising and sharing food supplied from local restaurants.

Over the course of the afternoon, 100 community members entered the hall at a time, and after checking in, picked a bowl made from one of Create’s or JP Clay’s artists and visited different stations, where they could sample 14 local restaurants’ foods, including soups, breads and desserts.

Each shift opened with remarks from the organizers, who in-

Bowls

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Hundreds came out over the weekend to fill their bowls and raise funds for food insecurity.

PHOTO BY PAULINA DUARTE

PWRR plans media sources, upcoming initiatives and actions

Organizers planning for Saturday



West Roxbury/Roslindale Progressives organizer Rachel Poliner, center rear, speaking with attendees last week.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale (PWRR) held an organizing meeting last week to prepare for local and nationwide demonstrations scheduled in upcoming

weeks, specifically the “No Kings” rallies planned for Saturday, March 28 throughout the country.

As a chapter of Progressive MASS and the national Indivisible group, PWRR states it works at the grass-

roots community level to build accountability for elected officials, advance progressive policies through electoral engagement, and stop the encroachment of authoritarianism in the U.S.

About 15 people attended, some long-standing volunteers and a few first timers new to the neighborhood looking to get involved and hear updates. Rachel Poliner of PWRR invited everyone to sign candidate petitions, pick up a list of recent PWRR actions, grab a snack, work on making signs for the March 28 rally and introduce themselves, and talk about what

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brought them to the meeting. “It’s important. That’s why I’m here,” said one attendee who’s been in the area less than a year and wanted to get involved.

A Roslindale neighbor said he’s been participating “as a ‘planner’ and a safety person for a number of the actions that we’ve all done, and I was out distributing the flyers.” Another Roslindale resident said, “I’m here tonight because I just have felt a compelling need to up my activism because of events in our world.” Others mentioned the fear of authoritarianism, wanting to be involved with others who shared their beliefs, and general curiosity.

Poliner asked for what sources of independent media those present relied on for information and started with her own suggestions. “‘The Contrarian’ on Substack. Jen Rubin left the Washington Post, Norm Eisen left CNN on the same day, and they started ‘The Contrarian’ a week exactly before Donald Trump was inaugurated... Their motto: truthful, not neutral.”

Other sources mentioned were Boston College historian Heather Cox Richardson and her daily newsletter “Letters from an American,” The Meidas Touch podcasts, “The Guardian” newspaper (online), and David Roberts on Volt. Lawrence O’Donnell’s “The Last Word” on MS NOW was recommended as one who is “calling it out and takes the moral high ground.” Also on MS NOW, Rachel Maddow, who often shows videos of demonstrations across the country during her Monday night shows. Satirist Andy Borowitz of “The Borowitz Report” was another favorite if you wanted to laugh.

Poliner discussed the list of Progressive Mass legislative four agenda goals (with assigned bill names and numbers) for 2025-2026: a Shared Prosperity Agenda, which includes funding education, debt-free higher education, rent stabilization, and Medicare for all; a Racial and Social Justice Agenda with a prison moratorium, visitation rights, safe communities (limiting local and state collaboration with ICE); a Sustainable Infrastructure Agenda with fines for polluters and an end to expanding gas infrastructure; and a Good Government/Strong Democracy Agenda including same day registration, greater transparency of legislature.

Poliner says there is a reason for why the Trump administration is moving in numerous directions quickly.

“Fast with the executive orders, fast with the corruption and the stealing, fast with the trying to take over elections, fast with dropping bombs, because they’re trying to go faster than we can organize against them. That’s the race. Autocracy is a race.”

She said she believes those in power now keep breaking the law. To fight them she pointed to Norm Eisen’s four P’s: Proceedings (the courts), Poles (elections), Public protest, and the Political (leadership).

“Jamie Raskin, Chris Murphy, Maxwell Frost, Elizabeth Warren – like people really speaking out,” she said. “One of the signs of autocratic threat breaking through, taking over, is when these people have no choice but to be quiet.”

She said these representatives are still loud and others should join. She would also add amendments with “Protecting people” “Alternatives,” like having the New

Progs

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New Forest Hills complex sees opposition at Article 80

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Local business owners concerned

The first Boston Planning Department Article 80 meeting on Vince O’Neil’s plans for a six-story apartment building at 3716 Washington Street, Forest Hills was held virtually on March 11.

It did not go smoothly with almost total opposition.

This may have surprised O’Neil, since as reported by The Bulletin the first two community meetings held by the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA) on Oct 22, 2024 and Aug 28, 2025 went smoothly.

O’Neil and Eric Gould of Helicon Architects filed the small project review on Feb 19, 2016.

Their submission for the six-story, 35-unit apartment house at the Tower Street corner stated the proposed building “complements the evolving character of the Forest Hills neighborhood... toward a mid-rise, mixed-use development around the Forest Hills MBTA Station.”

Few people on the call agreed with that.

O’Neil gave a brief presentation in his now familiar matter-of-fact way.

“I’ve driven by that site and wondered what could be done for 25 years,” he said.

Showing only the elevation of Gould’s design, O’Neil said the work would include widening the Tower Street corner, extending the alley behind the



The six-story apartment building at Tower and Washington streets is on perhaps the busiest corner of all of Forest Hills.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH

building towards the Brady and Fallon funeral home, adding crosswalks from that corner to the MBTA terminal and giving Forest Hills Pizza the right to return.

“The beauty parlor [Stephanie’s salon on Tower Street] has moved out,” he said.

There would be spaces for 11 cars on the ground level where the beauty parlor was located. There would be a 1,200 square common foot roof deck and 22 percent of the units would be affordable per the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy.

And that was all O’Neil had to say.

As raised hands flashed

across the top of the screen, Boston Planning project manager Steve Harvey said the comment period will end on March 26.

“Depending on how the project is received, all the comments are reviewed then the decision, if it’s appropriate, goes to to the BPDA Board, then to the ZBA and ISD for construction documents,” Harvey said.

Gould added while showing floor plans on the screen share, “There will be seven units per floor.”

“The residential entrance and garage entrance are off Tower Street and the retail entrance on Washington Street,”

he said.

Michael West the owner of Brady and Fallon funeral home came on the call, “I’m vehemently opposed to this project,” he said.

“How does this six-story building fit into this neighborhood? At this dangerous intersection?”

“We have a long history [in Forest Hills],” West said “We serve 300 funerals a year. There is no space for construction vehicles.”

“This is detrimental to my business,” West said. “This is detrimental to Brassica.”

West said he owns 3710 and 3712 Washington St., Brassica and 3708 Washington Street –

which houses Origination – as well as 11 Tower Street.

“We’re not in the real estate business. We bought these from a defensive position to preserve the fabric of the community,” West said. “Origination is important in our neighborhood.”

“We tried to buy the corner property [O’Neil’s site] but we were turned down.”

Perhaps ironically, Thomas J. Brady built it in 1928.

West’s brother Stephen added that he bought 11 Tower originally for a parking lot but instead rehabilitated the triple-decker to protect the neighborhood.

Brady built number 10 Tower Street opposite in 1945 for his new funeral home in the style of a residential house.

“This project does not belong. It’s a massive disruption,” West said. “Funerals are dignified and solemn services.”

Masua Dibingo, who owns Origination at 3708 Washington St., said she was “100 percent opposed.”

“It will ruin our business” she said. “A negative effect on our business. No one has talked to us about this.”

“This does not belong in our neighborhood.”

Rebecca Keane said she is the co-owner of Brassica.

“I understand the balance,” she said. “We need more affordable, blue collar housing.”

“I know this personally. I moved out to Walpole. But this

Forest

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West Roxbury Parkway bridge replacement

Traffic and construction updates

Look-ahead: March 13 - March 27, 2026 and Travel impacts:

Over the next two weeks, drivers should expect lane narrowing on the bridge, on West Roxbury Parkway, and at the Belgrade Avenue intersection, as needed. As work impacts sidewalk access, a detour redirecting

pedestrians will be in place.

Operations

Over the next two weeks, the Contractor will be working daytime hours (7 AM to 4 PM) within the work zone on the roadway. Work will take place Monday to Friday. Operations will include:

Utility trenching and connection by National Grid:

Light poles removal by Eversource (tentative)

Fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) installation under the bridge (tentative)

Asbestos testing

National Grid and Eversource utilities will cut over to relocated utility lines.

The Contractor is scheduled to work nighttime hours (9 PM to 5 AM) along the Commuter Rail tracks below the bridge. Work will take place Monday to Friday. Operations will include chipping concrete on parts of the

bridge structure.

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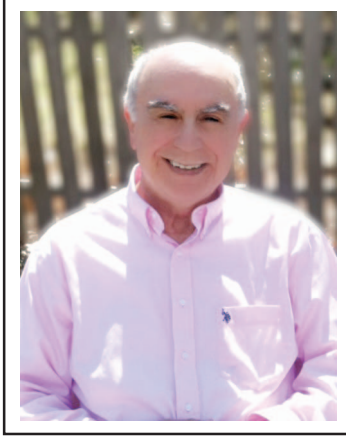


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Many American males – though a declining number – offer their seats to women on MBTA buses and subways and address crowds with the feminine gender first, “Ladies and gentlemen.” With four daughters and five granddaughters, it bothers me to me to almost always hear “Brothers and sisters” rather than the reverse.



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

With all this in mind it was nice to come across a version of the 23rd Psalm that was somewhat different. This very popular psalm, accompanied by photos of loved ones, was frequently taken into battlefields on scraps of paper by soldiers to prop them up against the normal, horrifying fears that arise when their lives were at stake. Consider:

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they

comfort me.”

The version that struck a chord with me was composed by a Barbara Monda. Notice how it avoids a total masculine reference point as so many psalms, proverbs, and other stories from the Bible do.

“My Mother is my shepherd and I lack nothing. She lays me down in green grass and carries fresh water to me. I can rest in her watchfulness while my soul is restored. She leads me along the path to wholeness. Even when I feel lost in my own darkness, I do not give in to discour-

Ask Rusty – Help! Social Security Reduced my Monthly Payment

Dear Rusty: My last Social Security payment decreased by about \$400, so I went to my online SS account and found a November 2025 letter explaining that my 2024 tax return showed a greatly enlarged AGI (Adjusted Gross Income). Thus, SSA decided to withdraw monies, as of Jan 2026, from my bank account because I’d owed far more monies to them! The letter itemized my greatly diminished 2026 SSA monthly payment, explaining should my next tax return show a regular AGI, then SSA would return my SS income to regular amounts (and return every prior month’s deficits?). Said letter also mentioned an optional recourse, that of compiling an “Appeal” to regain my ongoing decreased income! The extra amounts now withdrawn for Medicare Parts A and D alone are outrageously high. I’m a retired senior citizen on a fixed income.



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

According to SSA, my having sold a piece of land in 2024 allows SSA to decrease my SS income! Has this become a common practice against USA (senior) citizens? Thank you in advance for your input! Signed: Feeling Wronged

Dear Feeling Wronged: From what you have shared, it appears that your SS benefit amount has been affected by a provision known as “IRMAA” (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). IRMAA isn’t re-

ally a Social Security issue, rather it is a Medicare premium thing. But when IRMAA applies, it reduces your net Social Security payment because Medicare premiums are automatically taken from your Social Security benefit, thus making your net SS payment less. If you look at your gross Social Security payment (at your online “my Social Security” account) you will see that your gross SS payment did not change, but your Medicare premium did, thus affecting your net SS payment.

IRMAA, essentially, makes Medicare a “means tested” program, where those with a higher AGI can pay a higher Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium. However, IRMAA is usually based on AGI from two years prior to the current year (because your current AGI information isn’t available from the IRS when Medicare premiums are determined in October of

each year). FYI, you may have received a notice in the mail in early December telling you what your 2026 Social Security and Medicare amounts would be. In a nutshell, the land you sold in 2024 apparently increased your AGI to exceed the base IRMAA thresholds (which are \$109,000 if you file your taxes as a single, or \$218,000 if you file your income tax as “married/jointly”). And the IRMAA supplements are “progressive” (higher if your AGI is more), so if your Medicare premiums went up by about \$400 (about twice the 2026 standard premium) it’s likely that your 2024 AGI was over \$137,000 if you filed as a single (or over \$274,000 if you filed as “married/jointly”). FYI, you can see the 2026 IRMAA brackets/premium amounts at this link: www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html

A couple of additional points:

- Your Medicare premiums will, indeed, revert to the standard amounts for 2027, if your 2025 AGI amount is under the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status.
- There is no premium for Medicare Part A (which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization care) because you are receiving Social Security benefits. However, there is a premium for Part B of Medi-

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Registration Is Now Open For 2026 Love Your Block Cleanups

Annual spring neighborhood cleanups return as part of Boston 250 celebration

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Civic Organizing (OCO) announced that registration for the 2026 Love Your Block spring cleanups is now open. Events are scheduled to take place on April 24, April 25, and May 2 and residents can register here. Love Your Block is a citywide initiative that invites residents to host or join neighborhood cleanups and beautification projects across Boston. As the City celebrates the 250th anniversary for the country, this year’s cleanups highlight Boston’s history of community-led service and the legacy reflected in its neighborhoods and residents.

“Love Your Block reflects the pride residents take in their neighborhoods and the community spirit that defines Boston,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “As we celebrate Boston 250, these cleanups continue a long tradition of neighbors coming together to care for the places we cherish and share. I

encourage residents across the City to sign up, meet your neighbors, and help keep our streets, parks, and public spaces vibrant for everyone.”

For 11 years, Love Your Block has empowered residents to take ownership of their public spaces, strengthening community pride and civic engagement. Projects include park and street cleanups, open space revitalization, mulching, and flower plantings. Registration is currently open, with residents able to sign up through the Love Your Block webpage – <https://gvimes.link/lyb> – to host a cleanup or join an existing effort. Individual volunteers can also pre-register to join cleanups, with the Office of Civic Organizing matching participants to neighborhood cleanup sites after registration closes.

“Love Your Block is rooted in the idea that residents know their neighborhoods best,” said Nathalia Benitez-Perez, Director of the Office of Civic Organizing. “By providing tools, coordination,

and support for community-led efforts, we strengthen residents’ connection to City Hall while empowering them to lead projects that make a lasting difference in the public spaces they care for and use every day.”

The Love Your Block registration period is now open and will close on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 5 p.m. This year’s cleanups will take place in every Boston neighborhood over two weekends. The dates are as follows:

- Friday, April 24**
Downtown
Saturday, April 25
Allston - Back Bay - Beacon Hill - Brighton - Chinatown - Dorchester - Fenway-Kenmore - Jamaica Plain - Leather District - Mid-Dorchester - Mission Hill - South Boston
- Saturday, May 2**
Bay Village - Charlestown - East Boston - Hyde Park - Mattapan - North End - Roslindale

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had assiduously sidestepped public discussion regarding which of its six zoning districts would go where.

That obfuscation led to the formation, in the summer of 2024, of a community ad hoc committee that drafted a formal citizens petition to be submitted to the Boston Zoning Commission (BZC).

The petition prompted a year-long dialogue with the Planning Department regarding the committee's concerns with potential effects of the proposed S+S zones in Cleary Square. This, in turn, led the Planning Department to change some of its S+S zoning language and to add two new zones (SC and S3-6) – informed by those the committee had prepared – to the original six.

Those discussions, however, were not public.

As this was going on, the ad hoc committee also held regular community S+S meetings and mapping/blocking workshops that were open to anyone interested, including those from the Planning Department. These community sessions culminated in a meeting this January during which 40-50 attendees voted on an S+S zoning map to be submitted to City Hall for discussion.

That lengthy history informed last Wednesday's Planning Department meeting.

After frontloading the presentation with proposed improvements the S+S initiative has slated for some undetermined point in the future to assist Cleary Square's small businesses, arts and culture,

transportation, and open space and resiliency, the presenters then turned to the Planning Department's S+S zoning map for the area – penciled in for adoption by the BZC on July 15.

Commenting on that block of River Street proposed for up to seven stories, Deputy Director of Zoning Kathleen Onufer described it as a "catalytic site," likely to change in the near future that will also help drive the S+S initiative. "There's potential at that site for, ultimately, 300-400 new units of housing, and at least 50-70 of them affordable in a market-rate development," she said.

When ad hoc committee member and Hyde Park Board of Trade President Scott Batey raised the implications of a possible Myer Dana sale of that block and then later expanded on them, there were no objections or denials by either Onufer or Deputy Director of Comprehensive Planning Caitlin Coppinger – the meeting's other main presenter.

"This is shocking," Batey said of the proposed zoning map as a whole. "The only word I can say is there seems to be a big disconnect over the two years of work that was done in our community – meeting with the City and on community meetings – and this proposal."

Many of the questions raised – from one about a shadow study, to another regarding business and residential displacement, to those about a neighborhood traffic study – were repeatedly punted, by whoever fielded them, to the Article 80 large and small project review

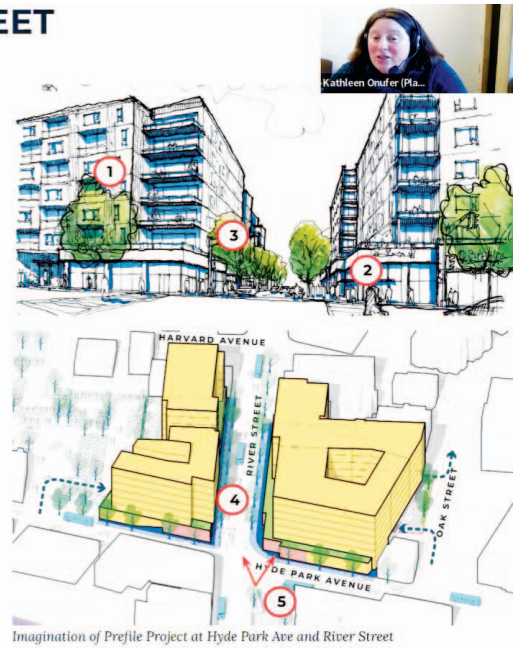
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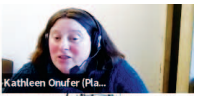


Current Conditions at Hyde Park Ave and River Street

- Redevelopment of this catalytic site should: 1. Focus active uses and architectural details at corners 2. Ensure opportunities for existing business to return 3. Enhance continuity of street tree canopy 4. Expand sidewalk and public space 5. Focus mitigation funds on pocket park



Imagination of Prefile Project at Hyde Park Ave and River Street



Kathleen Onufer (Pla...

Boston Planning Deputy Director Kathleen Onufer describing the block of River Street leading to Hyde Park Avenue in Hyde Park as "catalytic" at the recent March meeting.

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process that is utilized by the City for real estate development applications of greater than 20,000 square feet.

"The horse is kind of out of the barn when you go through the Article 80 process. No one's going to turn down a project because it increases traffic. That just doesn't happen," ad hoc committee member and housing architect Tim Smith cautioned. "Once that process starts, it's too late."

Smith's politely incredulous comments were in keeping with the tone and content of most.

Ad hoc committee member/Hyde Park Neighborhood Association President Mimi Turchinetz spoke in more detail about the discussions with the Planning Department. "Part of the reason that folks are surprised by some of this mapping is that you had said to us – in what one could argue was an

agreement, although it wasn't written down – that you wouldn't do certain things."

Regarding the Myer Dana block, she said that she had understood that it would be zoned for up to four stories, rather than seven. "We thought that we all agreed on that." She had also thought that the Victorian section of Hyde Park Avenue approaching West Street wouldn't be S+S zoned, and that higher density districts would be toward the edge of the planning area. "In some ways, the trust that we built... isn't reflected in this map, and so that is a little challenging to me."

Coppinger responded that the release of the proposed zones was "Step 1 in the process to start this conversation around what a potential zoning district map looks like here. This is not

what it will ultimately end up looking like," though she added that it may be similar. "We want to hear from everybody in Hyde Park to be able to start that process after we've heard from folks and we've tried to do our best to capture the goals of... what people want here in Cleary Square."

Which sounded just like what the then-BPDA was saying two years ago about the same thing.

The next Planning Department meeting regarding its S+S plan and zoning map for Cleary Square will be on Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building/BCYF (1179 River St.).

The 45-day comment period closes on Friday, May 1. To submit a comment and to view the draft plan, zoning map, and other information, visit www.bosplans.org/cleary-square.



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Evacuation Day Part 2: On the road to sweet Athy, or Dorchester

Greta Gaffin
Staff Reporter

This is Part 2 of an exploration of Evacuation Day in Boston. Go to <https://gvimes.link/evac> to see Part 1.

When we last saw Boston, tensions between the Crown and the Protestant leaders of Boston were beginning to simmer.

The French and Indian War, known as the Seven Years' War throughout the world, would begin in 1754 when George Washington, then the com-

mander of the Virginia militia, ambushed a French patrol. Many Massachusetts men fought in what would become a global conflict, and were happy to help defend the country from Catholic Quebec. The war ended in 1763, when France signed the Treaty of Paris and ceded Quebec to Britain.

Britain won the war, but it was now in massive debt. It also now owned a vast territory thousands of miles away that was inhabited by people who did not want to be British. To the state, there were two logical responses to this: raise taxes on the colonies, and station a permanent military garrison in North America to ensure Quebec did not revolt.

The British colonists were less enthusiastic about this. A standing army seemed like a way to take away their liberties. The colonists also could not vote for any member of Parliament who might be able to argue legislatively on their behalf. The state noted that most Englishmen could not vote either, due to the requirement to own property. Only one in 12



Reenactors flock to Southie every year, along with perhaps some rowdy parade attendees, to celebrate the retreating British forces heading out of Boston Harbor (or Bofton Harbour, as they might have spelled it).

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Englishmen could vote. But the colonies were wealthier, and Massachusetts was especially rich. About half of free men in Massachusetts could vote, an indication of the level of prosperity even average citizens enjoyed that their cousins in England did not.

It was not that the colonists were against the concept of taxes. Massachusetts' taxes were the highest of any colony, although they also had the best social services. But there is a difference between paying taxes to support excellent public education and paying taxes to support soldiers marching down one's streets. Many of the new taxes also benefited the British East India Company and hurt colonial merchants, who were not legally allowed to trade with other countries.

It felt like despotism was closing in. In 1765, Samuel Adams said that the Stamp Act

was designed to get people used to being enslaved, and Catholicism was the next logical outcome. In 1768, British troops arrived in Boston to begin enforcing the new taxes, and in 1770 British troops shot several men (what would later become known as the Boston Massacre). The Providence Gazette compared the Boston Massacre to Guy Fawkes' plot: they had both been committed by those opposed to freedom of religion and liberty. That same year, there was a horrific famine in Bengal caused by the British East India Company, and American colonists wondered if they might be next. The effigy of the pope began to be accompanied by an effigy of Governor Thomas Hutchinson. The man who led the pope's day procession was known as the Joyce, after the colonel who had led to the death of Charles I. The more Britain tried to tighten the screws, the angrier the colonists got.

Tea smuggling by the colonists had severely undercut profits of the British East India Company. In response, Parliament lowered the price of EIC tea. But this tea was still taxed; it was an attempt to get the colonists to be willing to buy taxed tea when it was sold at a lower price than smuggled tea. This is what led to Bostonians throwing a shipment of EIC tea overboard in 1773.

Parliament angrily passed several bills in response, designed to punish Boston. One of these blockaded Boston harbor, which meant severe economic consequences for a port city, causing thousands to flee. Another forced private property owners to quarter soldiers in their buildings; another took away the ability to vote for local elected positions; and another was that royal officials could be tried in England, and not Massachusetts. All of these

were bad enough. The Port Act that blockaded the Harbor contained an advertisement for a 1715 anti-Catholic polemical book, which detailed the evils of the Catholic church in Spain. The ad said it was a book Protestant families should own so they would understand what it was like to live in a tyrannical society.

Then came the Quebec Act. It effectively fully legalized Catholicism in Quebec, including the right for priests to collect mandatory tithes. Parliament did not intend this to punish Boston, but the colonists certainly saw it as punishment. The outcry was immense. It was proof that Britain was fully and truly evil, and would do nothing to finally stamp out true godly Christianity from Massachusetts. Paul Revere did a cartoon of four Church of England bishops dancing around the Quebec Act as the devil and Lord North looked on.

In the fall of 1774, Suffolk County sent a list of resolves to Britain declaring their opposition to the actions of the British state. This included establishing Catholicism in Quebec, which they saw as dangerous to their civil liberties. In 1775, after the patriots had won at Lexington and Concord, a local minister would be cheerful that they could triumph over the antichrist. Young men would later enlist in the army so they could fight 'popery.'

Providence was evidently on Boston's side, which is why the British left in 1776. The signers of the Declaration of Independence hoped it would be on their side too that summer in Philadelphia. One of their reasons to declare independence was also the legal-

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU23P2018PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

In the matter of: Junell Donaldson
Of: Boston, MA

Respondent
Protected Person/Disabled Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Final account(s) of **Jonathan J Davey**, Esq. of Quincy, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

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Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,
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Date: February 25, 2026
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CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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

Estate of: Kelly A. Rossi
Date of Death: 07/21/2019

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by:

Cheryl A Manahan of Tyngsboro, MA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, (3rd account) and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 19, 2026
Stephanie L Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley spoke at the recent Hyde Park Health and Wellness Summit, and expressed her optimism that the neighborhood will soon see its own community health center.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

room and seeing so many once again asserting their care, concern and commitment to their neighbors, to our community and our health and wellness.”

Throughout the day, Together Hyde Park founder and organizer Marcia Kimm-Jackson ran around the room making sure everyone had what they need. The day also featured the fight to create the nation’s first community health center in Columbia Point 60 years ago. The Geiger Gibson Community Health Center was founded in 1965 in the Columbia Point Housing Development basement by Dr. Jack Geiger and Dr. Count Gibson, and a short documentary of the fight to bring that model across Boston was shown.

Panel emcee Harvard T. Chan School of Public Health Dr. Alecia McGregor detailed the fight for a Hyde Park Community Health Center, and said the discussion in the panel is less about how to continue to advocate locally for the center, but how to reframe the national discussion around healthcare.

“We’re at a time where the World Health Organization tells us that approximately 140 countries around the world recognize health as a human right in their constitution, and yet the United States has no such provision in our constitution.” she said. “Which means that we can’t just go to a court and sue for a community health center in Hyde Park, else I’m sure Marcia and the steering committee would have done that by now. So we can’t just go to the courts, but what we can do is do the revolutionary work of reimagining and redesigning the healthcare system that we need.”

Panelists Dr. Thea James, Dr. Nichole Christian Braithwaite, Gualde Vadez, Paula McNichols and State Rep. Rob Consalvo all headed the roundtable discussion. James, who currently works as the Vice President of Mission at the Boston Medical Center, said her view on building healthcare infrastructure in the city to be a fair and equitable

system is that it is going to be a challenge, but that it starts with prioritizing healthcare within the economic framework of the system.

James gave examples of patients who would come in and get stabilizing treatment, only to come back a few weeks later with the same problem.

“I’m a practical person and I would just ask people, ‘What would it take for this not to happen?’” she said. “And they would tell me many different stories, but every story, for the most part, was rooted in economics, because people could not prioritize health when they are prioritizing survival. No healthcare provider I know – the doctors, the nurses – could criticize them for not doing what we told them to do, because they’re making rational decisions. We would probably do the same thing.”

James said the outcome of these rational decisions makes their lives continually worse.

“Their healthcare continually spirals,” she said. “And it’s not like the thing that’s wrong now is the same thing that was wrong the last time. Things like kidney disease or diabetes – these things work on the rest of your body all the time.”

Braithwaite shared her experiences providing care for patients, and she said one of the biggest challenges is dealing with insurance companies.

“The only people who should be making decisions about our healthcare are the people in the room, the patient and the healthcare provider, but the problem is the insurance company is often the third person in the room,” she said. “And of course, they have the most power.”

Braithwaite detailed an instance where she had a patient who was dealing with depression, anxiety and substance use disorder and she was trying to provide care, mainly detox, but the insurance company would only provide five days of funding for the care.

“It takes more than five days

to detox,” she said. “They said, ‘That’s all we can provide.’ How does that make sense? How can they determine how much time somebody needs to recover? I spend hours a week fighting for patients because this is the medication they need or they switched insurance, and the new insurance won’t cover what they need. So these are the biggest things that need to change: who is making those determinations, who is making those decisions; and it should not be insurance companies.”

Speakers also included At-Large City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén, and Mass League of Community Health Centers representative Mary Ellen McIntyre.

For more information on the summit, go to <https://togetherhydeparkma.org/>

Allston Civic attacks graffiti, looks at busy spring and new D-14 Cap

Built environment still chugging along



The ACA brought up issues with graffiti at its last meeting, like this recent tagging on Cambridge Street in Allston.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) met last week in a virtual format with about 30 residents and officials.

The meeting began with the ACA welcoming District D-14 of the Boston Police Department (BPD) Captain Beth Leary, taking over from Captain Wayne Lanchester. Leary had worked in the Hyde Park District E-18 before this in the detectives department, and said she is excited to come to Allston-Brighton.

“I have been with the BPD for 26 years, and coming over from Hyde Park,” she said. “I was in charge of the detectives over there, and I look forward

to meeting all of you.”

Outgoing D-14 Community Service Officer Sgt. Edward McMahon went through the crime report for the past month, and he said there were two larcenies from motor vehicles, three residential break-ins, five shoplifting arrests, 21 “other” larcenies (shoplifting and package thefts from stoops, though McMahon noted there were five arrests associated with those thefts), one vehicle larceny (Uber driver left vehicle running), and seven aggravated assaults (three arrests made in relation to those incidents).

McMahon noted that three residential break-ins was remarkably low for the neighbor-

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City of Boston
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In-Person Public Meeting

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CLEARY SQUARE SMALL AREA PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

Location:
Hyde Park Municipal Building
1179 RIVER ST
HYDE PARK, MA 02136



The Planning Department is hosting an in person public meeting to present draft planning and zoning recommendations as part of the Cleary Square Squares + Streets Small Area Plan. This meeting serves as a follow up to the first public meeting held on March 18. Staff will present the same materials about the draft recommendations. The presentation will be followed by Q&A and a time for discussion. Spanish and Haitian Creole interpretation will be provided.

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Irish Social Club celebrates the season

St. Patrick's celebration goes off with a bang



Residents of all ages danced the night away at this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Boston Irish Social Club in West Roxbury.

Paulina Duarte

Staff Reporter

Families and friends of the Irish Social Club of Boston at 119 Park St. in West Roxbury came together on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their Irish heritage and community. This celebration, which used to charge a \$10 admission, was open for free to everyone who entered the club's doors, which appeared to create a welcoming atmosphere for the night.

Club president Sean Staunton, a member of the club for 45 years, and event organizers positioned the celebration as an alternative to pubs by having no cover charge for attendees.

"People can come and go as they want," he said.

Additionally, the day's celebration contained two separate events: One from 2-6 p.m. that was geared towards families with children, and an evening event from 6-10 p.m. that was attended by people of all ages and backgrounds.

Attendees celebrated in the club's main hall, which was decorated with green tablecloths, shamrock centerpieces, and shamrock wall decorations. Additionally, the four-person Black Velvet Band played live music to encourage attendees to dance on the floor in front of the dining area. Guests enjoyed drinks from the in-club pub, and several tables shared pizzas with

each other.

West Roxbury residents Julie Moran and Kathy Kelly, appreciated the family-friendly atmosphere.

"I have two daughters, aged two and seven," noted Moran. Both said they appreciated the opportunity to celebrate among like-minded people and other families. Kelly and Moran later took their children to the dance floor to join in a group dance as the band played traditional music and covers of more modern songs.

The celebration inspired other attendees to celebrate their heritage, such as Deirdre Madden of West Roxbury.

"St. Patrick's Day to me means a celebration of Irish heritage," Madden said. Madden noted she reinforced this idea with her family during the celebration as she and her friend Erin Voght of Roslindale enjoyed the festivities with their families.

Another attendee, Kevin Connelly of West Roxbury, added he enjoys socializing with others and hearing family stories that emphasize connections with the community on St. Patrick's Day.

"People share where in Ireland they and their family are from."

Kevin also noted that these stories reinforce values of hard work and a positive outlook to listeners.

"St. Patrick's Day is the marquee event in West Roxbury. Other events celebrate different counties of Ireland, but the social group locally is here in West Roxbury," he added.

Other attendees were curious about the celebration and visited the club, such as Lydia Leech of West Roxbury, who said she was very impressed with the event and gave it a "10/10" due to its friendly atmosphere, dancing, and "great drinks from the bar." Leech, along with friend Mosey Connelly, also found the event reminded her of why she's proud to be Irish.

Mosey noted, "Irish people are gritty, tough and strong in Massachusetts."

As the St. Patrick's Day celebration was held on a school night, the families with children left the social club, but the spirit of the celebration lived on as attendees remained to dance on the floor. However, the adults hope they inspired their children to continue the club's celebrations into the future.

"The kids are the future of the club," noted Staunton.

The afternoon celebration aligned nicely with after-school schedules for families. Kelly also said that in the afternoon celebration, children were running around the dance floor.

"The younger generation will be brought in because of community," she added. "It's important to keep the next generation coming back."

Learn more about the Irish Social Club of Boston's facilities and upcoming events at <https://irishsocialclub.org/>.

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Residents Margaret Schroeder, left, and Nora Bloch, right, at this year's Empty Bowls fundraiser.

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introduced attendees to the cause and thanked participants for their donations, while reinforcing the theme of the event.

"We like to promote healthy foods and do our best to serve our community," noted the Hyde Park Food Coop's Ricardo Henry, as he kicked off the first shift of the night. At the start of the second shift, Clayton Cleaver enthusiastically told the crowd "We love FAVOR and the Hyde Park Food Coop for bringing everyone together!" to reinforce the community-driven mood of the event.

Volunteers from FAVOR and the Hyde Park Food Coop took turns serving community members. Some of them were once visitors to previous Empty Bowls events but were inspired to volunteer for future years, such as Roslindale resident Kirsty Russo.

"I attended as a participant [previously] and I wanted to be more involved at a local level, so I volunteered this year," Russo explained. Before her shift, Russo picked up a bowl and enjoyed soup provided by one of the volunteers. She explained that volunteers are randomly assigned to one of the tables to serve food to community members. "This is a great way to know more community members," said Russo. "This event helps fill peoples' bellies."

While the global Empty Bowls movement began in 1990, the initial Empty Bowls in Roslindale started in 2020 to bring community members together during the COVID-19 pandemic and help restaurants reach customers when they

were closed due to restrictions. After the positive reception from the initial events, area restaurants now look forward to participating each year, explained the Hyde Park Food Pop-up's Rebecca Riley.

"Restaurants always reach out to us," Riley explained. "They can't wait to bring their buckets of food to share. Also, when they see us in their restaurants, they always ask us, 'When's Empty Bowls coming?'" she continued. "Empty Bowls brings together a smorgasbord of culture," notes Empty Bowls event organizer Cathy Bosch of Roslindale. "We have Caribbean, Indian, Japanese and other dishes available to suit the neighborhood," added fellow organizer Cheryl Rosenberg.

Returning attendees' positive experiences lead them to bring friends or family to future events, such as Jamaica Plain's Nora Bloch, who invited her friend Margaret Schroeder to attend this year's event. "I like the great energy and great cause of this event," explained Schroeder. "Also, I like the bowl I picked," with a green exterior and images of a forest etched in it, she added. "I have collected over a dozen bowls, and I have a large one to carry all the smaller ones," explained Bloch.

The bowls attendees take home are designed to help remind them of the event and serve as a functional piece of art, an intention of the program, according to Create.

This year's event sold all 400 available seats and raised \$21,853 to support food access in Roslindale and Hyde Park. While there are already plans for Empty Bowls to happen next year, Rosenberg is thinking of other ways to expand the event to address food insecurity in the communities.

"We're thinking of having a mini-Empty Bowls in the fall or in Hyde Park," she explained. "Today's event coincides with the end of winter warming. We think having an event in the fall with squash and other foods will help tie into the harvest season," she added.

Learn more about the Empty Bowls program at <https://tinyurl.com/yv6u6jt>

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ization of Catholicism in Quebec. (Earlier in 1776, Benjamin Franklin, accompanied by an Anglican and two Catholics from Maryland, had gone to Quebec to try and convince the Canadians to support the revolutionary cause. Unsurprisingly, this was unsuccessful. One of those Catholic men, Charles Carroll, arrived in Philadelphia too late to vote on the Declaration of Independence, but he did sign it.)

There were, of course, many other reasons for the beginning of the American Revolution. Other colonies had different origin stories and did not have the same sense of long-standing historic grievance with the British state, nor did they see themselves as ‘God’s new

Israel,’ a place with a special destiny in history. But Boston did, and together with the masses of other colonists its men and women earned their freedom.

Much of this may seem foreign and alien to us. The idea that Lord North was going to convince the Pope to call a crusade against Boston – something one newspaper did suggest – feels absurd in 2026. But this was their worldview, for good or for bad. We can hopefully appreciate their sacrifices and virtues without agreeing with all of their positions.

The people who made ‘Evacuation Day’ into a holiday certainly did not agree with the over-the-top anti-Catholicism of Bostonians in the 1770s.

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is very disruptive. We do not want more congestion. Parking, parking, parking. Safety, safety, safety.”

Robert Keith of Woodlawn Street said he was “disappointed in the format.”

“We need more housing. This should go forward without meetings like this,” he said.

Montell Khaldi said he lives on Chestnut Avenue and was “in favor of this project.” “We need housing in JP,” he said. “If not JP where else are we going to build? I’m 26 years old. Younger people need homes. People who oppose always monopolize these meetings.”

There was considerable discussion about how the Boston Planning Article 80 meeting was advertised; several callers claimed they only heard about it at the last minute.

Harvey explained that the Planning Department is no longer advertising meetings in the newspapers.

“Go to the BPDA website,” he said referring to the bosplans.org/GetInvolved page. The BPD ran an ad for bosplans in the March 12 Bulletin.

“That’s the primary way for the community to learn about meetings,” Harvey said.

Much more time was taken up with arguments about the affordability requirements – 22 percent or eight units at 60 percent area median income (AMI) – that O’Neil has complied with.

Two callers wanted that number to be 50 percent AMI.

“You don’t know the rules,” a caller named George said. “I’m concerned. Be clear for yourself. Look up the requirements. You’re getting higher density.”

George wanted another Article 80 meeting.

“There’s no way to move forward,” he said.

Harvey seemed convinced; he said he would schedule a meeting with the Mayor’s Office of Housing to review the affordability.

“It’s not typical this early,” he said, “but easily achievable.”

Harvey also suggested that O’Neil meet with the JP housing committee.

Evacuation Day was not regularly celebrated after the war.

In fact, Boston had St. Patrick’s Day parades before any observance of Evacuation Day!

The reasons for this are due to late 19th century ethnic politics. The new country of the United States had issues with Great Britain kidnapping American men and forcing them to serve in the British navy, which led to the War of 1812. But after that was settled, the United States and Britain were largely friends.

Boston’s wealthy elite Protestant class – the so-called ‘Boston Brahmins’ – felt a logical cultural kinship with wealthy English people. More and more Bostonians left the Congregational church to become Episcopalian. A small handful even became Catholic, and enjoyed the world of England’s tiny elite Catholic minority. But even for those who stayed Congregationalist, their churches too began to have organs and candlesticks,

and Gothic revival churches replaced brick and clapboard. Britain was not threatening. Of course these Bostonians were happy to be American; but the extreme anger of their forefathers at the British state was now alien.

But there was a new group of people who were angry: the Irish. Another colonial famine – considered by many historians now to have been a manufactured famine <https://tinyurl.com/yn4ztcpw> – had sent thousands upon thousands of Irish people to the United States, and as Boston was the closest city, many resettled here. Their religion was also persecuted by the British. They also yearned for freedom.

The elite Protestants did not like this flood of Irish immigration. There was Protestant immigration too, some from countries like Sweden and Finland, but others from Scotland and Canada who shared in the fierce anti-Catholicism and anti-Irish sentiment of British Protestants. But there were simply

more Irish.

The Irish wanted to see themselves as American; perhaps even more American than these Brahmins who had shunned the values of their forefathers to coo at royal palaces while on grand tours. They even argued that the history of the Revolution was being erased in public school history textbooks to make Britain seem less bad. The first monument was enacted on Dorchester Heights in 1902. Evacuation Day seemed like a perfect day to make a holiday.

How could anyone in Boston argue against a day celebrating the British leaving during the Revolution? Conveniently, of course, it was on March 17, and the law making it a holiday in 1941 was signed in both black and green ink. But as much as it was St. Patrick’s Day, it also wasn’t; a day to remember that Boston had once been occupied by the soldiers of a distant king, and Boston had won.

BPD in Brighton celebrate season with seniors



From the BPD:

Officers from District D-14 joined seniors from the Veronica Smith Senior Center to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day together. Officers helped serve food and spent time catching up with seniors about their holiday plans and traditions. Spending time together at events like this is a great example of community policing in action.

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hood, considering students residences are prime targets during college break.

ACA President Tony D'Isidoro gave McMahan his final farewell from the ACA as he is retiring, and welcomed incoming Sgt. Mark Kervin.

"I want to say thank you on behalf of a grateful community, for all your years of service to the City of Boston and specifically Allston-Brighton," he said. "I consider you a friend. You hit up a community service office where I think the new captain will find out what a great job you guys do. Having the low crime rate we have in Allston-Brighton is not by accident, and it doesn't happen overnight. It takes years of attention and that office probably spends more time with disadvantaged kids than their own kids and all the programs you guys do for the community. I just want to thank you for everything you've done."

On that note, D'Isidoro said with spring on the horizon and better weather ahead, he's concerned about graffiti in the neighborhood. He said right now there are residential properties being tagged with graffiti, and while he had in the past supported a graffiti corridor where artists could practice freely around Blanchard's Liquors, tagging the neighborhood doesn't sit right.

D'Isidoro said in his neigh-

borhood specifically, there was a tagger going through around the time of the last snowstorm.

"The individual or individuals didn't let that deter them, and the number of properties in our neighborhood tagged with the same script, including the sofa of the new bakery on North Harvard Street," he said. "To say that I was pissed off, when we have so many people working so hard to make the best community and neighborhood we can make, I mean nothing cheapens a neighborhood than things just getting tagged randomly. It is, to me, so goddamn silly to see utility poles, mailboxes, hydrants, you name it. And then people's homes. Just to see people spending an evening going around and tagging people's homes and businesses in a community? I just can't make any sense of it."

D'Isidoro said businesses are being tagged in Brighton Center as well, and while he said District D-14 is doing good work with its one graffiti patrol car, he believes it's not enough.

"To be fair, it's got to come from the Mayor's Office," he said. "We need a much more robust statement that this is not going to be tolerated in our city."

McMahan said the Graffiti Busters will be heading out this spring to help deal with the situation.

"Unfortunately there is only

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one truck for the whole city, but all I can say is keep putting your 311s in for locations for graffiti busters when they start up again. But if there is any damage to your property or business, come into the station and do a police report," he said. "The detectives will come out and take some photos and see if they can track down these taggers – because it's usually one or two people doing this. But you've got to do a police report so detectives can track that. So when an arrest is made, we can link them back to these other properties that have been damaged."

Speaking of cleaning up, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Allston-Brighton Representative Jennifer Roberts said Love Your Block is coming back soon to the neighborhood.

"I am very, very proud to represent Allston-Brighton during Love Your Block time because people show up, and I just love

how many people come and volunteer to make the neighborhood look better and clean things up," she said.

For more information on Love Your Block, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4wm8a6ec>

D'Isidoro said in other news, the group will be soon meeting in a hybrid format at the Honan Allston Branch of the Boston Public Library for the first time since the pandemic. D'Isidoro said that new equipment is being installed thanks to a community benefit package with Harvard University's Institutional Master Plan (IMP).

Lastly, development is usually a topic at the ACA, even though building throughout much of the city has slowed down. D'Isidoro said it's a good sign that things are still getting built in Allston and Brighton, even if some of the projects have lost key elements – homeownership being a particularly barbed loss for the

neighborhood – many other neighborhoods are facing, in some cases, complete stoppages of work.

"A lot of projects that have been approved are sitting, waiting for a more favorable building environment in order to begin construction," he said. "Just lately, we've had a few projects that have begun construction. Two-fifty Everett Street, in fact just today they were demolishing the building. That is a big project that will be off and running, and I have been told the Hines project (1270 Commonwealth Ave.), which is the old CVS site, is going to begin construction early April. And it seems like Franciscan Children's, which just went through an IMP process, started a very exciting development project in terms of building a psychiatric care facility. They seem to be positioning themselves to begin work on the campus fairly soon. So we are doing pretty well."

For more information on the ACA, go to <http://www.allstoncivicassociation.org>

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England states have their own vaccine schedule, and "Accountability," so those involved in breaking the law have to face the consequences.

Some at the meeting mentioned initiatives like Crimson Courage, a group of Harvard University alumni supporting the university's stand against the Trump administration attacks and attempts to control what is taught and done at Harvard. Their other

goal is to help other institutions to do the same. "We think of higher education as a pillar of democracy, to help efforts at other colleges and universities to create organizations that are of their alumni," said Jack Mills. "I do think that alumni across the country are taking up the effort to protect their colleges and universities. For more information on PWRR, go to <https://gvimes.link/qrrpxa>



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 "Chinatown Main Street has been collaborating with Love Your Block for more than a decade, striving together to make a cleaner community," said Debbie Ho, Executive Director of Chinatown Main Street. "Volunteers, friends, and community members will come together for the annual Spring Cleaning in Chinatown."

Following record participation last year, with more than 3,100 registered volunteers across 152 sites citywide, the Office of Civic Organizing is again partnering with the Boston Public Library and Boston Centers for Youth & Families and this year with community organizations such as the Fenway Community Center to

serve as centralized pickup and drop-off locations for cleanup tools. The Office of Civic Organizing will provide cleanup supplies, including trash bags, gloves, brooms, rakes, trash pickers and a Love Your Block T-shirt, and will coordinate trash pickup in partnership with the Boston Public Works Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

All participating tool pickup locations are listed on the Love Your Block page, where individuals can also find guidance on how to host a cleanup site. Tool pickup will take place from 9:15 - 10:00 a.m., and tools must be returned to the same location between 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

To better support volunteers and streamline communication, the Office of Civic Organizing has

launched a new Love Your Block FAQ that provides answers to frequently asked questions about registration, tools, cleanup logistics, and volunteering.

"The Community Engagement Cabinet is thrilled to relaunch our annual Love Your Block cleanups," said Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement. "For over a decade, this initiative has brought communities together and inspired residents to do their part in keeping our neighborhoods clean. Together, we will continue to ensure Boston is a beautiful city, one block at a time."

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF CIVIC ORGANIZING

The Office of Civic Organizing is committed to collaborative partnerships and programs that promote engagement, awareness, and service in communities throughout the City of Boston.

Parkway Rotary to honor Judy Jose Roddy

The Parkway Rotary Club of West Roxbury, Roslindale, and Jamaica Plain will be hosting a dinner on Friday, May 1st at 6 PM at the Stratford Street Church honoring Judy Roddy's "service above self" to the community at Rose's Bounty. There will also be a wine tasting and wine raffle hand-picked by a local sommelier as part of the event.

Proceeds will benefit Parkway Rotary as well as Judy's charity Free Wheelchair Mission. Tickets are \$50 each (or a table of 8 for \$400) can be purchased with VENMO @stratfordstreetchurch, verification code 2692 or by check (made out to Parkway Rotary) and mailed to Parkway Rotary, PO Box 320552, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

If you are also interested in sponsoring this event or donating food, please contact Terry Curran at 617-501-3521 or terrycurran7930@gmail.com

Looking forward to celebrating Judy's accomplishments in the community.

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care (which is coverage for outpatient medical services), and you must also separately pay a premium for Part D (which is coverage for prescription drugs offered by private insurers). And these IRMAA supplements apply even if you have a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer.

Unfortunately, your only "recourse" is, as SSA suggested, to appeal the IRMAA supplement, but that is usually successful only if you can prove you had a "life changing event" which caused (or will cause) your AGI to be less than that used to determine your IRMAA surcharge. Your best option at this point will likely be to appeal using a "Request for Reconsideration" (Form SSA-561) asking that your 2026 Medicare premium be based on a recent year's (e.g., 2025) lower income.

Finally, IRMAA isn't really

a new thing – it was enacted in 2003, effective in 2007. But it does have a profound effect on many seniors, as I explained in this article I recently published on the topic: <https://amacfoundation.org/irmaa-a-medicare-surprise/>

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Robert D. "Bob" Conley, Sr., of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 10, 2026. Beloved husband of the late Marie V. (Walsh) Conley. Devoted father of Katherine C. Martin and her husband Gabriel of Canton, Paul G. Conley and his wife Christine of Roslindale, Michael R. Conley of CA,

Elizabeth M. Reed and her husband Ryan of ME, and the late Robert D. Conley, Jr. Son of the late Mary A. (McGrath) Conley and George A. Conley. Dear brother of Joan (Conley) Gramer of Norwood, preceded in death by brothers George, John "Jack", and Richard "Red" Conley, and sisters Claire (Conley) Begin, and Anne (Conley) Sheehan. Loving Papa of Kevin Martin, Erin Martin and her fiancé Colin Soucy, Sean Conley, and Michaela Reed. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and his best friend, Al Celata of Roslindale.

Bob was born and raised in the Grove in West Roxbury. He graduated from Roslindale High School, where he was a 4-sport athlete. Bob joined the ROTC program at Northeastern University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. After graduating, Bob enlisted in the US Army. Following his time in the Army, he worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, De-

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partment of Public Works (DPW), as an engineer in the Highway & Bridges Department for over 30 years. After marrying Marie, they raised their family on Dow Road, in the community that he loved.

Bob was an avid sports fan; you would often see him catching a CM baseball game on the hill or a Parkway Little League game at the Complex, especially when his grandson was playing. Bob spent his time playing Whist and Poker with his buddies at the Boston Elks Lodge # 10 in West Roxbury, where he was a member. He also enjoyed playing in Cribbage leagues at the Dedham VFW Post 2017 and the Village Club in Needham.

Funeral and visitation services provided by William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury. A Funeral Mass was held in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bob may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center at <https://joslin.org/giving>. <https://joslin.org/giving>

HUBBARD



Lori Williams,, age 65, of West Roxbury, passed away on March 19, 2026, surrounded by family.

Lori was born and raised in New York City, where she attended her beloved Marymount School, before moving to Washington, D.C. to attend and graduate from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. At Georgetown, she met her future husband, Donald, who was a member of the same service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

When Lori and Don moved to Boston, Lori became a successful businesswoman, who remained committed to service, especially to feeding homeless members of the Boston community. No matter how long she was away, Lori remained a New York City girl at her core. The pace and energy of the city matched her tireless spirit and love of the arts. She enjoyed painting, gardening, cooking, and listening to the Beatles.

She found her greatest joy in family, watching Caroline perform in plays and dance re-

citals, waking up early for Billy's basketball games or cross-country races, and proof-reading Don's manuscripts and attending his book signings. Before she passed away, she made sure to buy presents for her granddaughter, so that Millie would have plenty of gifts in her basket on Easter morning.

Lori excelled in her career, cared deeply for her community, and devoted herself to her family. She loved with all her heart, and she was so profoundly loved.

She is survived by her husband, Donald, her daughter, Caroline, her son, Billy, her daughter-in-law, Gisella, her granddaughter, Millie, her sister, Susan, and many in-laws, nieces and nephews. A celebration of Lori's life will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 1:00 pm, at The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, Lori asked that donations be sent to Shriners Children's Boston. <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/>

LEONARD



Patricia (Ambler) of Roslindale, MA passed away on March 12, 2026. Beloved wife of the late Hugh Leonard. Loving mother of Kathleen Leonard of Whitman, Paul Leonard of Tucson, Arizona, and Christopher Leonard of Roslindale. Cherished grandmother of Louis, David, Max, Mia, Isabella, Gabriella, and Nathan. Patricia was predeceased by her parents Herbert and Margaret Ambler and her brother Robert Ambler. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation services provided by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Saint Theresa of Avila Chapel. Interment Mount Benedict Cemetery.

JANTOS

Joanne Jantos of Mansfield, formerly of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2026. Beloved daughter of the late Mary (Cibulsky) and John Jantos. Loving sister of James Santos and his late wife, Joanne of Somers, NY, and Robert Jantos of Mansfield. Devoted aunt of John Jantos, Jennifer Jantos, Jackie Tullok, and Jill Velis.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Holy Name Church. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery.

KENNEDY



Katherine M. "Katie" Of West Roxbury passed away peacefully on March 12, 2026. Devoted daughter of John F. "Doc" Kennedy and the late Joan M. (Moroney) Kennedy of West Roxbury. Cherished sister of Shawn M. Kennedy and his wife Catherine of Charlotte, NC., and Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Morgan and her husband Christopher of Marshfield. Loving aunt of Shea M. Kennedy, Jordan and her husband Patrick Ross, Caitlin E., Mairead M., Kyle M., Jeremiah C. Morgan. Cherished great aunt of Patrick and Penny. Katie is also the special goddaughter of Rosemary Walsh Reynolds.

Funeral provided by the Bell-O'Dea Funeral Home, 376 Washington St., Brookline, with a Funeral Mass in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Brookline. Interment Holyhood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Katie may be made to The Charles River Center, 59 E. Militia Heights Dr., Needham, MA 02492 or www.charlesrivercenter.org

To leave an expression of sympathy for Katie's family please visit www.bellodeafuneralhome.com

LAVOIE



Josephine Philomena Lucia Calabrese, lovingly known as "Meme," passed away peacefully at the age of 96, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born in 1930 in New York City, Josephine was the proud daughter of Italian immigrants who came to America seeking a better life. Raised during the Great Depression, she carried with her the values of hard

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work, resilience, faith, and devotion to family—values that defined her throughout her life.

Josephine met her beloved husband, Oriase (“Ozzie”) Lavoie, at a USO dance in Springfield, MA in the early 1950s. Their love story began with a simple invitation for ice cream, and from that moment forward, they built a life together rooted in love, commitment, and family. They were married in 1951 and shared a lifetime together raising four children and creating a home filled with warmth and tradition.

Meme was the heart and center of her family. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she dedicated her life to caring for those she loved. She was the steady presence who made everything work – preparing daily family dinners, hosting holiday gatherings, and creating a home where everyone felt welcome.

She was deeply involved in her children’s lives, serving as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout troop leader, supporting school and community activities, and always showing up with quiet strength and encouragement. She took pride in the success of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and nothing brought her more joy than watching her family grow.

An avid reader throughout her life, Meme rarely went without a book in hand. She especially enjoyed mysteries and spy novels and even shared a special “book club” tradition with her family, exchanging books and discussing them together. Her curiosity and love of learning stayed with her throughout her life.

Remarkably, Josephine maintained extraordinary mental sharpness well into her nineties. She had an exceptional memory and remained engaged, thoughtful, and inquisitive until the very end. In keeping with her lifelong generosity and spirit of giving, her brain has been donated to the Harvard Brain Bank to support research on cognitive longevity.

Josephine also brought wisdom and practicality to her family’s everyday life. With a background as a bookkeeper, she served as the family’s trusted advisor, managing finances with care and offering sound, thoughtful guidance.

Those who knew Meme will remember her calm demeanor, her positive outlook, and her quiet strength. She was rarely in a bad mood, listened more than she spoke, and offered advice that was both thoughtful and grounded. She approached life with patience, grace, and resilience, often reminding others with a smile, “Getting old is not for wimps.”

She also had a well-known love of sweets that never faded. Even in her final days, she found joy in simple pleasures – sharing chocolate eclairs and Boston cream donuts with family, a fitting reflection of the

sweetness she carried throughout her life.

In her final conversations, Josephine shared how immensely proud she was of her family. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were her greatest accomplishment. Her message to all of them was simple and enduring: take care of your family and take care of each other.

Josephine is survived by her four children, Denise Panaia, Joseph Lavoie, Sr., Claudette L’Huillier, and Daniel Lavoie, her nine grandchildren, Jaime Panaia-Rodi, Camille Lavoie, Joseph Lavoie, Jr., Matthew Lavoie, Sr., Michael Lavoie, Isabelle L’Huillier, Nico L’Huillier, Jacqueline Lavoie and Colton Lavoie and her six great-grandchildren, Lincoln Panaia-Rodi, Marquise Lavoie, Malia Lavoie, Elizabeth Lavoie, Matthew Lavoie Jr. and Abigail Lavoie, who were the light of her life. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Oriase Lavoie.

Her life was a true reflection of the American dream—from the daughter of immigrants to the matriarch of a large and loving family. More importantly, it was a life defined by kindness, devotion, and love.

Her legacy lives on in the family she built, the values she instilled, and the countless lives she touched.

A funeral service was held at St. Elizabeth’s Parish at 191 Hubbard Street in Ludlow, MA on Monday March 23, 2026, followed by a burial at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard, MA.

A lunch reception followed at Tony & Penny’s Restaurant at 18 Canterbury Street in Ludlow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Josie’s name to Rosie’s Place, the first women’s shelter in the United States. <https://www.rosiesplace.org>.

MESIAS

Elsa Mesias, of West Roxbury, formerly of Guayaquil, Ecuador, died March 15, 2026. Funeral services will be held in Ecuador.

MCGARREL w/photo James M. “Munch” McGarrell of Bellingham, formerly of West Roxbury and Roslindale, passed away on March 19, 2026. Beloved son of the late James G. and Mary T. (O’Rourke) McGarrell. Devoted father of Maryanne O’Neill and her husband John “Jack” of Bellingham. Dear brother of Mary O’Brien and her husband Mark of North Attleboro, Michelle Doherty and her husband Peter of PA, Ann Driscoll and her late husband Robert of RI, and the late Stephen McGarrell. Loving grandfather of Jack, Jason, and

Chloe O’Neill. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

James was a member of the Boston Elks Lodge #10 in West Roxbury and the Dedham Moose Lodge. He was also an avid cribbage player and often played in local tournaments.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of James may be made to the Fisher House Boston, PO Box 230, South Walpole, MA 02071 or <https://fisherhouseboston.org/>

ROY



Christian, 76, of Hyde Park, passed away on March 19, 2026, after a courageous and determined battle with colon cancer. Chris faced his illness with quiet strength and resilience, qualities that defined him throughout his life.

He was predeceased by his parents, Conrad and Theresa Roy of Waterville, Maine.

Chris leaves behind his loving family, including his three devoted sisters & their spouses, who remained faithfully by his side throughout his illness, offering him unwavering comfort, strength, and love: Sonia and Maurice St. Pierre of Maine; Jacinthe and Howard Littlefield of Florida; and Luce and David Hillman of Vermont. He will also be fondly remembered by his nephew, Bryan St. Pierre, and his five nieces, Melissa Tatham, Julie Hirsch, Elise Littlefield, April Hillman, and Mallory MacKenzie.

Chris was truly blessed to have a dear and devoted friend, Murat Turkucu, with whom he shared countless adventures and cherished memories. Murat was more than a friend to Chris, he was family, and their bond brought great joy and companionship throughout Chris’s life. Chris was also fortunate to be surrounded by many caring neighbors, including David and Agnes Burnes, whose kindness and support enriched his days. His landlord, Richard Murch, likewise played a meaningful role in his life.

Raised in Waterville, Maine, Chris carried his roots with him wherever he went, even as he made Massachusetts his home for more than 25

years. A lifelong learner and dedicated professional, Chris’s career reflected both his curiosity and his desire to serve others. He worked in administration at Newbury College in Brookline, where he also taught evening courses in the Continuing Education Division. In recognition of his dedication and impact on students, he was honored with a Teaching Excellence Award in 2004.

In his later years, Chris continued to stay active and connected to his community, working at Walgreens and Curry College in Hyde Park. Known as the person everyone turned to for thoughtful advice, he was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Chris’s deep love of nature and service began early in life. He took great joy in caring for the birds and squirrels, finding quiet happiness in watching them. An accomplished Scout, he earned the prestigious Silver Beaver Award and remained actively involved for many years with Scouting National Jamborees around the world. In retirement, he devoted his time to volunteering with AARP and was a proud, active member

of the John F. Kennedy Library, where he attended countless forums.

His family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Beth Israel in Needham, MA for their devoted care, as well as to the Old Colony Hospice Community for their kindness, comfort, and support during Christian’s final journey.

Wake will be held at the Carroll Thomas Funeral Home in Hyde Park on March 25 from 5-7 p.m., and a funeral mass will be held at Saint Pius X on March 26 at 10 a.m. A Christian Burial will be in the spring in Waterville, Maine.

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Kamil Hernandez Sanchez vs. Oscar Gabriel Sanchez
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Kamil Hernandez Sanchez, 271 Canton Street, Randolph, MA 02368
your answer, if any, on or before 04/16/2026. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of his Court.
Date: March 13, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU23D1741DR
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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Donna Marie Pellegrini, 27 Etna Street, Brighton, MA 02135
your answer, if any, on or before 05/05/2026. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 18, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 03/26/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
DOCKET No. SU26P0499EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of: Arline Wolf
Date of Death: 04/21/2018
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by:
John E. Kellner of Danvers, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/01/2026. 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: March 20, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin: 03/26/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU26P0496EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of: Tom Lai
Also known as:
Mee Soong Lai; Thomas Lai
Date of Death: 11/13/2024
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:
Joyce A. Lai 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:
Joyce A. Lai of Brighton, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/01/2026. 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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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: March 20, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 3/26/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU26P0223EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of: Edward David Burns, Jr.
Date of Death: 09/10/2025
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:
Susan Alice Nassif 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:
Susan Alice Nassif of Brighton, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/05/2026. 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: March 20, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 3/26/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU23P2018PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
In the matter of: Junell Donaldson Of: Boston, MA
Respondent
Protected Person/Disabled Person
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Allowance of Temporary Conservator's 1st and Final Account account(s) of Jonathan J Davey, Esq. of Quincy, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.
You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/09/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.
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 25, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin: 03/26/2026

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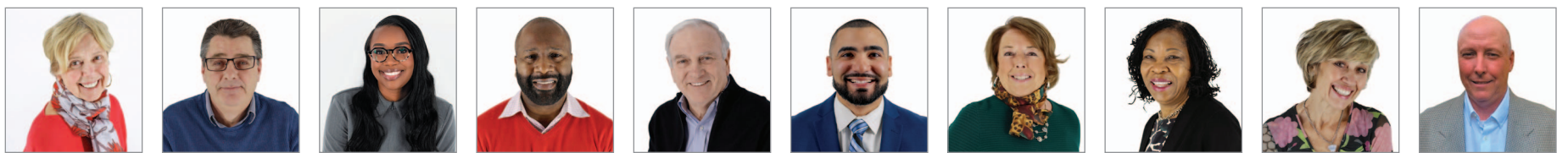
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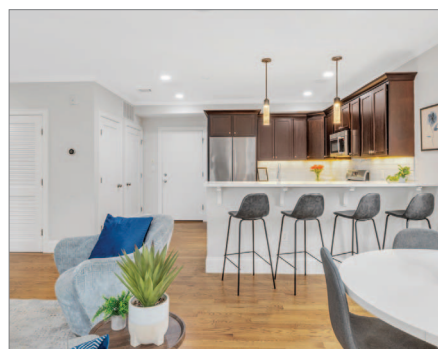
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