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## JAMAICA PLAIN OPEN STREETS



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Centre Street was filled with pedestrians and bicycle traffic checking out the vendor's tents during Open Streets, which went from Center Street to Jackson Square. See Pages 4-6 for more photos.

## Welch chosen new chair of the JPNC

STAFF REPORT

The newly-elected Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council held its first regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 27, following the biennial election that was held on Saturday, June 24.

The first matter on the agenda was a report from Louise Johnson, Kevin Leary, and Marie Turley, the ombudspersons of the recent election. Leary announced the election winners, who were as follows:

At-large -- Purple Reign, Sarah Freeman, Luke Mathew, Michael Reiskind, and David Baron; Area A -- Willie Mitchell, Danielle Sommer-Kieta, Peter DeCotis, and Renee Stacey Welch; Area B -- Lorenzo Bartoloni, Ben Weber, Paige Sparks, and Leah Simmons; and Area C

-- Peg Preble, Alexis Rickmers, Nicholas Chaves, Katherine O'Shea, and Gert Thorn.

After Reiskind noted that there still were unfilled seats in Area A and Area B, Leary pointed out that one of the newly-elected candidates, Alexis Rickmers, who was elected in Area C, actually lives in Area B. (Rickmers moved from C to B a year ago while a member of the council, but neglected to note the change of her residence for the election). Leary then suggested that Rickmers be placed into Area B and Bernie Doherty, the first runner-up in Area C, should move into Rickmers's slot in C.

After some back-and-forth regarding the procedural aspect of the JPNC's by-laws, the full

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## Lara to appear before Clerk Magistrate for charges stemming from auto accident

STAFF REPORT

District 6 City Councilor Kendra Lara will appear before a Clerk Magistrate in the West Roxbury Division of the Boston Municipal Court this Wednesday morning, July 19, at 9:00 for a public hearing regarding various alleged civil and criminal motor vehicle offenses in connection with an accident two weeks ago on Friday, June 30, in which she drove off the road and ran into a house on Centre St.



City Councilor Kendra Lara.

According to news reports and the police report, Lara was operating a 2019 Honda Civic, which belonged to another person, that was unregistered, uninsured, and

a child car booster seat, which is a civil infraction.

According to the police report, the child suffered a "deep laceration on the left eyebrow" and also had "bruising around the left eye" and was taken to Children's Hospital. The police reportedly contacted the Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) about the incident.

Lara reportedly told police she and her son were wearing their seat belts when she swerved to avoid another car that had pulled out in front of her. Police said the other driver denied that he did so. Lara crashed through a fence on

had an expired inspection sticker. In addition, Lara also was charged with the criminal offense of operating with a suspended license and allegedly failed to have her young son restrained in

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## Healey recommends appointment of Everett as new Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Governor Maura T. Healey announced that she is recommending Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. for appointment as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court. Everett is currently the Executive Director of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency for the City of Boston and, through her legal career, has represented families with cases before the Probate and Family



Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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# JPNC

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council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the ombudspersons, thereby moving Rickmers into Area B and Doherty taking the open slot in Area C.

All of the council members then introduced themselves and briefly spoke about the reasons for their desire to serve on the council.

Also on hand for the meeting was Melissa Beltran, the new liaison for Jamaica Plain from Mayor Michelle Wu's Office of Neighborhood Services, who introduced herself to the council.

The council then took nominations for the lone remaining vacancy in Area A. Purple Reign and Mitchell nominated Esther Belliard for the seat. The committee will take a vote on her nomination, as well as any others, at the JPNC's August meeting. Nominees by the council must attend two consecutive meetings before they may be considered for election to the council.

The committee then moved

to the task of electing officers for the new term. The nominees were Welch for chairperson, Doherty for vice-chair, and Reiskind for secretary.

"I want to create a place where everyone has a voice and everyone can share their opinion, to make sure that Jamaica Plain is a place where everyone is welcome," said Welch, who is a lifelong resident of JP.

Doherty, who has lived in JP for almost all of the past 76 years, said his priority is affordable housing, especially for senior citizens, "who should be able to remain in the neighborhoods where they have lived for most of their lives."

The full committee voted in favor of all three nominations by acclamation.

The committee then took reports from its various committees. Baron presented the report from the Zoning Committee. He said there were six matters that were approved by the Zoning Comm. in the past month that now needed approval by the full council:

-- 162-172 South St., conversion from an office space to a flower shop;

-- 25 Burr St., formalizing the

widening of an existing curb cut; -- 35 Rockwood St., renovation of an existing deck;

-- 21 Louders Lane, constructing a second-floor addition;

-- 150-152 Chestnut Ave., creating a shared driveway; and

-- 25 Neillian Crescent, adding a new vestibule.

The full council approved all six matters, which means that the property owners now can go with their favorable recommendation from the JPNC to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals for final approval.

Welch presented the report of the Housing and Development Comm. and noted that the development at 920 Centre St. of the St. Claire's Monastery will be coming up for discussion at its next meeting. Welch said the committee will view the development with an eye toward maximizing affordable housing.

She also discussed the recent public hearing regarding the MBTA's new Arborway Garage project that was held in June. She said that the main request of the community members in attendance was for the T to maintain the eight acres of designated community development space that were in the

original plans from 20 years ago (per the original Memorandum of Understanding between the T and the city), but which the T has reduced to 6.5 acres because the city has decided to keep its former pole yard as a staging area for DPW equipment and material, most notably rock salt in the winter months.

Mitchell brought up the issue of the hazards created by the open-air storage of rock salt by the city at the former pole yard site.

Reiskind presented the Public Service Committee's report. He said the committee voted to oppose a request for a beer and wine license for the Green Basket Market at 186 Green St. on the basis that it is just a block away from Ruggiero's Market & Liquors, a similar business.

However, the committee approved a request by Casa Verde Taqueria at 711 Centre St., which is seeking approval for a permanent seasonal rear patio that had been established temporarily during COVID for the past three years.

A third matter involved the new BU Bistro at 38-40 Washington St., for which the Public Service Comm. approved a re-

quest for both a rear and front patio. The bistro's request also included an entertainment license for recorded music for the rear patio, which abuts the train tracks and thus would not be a nuisance to neighbors.

The full council voted to approve all three of the Public Service Committee's recommendations. All three of those businesses (including the Green Market, though with a negative recommendation) now can go before the city's Licensing Board in order to obtain the licenses they are seeking.

Sparks presented the Outreach Committee's report and thanked all who helped run a successful election. Sparks said there were 21 candidates, up from 11 the previous election in 2021, and there were 246 votes cast, which was the highest total in 10 years.

Chaves reported that the Parks Committee is involved with the city's plans for bike lane projects on various streets in JP, as well as the proposed changes to the bike and pedestrian paths around Jamaica Pond.

The next meeting of the council will be Tuesday, July 25.

# Lara

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the property before crashing into the house itself.

A subsequent accident reconstruction investigation by the police resulted in the additional charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, which is a criminal offense, and the civil infractions of speeding (Lara was estimated to have been driving 53 m.p.h in a 25 zone) and a seat belt violation.

Lara will appear before the Clerk Magistrate for what is known as a show cause hearing, which she requested, in an unusual public setting -- under longstanding court rules, show cause hearings generally are not deemed public matters -- on the criminal charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and for the civil offenses of operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating an uninspected motor vehicle, speeding, and a seat belt violation. According to news reports, Lara hasn't had

a valid driver's license since it was suspended 10 years ago for failing to pay a ticket for a seat belt violation.

The vehicle's owner was also expected to appear in the West Roxbury court on the criminal charge of allowing an unlicensed operator to use the vehicle and for the civil infraction of allowing the operation of the unregistered motor vehicle, according to the police report.

A show cause hearing is an informal proceeding that provides defendants who have been charged with misdemeanor criminal offenses the opportunity to ask that the charges should not go forward, either because of a lack of evidence or other circumstances. A clerk magistrate must make a determination of probable cause -- i.e., that there appears to be sufficient evidence to charge the accused with the named offenses -- in order for a criminal complaint to issue.

If the magistrate issues a complaint, the defendant then is arraigned before a judge and proceeds through the criminal justice system. The vast majority of criminal cases involving the charges of the sort facing Lara are

resolved prior to a trial.

The Gazette contacted both Councilor Lara's office and the West Roxbury court clerk's office for further clarification of the matter, but neither offered any comment.

Lara issued this statement on Twitter:

"We're all accountable for our actions, and I'm no different, so I offer my sincerest apologies to everyone, especially the people of D6. As your Councilor, I will continue to steward our collective vision at City Hall and work hard to earn and maintain your trust."

Lara, who was elected to the District 6 council seat in 2021 and is running for re-election this year, also released this statement:

"On June 30th Zaire and I were involved in a car accident on Centre Street in Jamaica Plain while driving a friend's car. I am grateful for my family, friends, and neighbors who have been by our side and provided the support Zaire and I need to focus on our recovery.

"We are all accountable for our actions and I am no different, which is why I offer my sincerest apologies to everyone, especially

the people of District 6. As an elected official, I've worked hard to center the dignity and humanity of my constituents. Today, I ask you to also see mine as I work to correct my mistake.

"As your City Councilor, I will continue to steward our collective vision at City Hall and work hard to earn and maintain your trust. "The grace you've shown me is a testament to the strength of our beloved community, and I intend to continue earning it. Thank you. In solidarity, Kendra Lara."

City Council President Ed Flynn also issued this statement regarding recent incidents involving city councilors:

"Many Boston residents have contacted me regarding their concerns on the recent car crash in Jamaica Plain. First, it is fortunate that Councilor Lara and her child -- as well as nearby homeowners, motorists, pedestrians, or bystanders -- were not seriously injured, and we wish them a speedy recovery. We thank our dedicated first responders for their professionalism in ensuring that everyone was safe and was treated appropriately for their injuries.

"However, residents across

the City of Boston are concerned about troubling details in the reports of this incident, allegedly including an unregistered vehicle, a revoked driver's license, no auto insurance, an expired inspection sticker, and the lack of a booster seat for the child. This occurred in the same week that Councilor Arroyo admitted to ethics violations and was fined \$3,000 by the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission.

"These events, and others in the past, continue to draw negative attention to the institution of the Boston City Council, and distract our city from focusing on the people's business.

"The people of Boston deserve the highest standards of strong and ethical leadership. Moreover, they want elected officials who show maturity, take responsibility as adults, and demonstrate the ability to follow the same basic rules and norms as the people they serve when placing us in positions of public trust.

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## JAMAICA PLAIN OPEN STREETS

Open Streets is a City Of Boston initiative that closes off neighborhood streets for several hours and allow them to be pedestrian-friendly boulevards for people to explore and enjoy. From Centre Street to Jackson Square, the streets were filled with community fun.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN



A large number of JP residents turned out for the JP Open Streets event. Motor traffic was halted from South of the Monument up to Jackson Square.



Open Streets volunteer Nekeya Dancy helped coordinate activity at the preforms stage at The Curley School. See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.



Alakazam the chainsaw juggler wowed audiences with his street performance.



Syriama and Josiah Eheart enjoying the day.



Arborway Community Church had a periodic bubble party set up on Centre Street.

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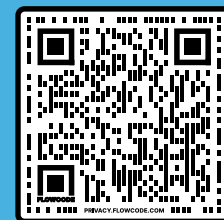


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# JAMAICA PLAIN OPEN STREETS

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Members of the Family Day Outreach Inc. on Blue Hill Ave give out food.



Anna Wagenknecht gets a ride on her dad Bryan to get a good view of Open Streets.



Vilma Vallentin and Quanda Smith with Age Strong were on hand to let Pele know about their services for the aged of Boston.



Hakeem Person had a tent set up to exhibit his artwork.



Author Djofa Tavares with her book 'Tiagu And Vovo.' It's a children's book that's in English and Cape Verdian Creole.



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Author Ressa Write looked to promote and sell her book, 'Twisted Fate.'

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# JAMAICA PLAIN OPEN STREETS

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Centre Street saw many visitors.



Daphne, Destini, and Cheryl at the MellowMakes tent.



At the Curley School stage, Trend N Motion (@Trend\_N\_Motion) were ready to share their dance and music interactive performance.



Pedicab driver Davion with customers Maryfaith Goessling and Kristine Bahr.



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# Everett

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Court. She would be the first Black person to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court.

The Probate and Family Court Department handles court matters that involve families and children, such as adoption, divorce, child support, and wills. In the case of a vacancy, the Governor has the authority to appoint the Register of Probate and Family Court with the advice and counsel of the Governor's Council to serve out the remainder of the term, which currently goes through the end of the 2024.

"The Register of Probate and Family Court has a critical role to play in supporting families and children, particularly during the most challenging moments of their lives," said Governor Maura Healey. "Stephanie Everett is uniquely qualified to step into this position as she has interacted with the court as both a young mother and an attorney, and she has built an incredible career

advocating for justice and equity for her community of Boston. I'm proud to recommend her for Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and believe she has the experience, professionalism, determination and empathy needed to serve the families, lawyers and staff that rely on the Court."

"Stephanie Everett has dedicated her career to serving the people of Boston, and the Governor and I are excited for her to take her service to the next level," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Her voice, perspective and leadership will be invaluable in shaping the future of the Probate and Family Court. We look forward to working closely with our colleagues on the Governor's Council to advance this appointment."

"The Probate and Family Court is largely unknown to many Massachusetts residents – until they need it. That often comes at the most painful moments of their lives, when a marriage dissolves or they have a child at a young age or they experience the death of a loved one," said Stephanie Everett. "As someone who has experienced the Court from

both sides, as a young mother and as an attorney, I'm intimately familiar with the impact it can have on people's lives, as well as the fear, frustration and confusion that families face far too often when interacting with the Court. I'd be honored to have the opportunity to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and to use my experience to guide other families through the system and leverage every resource at our disposal to better ensure the future success of every person who interacts with the Court."

In 2021, Everett was appointed the City of Boston's first Executive Director of the newly created Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, which is responsible for investigating complaints of police misconduct and ensuring that the Boston Police Department's internal affairs review process is fair and thorough. In this role, she oversaw a budget of \$1.4 million and a staff of 11 full-time employees. As a member of Mayor Michelle Wu's cabinet, she advised the mayor on public safety matters. Everett also successfully advocated for funding to create a yearlong

internship program and youth advisory council to bridge the gap of youth access to government and strengthen relationships with law enforcement.

"Stephanie Everett is a brilliant and effective attorney and public servant who has devoted her career to serving others, particularly our most vulnerable residents," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "In our years working closely together, I've seen firsthand Stephanie's deep commitment to transparent and accessible government, and I know she will bring her values and her many talents to this important role. I applaud Governor Healey and her team for this nomination and urge Attorney Everett's swift confirmation. We will miss her in our administration, but are grateful that the families of Suffolk County will be well served under her leadership."

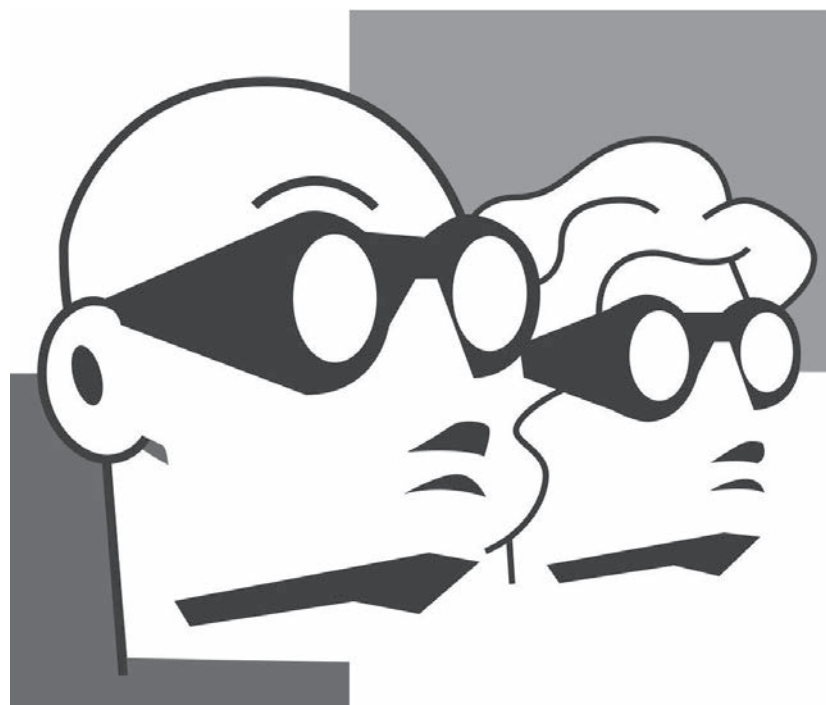
Prior to her work with the city, Everett was a solo law practitioner for eight years. She served as the lead counsel on jury and bench trials before Criminal and Juvenile Sessions and as a member of the Norfolk County Bar Advocate Program, accepting indigent clients facing

criminal charges and families involved with the Department of Children and Families. She also served as a legal expert for various panel groups seeking to inform underserved and underrepresented communities with information about their rights and changes in law.

Everett has also served as the Chief of Staff of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Manager of Public Safety for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. She is a graduate of Northeastern University and Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association.



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# JPNC Safety Committee recommends approval of Chauncy Liquor Mart license

By ADAM SWIFT

The new owner of the Chauncy Liquor Mart is promising to clean up the Washington Street market and keep a closer eye on loitering and littering outside the store.

Tuesday night, the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council's Public Service Committee voted to support the proposed license transfer at the Chauncy Liquor Market to Brad Nyguyen, with Trang Ho acting as manager. The recommendation will now go to the full neighborhood council for a recommendation vote to the Boston License Commission.

Nguyen is also the owner and operator of Cambridge Wine and Spirits at the Fresh Pond Mall in Cambridge.

Public safety committee and council members questioned

Nguyen about the current state of the liquor mart, his plans for the future, and potentially working with a nearby liquor store in Egleston Square to adjust their early morning hours. In addition to addressing issues at the store, Nguyen said he plans to make improvements to the parking lot across the street from the liquor store.

Overall, public safety committee and JPNC members were happy with Nguyen's public outreach efforts and plans for the store.

Nguyen said he plans to address issues with drinking and loitering in front of the store, as well as to provide better lighting, trash barrels, and improved security within the store.

"I will install trash barrels on the exterior of the store and will be contracting with a third party to clean up in the front of

the store," said Nguyen, adding that store employees will also be responsible for cleaning up in front of and around the store on a day-to-day basis.

Nguyen was also asked if he planned to sell miniature alcohol bottles at the store. Several surrounding communities have banned the small bottles, and the Boston City Council is currently considering a ban.

"For the issue of the miniature bottles, what's happening for this location is that it makes up almost 20 percent of the annual revenue of the store, and frankly, it would jeopardize the business if I chose not to sell it," said Nguyen. "Egleston Square Liquors, which is four houses down from us, changed hands in 2021 and was able to retain it. If we cut out the ability to sell miniature bottles, we will lose business to

them."

However, both Nguyen and Egleston Square Liquors owner Carlos Castillo said they would be willing to meet once the Chauncy Liquor Market transfer is approved to discuss opening hours for the stores. The current license allows Chauncy Liquor Market to open at 8 a.m.

Nguyen was also asked about how the store would deal with intoxicated people attempting to buy alcohol.

He said Ho, the proposed manager for the store, is TIPS trained and certified, and that all employees would get the same training. Nguyen said he would also create a database of intoxicated individuals who attempt to buy alcohol on multiple occasions, and they would be banned from the store.

Safety committee member Louise Johnson noted that during

a past liquor license hearing, the committee discussed the need of the store for the neighborhood.

Safety committee Chair Michael Reiskind said the issue could be brought up again, but noted that Chauncy Liquor Mart and Egleston Square Liquors have co-existed in the same neighborhood for decades.

"I think that if there were not two liquor store licenses in the same block for the last 20 to 30 years, this would be the number one issue on whether a second package store should be permitted there," said Reiskind. "But since there are two, it's a different climate."

In other business, newly elected JPNC members Leah Simmons and Willie Mitchell volunteered to serve on the Public Safety Committee in the coming year.

# Stonybrook Neighborhood Association dishes on Shattuck redevelopment

By MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

During its general meeting on Monday, the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) hosted Christine Poff from the Franklin Park Coalition to discuss several topics impacting the park.

One of the major items mulled during the discussion was regarding plans that would redevelop the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital Campus.

Per a press release from June 21 on the state's website, the vi-

sion for the site is "an innovative campus that promotes health, reduces barriers to treatment, integrates physical and behavioral health care with supportive housing, and prioritizes connections to the natural environment."

The release also details the plan for the site, which was proposed by the "Boston Medical Center and its partners (BMC Team)," who have been designated for the redevelopment.

Initial planning includes two facilities containing 326 treat-

ment beds, 200 units of permanent supportive housing, 205 units of family supportive housing, and 120 emergency housing beds. There are also plans to include seven-plus acres of open and green space.

However, it should be noted that the release indicates that the proposal "does not represent a final plan for implementation and will be subject to further dialogue with the Commonwealth and community representatives."

Monday's discussion centered on concerns from residents regarding the current redevelopment proposal.

"We estimate they'll be at least 1,000 people on the campus who are struggling with substance use issues — potentially in recovery and working to recover, but if you know anything about that, it's a very challenging process, and it can take years," said Poff.

Poff indicated some worries about the project, alluding to the point that there are already the Shattuck cottages and low-threshold housing in the area serving individuals, and there has been evidence of active drug use in Franklin Park.

"We know that many of them are actively using in the park. Some of your neighbors have been picking up needles and trash, and we call the parks department often, and they come and pick up needles and trash," said Poff.

"We see deals going down, and we see people shooting up, and some of you have stopped using the park as much," she added.

The substance use issues already plaguing the park have reached a point where an entire website — <http://bostonheatmap.com/> — has been developed to document needle and drug paraphernalia pickups.

"We've been picking up needles and finding needles in the park for the past year now, maybe a bit over a year now ... a lot in the Williams Street entrance, a lot in the woods and going toward the Shattuck," said Rory Coffey, a member of SNA's Steering Committee.

In a sobering moment during the meeting, Allan Ihrer, who has been involved with the needle pickups alongside Coffey, showed multiple full plastic bottles of needles and other drug paraphernalia, emphasizing the safety hazards that have overtaken the park.

"It's a public health hazard, and so we, you know, I think we take it pretty seriously in trying to get that stuff out of the park," said Ihrer.

Moreover, meeting attendees seemed to feel that the concentration of so many people dealing with substance use issues in one area would not be a good idea.

For example, one resident who commented on the situation and

has been an RN in Boston for over 45 years said, "The point is that a lot of people on the streets are self-medicating; they become addicts. They — concentrated in that group — it will be like blood for a school of sharks."

Another resident in the meeting's Zoom chat echoed this point about concentration, saying, "Concentrating this amount of active users in one location is not the best hope for those trying to seek recovery."

Additionally, there was a concern among at least one resident regarding the community process, especially considering that Poff mentioned an initial proposal was for a minimum of 75-100 beds, which she says is now "850 or more."

"This whole thing has sort of plowed through community process, and now it's much larger than it was originally," said the resident.

Following the discussion, there were conversations about creating a sub-committee or even simply penning a letter to respond to the proposal and make the neighborhood's voice heard.

"The Steering Committee will very seriously look at this and get back to the members — the neighbors," said Alcurtis Clark, a member of the SNA's Steering Committee.

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A relaxing spot in the front yard for two at 24 Burroughs Street.



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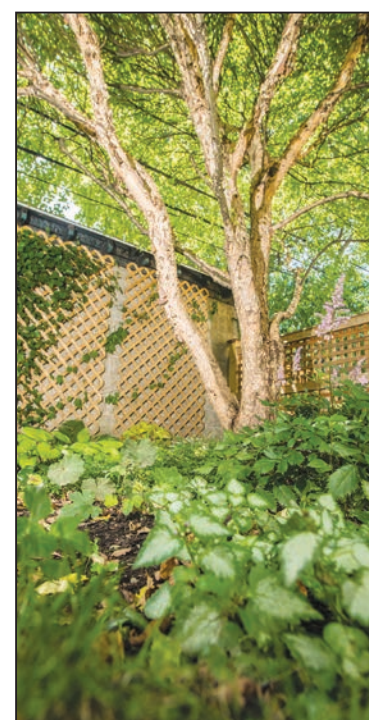
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The relaxed, entertaining yard at 24 Burroughs Street.



A visitor at 28 Holbrook Street takes a photo of the Euonymus in the front yard.



Dan Satinsky enjoys his garden which has a calming, peaceful eminence.



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## LOCAL STUDENT EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### TORELLA-MCLOUGHLIN NAMED TO UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND DEAN'S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that Deanna Torella-McLoughlin of Jamaica Plain has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

To view the entire Dean's List, visit: [uri.edu/academics/deans-list/](http://uri.edu/academics/deans-list/).

### LOCAL EMERSON COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN DEAN'S LIST HONORS FOR SPRING 2023 SEMESTER

The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Jonah Barricklo of Jamaica Plain. Barricklo is majoring in Musical Theatre and is a member of the Class of 2023.

Simon Pollard of Boston. Pollard is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2025.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

### LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross celebrated nearly 762 bachelor of arts degree recipients at its 177th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 26 at the DCU Center in Worcester. U.S. Senator Peter Welch '69 of Vermont, a Class of 1969 alumnus, delivered this year's address to the Class of 2023 and received an honorary degree.

The following local students earned degrees:

Lisalina Pena of Jamaica Plain - Cum Laude

Sofia Keefe of Jamaica Plain About Holy Cross

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### REGIS COLLEGE CELEBRATES 93RD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Empowered and inspired by their Regis education to serve as leaders and advocates for a more just and compassionate global society, members of the Class of 2023 celebrated their accomplishments with an inspirational commencement ceremony at the Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston featuring WHDH's Amaka Ubaka who delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree, along with philanthropists Bill and Joyce Cummings. More than 1,300 students graduated with degrees ranging from associate to doctoral levels.

Thousands of friends and family members attended the ceremony, bringing their support and enthusiasm in celebration of the graduates' achievements.

The following local students earned degrees:

Ruth Martinez of Boston (02130) graduated with a BS in Nursing

Anwar Alananzeh of Jamaica Plain graduated with a MA in Counseling

Angelique Kleer of Boston graduated with a MS in Nursing - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Sonia Thompson of Boston graduated with a MS in Nursing - Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner

Regis College is a coed university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. With over 3,200 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences.

### ST. JOHN'S PREP ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC HONORS

St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2022-2023 school year, which ended on June 2, 2023. Students who qualified for the Head of School's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following student was named to the academic honors list for the Fourth Quarter 2022-2023.

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Aiden Karasek '26

### VILMA GRADUATES FROM NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Over 2,200 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in May. Included among the graduates was Taneisha Vilma of Jamaica Plain who earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology.

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### PANTERA RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Katelyn Pantera of Jamaica Plain was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston.

### EKANEM-ESSANG AKPAN RECEIVES DEGREE FROM GEORGIA TECH

Ekanem-Essang Akpan of Jamaica Plain has earned a Master of Science in Analytics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Akpan was among more than 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 264th Commencement exercises May 5 - 6, 2023, at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

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# New stormwater utility will help modernize infrastructure and support cleaner waterways

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) will launch a new stormwater utility that will meet an increased need to modernize Boston's stormwater infrastructure and better prepare for climate change. The proposed stormwater utility will restructure BWSC's current billing by creating a stormwater charge, as well as credit and grant programs that will allow customers to reduce their stormwater charge by performing approved stormwater management activities. The credit and grant programs are being included as part of the stormwater utility following months of conversation with the City of Boston.

BWSC expects that the majority of residential customers will not see an increase in their overall bill because the new billing structure includes a reduction to the existing sewer rate. The funds from the new stormwater charge will help make necessary improvements to Boston's stormwater management systems to better prepare the City for more frequent and intense storms, mitigate flooding, and reduce the amount of polluted runoff draining to the city's waterways. Ahead of the launch, BWSC will undertake a six-month public outreach campaign, during which BWSC will solicit feedback and share information about the proposed stormwater utility with the public.

"The stormwater charge is a fairer and more equitable way to support stormwater services," said Henry Vitale, Executive Director of BWSC. "There are some properties in the City of Boston—such as parking lots—that are not billed for water and sewer, yet these properties have a significant impact on the amount of stormwater runoff that must be managed. We're proposing that these property owners will have 'stormwater only' accounts and pay a stormwater charge."

The new stormwater charge will allow BWSC and its partners to modernize infrastructure while allowing Boston to address additional growing challenges posed by both climate change and urban development's expanding footprint.

Stormwater is generated when precipitation falls on hard impervious surfaces like roofs, driveways, roads, or sidewalks and "runs off," rather than absorbing into the ground as it would in nature. When stormwater flows over hard surfaces, it collects litter, sediment, and other pollutants, like motor oil and fertilizer. Catch basins in our roadways capture stormwater and convey it through a network of underground pipes called storm drains. Storm drains then release stormwater into our water bodies via stormwater outfalls. Stormwater does not receive treatment at the Deer Island wastewater treatment plant, which means that all the pollutants carried by stormwater enter our lakes, rivers, streams, and Boston Harbor.

In a city that receives an average of 48 inches of rainfall annually, stormwater runoff also contributes to inland flooding. Due to climate change, storms are becoming more frequent and more intense, which will result in more flooding in the coming years if BWSC and the City do not begin to adapt now. To respond to these challenges, Boston must make improvements to our aging storm drain system, add storage capacity and stormwater treatment, and increase maintenance activities throughout the City. Infrastructure improvements will include pipe replacement and upsizing to accommodate larger volumes of water; stormwater storage features, like stormwater trenches, chambers, vaults, and other infiltration features that will be implemented wherever feasible; and additional staff, training, and equipment to facilitate more frequent and effective maintenance for all stormwater infrastructure, both gray and green.

Green infrastructure (GI) will also be a key component of Boston's stormwater management strategy. GI features mimic the natural water cycle, using plants, soil and other natural materials to capture, filter, store and infiltrate stormwater back into the ground. These features come in all shapes and sizes and have many benefits beyond stormwater management. Benefits include increasing urban tree canopy, mitigating urban heat islands, improving air quality, as well as providing access to green space and improving mental health among urban dwellers. BWSC and the City are currently building and expanding our

GI Programs, which include GI planning, design, construction, maintenance, and monitoring activities. GI features like rain gardens, bioswales, bioretention areas, tree infiltration trenches, constructed wetlands, etc. will be deployed in Environmental Justice communities and areas that are already disproportionately experiencing the effects of climate change. These features will not only remove pollutants and provide much-needed stormwater storage to reduce localized flooding but will help create a more beautiful and healthy city.

The proposed stormwater charge will be used exclusively for stormwater management and will be based on the amount of impervious surface on a property. This is the most common basis for stormwater charges across the country and will more accurately reflect the cost of collecting and managing stormwater. Additionally, customers that currently receive BWSC's elderly and disability discounts (30% on water and sewer charges) will have those discounts automatically applied to the stormwater charge.

Since BWSC's creation in 1977, its investment in sewer and stormwater infrastructure

modernization has resulted in dramatic water quality improvements in Boston Harbor, its beaches, and tributary rivers. In 2012, BWSC filed a consent decree settlement to enhance its efforts to comply with the Clean Water Act, as well as clean and revitalize Boston Harbor and its tributaries, including the Charles, Neponset, and Mystic Rivers.

The revenue generated by the stormwater charge will fund BWSC's regulatory compliance responsibilities, while also supporting a more resilient future. BWSC will make investments in measures that improve water quality, increase public awareness and protect the environment, including:

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# J.P. Licks and Grill 23 unite for the ultimate dessert

J.P. Licks, Boston's favorite ice cream shop, and Grill 23, Boston's premiere steakhouse announced a new collaboration to commemorate the restaurant's 40th anniversary. Grill 23 Coconut Cake Ice Cream transforms Grill 23's delicious coconut cake into a mouth-watering ice cream

flavor that will be available in all 17 J.P. Licks store locations for a limited time this summer. At Grill 23, Executive Pastry Chef Valerie Nin's Famous Coconut Cake is filled with a coconut custard and served with pineapple sherbet and coconut dulce de leche. For decades it

has remained the most popular pick among repeat customers, a coveted way for guests to end their meal on a sweet note, and just one of the many examples of Grill 23's legendary take on steakhouse standards.

"We tasted one forkful of Grill 23's famous Coconut Cake and

knew we had to create an ice cream inspired by its incredible flavor," says J.P. Licks founder and owner Vincent Petryk. "We translated this incomparable dish into creamy, coconut custard ice cream, blended with sweetened and toasted coconut and loaded with pieces of cake.

When Chef Nin took her first spoonful of our new flavor, she knew we had landed on the perfect partnership"

Chef Nin shares, "I'm so excited to help celebrate 40 years of

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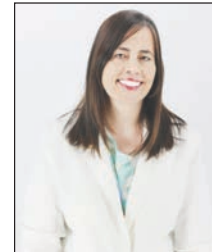
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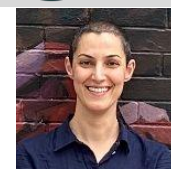
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Jamaica Plain 2-year-olds Theo Levine and Simon Quiroga (photo right) take a lunch break during the official Boston Common Frog Pond spraypool reopening on June 27. Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and The Skating Club of Boston welcomed children and their caregivers with the support of title sponsor Bank of America and presenting sponsors College H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving and H.P. Hood LLC. For information go to [bostonfrogpond.com/spray-pool](http://bostonfrogpond.com/spray-pool).



Area children enjoying the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool.

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## Stormwater

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palities in Massachusetts, have implemented stormwater utilities. Stormwater charges have been embraced nationwide as a more equitable approach to funding infrastructure modernization and better management of stormwater runoff.

Boston's stormwater system is New England's largest and

consists of over 30,000 catch basins and 600 miles of pipe conveying stormwater to more than 250 outfalls. BWSC customers currently pay for stormwater management through the rates charged for sewer service. In the past, when sewage and stormwater were managed with one set of "combined sewer" pipes, using sewer charges to pay for stormwater management made sense. Now that BWSC has largely separated Boston's combined system, the proposed stormwater

utility will separate out charges for stormwater from the charges for sewer.

BWSC is in the process of determining the final amount of the proposed stormwater charge. However, customers can access more information about the proposed stormwater utility (stormwater charge, credit program, and grant program), as well as a bill estimator tool, on the BWSC webpage at <https://www.bwsc.org/stormwater>.

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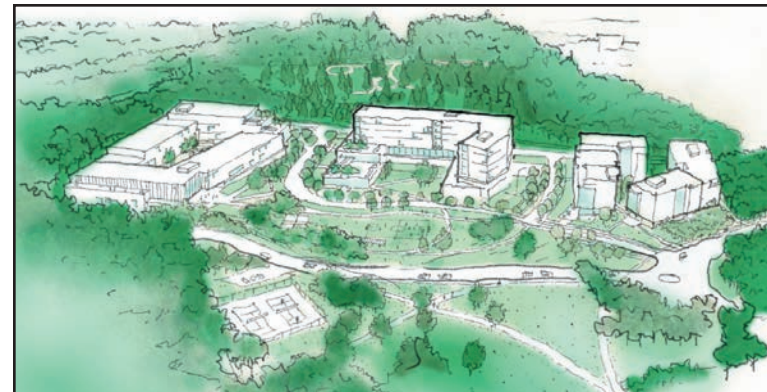


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The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), and a coalition of community-based organizations led by Boston Medical Center (BMC) are hosting the first public meeting to share BMC's proposal and gain community feedback on BMC's redevelopment vision for the Shattuck Hospital Campus at Morton Street, now the Morton Street Campus.

A second, identical meeting will occur on Tuesday, August 15, to support full community participation. In addition, a series of additional public meetings will occur this fall. The feedback will inform the final vision for the Morton Street Campus before the launch of the local permitting process.



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# Wu announces launch of TeenVentures, a free series of programs

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement (OYEA), and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) announced TeenVentures Boston, a free programming series featuring events throughout the summer season open to teens aged 14-18. The weekend and weekday night events are being held across the city, both at BCYF centers and at local partner sites such as YMCA of Greater Boston and the Boys & Girls Club of Boston (BGCB). Fun, accessible summer programming for youth is part of the City of Boston's broader summer safety strategy. BCYF, YMCA and BGCB are working

in partnership to provide all of Boston's young people with free access to their programs and spaces throughout the summer season. Expanding opportunities for Boston's teens to connect with their communities is also a top priority of the new Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement, first created by Mayor Wu earlier this year. A full list of TeenVentures events can be found on [boston.gov/teenventures](http://boston.gov/teenventures).

"TeenVentures builds on our work to make Boston the best city to raise a family, and to ensure our young people have a safe, fun summer," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "TeenVentures and

its online website give teens and their parents a one stop shop to find free programming readily available in their neighborhood. Together with our partners at the City and across community organizations we're making sure our youth have everything they need to have a fulfilling summer break."

TeenVentures enables all Boston teens to gain access to any site operated by the YMCA, the Boys & Girls Club, or BCYF, opening up programming at no charge. The newly launched TeenVentures website offers a user-friendly listing of teen summer events offered by the city and youth development organizations, to help teens and families easily find engaging, local activities at times that work for them. Typically, the YMCA and BGCB have had membership fees and required sign-up for participation. Waiving these will help lower barriers to teen programming this summer.

"Our goal is to make it easy for teens and their families to know

what's going on in the city and to be able to find activities that are safe and fun," said Chief of Human Services, José F. Massó. "Together with our partners at the Y and Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, we want to take a no-wrong-door approach to youth engagement so that there is free access wherever teens choose to go."

"The mission of our office is to help the City's young people stay connected to the opportunities and resources made available to them. We hope that TeenVentures makes it easier for them to identify fun and safe spaces throughout the city this summer," said Pedro Cruz, Executive Director of the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement.

TeenVentures includes expanded programming at BCYF community centers aimed at engaging teens in a wide array of activities ranging from sports clinics in basketball and volleyball to DIY crafts and special outings to skate at Chez Vous, ride the rollercoasters at

Six Flags and try for strikes at Boston Bowl. BCYF will also host four evening Fun Fests that will offer dinner, games, and family-friendly entertainment. The Fun Fests will be held from 5-7pm on July 20th, July 27th, August 10th and August 17th, at the BCYF Condon, Pino, Hennigan, and Perkins, respectively.

"We are so fortunate to live in a city that is rich in opportunities and resources for youth," said Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families. "TeenVentures amplifies and facilitates access to these summer opportunities across our city."

"Our city's young people are what makes Boston great. TeenVentures will be a critical resource as they navigate adventures in the city during the summer, and we're proud to be a part of the Mayor's initiative to prioritize families," said Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston's Nicholas President and CEO Robert Lewis, Jr.

"By combining forces on everything from free access to outreach to employment to swimming, we can truly meet the needs of our young people and families," said David Shapiro, YMCA of Greater Boston CEO. "The Y is proud to be a part of this ongoing public-private effort this summer and beyond to pool our resources, opportunities, and partnerships to make this the best city for young people, one full of connection, belonging, positive pathways, and continuous opportunity."

## Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)

980 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, MA 02119

### WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Boston Water and Sewer Commission will commence Water Main Flushing in the Jamaica Plain and Roxbury areas starting:

**July 12, 2023 through October 18, 2023**

The boundaries for the areas being flushed are: Route 9 and Huntington Avenue to the north, Arborway to the south, Blue Hill Avenue to the east and Jamaica Plain and Olmstead Park to the west.



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

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

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston.

If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website @ [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org).

# Dancing

## IN THE PARK

Soca In The Park is an open-level Caribbean inspired dance cardio party that brings culture, music and fitness alive together in one space.

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., July 20 through August 24, behind English High School. Rain dates held the following Friday.






### Mammograms Save Lives.

All women over 40 should have a mammogram once a year. Breast cancer found early offers the best chance to be cured. Free or low cost mammograms are available.

For more information and answers to any of your cancer questions, contact us any time, day or night.

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)  
1.800.ACS.2345





# Dessert

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Grill 23 with the combination of two classic birthday —and Boston — foods, coconut cake and JP Licks ice cream!”

Locally owned and operated by Vincent Petryk, J.P. Licks now boasts 17 store locations

throughout Massachusetts and has remained homemade and locally owned and operated. The company employs up to 453 employees in the summer months and ships coffee (which is roasted in-house at the Jamaica Plain store) and merchandise anywhere in the continental USA. All ice cream and ice cream cakes are made in house in the Jamaica Plain headquarters. Since open-

ing its doors, J.P. Licks has been committed to supporting each store’s community by donating in-kind donations to small, local organizations.

J.P. Licks has won many awards over the years for their intensely flavored homemade ice cream and frozen yogurt, most recently Best of Boston 2021 from Boston Magazine. J.P. Licks has received over 300

“Best of” awards over the last 40 years. Known for their high quality, scrumptious treats J.P. Licks was named Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce’s 2006 “Small Business of the Year”.

Grill 23 is Boston’s award winning and proudly independent steakhouse since 1983. The unrivaled steak, seafood and service is complemented by Wine Spectator’s Grand Award win-

ning wine list that gets better every day. When it comes to steakhouses, there is only one Grill 23. Grill 23 is located at 161 Berkeley Street in Boston’s Back Bay. For menus and more information, please visit [www.grill23.com](http://www.grill23.com) and follow along on Instagram @grill23andbar.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN  
Docket No. SU16P1162GD  
In the Interests of: Irene Taylor  
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Sherill House of Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian  
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/01/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which. You have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a

written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 28, 2023  
Vincent Procopio  
Register of Probate  
7/14/23  
JP

### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU23P1305GD  
In the matter of: Leonard F. Davis, Jr.  
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department

Of Developmental Service of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Leonard F. Davis Jr. is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/09/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.

Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 20, 2023  
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JP

### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
Docket No. SU21D2024DR  
Elbia Mejia VS. Bernice Mejia  
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: Elbia Mejia 78 Sweetland Ave. Attleboro, MA 02703  
your answer, if any, on or before 09/05/2023. 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. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 27, 2023  
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### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN  
Docket No. SU14P1376GD  
In the Interests of: Myrtho Diligent  
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Sudbury Pines Extended Care of Sudbury, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian  
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/01/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which. You have to file the written

appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 10, 2023  
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### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617)788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU23P1354EA  
Estate of: Natanuel Ruiz  
Date of Death 07/10/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Mayorie Ruiz Baez of Watauga, TX requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that: David Ruiz of Hyde Park, 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 08/08/2023.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and

expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 27, 2023  
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### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617)788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Docket No. SU23C0338CA  
In the matter of: Samuel Mendoza-Fraiman  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Samuel Mendoza-Fraiman of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Samuel DeLeon Mendoza de Fraiman  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/27/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 30, 2023  
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7/14/23  
JP

## DO YOU NEED TO RUN A LEGAL?

### DON'T FORGET TO CHECK AT THE COURT TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A FEE-WAIVER!



## EDITORIAL

### Progressive Democrats need to get real

The opposition by some progressive Democrats to President Joe Biden's decision to send cluster bombs to Ukraine is yet another indication of how out-of-touch with reality they can be on certain issues.

To be sure, the use of cluster bombs can have many drawbacks, the most significant being that a certain percentage of the bomblets remain unexploded on the battlefield, thereby creating a hazard that remains long after the fighting is over. However, when compared to the horrors being wrought upon the Ukrainian people by the Russian invaders, the potential negative impacts of cluster munitions by the Ukrainian military are miniscule. Moreover, let's not forget that the Ukrainians are using these weapons in their own country and will be targeting Russian troops at the front lines, thereby limiting the effect of these weapons upon their own civilian population, unlike the Russians, who indiscriminately have been dropping cluster bombs on Ukrainian civilians from the day they invaded.

In an ideal world, no nation would use cluster bombs -- though in an ideal world, there wouldn't be any war. The simple fact is that the Ukrainians will be using these weapons in their own defense on their own land and they should be the ones to decide what are the acceptable risks. The knee-jerk reaction of some Democratic politicians ignores the reality of what is happening in Ukraine each and every day.

Moreover, these Democrats who oppose the White House on this issue offer no solution to the imminent problem of the Ukrainians running out of artillery shells in their effort to dislodge the Russian invaders. In addition, these Democrats are playing into the hands of Putin, giving him some hope that American politicians will hamstring the Ukrainians in the defense of their country.

While it may be generally true that two wrongs do not make a right, that is not the case in Ukraine. If these cluster bombs help drive out the Russians, they will have been well worth it.

And to use another metaphor, we can't allow the Ukrainians to bring a knife to a gunfight.

### Where is that Russian "rebel" army?

Two weeks ago, the news headlines were all about the supposed attempted coup by Yevgheny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner group, who reportedly was marching his 8000 man army to Moscow. But since then, both he and his army have all but disappeared.

Well, maybe we've been watching too many of those mini-series shows on Netflix and the other streaming channels, but we hope that U.S. intelligence agencies are tracking this guy and his army -- because it wouldn't surprise us if Putin and he have planned some sort of subterfuge, a ruse, by which they will launch a surprise attack on Ukraine from Belarus or somewhere else in the north of Ukraine.

And if they do, the U.S. and NATO will need to be ready to send in our air support to bomb the Wagner advance (technically, they'll be bombing the private Wagner group, not the Russian army), because if the Ukrainians are caught flat-footed, Prigozhin could be in Kyiv within hours.

## LETTERS

### Thank you to first-line responders

Dear Editor:

So few positive comments are ever made about our local police, but I hope this article changes that mindset and we remember to say thank you when something good happens!!

On June 23, I was involved in a car accident on Center Street, caused by a driver, speeding and allegedly on his phone!

I was slowly getting out of my parked car to go into JP Licks, when out of nowhere glass was shattering all around me and my driver side door was being dislodged and pulled forward.

The other driver was still on his phone as he exited his car to assess the damage!!!

I sat in shock from the impact, whilst people came rushing over to see if I was alright, including Officer Allison (Alyson) Ross, followed by Officer Marianna Avila (who later drove me home!!)

I was dazed and in shock and these two outstanding professionals, took care of me as well as getting the incident report from the negligent driver who hit me and tending to their necessary paperwork at the scene!

They couldn't have been more helpful, advising me to call the tow truck, advising me the steps I needed to take but to help make me feel safe after nearly being hit myself !!

Just saying thank you to these

two extraordinary woman police officers, seems inadequate !!

Their integrity made all the difference from how I handled this frighteningly traumatic accident!

I also wanted to acknowledge Officer Stem, (all three from precinct 13) who later helped me with the unpleasant job of reporting in triplicate, the written accident information!!

My respect for these three officers will remain immense!

I'm happy to be alive and have the BPD protecting our community!

Linda Zack

### Boston Brakes campaign announced to increase safety of pedestrians with disabilities

Mayor Michelle Wu, the City of Boston Disabilities Commission, and the Boston Streets Cabinet announced the launch of Boston Brakes, an outreach campaign designed to raise awareness and increase safety of pedestrians with disabilities. The Disabilities Commission created Boston Brakes to alert and educate members of the public that people with different types of disabilities are prevalent on Boston's sidewalks, streets, and intersections every day, including those who have mobility, sensory, and intellectual disabilities.

"To be a more sustainable, healthy, and inclusive city, we must ensure that everyone can navigate our streets and sidewalks safely," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "As our city continues to grow, we are launching the Boston Brakes campaign to ensure our streets are safe for everyone as they get around. We will continue to work alongside the disability community in both the design of our infrastructure and how we interact with each other on public rights of way."

"The message of this campaign is really simple and straightforward," said City of Boston Disability Commissioner Kristen McCosh. "Remember that everyone moves at a different pace, so let's respect each other's space. People with disabilities have unique needs when navigating public rights of way. Older adults and people with mobility

impairments may not be able to step aside quickly when a cyclist approaches; people who are blind or have low vision might not see a bicycle or an electric scooter coming; and those who are Deaf or hard of hearing won't necessarily hear a bell, a horn, or someone calling out a warning to move aside. Whether you trek Boston streets on wheels or feet, accessibility, sustainability, and safety are important to us all. That is why I am thrilled to announce Boston Brakes, a campaign to educate pedestrians about safety. This campaign aims to make

sure that everyone is keeping an eye out for others and is ready to brake to keep people safe."

As Boston moves toward becoming a healthier, greener, more resilient City, traditional uses of sidewalk curb zones have shifted to meet sustainability goals. New elements are being added along the curb, such as bike lanes, outdoor dining, and electric vehicle charging stations. With these changes to city infrastructure, Boston Brakes will

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# Hill Happenings

By MAURICE "MOSSY" MARTIN

Parishioners are elated that beloved Fr. Phillip Dabney is returning to Mission Church after serving four years in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Dabney will be our new Pastor beginning in August. Outgoing Pastor Fr. Joe Tizio did a terrific job in that role, and a farewell "Ice Cream Social" for Fr. Tizio will be held Sunday, July 9, at the Ali Dutson Garden.

Congratulations to Frank Pedersen, who was among 16 players inducted into the Minor League Football Hall of Fame during a ceremony on June 23 at George Hallas Drive in Canton, Ohio. The Minor League Hall of Fame was established in 1981, and it recognizes amateur players who combine sportsmanship, character and a heartfelt love of football.

Frank, a 1964 Mission High graduate, from the Mission Hill project, epitomizes those qualities. He was a rugged middle linebacker for the Killilea Club in the Boston Park League in the '60s and '70s, when hundreds of Mission Hill fans would pack Fens Stadium. Frank anchored the defense of the famous 1967 Killilea team, which was undefeated, and their great defense didn't yield any points.

Frank, who was introduced at the ceremony by his proud son, Brendan Pedersen, occasionally stops in Mike's Donuts, where the customers refer to him as 51 - the number on Frank's jersey from a long-ago era. Frank was sponsored by his buddy, Robert Beckwith, who was a superb defensive end for the Charlestown Townies who were among the original teams in the Boston Park Football League which existed from 1929 until 1984.

Pedersen's Killilea Club teammate, John Baino was also inducted into the Hall. Baino, who grew up in the hardscrabble old Somerville project, was an outstanding receiver and punter for Killilea.

Kudos to Olivia Todd, a beautiful and brilliant woman who graduated from New England School of Law last month. Olivia is in the family tree of the longtime Mission Hill Todd family and the daughter of proud parents Kevin Todd and Tina Todd. Welcome to my new Mission Hill neighbor, Olga Batyuk who is in the process of moving to the Charlesbank Community Complex.

Olga is a talented artist and the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at Mass. College of Art.

Lilly's Gourmet Pasta in Mission Hill did some nifty remodeling recently. The food is always

good at Lilly's and my favorite is linguini with grilled chicken.

You can wing your way to Penguin Pizza on Monday nights starting at 5 p.m., for crispy, 50-cent chicken wings.

The Mission Hill Post 327 held a meeting last week at Victory Point Restaurant in Quincy.

We are planning a mid-summer outing, and the Mission Hill Golf Tournament fundraiser is scheduled for Sept. 30 at the Norwood Country Club.

If you are considering joining the Mission Hill Post, contact our Commander, Col. George Rollins at 703-209-2124.

A large crowd attended a fundraiser at Yellow Door Taqueria (formerly Flann O'briens) last week for Boston City Councilor at-large Erin Murphy. I enjoyed chatting with Erin, an excellent Councilor who is from South Boston and taught in Boston Public Schools for 20 years.

I also conversed with City Council at-large hopeful Henry Santana, an excellent candidate born in the Dominican Republic who grew up in Mission Hill.

There will be a time for City Council candidate John Fitzgerald on July 10 at Yellow Door Taqueria.

Good luck to John, a great guy and son of the late beloved Kevin Fitzgerald, who is running for the District 3 seat in Dorchester.

It's nice to see a hearty group of people of all ages exercising every Monday evening (6 p.m.) at Kevin Fitzgerald Park.

Mission Hill's talented Elaine Adams is the exercise instructor, and Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing sponsors the event. Youthful-looking Carol Barry has been doing the calisthenics with ease.

## Brakes

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raise awareness to residents, businesses and visitors that disabled residents and visitors still need clear access to sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, audible pedestrian signals, and on-street HP-DV parking spaces.

The Boston Brakes campaign will be featured as part of the City's annual ADA Day Celebration on Boston City Hall Plaza on July 18th, from 12 to 2 p.m. Every year, the Disabilities Commission honors an outstanding partner who has worked to increase accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities. This year, the Boston Streets Cabinet will be recognized for their partnership in building accessible sidewalks, curb ramps, audio pedestrian signals, and

safer intersections.

"Our main goal at the Street Cabinet is to make streets safe and comfortable for all users", said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. "We're pleased to partner with the Disabilities Commission to increase awareness about the mobility needs of people with disabilities and promote safety for our bike infrastructure. We continue to ensure that their needs are prioritized as we make Boston a more inclusive place to live, work, and visit."

"This campaign demonstrates that the city of Boston continues to prioritize safety and accessibility for all its pedestrians," said Jerry Boyd, a member of the Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board. "As a city resident, I recognize the important role that bikes play within the city's transportation network;

and as a wheelchair user, I hope that this campaign will remind those in the cycling community and the disability community to pay attention to pedestrians around you. This will ensure that our city's streets and sidewalks remain safe for all."

Currently, there are about 80,000 Boston residents who identify as having at least one disability, which is about 12% of the city's general population. This figure grows when you add in older adults, people with injuries or temporary disabilities, as well as visitors and tourists. The Disabilities Commission contracted with Aliste Marketing, a woman-owned small business, to design media assets for the Boston Brakes campaign.

For more information about Boston Brakes, including print and digital media, please visit [boston.gov/boston-brakes](http://boston.gov/boston-brakes).



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## TOPPING-OFF CEREMONY FOR 3368 WASHINGTON STREET

Executives from Pine Street Inn (PSI), The Community Builders (TCB), RODE Architects and Cranshaw Construction came together for the topping-off ceremony for 3368 Washington St. in Jamaica Plain, to honor construction workers and celebrate a major milestone in the construction of the mixed-use building, which will be Boston's largest permanent supportive housing development once com-

plete.

The mixed-use development will include 202 new apartments; 140 will offer support services for individuals moving out of homelessness and 62 will be income-restricted for families. The design, by Boston-based RODE Architects, includes offices along with more than 13,000 square feet of community space. The new development replaces a PSI warehouse/office building.



Pine Street Inn's President and Executive Director Lyndia Downie signs a 24-foot long prefabricated roof truss during the topping off ceremony at 3368 Washington Street.



Construction workers sign a 24-foot long prefabricated roof truss during the topping off ceremony at 3368 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain.



RODE Architects Principal Kevin Deabler and associates Nick Ruggeri and Katya Stassen sign a 24-foot long prefabricated roof truss.



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