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Open Streets in Jamaica Plain



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Open Streets Boston came back for its third annual event, offering another chance to experience streets as public spaces. Jamaica Plain closed its streets between Lamartine and South Street on July 21 for the event. The streets of Jamaica Plain were filled with local families and friends enjoying the activities provided for the occasion. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.



JPNC hears reports from its committees

STAFF REPORT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting this past Tuesday, July 23, via Zoom. Chair Renee Stacey Welch presided over the session that was attended by Caroline Peters, the liaison to Jamaica Plain from the mayor's office; Jordan Frias, the Director of Policy and Communications for District 6 City Councilor Ben Weber's office; and Carlos Rios from State Rep. Sam Montano's office.

JPNC members in attendance included vice-chair Bernard Doherty, at-large members

Purple Reign, Sarah Freeman, Michael Reiskind, and David Baron; Area A members Willie Mitchell, Peter DeCotis, Esther Beillard, and Danielle Sommer-Kieta; Area B members Lorenzo Bartoloni and Caliga; and Area C members Katherine O'Shea and Gert Thorn.

Reiskind presented the report of the Public Service Committee. He discussed a request by Jadu LLC, doing business as Jadu at 767 Centre Street (the former location of Espresso Yourself, which closed recently) for a Common Victualler 7-Day Wines and

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BPDA Board approves White Stadium project

By MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

At its meeting last week, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board approved a project that would renovate White Stadium through a partnership between Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP) and the City of Boston.

As part of this project, BUSP was designated to renovate White Stadium through a request for proposals process that began in

April of last year. BUSP was the sole respondent.

With the designation, BUSP will not only renovate the west grandstand, erect a new building south of the existing track to house aspects such as food and beverage service, and create an open space area for community activities called the Grove and more, but it will also bring a

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professional National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) team to the stadium.

In tandem with the above-mentioned improvements from BUSP, the city will conduct its own renovations.

Specifically, the city will construct a new east grandstand, extend buildings to accommodate offices and a strength and conditioning center, and install a new field surface and track, among other improvements.

According to the city's Chief of Operations, Dion Irish, the professional NWSL team would play up to 20 games per season, including championship games, as part of the partnership. Moreover, he stated that even in weeks when an NWSL game is scheduled, 90% of the facility's programmable hours would be for community and Boston Public Schools (BPS) programming.

"White Stadium is more than just a facility; it's a hub for athletic excellence, community gatherings, and cultural events. Our improvements will enhance visitor experience and preserve the stadium's legacy for future generations," said Irish.

"The concept of having a professional sports team share a home field with high school student-athletes and community members is an unprecedented one that excites us, especially because of how this partnership will dramatically increase stadium usage by Boston Public School student-athletes and

members of the public," said BUSP's Controlling Manager Jennifer Epstein.

Not only was the above-mentioned information shared with the BPDA Board, but also the design process. During the project presentation, architects reviewed the design for the renovations of the entire stadium.

In speaking about design philosophy, Tamara Roy of Stantec Architecture said, "As designers, our mission is to respect all the eras that exist in the physical, historical, and social context here while using forms and materials that complement and blend them seamlessly together and being responsive to all of the comments that we've heard in the public process."

Moreover, Roy discussed the evolution of the design concept, which was previously asymmetrical due to differing program goals in the East and West.

After discussions with entities like the BPDA and architects who crafted the Franklin Park Action Plan, the design is more unified in that BPS programs are distributed more evenly, massing has been consolidated, and more.

Roy detailed design refinements as the presentation progressed and discussed some design nods to Frederick Law Olmsted — the man who designed Franklin Park — such as the facility canopies being inspired by his overlook building.

Later, Chris Bridle of Stantec Architecture highlighted the project's landscaping elements. He discussed trees at the site and plans for new plantings, removal

of trees in poor health, stormwater management, grading, and more.

Bridle also provided transportation information on typical days and days when the NWSL team has a game.

"On a typical day, a new hierarchy of paths as recommended in the action plan [Franklin Park Action Plan] will promote pedestrians, bikes, and public transportation," said Bridle.

"This will be achieved in coordination with Boston Parks and BPS by reintroducing improved primary pedestrian [and] bike routes... a secondary path system... and a tertiary path system."

During game days, the stadium will be accessible through public transportation, shuttle service, ride-sharing, biking, and walking. Bridle also noted that the transportation plan will continue to be refined.

Also, the Boston Transportation Department will create a neighborhood-specific game day parking program for residents and visitors. Essentially, residents in the "White Stadium walk area" and their guests can park in areas where parking is not allowed on game day.

However, it should be noted that last week's presentation stated that people can get one resident sticker per vehicle registered to an address in the walk area and one visitor pass per residential unit.

Other aspects of the project to note are the creation of a BUSP annual \$500,000 community fund that could go toward investments in Franklin Park, local youth sports, and more; also, the new and improved White Stadium will be one of the first net-zero carbon stadiums in the country.

After the presentation, the floor was given to elected officials who commented on the project.

State Representative Samantha Montañó voiced her support for the project and called it transformative, praising city staff for working with the community to make the revitalization of White Stadium a reality.

At-Large City Councilor Henry Santana also supported the project, calling it a transformative investment in youth. However, he stressed the need for a "comprehensive" and "proactive" community process, citing letters of opposition and concerns from constituents.

"It is crucial that we ensure all voices are heard and that we work together to address any issues or questions that arise," he said.

"This project has the potential to positively impact our youth and our community, but it is essential that we proceed with transparency and active engagement from all stakeholders."

City Councilor Ben Weber urged the BPDA Board to approve the project in a statement detailing his pride in supporting the investment and addressing constituent concerns.

Weber spoke about a lack of trust in the fact that some folks do not believe the field will be as accessible for the community and BPS as proponents say and concerns that a public asset was being turned over to a private entity.

"There is nothing I have seen or heard, however, that supports these claims. Indeed, Superior Court Judge Sarah Ellis found that this claim in particular or claims like this were not substantiated when she denied a request for a temporary restraining order," said Weber.

"In rejecting the claim that the terms of the project would hand over exclusive full-

time use of the west grandstand to the soccer team, Judge Ellis wrote that this claim was refuted by the terms of the proposed lease agreement between the city and Boston Unity. I find the judges weighing of the facts and the law to be persuasive."

While the above-mentioned elected officials expressed support, At-Large City Councilor Erin Murphy opposed the project, citing hearing "a lot of opposition."

Murphy indicated that she has heard from constituents who feel their voices are not being heard and that the process has been rushed. She thought that public funding could be found and used instead of including a private entity in BUSP.

Before the project went to a vote, BPDA Board Members made several comments. For example, BPDA Board Member Kate Bennett echoed Santana's remarks and stressed the need for continued community engagement.

In response, Diana Fernandez Bibeau, Deputy Chief of Urban Design at the BPDA, indicated that there is a commitment to ongoing dialogue. Epstein mentioned that a Neighborhood Ad-

visory Council will be created comprised of elected officials and residents to keep lines of communication open.

Further, the Board's Chair, Priscilla Rojas, reviewed several concerns she had heard from residents and asked the project team for answers.

For example, a comment alluded to the idea that White Stadium, a public asset, is being transferred to a private company that would control it. However, Fernandez Bibeau noted that the city would retain ownership.

Sammy Nabulsi, the city's legal counsel for the project, confirmed that the city would own the parcel and stadium and indicated that the NWSL team would use amenities such as the field through a licensing arrangement rather than a lease.

Another concern was that this process should not proceed with ongoing litigation, referring to a lawsuit filed by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and other individuals to challenge the project.

However, Nabulsi indicated that in response to a request for a preliminary injunction, the Superior Court issued a decision in March that the plaintiffs "Were unlikely to succeed on the merits of any of their claims in this litigation."

He also stated, "In denying that preliminary injunction, the judge essentially carved out a path for the city to continue permitting, to continue entering into any contracts that it needs to pursue the project, and to move forward with the very public process that both the city and the soccer team have been on," before mentioning the hope is for the case to be done with no later than the Spring.

Other concerns addressed during the meeting included BPS' future use of the field, trust, plans if the project exceeds budget, and more.

After the project team addressed the above-mentioned concerns, the proposal was put to a vote and unanimously approved by the BPDA Board.

To view a recording of the White Stadium presentation and the decision, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8klv5uLxFiQ> and skip to 38:36.

It should also be noted that Weber and Murphy's testimony were taken out of order before the above-mentioned discussion. To view their testimony, skip to 18:38.

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Five Corners sub-neighborhood deserves more positive attention

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

A unique and potentially lovely but little noticed area of Boston lies on the southeast side of Jamaica Plain. Many people only know the unique sub-neighborhood from seeing it through their windshields as they drive (as fast as 45 miles an hour) on Morton Street between JP and Dorchester, along with commuters going to and from Boston and the South Shore.

The area—rich in green space and history—could and should be made more hospitable—visually and in terms of access.

Amazingly, the borders of five Boston neighborhoods with five different ZIP Codes come together in a box-like pinwheel within yards of each other near a stand of trees in the Mass Audubon’s Boston Nature and Wildlife Sanctuary’s east side

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This sign on the Franklin Park side of Morton Street approaching Cemetery Road came down a couple of years ago and could be seen lying on the grass to the right of the stone wall for a while. Then it disappeared. The sidewalk along that stretch varies from too narrow cracked asphalt to non-paved dirt and grass. Morton Street parkway area is still irregularly accessible and hospitable to pedestrians.



PHOTO BY SARAH FREEMAN

The Morton Street parkway speed limit approaching the Tuskegee Airmen Bridge is quite high, as the sign where a paved walkway should probably be indicates. The bridge marks the center of the very green Five Corners sub-neighborhood where five different official Boston neighborhoods come together within yards of each other.

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Malt Beverages with Liqueurs License with the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. He said that Maya Mukhopadhaya is the co-owner and manager of the new establishment, which will be a coffee shop during the day and a wine bar in the evening that also will offer beer, cordials (liqueurs), and small-plate food items.

The Jamaica Pond Association recently gave its approval to Jadu for the common victualler and liquor licenses at its June meeting and Jadu went before the Boston Licensing Commission earlier in July and received a favorable vote. However, whether Jadu will receive a liquor license will depend on whether the state legislature approves legislation that will increase the number of liquor licenses in the city.

In addition, there was a separate licensing matter pertaining to Jadu's request to offer take-out. Reiskind asked the council to support the take-out license, with the proviso that the take-out use will stay only with the current business tenant at 767 Centre Street, Jadu LLC, doing

business as Jadu." The full council unanimously approved the request for the take-out license.

Doherty presented the report of the Parks+ Committee and covered a host of disparate topics that were taken up at the committee's July 11 meeting.

He said the committee discussed the impact of the Shattuck Hospital project upon Franklin Park. He noted that the present small housing development in the hospital's parking lot for unhoused persons has impacted the area because of hypodermic needles discarded by the occupants that have forced residents to avoid the area with their children and dogs.

In addition, Doherty noted that there is a court case regarding community opposition to the White Stadium project in which the city is seeking to partner with the new Boston women's professional soccer team to use White Stadium as the team's home field.

Thorn expressed disappointment that a recent festival in the area saw alcohol consumed openly in front of the police, which also resulted in beer bottles being left behind by those participating. Peters said that the event organizers issued an apology for the issues that arose and that city departments per-

formed the clean-up. However, she noted that the consumption of alcohol was permitted pursuant to the event's license and Freeman pointed out that other upcoming events also will allow for the consumption of alcohol in public.

O'Shea asked about the status of pickleball courts in the city, with Doherty noting that there is an ongoing discussion among tennis players, pickleball players, and nearby residents regarding pickleball courts. Peters said that the city is constructing a complex at English High that will include pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts.

O'Shea presented the report of the Outreach Committee. She discussed the city's Block Party Grant program which awards small stipends to neighborhood groups throughout the city to host block parties. She said that the funding has been expended for the current summer and fall season. O'Shea also noted that the Outreach Comm. set up a table at the recent JP Open Streets event and received positive feedback from residents who stopped by.

Baron presented the Zoning Committee report. He said the committee met on July 10 and took up the matter of 34 Olmstead St., in which the owner-oc-

cupant is seeking to expand her two-family home to be able to live there with another family member. He said the envelope of the building will not change and neighbors turned out to support the application.

The Zoning Comm. approved granting the variance and the full JPNC ratified the Zoning Committee's vote. The owner now must go before the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to receive the variance.

Purple Reign presented the report of the Housing and Development Committee. She said that the developers of the complex at 140 Wachusett St. attended the committee's recent meeting and discussed their proposal for a 38-unit apartment building with 17 parking spaces. She said the developer focused on the affordable, family-size units that will be included in the project. However, "Community members expressed concerns about the lack of community involvement in the process, the density of the proposal, the impact on the neighborhood, and the affordability of the units," Reign said. The project will be in an already-congested area near a

school and a church.

The report of the Arborway Yard subcommittee (a subcommittee of the Housing and Development Comm.) was presented by Sue Cibulsky. She said that the main topic of discussion once again was the MBTA's proposal to locate 150-spaces of parking for its employees on the eight acres of land that had been set aside for community development pursuant to the original 2001 Memorandum of Understanding between the city and the T.


Cibulsky noted that the JPNC previously sent a letter to the T in April asking for the T's analysis of alternative sites for the parking area. However, the T has not responded to the letter and she asked the council members to send another letter to the T.

Freeman noted that she had received requests for changes to the letter and Welch suggested that Freeman forward the changes to subcommittee, who in turn will send it to the JPNC's Executive Committee, which then can send the new letter to the T.

At the end of the meeting, Welch noted that there are three open seats on the JPNC, two in Area B and one in Area C, and asked the members to spread the word about the openings.

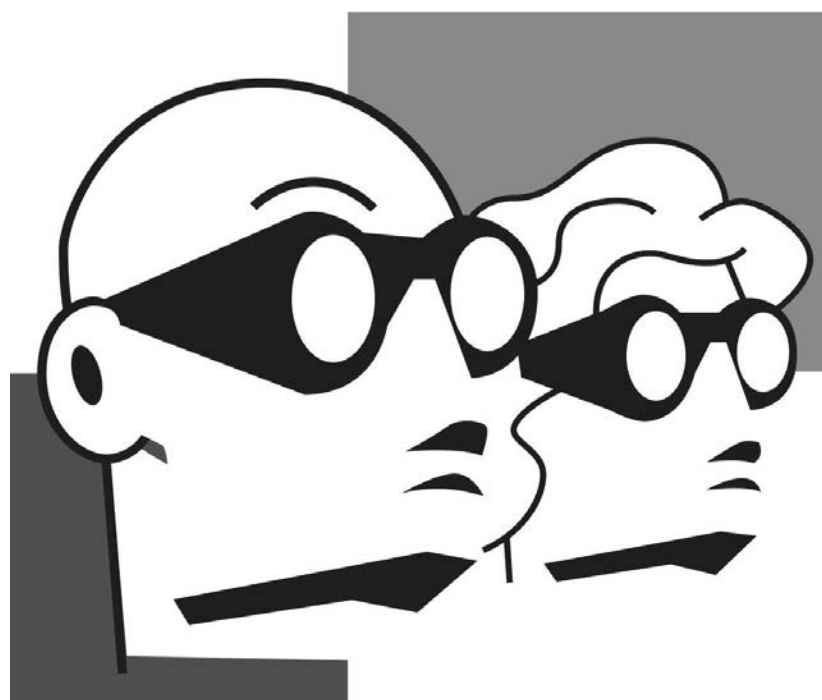
In addition, Doherty made note of the members who have missed a significant number of meetings and who are subject to losing their seats.

The JPNC's next meeting will be September 24.



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along Morton Street.

The neighborhoods that unite in one small area are: 02130, Jamaica Plain; 02121, Grove Hall; 02124, Dorchester Center; 02126, Mattapan; and 02131, Roslindale—quite a diverse group whose nexus should be noted and celebrated.

I am calling this special spot and the half mile radius I drew around it on a map that includes parts of all the neighborhoods “Five Corners.”

Running through Five Corners northwest to southeast is a mile of Morton Street, also labelled Massachusetts Route 203.

I told some long-time Boston residents that the busy urban thoroughfare is one of just 35 streets in the state to have the prestigious title of “parkway.” They told me I should look it up again. Based on their familiarity with the street, they said, I surely had my facts wrong and should double-check. No way Morton Street could be a parkway.

Not only is it an official parkway (I checked.), but Morton Street has also been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2005.

Built by the City of Boston Public Works Department around 1930, the parkway stretches right through Five Corners from the Arborway in JP to Gallivan Boulevard in Dorchester. Morton Street is also listed as part of the Metropolitan Boston Parks.

What a treat to realize, when looking carefully at the map, that the Tuskegee Airmen Bridge that crosses Morton Street is so close to the convergence point of the five neighborhoods, it can serve as the physical marker of the center of Five Corners.

The Tuskegee Airmen was a group of African American military pilots (fighters and bombers) and airmen who fought to much acclaim in World War II as part of the United States Army Air Forces. The bridge holds a section of American Legion Highway (ALH) over the Boston Nature Center and the parkway.

Just like Morton Street below it, the memorial bridge, dedicated in 2012, needs some care and attention.

The monument to an important group is concrete with a rectangular opening with more concrete at the feet of its sup-

ports. No plaque or other art, not even the name, has been placed on it at Morton Street. The sign on the highway above is said to be barely noticeable. Neighbors have said they want to get the bridge and its tribute to Black history revived.

Some of the same neighbors were disappointed to learn on July 10 that the state’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved the building of a soccer field on woodland/wetlands at 550 Morton Street by Brooke Charter School (BCS), located nearby on ALH. BCS is planning to build walkways, a bathroom building, seating, storage area, driveway and associated

utilities and stormwater management systems in addition to the synthetic athletic field. To do that they say they will have to remove some trees, but say they will plant more than that.

Area residents formed a special 214 7A corporation called “Morton St. 10-residents” a few years ago to try to block the project in an effort, they said, to protect the environment. A petition against it at Change.org has collected 1,726 signatures.

Harvard Commons homeowner and Morton St. 10-Resident member Aalana Feaster told the Gazette the group was filing suit right away. She vowed to keep fighting the athletic field “for as long as it takes.”

“I’m terrified about the soccer field,” nearby homeowner Jessica Spruill and one of the 10-Resident group, said in a Zoom gathering recently, commenting on the possible effect it might have on property values. “This is a nice neighborhood.”

Five Corners is also part of an official, Massachusetts-designated Environmental Justice (EJ) neighborhood. Residents tend to have lower incomes and a higher number of people of color and often people for whom English is not their first language, thereby qualifying them for extra-sensitive treatment to make sure they are respected in environmental decision-making.

Not only do five neighborhoods meet in Five Corners, but just yards to the north of the spot, Franklin Park—part of the City of Boston’s Emerald Necklace—and Forest Hills Cemetery

(a “garden” cemetery) align on both sides of Morton just before the bridge. On the northern end of Five Corners are Shea Circle and the Stonybrook neighborhood in JP. On the south are Hunt Almont Playground in Mattapan and West Codman Hill/West Lower Mills southeast in Dorchester.

Five Corners is obviously very green—containing most of the largest contiguous acres of green space in Boston. That’s not even including the Arboretum just outside Five Corners to the west

in the two neighborhoods of Roslindale and JP. Then there are the occasional wooded green oases that appear along the road, like the controversial one right now at 550 Morton.

Smaller organized green spaces in the sub-neighborhood include: the City’s Harambee Park, and Mt. Hope, New Calvary, St. Michael’s, St. Mary’s and Oak Lawn cemeteries.

Feaster emphasized, as she often does, that all the Five Corners green spaces with their cooling effects and oxygen emissions, among other positives, “are not just for the local community’s benefit. Other neighborhoods are also impacted and get benefits for their communities.”

Residential uses are about equal to green space in Five Corners—much of which was once hundreds of acres taken up by Boston State Hospital (BSH), a historic mental hospital that was closed in 1979 and ceased to operate in 1981.

Olmsted Green and Harvard Commons, set back from Morton Street, as well as the Boston Nature Center, were built on that land. Hundreds of mixed income housing units there have added many residents to Five Corners in recent years. Longer-existing residential neighborhoods include Franklin Field North and South and Wellington Hill.

Five Corners is dotted with a variety of organizations, including Brooke Charter School, Lena Park Community Development Corporation and Sportsmen’s Tennis Club on ALH. A large MBTA bus yard is on the northern edge of Five Corners, and the multi-story former Shattuck Hospital building, whose present and future uses regarding home-

lessness are under discussion, is in nearby Franklin Park with an entrance on Morton. A Veteran’s of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post is to the south.

In keeping with the phenomenon of many borders coming together, the small sub-neighborhood also has much more representation by elected and appointed officials than most areas of the same small size.

Two district city councilors, three state representatives and two congresspeople, to be exact, represent the area that’s just a mile in diameter, with district lines all close together, too. Five Corners has, more typically, just one state senator.

To further complicate things for people, the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services appears to have at least three neighborhood coordinators in the area that are each assigned to different parts of the sub-neighborhood.

As one observer commented, “Things that need attention can more easily fall through the cracks” in that situation. That and the fact that Five Corners

is on the edge of five neighborhoods and the government districts there, may explain how the neglect has happened over time.

With all the official neighborhoods and ZIP Codes so close together, the only authoritative way people in Five Corners can know for sure what official Boston neighborhood they or the place they are interested in is located is to go to the US Postal Service website ZIP Code lookup page (<https://tools.usps.com/zip-code-lookup.htm>) and type in the street address without ZIP Code. Word of mouth or going by a neighbor’s ZIP Code doesn’t necessarily lead to the right Code for another place nearby.

Massachusetts parkways like Morton Street are “defined by the following criteria: A broad landscaped thoroughfare; especially one from which trucks and other heavy vehicles are excluded. A roadway in a park or a landscaped thoroughfare connecting parks. An expressway located on a strip of land legally constituting a public park and

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Wu announces expansion of Swim Safe program through grant opportunity

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Mayor Michelle Wu, the City of Boston's Human Services Cabinet, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families announced applications are now open for Swim Safe Boston grants to support non-profit organizations in

Boston that provide free swim lessons for youth. The \$250,000 in grant funding continues the City's commitment to ensuring families have access to affordable, beginner-level swim lessons. Swim Safe was first announced in July of 2023, and since then has funded free swim

lessons for over 1,500 youth. This number is in addition to the 2000+ youth that BCYF provided swim lessons to over the same time period.

"Swimming is not just a fun way to cool off in the summer, but also a crucial life skill, especially for residents of a coastal


city like Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "By investing in swim lessons and aquatics facilities, we're working to ensure every child and adult in Boston knows how to swim and has access to a pool close to home. I'm grateful to all our community partners making this effort so successful, and I encourage organizations to apply for these Swim Safe grants to continue the momentum."

Mayor Wu is acting with urgency to renovate several city-owned pools, many of which were built in the 1970s. Because of a collaboration between Boston Public Schools, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the Public Facilities Department, and the Property Management Department, investments of City funding, and improved facilities assessment, the City has more pools open this year than in previous summers. In addition to the assessment, this fiscal year,

Mayor Wu allocated \$54.5 million in the FY25-FY29 capital plan for repairing and renovating the city's pools. The BCYF Mildred Avenue Pool in Mattapan opened last week. The BCYF Clougherty Pool will reopen by the end of July.

Interested Swim Safe grant applicants should carefully review the application materials and fill out this form to be considered for a Swim Safe grant. The application is available through the city's Swim Safe website: boston.gov/swim-safe. Awardees must be non-profit organizations that either operate aquatics facilities or have a partnership with an aquatics facility that is located in the City of Boston. The maximum award that will be considered for this opportunity is \$49,999. The grant application will close at 4:00 p.m. on Mon-

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	Thursday, July 25, 2024 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Julia Martin House 90 Bickford Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130	
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therefore not open to heavy vehicles,” according to Wikipedia.

The online encyclopedia reports in another entry that nationally: “Many parkways originally intended for scenic, recreational driving have evolved into major urban and commuter routes.”

Anyone who travels Morton Street in Five Corners—which is under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), not the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as many other parkways are—sees lots of green on the sides. But moving vehicles, including bicycles and MBTA buses, dominate, for sure.

Green space edges on Morton Street seem neglected, as if the street pavement and the green space don’t want to know each other closely. It’s no wonder people question the parkway designation, especially if they are familiar with the Jamaicaaway and Arborway in JP, which are designated the same.

Five Corners would look and feel a lot less like a cross between the other side of the tracks and a no-man’s (or woman’s) land with some common sense, classic improvements.

Local greenspace advocate and member of the Arborway Coalition Sarah Freeman, who lives near the northern end of Five Corners spoke with me (I also live in Five Corners in JP near Franklin Park.) in mid-July about some possible simple changes we have noticed or heard people mention that would soften the feel, broaden the uses and increase the appeal of the streetscape.

Further brainstorming about possible improvements needs be done by local residents, green space managers and owners, representatives of local organizations and the myriad elected officials who represent Five Corners, along with MassDOT.

What sometimes seems like a confusingly large quantity of stakeholders in small area could be transformed into a crowd of united Five Corners supporters. Here are some early ideas of things they might consider in addition to improvements they

propose:

- Trucks and other heavy vehicles are supposedly “banned” from parkways, yet Morton Street sees them every day. I think that exception should be allowed. Whatever the Morton Street stakeholders decide should prevail, I think.

- On the other hand, to have a section of Morton Street in Five Corners where the speed limit is posted at 45 miles per hour is ridiculous and confusing. The 30- and 35-mile an hour sections are fine.

- The edges of the street are raggedy. So-called “sidewalks” appear haphazardly place and unreliable. You can’t count on them for sure if you want to walk to a bus stop, for example. Surfaces to walk on range from dirt and leaves, to cement, to macadam, often in poor condition and placed close to the street. One macadam sidewalk next to Franklin Park had a light pole in it for a while.

- Attractive, prominent markers should be put on both sides of the Tuskegee Airmen Bridge and well-placed signs elsewhere declare the street’s historic designation. (How about includ-

ing “Parkway” or “Way” in the name?)

- Sidewalks and attractive wayfaring signs, to the Boston Nature Center and possibly Forest Hills Cemetery and other places of interest on and near Morton Street like the signs at Jamaica Pond, could aide and encourage visitors and welcome residential neighbors on foot, by bicycle, by bus or in cars, with safety always in mind, of course. Franklin Park has an entrance and sign on Morton.

- More crosswalks like those on the Jamaicaaway and Arborway would also be appropriate on Morton Street to help local residents get around and do some traffic calming, too. Feaster, who lives in Harvard Commons, said she would like to see trees planted in the medians.

Some residents have said they would volunteer to help with that. Feaster and the 10-residents group have advocated that the Canterbury Brook area could act as a special outdoor classroom, perhaps in cooperation with the Boston Nature Center.

- Canterbury Brook and the wetlands and woodlands it feeds on both sides of Morton, could use regular maintenance, according to The Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) Associate Attorney Zeus Smith.

In a letter to DEP about the soccer field proposal he cited wa-

ter quality issues there “including siltation, trash collection, bacterial inputs, low dissolved oxygen, and more resulting from stormwater pollution from surrounding dense development and impervious surface,” even if there are increased stormwater controls.

In a sign of possible future neighborhood cooperation with making improvement in the area, Feaster and others in the Morton St. 10-residents group have said they would like to help with maintenance and clean-up of green spaces, including the brook area.

“We want money allocated to the [wild] green spaces” in Five Corners she said in an interview on July 10, “We want arborists, pruning and restoration. We want to see their maintenance, restoration and preservation.”

Feaster emphasized, as she often does, that all the Five Corners green space with its cooling effects, and capture of harmful carbon dioxide, among other positives, “is not just for the local community’s benefit. Other neighborhoods are impacted and get benefits for their communities.”

“People deserve better,” than the present Morton Street, Freeman said. “Let’s work together to restore the safe, multimodal, historic parkway. It should feel as nice as other parkways.”

Swim Safe

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day, August 12, 2024.

Swim Safe is part of Mayor Wu’s Connect, Learn, Explore: Commitment to Youth, a commitment to giving Boston youth an opportunity to explore and discover their passions. The funding to support swim instruction builds off the Mayor’s commitment to ensure all Boston youth learn to swim and can safely enjoy our City’s coastline and pools.

“This latest release of grant funding will help us sustain the progress we’ve seen over the last year,” said José F. Massó, Chief of Human Services. “We are excited to see so much enthusiasm for swimming and we want to continue the momentum generated this summer into the school-year.”

The past year’s grantees included the YMCA of Greater Boston, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, Dot House Health, and Bridge Boston Charter School, among others. At Bridge Boston,

the school leadership partnered with the Roxbury YMCA to bring kindergarten and fourth grade students to the YMCA pool for lessons during the school day. This resulted in 19 Bridge Boston students receiving beginner lessons over the course of the 2023-2024 school year.

“Jeremy enjoyed the swimming lesson program so much, he’s convincing me to take lessons,” said Tirza Adams, the mother of Jeremy Wallace, Jr, a 6-year-old student at Bridge Boston Charter School in Roxbury. “I do not know how to swim, but he ensures me that I will be ok and that I need to relax.”

“Boston Centers for Youth & Families is excited to be able to offer funding to support our aquatics partners across the city,” said Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families. “Together, we operate pools in every neighborhood and will use this partnership to offer free and accessible aquatics programming to Boston’s families.”

The Human Services cabinet oversees six departments that

provide direct services to Boston residents: Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Boston Public Library, Age Strong Commission, Office of Youth Engagement & Advancement, Office of Returning Citizens and the Office of Veterans’ Services. The mission of the Human Services cabinet is to provide equitable access to high quality services, resources, and opportunities so that every Boston resident - especially those with the greatest needs - has what they need to thrive. In pursuit of this mission, the departments in the Human Services Cabinet meet residents where they are - in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities - to break down barriers to critical resources.

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Mayor Wu’s Movie Nights begin August 6

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department ParkARTS program presents Mayor Wu’s Movie Nights featuring family-favorite movies in 11 City of Boston parks from August 6 to August 29, 2024.

The Mayor’s Movie Nights series is hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Bank of America with additional support from the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. All movies begin at dusk. Free fresh popcorn will be available while supplies last.

“Our annual movie series is a great opportunity for our parks to be used this summer as a family-friendly, community space,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I am so excited for the screenings to begin

and grateful for our organizers for creating a fun and safe way for us to make memories together this summer.”

Dates and locations are as follows:

Monday, August 12

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All ParkARTS performances are free of charge. For more information please go to boston.gov/MovieNight or contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505. Stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @bostonparksdept.

SCENES FROM OPEN STREETS IN JAMAICA PLAIN

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Scenes from the Open Streets event in Jamaica Plain held on Sunday, July 21.

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Scenes from the Open Streets event in Jamaica Plain held on Sunday, July 21.

Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



ROCKY

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Walking Tour of Green Street

Saturday, July 27
11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center
640 Centre Street Boston, MA, 02130 United States (map)
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Laid out in 1836, the street played a key role in Jamaica Plain's development, functioning as a residential, commercial, and transportation conduit in the lives of the district's residents. Although Green Street was subdivided as early as 1851 for stores, factories and houses, it was not extensively developed until the late 1870s with construction continuing until the early 1900s. The Bowditch School was completed in 1892, and early in the 20th century the United States Post Office moved from its location on Call Street at Woolsey Square to its new location at the corner of Green and Cheshire Streets.

All tours are free to the public and are offered on dates shown. Tours last between 60 and 90 minutes and are canceled in case of heavy rain. No reservations are required, just meet the guide at the starting location.

Walking Tour of Woodbourne

Saturday, August 3
11:00 a.m. 12:05 p.m.
Bethel AME Church (map)
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Join the Jamaica Plain Historical Society to tour this part of the JP neighborhood which developed from 19th-century summer estates into a model suburban enclave. It contains examples representative of New England architecture with designs by local architects and builders. It also contains an unusual garden city model housing development by the Boston

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Walking Tour of Jamaica Pond

Saturday, August 10
12:35 PM 1:40 p.m.
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Travel around the Pond with the Jamaica Plain Historical Society. Once a district that only included the houses of Boston's elite, the Pond later was put to industrial use as tons of ice were harvested there each winter. Learn about the movers and

shakers such as Francis Parkman and James Michael Curley who made their homes on the Pond's shores. Discover how the Pond was transformed from private estates and warehouses into the parkland we know today.

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Walking Tour of Monument Square

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Walking Tour of Sumner Hill

Saturday, August 24
11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Loring-Greenough House (map)
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This National Historic District includes one of the finest collections of Victorian houses in the area. The district includes the ancestral home of the Dole

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Out and About

As you meet fellow dog guardians, ask their opinion on local veterinarians, groomers, walkers, and other services. Beyond those they recommend, ask about those they don't recommend and why.

On congested sidewalks, pups need observant and protective friends. Put your pup between two people or close to you. City litter can be dangerous to paws. Guide your little one around broken glass, gum, fresh tar, and smoldering cigarette butts.

City drivers often cut corners and run traffic lights. In our area, it's not if anyone will come through the red light; it's how many will run the light. Stand well back from the curb and be sure all traffic has stopped before

stepping onto the street. And, remember, a driver might not see your dog if she crosses a street ahead of you.

For years, we've used a trick to keep our dogs from jumping on someone or to keep them quietly by our side and under close control when we are distracted by a phone or taking a photo. We move our dog close to our side, ask for a sit, let the leash we are holding touch the ground between us and the dog, and put a foot on it.

Finally, be sure that your dog has local identification on its collar, microchip, and, of course, a local license.

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We have a red travel toiletry bag with backup supplies of items we always use for our dog Poppy. It also has her medications,

dog-specific first aid supplies like her thermometer, pet bandages that stick to themselves, and curved scissors for trimming without nicking a squirmy dog.

Suppose you live where you have to use an elevator or several flights of stairs to take your dog outside. In that case, consider having a supply of doggie diapers or belly bands for male dogs if your dog has a urinary infection, GI upset, or incontinence.

Unless you have a salt-free yard for your dog in winter, consider adding boots to protect their paws from salt and other deicing chemicals. It may take some time to put these on and play with your dog to gain acceptance, so don't wait until the snow flies to begin this process.

Thanks to the Tipsters

We wish we could credit the many friends and neighbors who have provided so many of the suggestions we share in these columns. There have been so many over the years that we can't remember who said what. We welcome any tips and suggestions readers may want to share at the email address below.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Roxbury man facing charges after allegedly striking officers near Forest Hills MBTA station

A Roxbury man was ordered held without bail on Monday after facing numerous charges stemming from an incident near the Forest Hills MBTA Station last week during which two Boston police officers were injured, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Eyad Abbas, 23, was charged in West Roxbury BMC with two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (car), receiving a stolen motor vehicle, reckless operation, operating with a suspended license and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon resulting in serious bodily injury.

Judge Maureen Flaherty ordered Abbas held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing on July 29.

At around 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 18 Boston police responded to a radio call at 66 Hyde Park Ave regarding a sighting of a black BMW X7 reported stolen from an Abington auto body shop. Upon arrival, two officers approached the vehicle and made verbal contact with the driver, later identified as Abbas. After a short conversation, Abbas suddenly put the car in reverse and attempted to flee, injuring the first officer, who had placed his hands on the door handle and fender of the vehicle, according to the Suffolk County

District Attorney's office.


The D.A.'s office stated that Abbas then drove forward, striking the second officer, who discharged his service weapon, striking Abbas in the face and causing him to drive into a parked car. The officer was thrown onto the ground and sustained multiple broken bones and lacerations, including a large head wound that was bleeding profusely.

Abbas and the second officer were transported to local hospitals for treatment. A female passenger in the BMW refused to talk to police and was not arrested. Abbas has a seven-page record of arrests and arraignments dating back to 2019.

Abbas appeared in court on Monday with a facial wound, according to the district attorney.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, who responded to the scene, said the incident could have "turned out very differently for both the defendant and the officers involved."

"This is the type of extraordinarily dangerous behavior that can lead to the very worst of outcomes," Hayden said. "Luckily the officers involved are still with us. This is yet another reminder of how quickly a police officer's daily responsibilities can take a dangerous turn."



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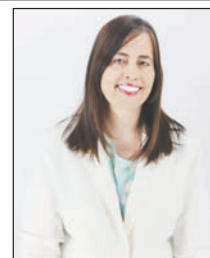
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Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

CITATION
G.L. c. 210, § 6
Docket No.
SU21A0399AD

In the matter of:
Thaddeus Milo
Ameus Mukti
To:
Audrey Mukti
any unnamed or unknown

parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Eugenie Meneide and Lorigiana Meneide requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to: Thaddeus Goldman.

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The

Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE-TO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Woburn ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 A.M.) ON: 08/16/2024

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 20, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett
Register of Probate

7/12/24, 7/26/24, 8/9/24
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. SU14P1305GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the Interests of: William Otero
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by William J Quaglia of Brockton, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. 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 AM on the return date of 7/29/2024. 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 25, 2024
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate

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EDITORIAL

Make the most of the rest of summer

Sad to say, the summer of 2024 rapidly is coming to an end.

We've passed the midpoint of what's known as meteorological summer -- the months of June, July, and August -- and we now have less than six weeks to go before the Labor Day weekend.

Summer thus far has been a delight for those of us who like it hot and humid. This past June was among the warmest on record, with chains of hazy, hot, and humid days.

Our most vivid memories from our childhood are of steamy days spent with our family and friends on our boat, at the beach, and on the playgrounds, listening to every Red Sox game on our small transistor radios when Curt Gowdy was the voice of the Red Sox, who were cellar dwellers in those days before the 1967 Impossible Dream season.

Later in young adulthood, when we played in the summer basketball leagues in Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and Everett on listless summer evenings when the temperatures were still in the high 80s, the day's heat would radiate off the asphalt, adding another 5-10 degrees to the playing conditions. But that heat always felt so good -- there's no better feeling from the natural high you get when you're drenched in sweat after a tough game -- and then going with your teammates and girlfriends to the Banana Boat on Revere Beach or to Richie's on the Parkway in Everett for a well-deserved post-game banana split or slush.

And then as we got married and had children, summer days seemed endless, with the kids always on the go, running around on the sand and splashing in the water.

Summer also is a time for personal time. As much as we enjoyed being with friends and family, we also delighted in our alone time. When we were children, that meant building our sandcastles or playing "war" with our soldiers in the sand, separating ourselves from reality, lost in our own world of make-believe.

As we moved into adulthood, the perfect "personal" day meant a comfy chair with a good book or magazine on the beach or in a park, or hanging out in the water on a boogie board or surfboard for a couple of hours, waiting for that perfect wave.

So however you may define your perfect summer day, our advice is to make the most of it while it's here. Summer is fleeting and the chance to make memories for ourselves and our families will be gone before we know it.

In the words of the ultimate summer song by Nat King Cole:

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

Those days of soda and pretzels and beer

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

You'll wish that summer could always be here

We're back in the game

A couple of weeks ago we wrote of how we were resigned to an election season featuring the same old faces -- and we literally meant old faces -- that almost nobody wanted. If you were among the 50 million Americans who watched the Debate Debacle on June 27, you may recall when the two candidates got into an argument about who had the lower golf handicap. For those who missed it, here's what they said:

Candidate #1: "He challenged me to a golf match...I've seen his golf swing...He can't hit a ball 50 yards..."

Candidate #2: "I'd be happy to have a driving contest with him. I got my handicap down to a 6 when I was vice-president."

Candidate #1: "That's the biggest lie, that he had a 6 handicap."

Candidate #2: "I...I...was an 8 handicap..."

That exchange flicked on the proverbial light switch in our mind's eye-- it was an epiphany that made us realize that American politics had reached the nadir of banality.

However, all that has changed in the past week with the injection of Kamala Harris as the Democratic Presidential candidate and J.D. Vance as the Republican vice-presidential candidate. Both will bring fresh faces and fresh perspectives to the upcoming campaign, which now has essentially been compressed into a sprint to November 5.

Hopefully, the candidates will address the issues that matter most to Americans.

To be sure, we fully expect that there will be the usual mud-slinging, but we trust that the voters will be able to sort that stuff out.

But at least we'll never have to hear the candidates "debating" about their golf handicaps.

Walking Tour

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Pineapple Company founder and the homes of progressives who were active as abolitionists and women suffragists.

All tours are free to the public and are offered on dates shown. Tours last between 60 and 90 minutes and are canceled in case of heavy rain. No reservations are required, just meet the guide at the starting location.

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Walking Tour of Stony Brook

Saturday, August 31

11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

Stony Brook T Stop (map)

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Explore a fascinating industrial area at the geographic heart of Boston that includes 19th-century tannery and brewery buildings, the homes of early German settlers, and today's Boston Beer Company, the brewers of Samuel Adams. In the 1970s, a coalition of community groups joined together to block construction of the Southwest Expressway through Jamaica Plain and other Boston neighborhoods. Today, the Southwest Corridor Park that runs through the Stony Brook neighborhood stands as a testament to the power of community activism.

All tours are free to the public and are offered on dates shown. Tours last between

60 and 90 minutes and are canceled in case of heavy rain. No reservations are required, just meet the guide outside the T Stop.

Walking Tour of Hyde Square

September 7

11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

Brendan Behan Pub (map)

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Learn about 1840s Hyde Square when German and Irish immigrants transformed the neighborhood with their businesses, schools, and institutions. See how in the early 1960s, Hyde Square changed again when Cuban, Puerto Rican, and Dominican immigrants transformed it into Boston's first predominantly Hispanic neighborhood. This tour also takes us to the home of Maud Cuney Hare, a prominent music historian and one of only two black women students at the New England Conservatory of Music in 1890. You will also learn about the property currently housing the MSPCA's Angell Animal Medical Center which was once a site of the Perkins School for the Blind. The tour will also walk through the Sunnyside neighborhood, the site of homes built by philanthropist Robert Treat Paine from 1889 to 1899 as a "worker's utopia" for working families.

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LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

More than 1,600 students were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year. The following local students made the list:

Aidan Carroll of Jamaica Plain, Class of 2025

Isabel Mallory of Jamaica Plain, Class of 2026

About Holy Cross:

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,200 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES GRADUATES

More than 2,800 students across all schools graduated from Tufts University on May 19 during a university-wide commencement ceremony that featured the awarding of honorary degrees to a number of academic, business, and civic leaders making a positive impact on the world.

Those graduating included:

Abigail Elsbree of Jamaica Plain with a degree in Political

Science (BA)

Kristian Rosario of Jamaica Plain with a degree in Economics (BA)

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

VERILE GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

Michael Verile of Jamaica Plain, has graduated from the University at Albany during the 180th commencement ceremonies.

Verile earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology.

More than 4,650 students in the Class of 2024 were celebrated during UAlbany's 180th commencement festivities. Among the graduates were an estimated 2,934 undergraduates and 1,719 graduate students, including recipients who completed their degrees during summer 2023, fall 2023 as well as winter 2024.

The graduates join the ranks of more than 200,000 UAlbany alumni worldwide.

"For 180 years - since 1844 - UAlbany has been turning talented, driven students into globally engaged citizens. This year's class is no exception," UAlbany President Havidan Rodriguez told the graduates. "Yes, we know, you are graduating into an imperfect world. But all of the things that make this class uniquely special - your resilience, your values, your empathy, your thirst for understanding - will serve you well as you work toward greatness."

An estimated 2,934 undergraduates from the Class of 2024 received degrees (including summer 2023, fall 2023 and winter 2024). The May 2024 graduates includes 34 percent who are first-generation college graduates and 27 who are veterans.

The undergraduate degree recipients range in age from 19 to 68, with an average age of 23. Women make up 55 percent of the class. The graduates hail from 21 states and 27 countries. They received degrees in 55 different majors.

Another 1,719 students from the Class of 2024 received master's degrees, doctoral degrees and graduate certificates, with 1,047 receiving their degrees in May.

These graduate students come from 18 states and 37 nations. The average age of the graduate degree recipients is 28, with the oldest graduate student set to receive a doctoral degree at age 71, and the youngest receiving a master's degree at age 20. Among them are nine veterans.

The University at Albany is one of the most diverse public research institutions in the nation and a national leader in educational equity and social mobility. As a Carnegie-classified

R1 institution, UAlbany faculty and students are advancing our understanding of the world in fields like artificial intelligence, atmospheric and environmental sciences, business, education, public health, social sciences, criminal justice, humanities, emergency preparedness, engineering, public administration, and social welfare. Our courses are taught by an accomplished roster of faculty experts with student success at the center of everything we do. Through our parallel commitments to academic excellence, scientific discovery, and service to community, UAlbany molds bright, curious, and engaged leaders and launches great careers.

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES DEGREES FROM QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

The following student received a degree from Quinnipiac Uni-

versity during commencement ceremonies:

Evan Thomson of Jamaica Plain, Doctor of Medicine

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