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THIS HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE IS JUST FOR THE DOGS



Bob and Ashley Besnik with Juniper are Beetlejuice fans. Juniper was this year's Canine Costume Parade costume competition

BY SOPHIA BARTLETT

While Juniper and her owners, Bob and Ashley Breznik, all dressed as Beetlejuice, may have officially won the 19th annual Canine Costume Parade costume competition, the biggest achievement was community.

"Honestly, we thought maybe we got third because really there are some amazing costumes here," said Bob Breznik.



Amelia Box, Jas Wallas, and Laura Putnam with their dogs Murphy (portraying a pretzel) and Sandwich are "hot dogs" indeed. See Pages 9-11 for more photos.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

The parade, hosted by JP Business and Professional Association and Centre/South Main Streets, raised \$1,370 for the Boston City Animal Shelter, organizers said.

"[It] builds community and builds awareness to Centre/South Main Streets," said Michael Reiskind, board president for Centre/South Main Street.

"It's our biggest event," added Brad Brown, owner of the Blue

Frog Bakery and M.C. of the parade. Seventy-six dogs were officially registered for the costume contest, with dozens more in the audience, and community turnout was significant.

The abnormally warm weather for late October helped keep spirits high throughout the afternoon and drew patrons from

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Weber wins District 6 City Councilor position

BY MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

Ben Weber, a Jamaica Plain resident for 15 years and workers' rights attorney for 18 years has won the battle to represent District 6 as its City Councilor, defeating William King of West Roxbury, an IT Director for a local conservation non-profit during the November 7th Municipal Election.

Weber, who came out on top in September's Preliminary Munic-



COURTESY PHOTO

Continued on page 17 Ben Weber.

Traffic, car vandalism issues raised at JPA meeting

BY ADAM SWIFT

Members of the Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) raised concerns about increased incidences on smashed car windows in the area at Monday night's meeting.

The concerns were raised when police officers from Precinct 13 updated the JPA on police reports in the pond area over the past month.

According to recent records, there were reports of a car vandalized and the passenger side window smashed on Holbrook

Street, as well as a second vehicle that was vandalized on Orchard Street.

"We remind people not to leave anything in your vehicles, they will break the glass for a jar of change," said Officer Patricia Darosa.

In addition to the vehicle break-ins, Darosa noted that there have been a number of hit-and-run accidents in the area, including one near 230 South Huntington Ave. where police

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Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council affirms votes of Zoning Committee

STAFF REPORT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 25. The council heard reports from a number of its committees.

Dave Baron, chair of the Zoning Committee, told the council that the Zoning Committee had met twice in October and had taken up a number of matters. He asked that the full JPNC approve the various actions that the committee had taken, which were as follows:

The first two applications concerned requests for variances by the owner-occupants of homes at 31 Pond View Avenue (to build a new bathroom and extend an existing bedroom to be 248 square feet above an existing first-floor structure where the side-yard setback is insufficient per the zoning ordinances) and 84 Prince Street (a full gut renovation, with new windows and stucco siding and all new systems, where the work is an extension of a non-conforming use, with insufficient side-yard setback and an excessive floor

area ratio). Baron said the Zoning Committee recommended granting the variances. There were no objections and the full council ratified both recommendations.

Next up was a request by the owners of Mario's Pizzeria at 8-10 Perkins Street to allow take-out service from their restaurant. "There was a tremendous amount of support by those who want to see Mario's Pizzeria reopen," said Baron. The full council voted to approve this request.

However, the application by the developers of 9-11 Seaverns Avenue and 5-7 Brown Terrace to combine four existing, six-unit apartment buildings and renovate the existing unfinished basement to add eight additional units (which will be fully-sprinklered), for a total of 32 units, was met with skepticism by some of the members. The owners of the property required variances because it was an extension of a non-conforming use and had insufficient off-street parking. The Zoning Committee approved the application, but with the proviso that one of the new basement units must be an affordable unit

at 80% AMI.

JPNC members Gert Thorn and Bernie Doherty raised questions about adequate egress from the basement units. However, Baron pointed out that even with the granting of zoning relief, the developer still must meet the requirements of the city's building and health codes. The full council voted in favor of the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to approve the request.

The full council also ratified the Zoning Committee's approval for the construction of a new three-family residence at 6 Dellmore Rd. The developer needs variances for insufficient lot area, open space, side-yard setback, rear-yard setback, and off-street parking, as well as excessive floor area ratio. After Baron noted that an abutter who previously had objected to the project had now expressed support for it, the full council approved the recommendation.

The lone negative recommendation from the Zoning Committee pertained to a proposed six-unit project at 3915 Washington Street near the Forest Hills

train station. Baron said that a three-family house can be built as of right in that area, but that the proposal by the developer is to construct a three-decker that will be divided into two units consisting of about 500 sq. ft. on each floor for a total of six units. The developer needed variances because of insufficient rear-yard setback, lot width, frontage, and off-street parking.

"The structure will have the appearance of a traditional three-decker from the outside, but it will contain six small apartment units," said Baron. He said there was opposition from area residents based on the large number of units in a small building and by those who felt that more family-sized units, rather than single-person units, are needed in Jamaica Plain. The full JPNC agreed with the Zoning Committee's negative recommendation.

The actions of the Zoning Committee and full JPNC are advisory only. The owners of all of the properties must still go before the city's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), which has the final say, in order to obtain their variances. The developer of the project that received the negative recommendation also may go before the ZBA to seek its variance requests.

The Outreach Committee presented its report. The first topic was a discussion of the need for a new chairperson because of the resignation of the former chair, Page Sparks, who is relocating. The present vice-chair, Katherine O'Shea, expressed an interest in taking over as the chair and the full council unanimously voted to do so.

In addition, the council, at O'Shea's request, voted to change the quorum for the committee from five people to a majority of active members because the committee only has three members at the present time. The full council gave its approval to the request.

Michael Reiskind, the chair of the Public Service Committee, asked that the council vote to send a letter to the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department asking for certain work to be done on Robinwood Avenue to improve safety from Centre St. to Enfield St., including the installation of Do Not Enter signs at each end of the one-way sections of Robinwood Ave., speed humps on the circular sections of Robinwood Ave. to slow traffic, and additional signage and striping at the Centre St. intersection.

The full council unanimously voted to send the letter.

The Parks Committee is in need of a new chair given the departure of former chair Alexis Rickmers from the JPNC and needs a vice-chair as well. New JPNC members Nick Chaves and Leah Simmons were voted onto the committee, with Chaves voted as chair and Simmons as vice-chair.

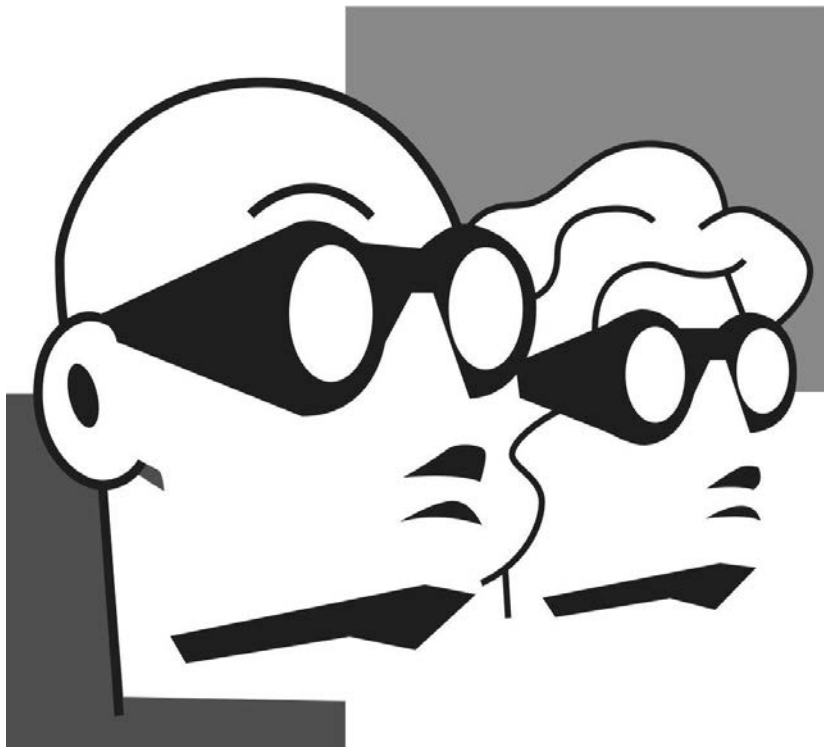
Danielle Sommer-Kieta, the chair of the Housing and Development Committee, said that her committee had met with the owners of the 147-unit Forbes Building, who said they are planning to undertake a major renovation of the units, and the building as a whole, that will make the building environmentally-friendly. Sommer-Kieta also said that the owners intend to make all of the units 100-percent affordable. She asked that the full JPNC send a letter to the BPDA to support the proposal for the building.

Thorne asked how the renovations will affect affordability of the units for the tenants, almost all of whom are low-income, who presently live there. Sommer-Kieta said that the owners indicated they do not intend to displace any of the residents and will be seeking additional vouchers to make the apartments even more affordable for the tenants.

Doherty added that affordable housing advocates who have been supporters of the present tenants, many of whom are senior citizens and are disabled and who at one time were facing the possibility of eviction, are in favor of the proposal, which will increase affordability and allow the present tenants to remain in place.

The full council voted to send the letter.

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made an arrest and charged someone with operating under the influence.

Several JPA members noted that they have heard of a number of recent car break-ins that were not in Darosa's report.

Anne McHugh said she had several friends who informed her about a rash of car break-ins Saturday night into Sunday morning in the area of Dunster Road, Dane Street, Aldworth, and Orchard.

McHugh said she also heard from another neighbor that there was a rash of break-ins on Eliot Street.

Darosa said reports of those incidents were not immediately available in the department's computer system, but noted that some people might not report the vandalism if nothing major was taken from their cars. She encouraged anyone who does have their car broken into to report it to the police so that proper resources could be devoted to the investigation.

Police Officer David Murray, who has been the traffic investigator in Precinct 13 since May, updated the JPA on how he will keep an eye out for potential break-ins, as well as other traffic issues in the area.

He noted that the City Council recently passed a budget that will allow for the purchase of more video surveillance in the city, and that he has requested cameras for several high-problem areas in Jamaica Plain. However, Murray added that there is no guarantee that the precinct will get the additional cameras.

One issue that has been of special concern to JPA members recently has been the abundance of motorists taking left-hand turns onto the Arborway and the Jamaica Way. Murray said he has been stepping up enforcement to help combat that issue.

Nancy Manzonsen raised concerns with pedestrian safety with people running red lights and endangering people walking in crosswalks. She suggested that the department look into installing cameras at some of those problem areas.

Murray said that anyone who would like further information about traffic enforcement or issues could contact him at Precinct 13.

Jamaica Pond Association gets positive dog-run update

BY ADAM SWIFT

In the spring, a proposal to install a dog run in a section of the historic burial ground of the First Church Unitarian Universalist generated controversy at a Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) meeting. The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is included in the Monument Square Historic District.

But at the JPA's Monday night meeting, as the dog run nears the end of a six-month trial run, it seems as though the dogs and their owners have been well behaved.

"The status on the dog park is much as it was the last time I was

with you," said Dennis O'Brien, the co-chair of the church's governing board.

O'Brien brought the details of the six-month pilot proposal, which will include a report at the end of the trial, to the JPA in April. The dog run consists of a 60 x 90 foot area of the burial ground, fenced-in with a four-foot, wire-coated fence, with access only for members of a dog group who have gone through an orientation and who have agreed to abide by a set of rules and conduct.

O'Brien said that the dog run area is placed 10 feet away from the nearest burial markers and that use of the area will be lim-

ited to no more than five dogs at a time. The enclosure is open for three hours in the morning and three hours in the evening.

Dogs are removed if they are barking and disturbing the neighbors, and the gate to the enclosure is locked when it is not in use.

"I have not received any complaints or issues around it," O'Brien said at Monday night's meeting.

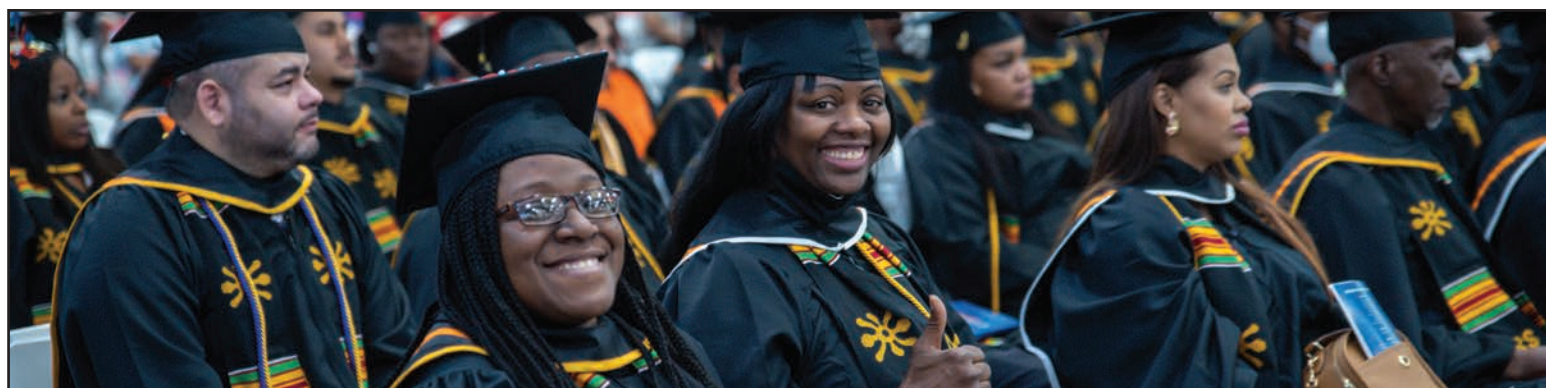
The people from the dog group will be gathering Saturday near the dog park for leaf raking and some other light landscaping maintenance, O'Brien said. Part of the deal with the church, he said, was that the group would either make a financial contri-

bution or perform service at the burial ground to help with the upkeep.

"If it continues to go well, we will get the report together and start working on that after Thanksgiving," said O'Brien. "At the end of the year, the six-month report will be ready and I will be sharing that with you."

JPA Chair Kay Matthews asked if there were any issues with too many dogs being on the property at once.

"Not that I'm aware of," said O'Brien. "Every time I go down there, there's only one or two people, and sometimes, there's no one using it all."



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Renovations give St. Thomas Aquinas a fresh, new look

Giant mural and restored stained-glass windows among the improvements

BY BELLA GONZALEZ

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is undergoing an extensive renovation, thanks to Father Andrea Povero's aspirations and a good deal of fate.

"This is not me building the church, it's the Lord," said Povero, who is originally from Turin,

Italy, and relocated to Jamaica Plain to preach at St. Thomas after being ordained in May 2018.

In the past year, St. Thomas' church building has been transformed, with a giant mural and restored stained glass windows.

Located on South Street, St. Thomas was built in 1869 and hosts 250 to 300 English and



The mural, painted by David Lopez, features colorful renditions of biblical stories set off by a radiant golden background.



The hopes are that the construction will be complete in time for Easter 2024.

Spanish-speakers. It is not only a historical landmark, but also one of the only Catholic churches still standing in the neighborhood. St. Thomas describes itself as a collaborative of three church parishes in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, according to its website.

"We used to have five [Catholic] parishes in Jamaica Plain, and they tried to close three around 2004 to 2006," said Michael Reiskind, a JP native and a member of the Jamaica Plain Historical Society.

Although the church's build-

ing is in relatively good condition, overall it has been in need of basic repairs for years. The parish has a history of financial hardship.

Upon arriving at St. Thomas, Povero took matters into his own hands to best represent the church and its parishioners, he said.

"Two summers ago, I woke up in the middle of the night, [and] I went in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the rectory," he recalled. "I said, 'Lord, if the desire that I have in front of me comes from you, then give me a sign, open the door.'"

That's when the idea for the church's beautification was conceived in 2022, full of spiritual significance from the start.

With a donation from a JP resident, Povero secured a contractor, Cardona Builders, which started Jan. 31, 2022, the feast day of the saint of his hometown, St. John Bosco (also known as Don Bosco).

Povero, recounting his good fortunes throughout the project, said he acquired roughly \$20,000 of marble for free from a local mason who happened to have attended a school run by the Salesians of Don Bosco.

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by Sarah Carroll



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St. Thomas is located on South Street, and was built in 1869.

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votion poured into the project was abundantly clear on a recent tour of the church.

The building's original stained-glass windows complement the new layout of the nave, which features a floor-to-ceiling mural behind the altar and an in-ground baptismal font shaped like a cross in the center of the room.

The mural, painted by David Lopez, features colorful renditions of biblical stories set off by a radiant golden background.

Parishioners have gotten involved in the project as well, using wood from the deconstructed pews to build new ones.

Caitlin Fox, a parishioner at St. Thomas for over 20 years, said she is excited about renovations, citing Povero's energy as a

positive influence on the church.

"For me, Father Andrea is just a living example of somebody with real, true, faith, which is really a beautiful thing," she said.

It is unclear when the renovations will be completed, Povero said, but he hopes that everything will be finished in time for Easter.

In the meantime, masses are being held in the basement of the church.

Pointing out the intricate and thoughtful details of the design plan, Povero took pride in how the space would represent Catholicism:

"This is what beauty has the power to express," he said, "the essence of God."

Bella Gonzalez is enrolled in a Boston University College of Communication Reporting in Depth class, which focuses on community reporting.



Father Andrea Povero beside on of the restored stained-glass windows.



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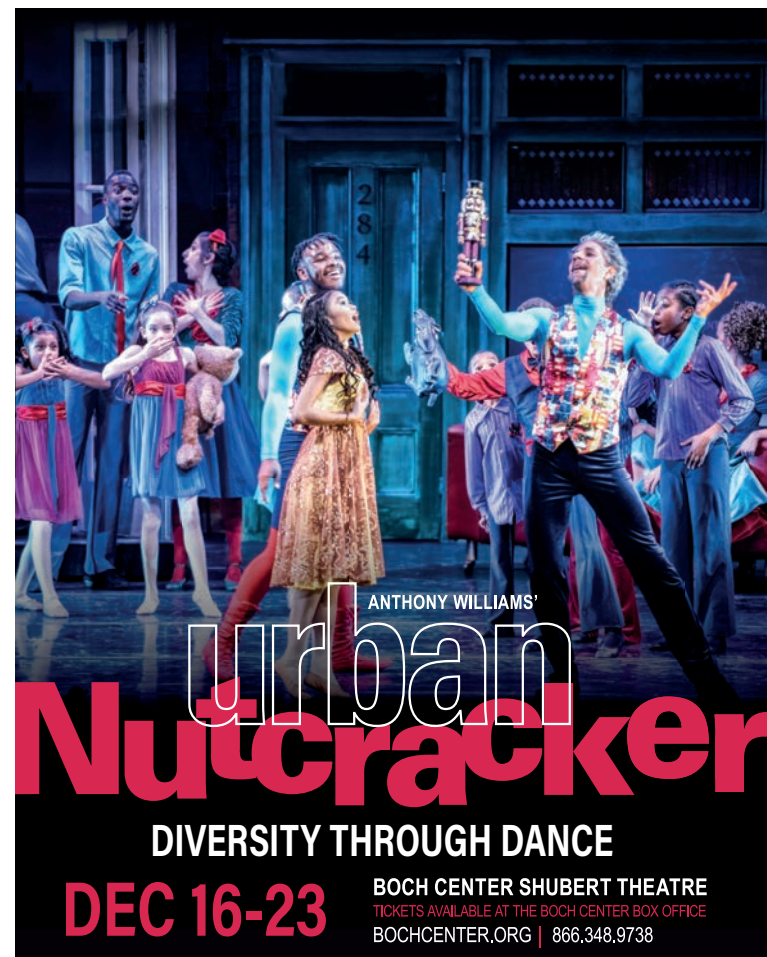
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JPNC members express differing opinions on T's Arborway Garage plans

STAFF REPORT

A discussion at the October 25 meeting of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) about the MBTA's long-delayed Arborway Garage project revealed significant differences of opinion among the members of the council regarding the T's newly-revised proposal for the site, which is being designed to house a significant portion (up to 200 buses) of the MBTA's electric bus fleet. The new Arborway Garage is essential to the T's goal of having an all-electric bus fleet by 2040.

The JPNC recently created an Arborway Yard Subcommittee (which met on October 16) whose members attended the T's meeting on the garage the day before (October 24) at which T officials presented a revised plan for the garage after receiving community input for the past year.

Garage subcommittee chairperson Gert Thorn, a long-time member of the JPNC, made a brief presentation to accompany a written report (see full text below) that touched on the history of the project, which dates back to 1999 (for housing the T's then-diesel buses, long before electric buses were even a thought) and for which a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and the T eventually was developed a few years later that was signed by then-Mayor Tom Menino.

Thorn said that the three principal goals of the subcommittee

are: to reduce the size of the garage; to preserve the set-aside of eight acres for community development on the site that were part of the original MOU as mitigation for the project (the T's original proposal for the electric bus garage reduced the community development acreage from eight to about six acres because the city decided to keep its former pole yard on the site for DPW purposes); and to allow for access to the Stony Brook culvert that traverses underneath the garage. He suggested that the T had not fulfilled those promises, noting in particular that though the new plan reinstates the eight acres for community development, they have been carved up into a parking lot, access roadways, and green space that could make the eight acres effectively unuseable for housing or commercial development.

However, recently-elected JPNC member Katherine O'Shea, who also attended the T's meeting on October 24, said she felt that the T's proposed new design for the garage and redesign for the site itself were "very impressive" and that those who have a "negative" view may have come into the meeting with preconceived opinions.

Another long-time JPNC member, Bernard Doherty, who attended the T's October 24 meeting, took a middle-of-the-road, wait-and-see approach. Doherty said he seems "favorably inclined toward the new plan," but added a caveat.

"We shouldn't be jumping up and down until we have time to think about it," Doherty said. "Let's educate ourselves to understand what they're talking about so that we have a better understanding of how we can approach this. But I do not have a great faith in the MBTA because politics invariably enters into the process and money will have to be approved by the state legislature on a regular basis before the project is completed."

The written report presented

to the JPNC members at the October 25 meeting by the Arborway Garage Subcommittee was as follows:

Background: 20+ years ago there was a detailed community-involved process in designing a new bus facility at the Arborway Yard. Unfortunately, the funding fell through, and the facility was never built. Now funding is back and planning is in progress. JPNC continues to advocate for funding and construction of a new bus yard, to

get eight acres turned over for community use per MOU, and to support bus transit.

At this month's JPNC meeting, we were expecting to hear from the city and the MBTA; instead, the MBTA scheduled a public meeting for the day before our meeting, at English High. Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets, confirmed that city agencies would participate in that presentation.

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MBTA reveals updated plans for new Arborway Bus Maintenance Facility

By MICHAEL COUGHLIN JR.

During an in-person public meeting at The English High School on October 24, Alexandra Markiewicz, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) Deputy Director of Bus Modernization, outlined an updated 15% design for the new Arborway Bus Maintenance Facility.

The new facility, a significant component in the MBTA's goal of fully electrifying its bus fleet by 2040, has been in the works for years, with previous design

plans being presented to the community in June.

However, those plans from June left a lot to be desired from the community as Markiewicz acknowledged they heard concerns.

"There were a lot of concerns. I think we heard them in June, and then we heard them through subsequent opportunities throughout the summer," said Markiewicz.

Specifically, she noted three major concerns, which included the lack of eight acres of community-use space, which was

promised to the community in a Memorandum of Understanding between the MBTA and the City of Boston signed over 20 years ago, the size of the building and the treatment of the Arborway edge.

In response, the MBTA and the city collaborated to develop a design to address these concerns and presented them during the meeting.

The big update is that the design now includes the eight

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acres community members have been asking for. Markiewicz explained a few different design changes that make the eight acres a possibility.

The first design approach employed was reducing the size of the bus facility and its footprint. However, even with the size reduction, the facility maintains the capacity to house 200 battery electric buses.

“We did that by actually storing the buses on the surface in an open-air canopy-covered configuration, and what this does is it allows us to use the site much more efficiently because we can go over the area where the Stony Brook conduit is, and we also don’t have to dedicate as much space for ramping and circulation,” said Markiewicz.

In addition to the open-air storage canopy, the site also maintains a two-level indoor maintenance facility, and its programming is similar to what was presented in June, but it has been shifted to the east.

According to Markiewicz, this shift to the east was enabled by a collaboration with the city, which reduced the footprint of the Public Works Department (PWD) yard on the site to half an acre and also relocated it elsewhere on the site.

Further, the MBTA plans to accommodate 150 employee parking spaces on a “shared structure with the community uses,” according to Markiewicz.

Moreover, the frontage available in the eight acres of community space has been expanded along the Arborway to 660 feet. This was done by relocating the bus access point along Washington Street.

Markiewicz also outlined the change in massing for the proposal, saying, “The original proposal from June had a 60-foot tall building that was spanning nearly the entirety of the site. What we’re proposing now not only shifts the whole facility eastward away from Washington Street, but it’s also reducing the height by 35 feet for a significant portion of it.”

“Then, for the indoor maintenance facility, we do have a little more height in certain places, but that’s set back from the Arborway,” she added.

Finally, the landscape buffer

along the site’s property has been increased by 35% for more greenery for those biking or walking along the Arborway edge.

Diana Fernandez, the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) Deputy Chief of Urban Design, also presented at the meeting and spoke more in-depth about the eight acres slated for community use.

“There’s been extensive planning and community advocacy for the use of those eight acres over many years. There’s many different plans, including PLAN: JP/Rox, the Forest Hills Improvement Plan — I mean so many different planning efforts that we are really looking to build upon,” said Fernandez.

Fernandez spoke about digging further into ideas for programming for the eight acres with the community and mentioned the disposition process for the site that would take place after construction.

Moreover, Fernandez spoke about some of the accommodations the eight acres could provide to the community, which include capacity for 980 units, which is outlined in PLAN: JP/Rox, open space potential, advancing Washington Street improvements, also outlined in PLAN: JP/Rox, a capacity for retail component, and the aforementioned MBTA employee parking.

In addition to the information provided by Fernandez, Jascha Franklin-Hodge, the city’s Chief of Streets, also spoke at the meeting about the aforementioned PWD yard on the site and potential improvements to Washington Street.

Franklin-Hodge identified that the PWD site serves as a winter salt distribution facility and that the facility “allows us to much more nimbly serve Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, the hilly areas on the south of the city.”

He went on to explain that other yards to the north and east are at capacity. He said, “Without a facility in this general vicinity, we would be bringing trucks from the very southern end of Hyde Park or West Roxbury to do an extended round trip in order to provide salt for the streets surrounding the facility in this area.”

Further, Franklin-Hodge also mentioned that the city is exploring using the PWD site as a seasonal CHARM (Center for Hard

to Recycle Materials) facility.

In terms of Washington Street improvements, he said, “We have the potential to make for a much safer, much more multi-modal, much more pleasant Washington Street along the edge of the community use land.”

Specifically, Franklin-Hodge spoke about how things like green infrastructure and separated bike lanes could be added to the street through a future planning process.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened up for comments and questions, and many topics were covered.

Multiple attendees questioned why it took this long to get to the current design. One attendee asked specifically if there was any loss of functionality in the facility due to the changes.

While Markiewicz explained that the original goal was an all-indoor operation, she indicated that there were other models for building a bus maintenance facility.

Later, she added, “We recognized that we needed to make some tweaks where it wasn’t going to be operationally painful, and we’ve identified this is the best option.”

There were also comments about the plans for the eight acres. One attendee was not a fan of the potential for a 15-story building with housing, which is based on PLAN: JP/Rox, and favored affordable housing but of a smaller scale in size.

“That’s just what we want: 15 stories of housing with 951 units in it where we pack people into it, which was done in the past, and those people have suffered for it,” said the attendee.

However, another attendee commented on this and wanted this amount of density. “I would love to see 15 stories of housing because the housing crisis is very real for me,” they said.

As the discussion progressed, other attendees commented on the bus facility changes specifically and complimented them.

“I’m glad to see that you’re listening, and to our elected officials who have pushed as well, thank you for that. It does feel like progress,” said an attendee.

Another resident said, “I think that this proposal is so much better than what I saw last summer. I think we have to acknowledge this is good.”

Regarding the next steps in this process, Markiewicz explained that the 15% level design concept will be finalized over the next couple of months, and then there will be a move into the final design phase.

There is a target for construction beginning in the time frame of 2025 and 2026 and a target of being complete in 2029.

If you would like to view a recording of this meeting, you can visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmyIPPFdc-bo&t=467s&ab_channel=MBTA.

Also, to follow along with the project, you can visit www.mbta.com/arborwaybus.

JPNC

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Our biggest concern is about the disposition of the city-owned DPW lot (formerly known as the “pole yard”) at the corner of Arborway and Forest Hills St. The city had long stated its intention to turn over that lot to the MBTA, but now has backed off. Turning over that lot is important because:

- it allows the best location of the facility considering the Stonybrook River; and

- it gives the best shape and size to the mitigation (community development) land for future development.

We were expecting to hear an update on the disposition of this

lot at Tuesday’s meeting.

Kevin Higgins, Chief of Staff for Senator Liz Miranda, attended this month’s subcommittee meeting. We appreciate his presence.

At this past month’s meeting, we discussed previous agreements between the community, the city, the MBTA, and other state and city agencies. Some elements no longer apply, and some are relevant today. Design elements relevant today include:

- number of buses and services provided in the facility should be discussed; this affects the size of the facility and traffic;
- frontage on the Arborway: building design and landscaping should acknowledge that this parkway is part of the Emerald Necklace;

- traffic impacts on Arborway,

Washington St., and on the mitigation land should be considered in planning;

- limits on parking on-site and use of residential side roads should be considered;

- noise, light, and pollution: how that will be managed should be considered; and

- in general, community input should be considered on building design and optimizing its integration into the neighborhood.

We have invited the Better Bus Project to give a presentation at an upcoming meeting to learn more about the overall plan regarding increased bus transportation services.

Our regular meeting time will be the third Monday of the month, with the next meeting on November 20.

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Dogs

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Centre Street businesses onto the sidewalks to watch as the parade passed. The parade, complete with a police escort, briefly took over Centre Street, starting at the First Baptist Church, and marched to the Loring Greenough House, where the red carpet for the contest was laid.

A crowd multiple rows deep took over the garden at the Greenough House, extending far past the end of the red carpet to the gates and onto the sidewalk. People smiled and cheered as each dog strutted past spectators, some in Halloween costumes.

Dog costumes varied from the highly-popular Barbie and Ken theme, to a flaming Orange Line train, Siegfried and Roy's white tiger, and "Barkback Mountain," to name a few.

The costume contest is a friendly competition, with judges appointing the top three winners with gift packages as a prize.

The event is all "just for fun," said Alyssa Keriger, owner of Chicken, an Irish Wolfhound who won the costume competition last year. "We were all tuna cans. We were chickens of the sea because her name is Chicken."

This year, the family was

dressed as a farm scene, with Chicken as a horse. "People ask if she's a horse every day, so we thought we'd lean into it," Keriger said.

Juniper's owners, Bob and Ashley Breznik, decided on the idea for this year's costume in March. "We saw Beetlejuice the Musical at the [Citizens Bank] Opera House and thought we should definitely do that," said Ashley Breznik. "I swear we've only been actually working on the costume for like four weeks."

Juniper had participated in the canine parade three times. This year's costume resulted from trial and error. The first year, she dressed up as a dragon. "It was horrible. She was uncomfortable, and everything about it was just bad," said Breznik. "The year after, we tried to do something that was just on top of her harness. Now, we've used the cone to make it dog-friendly."

Their win took the family by surprise. "When they called Juniper, we thought, 'Oh! There's another Juniper!'" Bob Breznik said. The runner-up dogs were Nova in second place, dressed as Frida Kahlo, and Cooper in third place, dressed as Barbie and Ken.

Sophia Bartlett is enrolled in a Boston University College of Communication Reporting in Depth class, which focuses on community reporting.



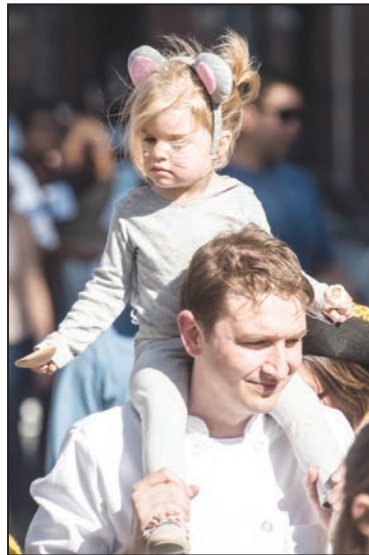
Shaelyn Caseyc with Cooper walked the red carpet for the judges.



Erin Reed with her friend Theodore.



Madeline Guevara and Yogi.



Ada Fitzdaniel gets a ride on her dad Mitch as they walk the Parade route.



Chris Canton and Ashli Molina with Theo embrace the Nightmare Before Christmas.



Samarth Lakhota and Lauren Flynn with Sammy work the "dogwalk" for the judges and costumed canine fans.



JP Honk provided marching music for the Parade.



The parade makes its way from the Baptist Church to the Loring Greenough House on Centre Street.

JP ANNUAL CANINE COSTUME PARADE

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The parade makes its way from the Baptist Church to the Loring Greenough House on Centre Street.



Chicken with Alyssa, Max, and Louis Krieger.



Lindsey Klsterkemper and her sister Olivia Gomes portray the Wizard Of Oz with their dog Jan.



Jessica Aguilera-Steinert with dog Nova costumed as Frida Kahlo meets with a young fan.

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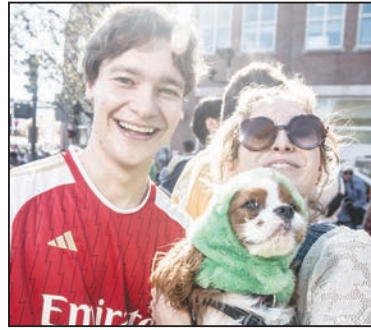
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Brenna, Olivia, and Kelsey Trollinger and Willow are cowgirls.



Becca and Brendan Striano with their dogs Winnie and Lucy pay homage to the age old ritual of the doggie bath.



Josh Harper and Caroline Flynn with Franklin



Rachel Sobran with Russell are doctors on Parade duty.



Luna as Barbie and Lucy as Oppenheimer make a Barbenheimer team.

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Massport joins others to launch prestigious apprenticeship program

Massport and Boston’s electrical workers union and its highly-rated joint apprenticeship training center are teaming up to create more career pathways in the communities they serve.

On Friday, October 27, Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Local 103 IBEW Business Manager Lou Antonellis toured the Greater Boston Joint Apprentice Training Center (JATC) together and observed new apprentices learning hands-on skills as they forge new careers. With an IBEW apprenticeship, students “earn while they learn,” and are paid competitive wages and receive first class benefits as soon as their training begins.

One such apprentice is Alejandro Cardenas, an East Boston resident who always wanted to work with his hands. “I’m learning everything, from small outlets to part of the high voltage system. This is an amazing opportunity. Everyone is for you, nobody is against you, and

that’s one of the things about this place. If you ask something of a teacher, they will go out of their way to find the answer for you,” said Cardenas.

In April of 2023, Massport and Local 103 IBEW signed a three-year contract ensuring the highest standards of electric and technician services for Massport’s infrastructure and facilities and a shared commitment to creating good, family-sustaining jobs throughout Greater Boston.

“Massport is proud to partner with IBEW Local 103 and the Greater Boston Joint Apprentice Training Center (JATC) to hire East Boston resident and apprentice electrician Alejandro Cardenas at Boston Logan International Airport,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Supporting programs like these ensure employment opportunities that are reflective and inclusive of Massport’s surrounding communities. The hands-on experience Alejandro gains at the airport

will be essential throughout his multi-year training program.”

One of the highest-rated and most prestigious apprenticeship programs in the country, the JATC Training Program was created by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 103, and the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) with one goal — to produce the most highly skilled and professional electricians and technicians in the industry. Each apprentice completes 10,000 hours of on-the-job training with experienced journeypersons, plus 1,000 hours of intensive classroom instruction with qualified instructors, leaving with a Journey level electrician or Systems Technician Commonwealth of Mass electrical license.

“We deeply value our partnership with Massport,” said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager and Financial Secretary with Local 103 IBEW. “Workforce



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Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Local 103 IBEW Business Manager Lou Antonellis prepare to tour the JATC.

development and training are crucial to keep creating the kind of good, union jobs our communities need. We’re very proud that our partnership will produce highly skilled workers capable of maintaining and expanding operational services at Logan Airport and other crucial transportation infrastructure overseen by Massport.

The mission of Local 103 IBEW is to provide Greater Boston’s developers with the best-trained, most-efficient, safest

electricians and telecommunications specialists, while fostering our Union’s values of economic fairness, equal opportunity and charitable giving in the communities we work, live and raise our families.

Powering What’s Possible. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport.

FUN IN THE PARK



PHOTO BY JON SEAMANS
Jamaica Plain’s Katrice Colon watches over her daughter Kaylanie (left) and niece Kaylee, both 5, as they enjoy the glow-in-the-dark swing set at the October 20 Fall-O-Ween family festival hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Boston Common in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston and sponsors College H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving, HP Hood LLC, and Xfinity.

NEW MISSION SCHOOL News and Notes

New Mission (NM) is a small Boston Public high school serving 630 students and families from the diverse neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, and West Roxbury. NM is the highest performing BPS high school that is not an exam school. In 2013, NM was named a Blue Ribbon school. In 2015, NM earned Silver status in the US News and World Report for Best High Schools. In 2017, NM was designated a National Title I Distinguished School. NM is a level-one school in the state ranking system and has been continually recognized as one of the top schools for growth on MCAS and academic achievement.

NM was founded based on the common principles of the Coalition of Essential Schools, which include “Learning to Use One Mind’s Well,” “Personalization,” and “student-as-worker / teacher-as-coach.” As a pilot school, NM is an innovative, autonomous school that strives to enroll students representative of the larger



PHOTO COURTESY THE MAYOR’S OFFICE
Boston Celtic’s Jayson Tatum surprises New Mission School students on Halloween, along with Mayor Michelle Wu. They attended a school assembly.

district and to support students in reaching their intellectual and personal potential. Our goal is to create a caring, individualized, and rigorous education for all students, so that they can “do well in the world and do well for the world,” according our school’s mission statement.

DPH officials urge residents to get vaccinated ahead of the holiday season

As the weather gets colder and with holiday gatherings just around the corner, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) urges residents to get vaccinated.

"With Thanksgiving just two weeks away, now is a great time for those preparing to celebrate

with friends and loved ones to get vaccinated for flu, COVID-19, and RSV, if eligible. Getting vaccinated now will maximize protection against these respiratory viruses," said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. "We want Massachusetts residents to have a safe,

healthy, and fun holiday season and part of that is getting vaccinated to protect yourself and those around you."

Everyone 6 months and older should get a seasonal flu vaccine and an updated COVID-19 vaccine, both of which can take up to two weeks to take full effect to

protect against infection, serious illness and hospitalization, and reduce the chances of suffering the effects of Long COVID. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is effective against current variants and widely available for little or no cost to Massachusetts residents. Vaccine location in-

formation is available at mass.gov/CovidVaccine. Residents who cannot get to a vaccination location can schedule an appointment for in-home COVID and flu vaccination by going to mass.gov/CovidVaccine.

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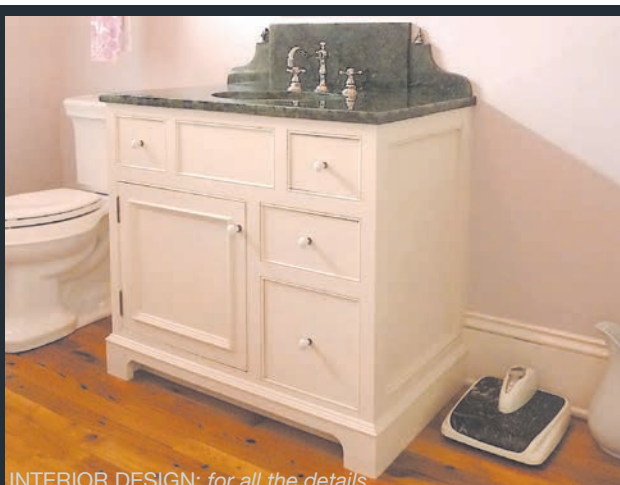
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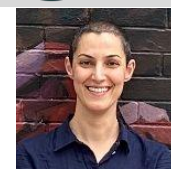
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Docket No.
SU23P1566EA
Estate of:
Armande J.
Petit-Frere
Date of Death:
May 25, 2023
To all persons interested in
the above captioned estate
by Petition of Petitioner
Kristeen F. Petit-Frere of
Boston, MA. And Petitioner
Jeffrey Petit-Frere of Boston,
MA
Robert S. Grodberg of
Jamaica Plain, MA has been
informally appointed as the
Personal Representative of
the estate to serve without
surety on the bond.
The estate is being
administered under
informal procedure by the
Personal Representative
under the Massachusetts
Uniform Probate Code
without supervision by
the Court. Inventory and
accounts are not required
to be filed with the Court,
but interested parties are
entitled to notice regarding
the administration from the
Personal Representative and
can petition the Court in
any matter relating to the
estate, including distribution
of assets and expenses of
administration. Interested
parties are entitled to pe-
tition the Court to institute
formal proceedings and to
obtain orders terminating
or restricting the powers of
Personal Representatives
appointed under informal
procedure. A copy of the
Petition and Will, if any,
can be obtained from the
Petitioner.

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CITATION ON
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FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU23P0980EA
Estate of:
Arnold Brown
Date of Death:
02/03/2023
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal
Adjudication of Intestacy
and Appointment of
Personal Representative has
been filed by CareOne at
Brookline of Brookline, MA
requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and
Order and for such other
relief as requested in the
Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Jonathan J. Davey, Esq. of
Quincy, MA be appointed as
Personal Representative(s)
of said estate to serve
With Personal Surety on
the bond in unsupervised
administration.
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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: October 20, 2023
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THE TRIAL COURT
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Suffolk Probate
And Family Court
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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU23P2242EA
Estate of:
Franz K. Zenz
Also known as:
Franz Karl Zenz
Date of Death:
01/20/2014
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal
Appointment of Personal
Representative has been
filed by Patrice A. Flesch of
Jamaica Plain, MA request-
ing that the Court enter a
formal Decree and Order
and for such other relief as
requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Patrice A. Flesch of Jamaica
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Dunn, First Justice of this
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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
Docket No.
SU23P1750GD
Suffolk Probate and
Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
In the matter of:
Yasmie Salerno
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged
Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent
and all other interested
persons, a petition has been
filed by Myron Salerno of
Jamaica Plain, MA in the
above captioned matter al-
leging that Yasmie Salerno
is in need of a Guardian
and requesting that Myron
Salerno of Jamaica Plain,
MA (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 12/07/2023.
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 the written appearance
by the return date, action
may be taken in this matter
without further notice to
you. In addition to filing the
written appearance, you or
your attorney must file a
written affidavit stating the
specific facts and grounds
of your objection within 30
days after the return date.
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person's right to make
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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: October 23, 2023
Stephanie L. Everett
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THE TRIAL COURT
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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No.
SU23C0487CA
In the matter of:
James Philip
Whitman
A Petition to Change Name
of Adult has been filed by
James Philip Whitman of
Brookline, MA requesting

that the court enter a
Decree changing their
name to:
James Philip Kilday
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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 11/30/2023.
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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: October 31, 2023
Stephanie L. Everett,
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PERSON PURSUANT
TO G.L. C. 190B,
§5-304
Docket No.
SU23P2257GD
Suffolk Probate and
Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
In the matter of:
Mohammed Bey
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged
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DO YOU NEED TO RUN A LEGAL?
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DPH

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gov/VaccinesAtHome or calling 833-983-0485.

DPH is working with hospitals and providers to encourage vaccination of staff and patients.

Through its Vaccine Equity Initiative, DPH is working closely with communities of color and other populations and communities hardest-hit by COVID-19 to improve access to vaccination. Through partnerships with community organizations, DPH will hold COVID-19 and flu clinics in many community loca-

tions and at upcoming cultural events. A listing of these community clinics that are accepting appointments and, in some locations, walk-ins, is updated weekly and can be found at mass.gov/MobileVax.

In addition to flu and COVID-19 vaccination, many people are eligible for respira-

tory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination this year, including pregnant people, newborns, and many people 60 and older. COVID-19, flu, and RSV are the three viruses that are most likely to cause severe disease resulting in hospitalization and sometimes death.

While the holidays are a time

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News Briefs

SECOND ANNUAL
"NAME A SNOWPLOW"
CONTEST FOR
MASSACHUSETTS
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SCHOOLS

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced the second annual, "Name A Snowplow," contest for statewide elementary school students in Massachusetts. The contest seeks to solicit names for 12 vehicles. MassDOT snowplows that will be in service for the upcoming 2023/2024 winter season. The purpose of the contest is to celebrate the snow and ice season and to help recognize the hard work and dedication shown by public works employees and contractors during the winter

season. Winning applicants will be announced by December 22.

"This contest is a great way to celebrate the winter season in New England, encourage the creativity of our young people, and to thank all the dedicated members of our crews who keep our roads and bridges cleared during severe weather," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We truly appreciate all the people who work on the front lines regardless of the weather in all sectors of the economy and this is one gesture of thanks."

"This contest was well received last winter and we know there are many good suggestions out there once again for naming our plows this season," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, "We want to use

the contest as a way to recognize our dedicated workforce and at the same time give students an opportunity to have some fun naming plows as it helps connect young people with the public servants who do the work."

Applications for the Snowplow Naming Contest are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 1, and can be submitted by using an online portal: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/name-a-snowplow-contest-submission>. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted per school. The contest winners will be invited to participate in a scheduled snowplow unveiling event.

A selection panel composed of MassDOT employees will choose two elementary school classroom winners that are located within

each of the six Highway Division districts. The winning submissions will be evaluated based on two grade-level categories: 1) kindergarten through fourth grade; and 2) fifth grade through eighth grade.

During the first snowplow naming contest last winter, the winning names were: Flurry Fighter, Luke Snowwalker, Plower Ranger, Sherlock Snowmes, Snowdrop, Arctic Beast, Sled Zeppelin, Snow day No Way, Blizzard Wizard, Snow Big Deal, Snow Time to Lose, and Blizzard of Oz. These names which were placed on the sides of plow trucks a year ago remain on those vehicles.

For more information on the contest, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/name-a-snowplow-contest-2023-24>.

CELEBRATE THE
HOLIDAYS ON
BOSTON'S HISTORIC
FREEDOM TRAIL

The Freedom Trail® Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston's historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 90-minute tours a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston's holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 18 through December 30.

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sian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail while learning about 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church's Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

"The Freedom Trail helps usher in the holiday season with the annual Historic Holiday Strolls, which gives tour participants a glimpse into the unique holiday

traditions practiced throughout history," said Suzanne Segura Taylor, Freedom Trail Foundation Executive Director. "The Strolls are one of many offerings to experience Boston's historic sites and the Trail year-round."

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for public tours. The Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail tours are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Historic Holiday Strolls and Freedom Trail Tours, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org, and for group tour reservations, please call 617.357.8300.

Weber

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ipal Election, had another strong showing this week to win the position.

According to unofficial election results on the city's website, Weber earned 9,541 votes (60.70%), while King came up short with 6,089 votes (38.74%). It should be noted that there were also 88 write-ins (0.56%).

These results illustrate the support Weber has garnered over the last few months, as he almost doubled the number of votes he received in the Preliminary and widened the gap between him and King from an almost 600-vote victory in September to an over 3,000-vote triumph on Tuesday.

Just before 9 p.m. on election night, Weber made a statement on his X (formerly Twitter) account, thanking his supporters.

"Thank you District 6 voters for your overwhelming support. I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve and represent you to help make Boston a city that works for all of our residents," wrote Weber.

Throughout his campaign, Weber garnered support and endorsements from several unions, organizations, and elected officials, such as the Boston Teachers Union, Jamaica Plain Pro-

gressives, and current State Representative Samantha Montaño.

Additionally, he received the endorsement of Mayor Michelle Wu back in October, where she said Weber would "be an effective partner on the policies and constituent services for Boston to be the best city for families."

Wu took to Instagram on November 8th to congratulate those who won re-election or new positions on the City Council with a statement and photos of some of the winners, which included Weber.

"Across the city, voters chose a new generation of leaders with the values and determination to build a Boston for everyone, and with the track record and experience to hit the ground running.

I'm thrilled to welcome these Councilors-elect to City Hall and can't wait to partner on getting things done," wrote Wu in her Instagram post.

As for King, he was gracious in defeat, offering his well wishes to Weber in a statement to the Gazette.

"The voters spoke — I respect the results — and I wish Councilor-elect Weber the best, and I hope for his success, and I am happy to be a resource to him or help in any way," said King.

While King indicated he has not given much thought to running for another elected position sometime in the future, he said, "Never say never."

Along with his comments on social media, Weber also made

a statement to the Gazette regarding his victory, saying, "I am overwhelmed by the results on election night. I want to thank everyone who voted."

"I started out as someone who the experts probably would have predicted would finish third based on my lack of experience in politics. But through a lot of hard work, I think I was able to show voters that I am someone

who will be a strong advocate for the people of District 6."

If you would like to learn more about Weber, you can visit his website at <https://www.weberforboston.com/>.

To view unofficial election results for not only District 6 but the rest of the city, you can visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/elections/unofficial-election-results>.



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EDITORIAL

“Thank you” to our veterans

This Saturday, November 11, will mark the 104th observance of Veterans Day in the United States, a day marked by solemnity and reverence to honor those who have served in our nation’s military. Veteran’s Day initially was known as Armistice Day when it was enacted in 1919 in observance of the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which occurred on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

World War I was marked by trench warfare in which neither the German-allied nations (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire) nor the alliance among England, France, Russia, and the United States, accomplished anything. Historians to this day cannot even pinpoint a rational reason for why it began. The trench lines did not meaningfully shift for the entire four-year period of the war. In the meantime, the European continent was ravaged, with 10 million soldiers and another 10 million civilians losing their lives.

More significantly, the “war to end all wars” only set the stage for an even bloodier world-wide conflagration 20 years later with WWII. Indeed, the roots of today’s conflict in the Middle East can be traced to the shift in control of the Middle East after WWI from the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) to England, which eventually led to the so-called British Mandate for Palestine after the end of WWII.

In the aftermath of the Korean War in 1954, Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day to include veterans of all of our wars. There are many ways that each of us can honor our veterans, including attending parades and ceremonies in our communities, visiting veterans memorials and cemeteries, volunteering with veterans organizations, donating to veterans causes, flying the U.S. flag, thanking a veteran for their service, or simply taking a moment to reflect on the great sacrifice made by so many who have put their lives on the line to ensure that all of us can enjoy the freedoms that we hold as Americans today.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn’t free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation’s founding has required the personal sacrifice of millions of our fellow Americans.

The Ukrainians and Israelis are fighting for free people everywhere

There are two “hot wars” in the world right now, in Europe and the Middle East, in which two democratic nations, Ukraine and Israel, are standing up against two of the great forces of fascism in the world today: Russia under Vladimir Putin and Hamas terrorist fighters under the direction of Iran.

Both Putin and Hamas launched unprovoked attacks on civilian populations that were marked by their cruelty, inhumanity, and outright sadism. Russia seeks to eliminate Ukraine as a sovereign nation and Hamas wants to wipe Israel off the map. The efforts by the Ukrainians and the Israelis to fight these monsters of sheer evil have served as a wake-up call to free people everywhere -- and that includes Americans -- to recognize the simple but profound truth that we cannot take our freedom for granted.

Right now, Israel and Ukraine are bearing the burden for the free world of standing up to these fascist regimes. Although it goes without saying that America should support their efforts with as much military and financial aid as possible, we must realize that it is wishful thinking to imagine that we can remain above the fray. History has taught us that it is inevitable that when the enemies of democracy threaten free people, the United States will be drawn into the battle -- and Americans should be ready for that eventuality.

If we in the United States don’t support the forces of freedom and democracy, who will?



LETTERS

JPAC Annual Meeting on November 14

To the Editor,
Please join us at the JP Arts Council Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 7:00-9:00pm at The Footlight Club, 7a Eliot Street, JP.

We will be reviewing this past year and kicking off planning for our 31st JP Open Studios in 2024!

JPAC is a volunteer organization which has been kept thriving over the years by a small group of dedicated individuals, board members, artists and art supporters.

If JPOS is important to you, please join us to plan the future of the organization and the event overall. We need volunteers, members and boots on the ground help to keep the show going! Bring yourself, bring a friend, neighbor or colleague... anyone who values the arts and

the vibrancy it brings to the JP community. We look forward to seeing you.

Please R.S.V.P. on our Facebook event. **JP Arts Council**

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Build a bowl

BY PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

There are many ways that “Bowl Meals” can be a lifesaver for busy cooks. Whether you order bowls for takeout or prepare them at home, they fit into a busy life and the hectic holiday season.

With some preparation, you can have the ingredients for a tasty bowl ready to layer for dining at home or take with you for a meal away from home. You can make bowls for breakfast, lunch, or dinner for yourself or the whole family.

You can make all components from scratch or stock your pantry with healthy products to create your masterpieces. Our pantry has prepared grains and cans of tuna and salmon with vegetables. Sometimes, our bowl meal is simply a grain or legume with one of those cans of protein and vegetables on top.

Growing Popularity

The catering firm Maison Culinare explained the 30% growth of the bowl in chain and fast food restaurants. Among their reasons for adding bowls to their menu is the ability to substitute gluten-free or low-carb ingredients for simple high-carb ones for the health-conscious or those with restricted diets. They can

also offer options for nutritionally balanced meals, indulgent or decadent bowls, or pure comfort food.

This meal staple is prevalent across Asia. You can adapt yours to the flavors of many cuisines. Burrito bowls are among the most popular takeout items these days.

Bowl Basics

There have been cookbooks written on the basics of building a meal bowl. Your public library should have a few in both physical and ebook forms. The Internet is a treasure trove of ideas to brainstorm what you want in your bowl.

We start with a base layer like pasta, noodles, grains, legumes, or beans. We tend to choose something filling. Top this with colorful vegetables in easy-to-eat forms, for example, shredded carrots or chopped cabbage. Add some bites of a protein source. Salmon, chicken, shrimp, sausages, and cheese are among our favorites to star on the top of our bowls.

Once your layers are in place, it's time to add some moisture and crunch. Keep the crunch and sauce on the side if you're packing the bowl to go. The saucy note could be a salad dressing, yogurt, raita, or dip like the nuoc cham



This Vietnamese noodle salad is one of our favorite bowl meals.

we love on Vietnamese noodle salad. Crunch can come from nuts, croutons, sliced chilies, or pickled vegetables.

Holiday Bowls

There are two ways bowls fit into holiday meal planning. First is to feed various friends and family from prepared bowl ingredients. Putting out a table of options and encouraging everyone to make their personal bowl allows a host to enjoy the gathering.

The second is to make bowls with the leftovers from a holiday meal or party. Let's take the traditional Thanksgiving meal as an example. The base layer could be stuffing, mashed potatoes, or roasted root vegetables.

Those roasted vegetables could also be the colorful second layer. You could lighten the bowl by using vegetable sides, like Brussels sprouts, green beans, or even peas and carrots from your freezer. The turkey is the protein, and the gravy is the sauce.

Just as the traditional meal needs the brightness and tart notes of cranberry sauce to wake the palate, we put this on the side to add to the bites you eat. Many times, nuts are on the holiday table or on hand for seasonal baking. We suggest pecans for a Thanksgiving bowl.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

City opens applications for Boston School Committee

Mayor Michelle Wu opened the application to fill two upcoming vacancies on the Boston School Committee, for a term starting January 4, 2024 and ending on January 1, 2028. The Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, composed of Boston Public Schools (BPS) families, educators, school leaders and representatives of the business and higher education communities, will receive and evaluate the applications and share recommendations with the Mayor. The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the BPS.

Applications to fill the upcoming vacancies are due Friday, November 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Interviews for selected candi-

dates will be held on the week of November 27, 2023 in the late afternoon or early evening. Candidates must be Boston residents and should expect a significant time commitment to connect with school departments and leaders and prepare for and attend bi-weekly and impromptu meetings that run into late hours in the evening.

The School Committee is responsible for:

- Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;
- Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;
- Hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and
- Setting and reviewing dis-

trict policies and practices to support student achievement.

The School Committee meets approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and practices that support teaching, learning and improved student achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods and are broadcast on Boston City TV.

Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or to City Hall, Mayor's Office 5th floor Boston, MA. You can learn more about the Boston School Committee online.

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8 oz



\$3.99

Regular Price \$6.99 each

MIKE'S MIGHTY GOOD CRAFT RAMEN

1.6 oz



\$1.89

Regular Price \$2.99 each

CADIA ORGANIC Cranberry Sauce

14 oz



\$2.79

Regular Price \$3.99 each

BACK to NATURE CRACKERS

(Selected Varieties) 8.5 oz



\$3.29

Regular Price \$4.79-5.59 each

THEO ORGANIC CHOCOLATE BAR

(Selected Varieties) 3 oz



\$2.79

Regular Price \$4.99 each

BIRCH BENDERS Organic Pancake & WAFFLE MIX

(Selected Varieties) 14-16 oz



\$4.29

Regular Price \$5.99 each

TATE'S BAKE SHOP COOKIES

(Selected Varieties) 7 oz



\$4.79

Regular Price \$6.79 each

IMMACULATE ORGANIC FLAKY BISCUITS

16 oz



\$3.99

Regular Price \$7.99 each

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of \$50.00 or more
in Jamaica Plain &
neighboring areas



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