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State Sen. Michael Rush and his challenger Persis Yu each met with residents, separately, at the German Centre in West Roxbury. The pair are meeting for the first time this Thursday in Dedham.

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The city has let several rare Dawn Redwoods die in West Roxbury.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA

Persis Yu and Michael Rush speak at the German Centre

Similar topics discussed a day apart

Jeff Sullivan
Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporters

About 25 residents, staff members, and visitors gathered in the German Centre auditorium in West Roxbury on Aug. 18 and then again on Aug. 19 to hear from the State Senate candidates for the Norfolk/Suffolk District.

The district covers towns

from Walpole, Norwood, Westwood, Dedham, West Roxbury, Roslindale, parts of Hyde Park, and parts of Jamaica Plain.

Notably, incumbent Michael Rush and challenger Persis Yu split up their appearances by a day. The two will be facing off in a candidates' forum at the Dedham Middle School on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 70 Whiting Ave.

at 7 p.m.

Yu introduced herself and outlined why she is running and what she hopes to accomplish as senator for the Suffolk and Norfolk districts.

"I'm a working mom to two Boston public school kids. I'm also a social worker, a lawyer, but most importantly, an advocate by

Rush and Yu

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Rare Dawn Redwood trees at WR High School neglected and dying

Bureaucracy to blame?

Susan Kryczka
Staff Reporter

In late fall 2022, Roslindale resident Kevin Schofield was enjoying a bike ride along the road that links the VFW Parkway to the former West Roxbury High School/Educational Complex, when he noticed the trees. Schofield is a self-described "tree hugger" who lives near the Arnold Arboretum. He knows trees well. He was stunned to recognize many Dawn Redwoods (*Metasequoia*

Redwoods

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I respectfully ask for your vote on September 1, 2026

– Senator Mike Rush

YMCA teens embrace community at WR After Dark party

Purpose on point at the Y



Teens participated in this year's YMCA Afer Dark program at the Parkway Y.

PHOTO BY DILANI YOGARATNAM

Dilani Yogaratnam
Staff Reporter

When one thinks of teenagers congregating in any space, it might generate some anxiety. Teenagers are in that awkward space, where they feel too old for family events and too young for bars and clubs. But give any person purpose, and a safe space to express themselves among peers, and that can be a powerful recipe for an early appreciation and cultivation of community. On Aug. 21, the Parkway YMCA, located on Centre Street in West Roxbury, hosted its Boston After Dark event. The Boston After Dark party is an initiative by the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement of the City of Boston to create a safe

space for youth, 14-18, running all summer long. The next Boston After Dark event will be at the Boston Centers for Youth and Family (BCYF) Curley in South Boston. Some of the past events included paint nights, pool parties, rollerskating and movie nights. The idea is to simply create havens for teens to gather and enjoy themselves in either the YMCA or the BCYF. The Parkway YMCA night began inside the room nearby the swimming pool, with Latin food provided for the teen employees along with an assortment of colorful sodas. Many smiled and laughed as they angled their chairs towards their friends, nibbled on their food, and chatted. It should be noted, at least for this point in the night, there was not a smartphone in sight. Upstairs

in the basketball court shooting hoops with their peers, youth threw long aggressive Jason Tatum-like shots as a DJ spun tunes in the corner. “It’s great to get all the teens together in one space,” Associate Executive Director of the Parkway YMCA Colleen Ortiz said. “A lot of them are youth employees from across the city. Seeing them here is great. Finally getting to enjoy themselves since they worked all summer.” She said she enjoyed witnessing them build friendships and community. For some, they continue working at the Y into the fall, while for others the job is limited to the summer. Jobs include working in summer camps, daycare, and others work on the fitness floor, front

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ACA: Allston Christmas comes earlier and earlier

Thefts, fraud, feds and townhouses also discussed



Did you remember to get your partner something special for Allston Christmas?

FILE PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) met virtually last week for its monthly meeting. After a month off, the agenda was pretty packed; however most of the appointments were restaurants asking for extended hours, endorsements for liquor licenses, or changes to their existing liquor licenses. An issue of much discussion was that of the upcoming student move-in/move-out day known as Allston Christmas. Many residents take advantage of all the chaos to leave out unwanted items on the street. ACA President Tony D’Isidoro decried this, because if it rains, problems ensue. “All it takes is one rainstorm to render practically all that stuff useless,” he said. “It is just a bad look in the community. Secondly, my next-door neighbor had to write a very sincere note to people, because last time, literally, somebody put a roomful of stuff next to his building... A lot of people who are doing this aren’t putting the stuff in front of their own houses, it’s always somebody else’s house.” D’Isidoro pointed out this is causing citations for people who aren’t necessarily leaving the

items out. “Sometimes stuff is dumped in front of other people’s homes and that person is the person cited by the Inspection Services Department (ISD) for putting your stuff out too early,” he said. “If you’ve got excess stuff, I mean I went through it when my folks passed on... but there are ways of getting rid of things in a very appropriate way that provide opportunities for other people to take it. But going and dumping junk—a lot of times it’s just junk—in front of other people’s homes is just not the neighborly thing to do.” Boston Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Liaison Jennifer Roberts had some tips for residents during this year’s Allston Christmas, and advised them to contact ONS if junk piles up that they didn’t put out. “We’re going to be out with Code Enforcement, with the Environment/Rodent Team, Public Works... everybody’s all-hands-on-deck. Tony I have seen junk lying out,” she said. “I have seen on the community page two people saying, ‘I’ve gotten fined because somebody left their crap out,’ so please refer folks to me. ISD is well aware

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JP’s 84 Stonely returns for the third time

Proponents for 84 Stonely try again



A rendering of the proposed building at 84 Stonely opposite the Arborway bus yard.

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Patrick Moloney and Colm O’Shea have spent the last nine years deciding what to do with the old former sound stage metal building they bought in 2017 for a reported \$900,000.

Their third proposal was filed with the Boston Planning Department on Aug. 3 for a five-story, 28-unit apartment building designed by Lucio Trabucco.

This seemed to have caught the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) off guard; members expressed surprise at their Aug. 11 monthly meeting when someone casually mentioned the notification at the end of the meeting.

“They have to come back to SNA,” said Caliga. “It’s an extremely new proposal. Entirely

new concept.”

But actually, it isn’t.

Jay Walsh, consultant for Moloney and O’Shea, gave almost the exact same presentation to the SNA on June 9, 2025.

“This is preliminary, no filing yet,” Walsh said.

“We will get back to you with our thoughts,” SNA member Alcurtis Clark responded.

The only changes are the building is five stories, and the affordable units have increased to five. Walsh explained to The Bulletin on Aug. 12 the apartments – mostly one bedrooms – were increased in size.

A Planning Department small project Article 80 public meeting is scheduled for Aug. 27.

If the past is prologue, the height will bother the SNA, but a public meeting breaks with SNA protocol. There is increasing frus-

tration about this within the SNA, and it came out at a candidates forum with Rep Samantha Montano on Aug. 11.

“Developers are beginning to skirt the Article 80 process requiring community engagement,” Clark told Montano. “Very disturbing. We heard on July 2 that developers are not required to come to neighborhood associations.”

“Eighty-four Stonely. Nine units up to 28,” she said. Clark was referring to the first proposal in 2017 of nine units to be built in the existing metal building.

This was revised to 18 units in 2024 and 28 units in 2025; all of these plans were reviewed at SNA meetings, as reported by The Bulletin.

What seems to vex the SNA

COURTESY PHOTO

WR rezoning the big topic at BHIA

Special meeting held



BHIA VP Jay Buckley speaking at the Aug. 19 meeting.

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Bellevue Hill Improvement Association (BHIA) met on Aug. 19. The evening’s main topic concerned the Planning Department’s Neighborhood Housing rezoning initiative – outreach for which has been underway in West Roxbury, Roslindale, and Hyde Park since early 2024.

This initiative is driven by several stated components:

Most housing within the city is out of compliance with the zoning code, which – in and of itself – is not a problem. However, whenever any improvements are made that create

changes in the exterior of a non-conforming house (EX: adding a porch or dormers), all of those pre-existing violations kick in, necessitating the zoning relief process, which can be lengthy and expensive.

One of the stated goals behind Neighborhood Housing is to try to create zoning districts that – by their design and application – will bring properties within selected neighborhoods into compliance, thus removing the need to seek variances from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) whenever some sort of exterior-altering home improvement is attempted.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

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PERSIS YU

FOR STATE SENATE

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The daughter of an immigrant, Persis Yu is a nationally recognized consumer advocate who stands up to powerful interests. She sued Donald Trump’s Department of Education, big banks, tech companies, and debt collectors to protect families, workers, and labor unions. Persis will fight for affordable housing, childcare, strong public schools, and a fair economy where families come first.

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Mystery of the tricorn

I’ve learned to hold onto my hat. Literally. When on a boat cruise or on a windy day, I need one hand to secure the hat from being blown overboard or onto the ground. But these hats over the decades did not have any loop underneath them to prevent them from being blown off my follically challenged cranium.

During this time of the semi-quincentennial observance of our country’s birthday as I have occasionally studied George Washington impersonators and people dressing up to imitate the Minutemen, I have noticed that none of them has a hat secured by a loop underneath the neck. So, here are my questions: Did George ever lose his tri-cornered hat (tricorn) when galloping along? Did he ever lose it when crossing the wind-blown Delaware River in December? Did any of the Minutemen ever lose them when dashing across the meadows in Lexington and Concord? Did any of the patriots ever lose them while waiting to see the whites of the enemy’s eyes at Charlestown’s Breed’s Hill?

If not, what was their secret outside of having one hand – the



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empty one – push down/hold onto the tricorn? If there was a problem of occasionally losing their hat, was it too costly or labor-intensive to have a loop attached to thwart a loss? The hats could not have been that heavy because they were made totally of fabric; hence, no metal to prevent head injuries.

Ah, where’s the late David McCullough when I need him? Or perhaps BC’s noted historian, Heather Cox Richardson, could supply any answer.

River Street Bridge waiting on Canterbury

MassDOT won’t have two bridges out

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) confirmed this week that the eventual River Street Bridge replacement project will be hinged on the Canterbury Street Bridge Replacement project, just up the way on Hyde Park Avenue.

For those who may have mentally blocked it, the River Street Bridge shut down around 2022 when engineers found it to be too unsafe to allow vehicle traffic. The detours and traffic congestion at the time were significant, and repairs went slowly, as Amtrak only allowed a few hours of construction time a night and would not stop the train traffic beneath the

bridge. The original plan was to keep it closed and replace it, which was anticipated to take until 2027 or 2028.

However, the consternation this appeared to cause – especially for the residents of the detour on Summer and Austin streets – seemed to change plans. So at the end of 2024 – two years after the closure – the state reopened the bridge after completing temporary repair work.

But the bridge still needs to be replaced, and it will still need to close for a substantial amount of time.

The plan right now, according to MassDOT, is to hold off on construction until the Canterbury Street Bridge project,

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DON’T CHANGE WEST ROXBURY

West Roxbury is unique with many different kinds of homes: single-family, multi-family, condos, and apartments. We used to have trailer parks too, but the property owners were bought out by developers for apartments.

The Planning Department traditionally established zoning standards for businesses and neighborhoods. The standard for the West Roxbury neighborhood was a single-family home. Variances were sought when neighbors wanted additions or structural changes made to their homes. This often involved controversy with neighborhood input and public meetings. The new allowances were sometimes not granted with abutters support.

Boston does need more housing. Developers, many of whom are from West Roxbury, are ready to build, demolish, convert and improve. Time is money and building delays expensive. The multi-family designation offers rapid development with the builder’s “as-of-right” to alter a single-family home in a multi-family zone without neighborhood discussion.

Using Planning Department regulations for alterations to a single-family home is currently a slow process, involving requirements for building height and size requirements. The multi-family development allows the as-of-right to build without restrictions from neighbors. A multi-family home property can be developed in the space of any single-family home property. This will change the historic character of West Roxbury’s neighborhoods.

We have been presented the Planning Department’s clear intention to change our zoning status from single-family requiring variances, to multi-family, which is as-of-right building standard. We have an individual agency to weigh this rezoning proposal carefully. Our representatives are listening for our thoughts.

We are in a highly competitive society yet West Roxbury has no high school and no independent senior center and no ombudsman.

Ruth Guarino
West Roxbury

LYNCH NOT MEETING MOMENT

Immediately after being inaugurated for his second term, President Trump began issuing the first of his 269 (and counting) Executive Orders. The purpose of many of these orders is not in doubt: they are frequently to reward political allies (e.g., pardoning the J6 rioters), to target personal and ideological enemies (e.g., sanctioning the law firm Paul Weiss), and most crucially to wield legislative power that is constitutionally held by Congress (e.g., the establishment of DOGE).

I called Rep. Lynch’s office in February 2025 after a series of new orders had come out that illustrated beyond a doubt that the administration had fully embraced overreach and unconstitutionality as a governing strategy. I spoke to one of his staffers and asked what my representative’s strategy was to push back against this blatant rule by decree.

The response: “Have you seen what he posted on socials?”

No other strategy was forthcoming and, in the year-and-a-half since, Rep. Lynch has not shown that any will be forthcoming. Posting on socials is not taking action. Rep. Lynch is operating on the back foot, responding to the President rather than standing up as a leader of a co-equal branch of government. I want someone to represent me who promises to use the office to lead the charge for accountability and consequences.

Patrick Roath says he will. Maybe he won’t. But I know Stephen Lynch hasn’t. I’m voting for Mr. Roath.

Patrick Griffin
Norwood

Sophia Dana Ripley: Part One

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

This year, 2026, marks West Roxbury’s 175th anniversary and 250 years since the United States signed the Declaration of Independence. The Bulletin has been looking back at over two centuries of West Roxbury’s history, sharing stories about the town’s early years and the people who influenced the community.

West Roxbury is well-known in history for the short-lived yet influential Brook Farm utopian experiment. Brook Farm, which was inspired by and helped to shape transcendentalism, was founded by Sophia Dana Ripley and former Unitarian minister George Ripley. Sophia was an early feminist and accomplished educator. Despite her contributions and influence, she is often overlooked.

Sophia Willard Dana was born in 1803. She was a descendant of the New England Dana family, a notable early American “dynasty” with roots in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Several Dana ancestors married into prominent West Roxbury families, including the Weld, Billings, Draper, and Whiting families.

Sophia and her sisters founded a girls’ school in Cambridge in 1823, where she was the principal teacher. She married George Ripley (1802-1880), a Harvard Divinity School graduate, in the late 1820s. They never had any children, which was con-

sidered unusual at the time. Shortly after tying the knot, he was ordained as minister of the Purchase Street Church in Boston.

Over the years, George’s sermons increasingly addressed issues such as wealth, labor, and social justice, which created conflict within his congregation. Sophia and George agreed that preaching alone would not fix social inequality. He left Purchase Street Church in 1840 due to his frustration with Unitarianism.

George joined Ralph Waldo Emerson and other intellectuals to form a discussion group. These meetings, which took place in the Ripley home in Cambridge, examined Transcendentalism. Outsiders nicknamed the group the “Transcendental Club.” The “club” was later joined by Sophia and other influential American figures, including Henry David Thoreau and Margaret Fuller.

Sophia became close friends with Fuller, who was a writer, journalist, and women’s rights advocate. Sophia was one of the first attendees of Fuller’s “Conversations” seminars, which covered topics such as literature, philosophy, and women’s role in society. The sessions were offered to women in Boston since they were largely excluded from higher education. “Could a circle be assembled in earnest, desirous to answer the questions, ‘What were we born to do?’ and

‘How shall we do it?’ I should think the undertaking a noble one,” Fuller asked Sophia in 1839.

Sophia published an essay titled “Woman” in The Dial, a Transcendentalist magazine. Her essay contends that women should be valued as independent, intellectual individuals whose abilities and purpose are determined by their own character, and that they should have equal access to education.

“Woman is educated with the tacit understanding that she is only half a being, an appendage... she spends life conforming to him [the husband], instead of moulding herself to her own ideal. She loses her individuality, and never gains his respect.” Sophia’s piece also argues that women’s domestic work is far more difficult and demanding than society recognizes.

During the summer of 1840, Sophia and her husband spent time on Ellis Farm, a dairy farm located in West Roxbury. The Ripleys thought it was a charming place that was close to pine woods and the Charles River – an ideal spot for a utopian community. According to Lindsay Swift’s book, Brook Farm: Its Members, Scholars, and Visitors, the “meadows, which formed a large part of the farm, were fair to see, and fertile farms adjoining seemed to indicate a favorable soil and location.”

A few months later, the

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Ripley

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trade,” Yu said. “I have spent my entire career working on behalf of working families, seniors, and veterans, and I’m currently the deputy executive director and managing counsel at a nonprofit called Protect Borrowers, where we work on economic justice issues. I’m running because I think we have some real big problems here in Massachusetts.”

Rush focused on his history in the position and as a former State Representative in the legislature.

“It’s an honor to be here. I’ve been coming to the Altemheim for a long time to chat with folks about issues and what have you,” he said. “There is not a day where I go to the Statehouse where I don’t pinch myself. I’m blessed to do this and represent this community, as well as the rest of the district.”

Rush explained his history to the crowd.

“I got elected in 2010 to be a Massachusetts State Senator and I’ve been working on Beacon Hill to deal with issues that affect our community, and I love the job,” he said. “I was a high school history teacher before that... and I was a State Rep., and State Sen. Edward Coppinger succeeded me, and I succeeded State Sen. Marion Walsh.”

Rush also explained his service in the U.S. Navy, which included 10 months in Iraq.

“As of today I have served 32 years in the U.S. Navy,” he said. “I went to boot camp in 1994, and I’m still serving. Three days a month, I get on a plane and I fly to Norfolk, Virginia, and I am what they call a dirt sailor. I have never been on a ship. I was with the Seabees for eight years. Now I’m an intelligence officer and I’m the Chief Staff Officer for COMSUBLANT (Submarine Force Atlantic)... and I go down there three days a month and give the active duty sailors a few days to relax and be with their families, and we monitor all of our

submarine forces in the Atlantic Ocean. It’s interesting work and I enjoy it, but after 32 years, I’m getting a little tired.”

Yu said many of the Commonwealth’s problems stem from unaffordability, a lack of legislative transparency at the State House, and insufficient action to protect vulnerable communities.

“President Trump and his allies have used classic divide and conquer tactics to convince millions of people across the country that they should be blaming immigrants, LGBTQ people, people of color, for all of their economic problems instead of the billionaires and the corrupt politicians who have been ripping them off,” she said. “But I think we need to acknowledge that here in Massachusetts, there is a democratic trifecta in this state, and we’re still not getting the job done.”

Despite the Democratic party control, Yu blames lack of transparency for the Commonwealth’s inability to make life more affordable (even though 72 percent of those voting supported a state audit), and that many elected officials do not have primary challenges, therefore making it difficult to hold an incumbent accountable. Responding to the question of why she is running, Yu reiterated the need for a change in legislative focus. “We need to be protecting our vulnerable communities, we need to make sure that Massachusetts is affordable, but we can’t do that in our broken legislature. We can’t do that if there is no transparency about how our legislators are voting, about what’s happening, and what is the role of corporate lobbyists and influence?”

Rush also touched on national issues, focusing on the recent repeal of Temporary Protected Status for Haitian and other immigrants.

“Massachusetts has had an unbelievable Haitian population for more than half a century,” he

The Bulletin

said. “They have been an incredible part of our workforce and just wonderful citizens.”

Rush likened immigrants’ current plight to that of his family.

“That’s a big problem,” he said. “We’re at a crossroads. My grandparents came here from Ireland. I went by their graves yesterday for a funeral. I have to explain to my kids because they don’t get it, and I have to explain my grandparents lived a life with no electricity and plumbing, they cannot comprehend that. They came here, John and Mary Rush, they had 10 kids, and my grandfather worked as a hod carrier.”

A hod carrier is the person who carries the bricks from the staging area up to the building being built, sometimes several stories tall.

“Up the ladder,” he said. “So they had nothing, they came here with nothing, had 10 kids, lived in one unit of a triple-decker in Mission Hill, and my grandfather did the hod carrying, my grandmother was a domestic, and my father, after Roslindale High School, served in the Korean War. And because of Harry Truman, he got the G.I. Bill, and was the first of my family to go to college.”

Rush said he disagrees with the policy change to deport TPS holders, but didn’t say what the Massachusetts State Legislature has done to protect TPS holders or immigrants in general, like the Massachusetts Protect Act, which passed unanimously earlier in August – <https://gvimes.link/prtctact>

“The fact that there is even a question of changing that – in my mind that’s insane,” he said.

During Yu’s talk, one resident asked about mail-in voting, which is in jeopardy under the Trump Administration for the actual midterms, though not this coming primary – <https://gvimes.link/vtebymail>

“If my dad’s up to it, we always take him to vote in person.

If not, if he fills out the mail-in ballot. Can I drop it in the mail that day?” asked one audience member. Yu said that if on Sept. 1 a person cannot get to vote in person, someone can drop his mail-in ballot into one of the designated drop boxes that day.

Another attendee asked about the question of transporting children at the last minute to school if an emergency arises and the effects of Proposition 2 ½ which limits annual property tax increases and can limit money for public schools. “Our transportation system is in shambles across this state. Our schools have been underfunded for many years... the first priority is to fully fund all of these schools and make sure that we do have adequate transportation, in particular, for the schools,” she said. She noted that her son attends the O’Bryant public school in Roxbury.

Another question was about the future of Norwood Hospital, which closed due to a flood in 2020 and remains closed after its former operator, Steward Healthcare, financially imploded and that company’s landlord, Medical Properties Trust (MPT), has failed to sell or find an operator.

Gov. Maura Healey recently signed a bill, co-sponsored by Rush in the State Senate, that will

allow Massachusetts to take the hospital by eminent domain in the next couple of months if MPT doesn’t find a non-profit operator in that time.

“I think the state fell down at its job on Norwood Hospital... and so, I think it is good that they have finally passed an eminent domain bill. My question is, why has it taken six years while the hospital to be closed before they took action?” She noted that residents now must seek emergency services by going to Needham and even into the Kenmore, Boston Area.

Rush celebrated the legislation, digging into the details of what it takes to pass such a bill.

“If I was a hockey player, I’d call it a hat trick,” he said, noting that it passed the Mass House, Mass Senate and Gov. Maura Healey’s desk with no issues. “We got the bill filed in January and we got it passed two weeks ago. Generally we get 7,000 bills in the legislature every year, and on average, to get a bill passed [it takes] four-to-eight years. And [State Rep. John Rogers] and I got it passed in six months. So I’m going to give myself a little pat on the back for that.”

For more information on the upcoming Dedham forum, go to <https://gvimes.link/rushyuforum>



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By and large, this has been well received.

The other major goal behind the initiative is to loosen zoning restrictions for constructing an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in order to make it easier and less expensive for property owners to build one. For properties meeting building guidelines, ADUs can be built in one of three ways: either internally (typically as a basement or an attic unit), as an attachment, or as a free-standing building on the lot (EX: a converted carriage house or garage).

By and large, the public reception for this component of the initiative has been mixed.

This is because – by the loos-

ening of zoning regulations to allow ADUs as-of-right – any sort of binding community input that is now required in the zoning relief process would be removed.

Throughout the initiative’s community process – which has progressed in intermittent stages over the last two-and-a-half years – that removal of binding input has been the primary contention, based on concerns regarding the possibility of the density increase for selected neighborhoods.

This has been counterbalanced by residents from various neighborhoods who have expressed interest in potentially being able to more easily build an ADU on their property.

Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department

Docket No. SU26P1650GD

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

In the matter of: Robert Jenkins
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Department of Mental Health,
Westborough, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Robert Jenkins** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of 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 AM on the return date of **09/17/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 20, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU99P1002

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

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

In the interests of: Robert Jenkins
Of: Jamaica Plain, MA

RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Department of Mental Health of
Westborough, MA

in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: **Remove 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.

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These exterior improvement/ADU regulations will be loosened through the rezoning of selected neighborhoods’ residential districts, with the plan to go through the entire city.

West Roxbury, Roslindale, and Hyde Park were the first neighborhoods selected for the Neighborhood Housing initiative and are now in their final stages of this process.

The proposed zoning maps – as well as the draft zoning amendment that goes with them – were released for all three neighborhoods about a month ago and the comment period will run until Oct. 31, after which the new maps will go to the Zoning Commission for adoption.

Between now and then, various forms of community engagement are being scheduled.

At Wednesday’s meeting, a two-part informal Neighborhood Housing presentation was started by BHIA Vice President Jay Buckley, during which he gave a basic overview of what is planned, and put out to the membership to tell the BHIA Board how to proceed regarding the issue.

He also got a good show of hands from the 15 or so who were in attendance, in order to determine who has been following the initiative as it has been moving forward in West

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Roxbury.

That noted, there was uncertainty in the room regarding what, exactly, is going on. Included in that category was District 6 City Councilor Ben Weber, who had spoken with the Planning Department earlier that day but sounded like he was still finding his footing on the topic, and had reached a different conclusion than Buckley had regarding new construction under the initiative.

Buckley was followed by Anthony Tse, a real estate broker specializing in development.

What he had to say was pertinent because – throughout the Neighborhood Housing community process – there has been a constant suspicion/concern/fear of developers coming in, buying up properties, and building them out to the capacity allowed under the new zoning guidelines.

“I deal with all these investors that like to make money,”

Ripley *continued from page 4*

Ripleys told the Transcendental Club about Brook Farm, which would be a community based on transcendentalist ideals. They believed this utopian society would be the place to “ensure a more natural union between intellectual and manual

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Tse said, after citing interest rates, construction costs, the price of homes in Bellevue Hill, and the expense of building an ADU. “Could they do it? Could they come to this neighborhood? I’ll be honest, the numbers don’t make sense. They like to buy things that are cheap, add a little value, and then sell.”

Fielding some questions from skeptical attendees, Tse kept running through hypothetical figures and kept arriving at the same conclusion for Bellevue Hill. “It’s just not feasible.”

For more information about the Neighborhood Housing initiative, including access to the draft zoning maps for all three neighborhoods, the draft amendment, upcoming outreach events and dates, as well as contact information, go to <https://gvimes.link/nhbhrhdzng>

For more information about the BHIA, visit www.friendsofbellevuehill.org.

labor; to combine thinker and the worker in the same individual; to guarantee the highest mental freedom, providing all with labor adapted to their tastes and talents, to do away with menial services by opening the benefits of education and profits of labor to all; to prepare a society of liberal, intelligent, cultivated persons, which would permit a more simple life than can be led amidst pressure of our competitive institutions.” Organized as a joint-stock company, it offered residents a share of the farm’s profits in return for contributing an equal amount of labor.

The Ripleys, along with 18 others – including American novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne – organized the Brook Farm Institute of Agriculture and Education in 1841. On Oct. 11 of that year. Sophia and George purchased the 170-acre dairy farm for \$10,500. Members had already begun moving onto the land six months prior. They lived in the main building/farmhouse, which they called “The Hive.” The residents worked together to support the farm while maintaining a balance between labor and intellectual pursuits. They chose their own jobs and were paid equally, including women. Reflecting the society’s progressive values, women at Brook Farm wore pantaloons, later known as bloomers.

Sophia was in charge of the schools, including an infant school, a primary school, and a college preparatory course. She also taught history and modern languages. “Mrs. Ripley had the power to transmit her own intensity of interest to those she instructed, and inspired in them a genuine fervor for culture,” Swift states in her book. The school earned such a strong reputation that Harvard recommended it to students. It is considered Brook Farm’s only economic success.

Tune in next week for part two!

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the most is that the Boston Planning Department did not do due process with them, to which SNA feels entitled. The Article 80 meetings are held publicly, but apparently the SNA wants its own meeting.

The SNA has requested that the comment period be extended beyond the posted date of Aug. 27 to Sept. 2, and that Moloney and O’Shea present at the Sept. 14 SNA meeting. The Planning Department has agreed to extend the comment period to Sept. 2. Two days later on Aug. 13,

the Planning Department posted a notice of an 84 Stonely Rd. Article 80 meeting for Aug. 27.

But then on Aug. 23 the city postponed the meeting until further notice.

The project notification form (PNF) goes to unusual lengths in the customary review of public meetings – which is usually just a calendar of dates – to explain their efforts.

“Community engagement has been a central component of planning 84 Stonely. We made sure to review community input

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that this happens and you can appeal that ticket, and I can help to appeal that ticket.”

“But what I will also ask is if you see furniture out [to contact us]. One of the district yard guys, instead of calling it ‘Allston Christmas,’ he calls it ‘Fleas, Bedbugs and Rodents Day.’ All this soft furniture becomes totally unsanitary sitting out in the street.”

Roberts said they had some success last year picking up as much as they could.

“I had somebody ask if we were going to ruin Allston Christmas again this year,” she said.

But she said many enjoy Allston Christmas and they don’t want to ruin that too, even some workers at City Hall.

“Last year, (ONS Deputy Director and former Allston Liaison Frank Mendoza) got a Nespresso Machine for Allston Christmas off the sidewalk,” she said with a laugh.

In other news, Boston Police Department Officer Christine Marini gave the crime report. She said they had nine reported vehicle break-ins this month. She said eight of them were in unlocked cars, and reiterated BPD’s seeming mantra at neighborhood meetings: lock your car doors.

“And there are all sorts of things in there, wallets, social security cards, passports, computers, backpacks, and so really you need to remove everything from your car and double-check your

locks,” she said.

She also related a case where officers arrested suspect Nicusor Lazar with 124 forged debit cards during a traffic stop in Brighton. She said an advisory was put out for Lazar a week earlier.

“He had the same clothes on that he had in the BOLO (advisory notice for officers), and this was put out like a week-and-a-half ago,” she said. “The officer recognized him right away, conducted the traffic stop, and (Lazar) didn’t have a license and they retrieved 124 forged debit cards.”

Marini said they had reports of incidents likely related to this forgery scheme.

“It’s kind of amazing to me,” she said. “It had a lot to do with those skimming machines. He also had \$2,300 in cash, a fraudulent Bank of America debit card, and a fraudulent Bank of America statement. All of it was discovered as a result of the arrest. That was a great arrest because I know recently they found an ATM skimmer at the 7-11 on Market Street, and they called it in last week. That [skimmer] could have been from him.”

Skimmers are a fake add-on scammers put on ATMS to read the card data and the pin inputs and then transfer that data to another source while passing it on to the ATM. They can be hard to detect; since most people aren’t so familiar with every ATM, they can’t always tell if

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for prior development proposals.”

“We made sure the project aligns with neighborhood priorities. Since 2023, the development team has actively reached out to stakeholders... numerous discussions with SNA... actively engaging with abutters and the MBTA.”

The PNF states that 84 Stonely relates to the proposed extension of Stedman Street in the development of 75 Stedman St.

In November 2021 Moloney and O’Shea proposed a three-story, 120,000 -square-foot self-storage building at an SNA meeting; “we anticipate submitting the

there’s something there that shouldn’t be. Marini suggested tapping your card and/or being vigilant before you put your card in an ATM for cash. She warned while this scammer was caught, he is likely not the last.

“We got this guy, but I’m sure there are 20 guys behind him looking to take up after he’s arrested, unfortunately,” she said.

Roberts also discussed the potential for federal immigration agents at the upcoming primary elections on Sept. 1. She said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu recently spoke about the issue, but said they have not been aware of where agents may go or how many there might be.

“That’s not information the federal government gave us,” she said. “They are allowed on the premises and they can view and observe, etc. And as far as we know, they will not be at any early voting sessions.”

Roberts said early voting is open throughout the city until Aug. 28. For locations, go to <https://gvimes.link/erlyvtng2026>

Also at the meeting, Attorney Jeff Drago presented on behalf of the townhouse project on 79-89 Hooker St. in Allston. The proposal is for six-family townhouse units with a single-car garage in each unit. Attendees had no questions, and Roberts said the proposal garnered no opposition during the project’s July 28 abutters meeting.

For more information on the ACA, go to its website AllstonCivicAssociation.org

PNF before the end of the year.”

The five-story 84 Stonely will have frontage on both Stonely Road and Stedman Street with four residential units on the ground floor, six units on the second floor and 18 apartments on floors three-to-five.

No parking is provided because, as the notification states, the housing is near Forest Hills bus, subway and commuter rail stations.

The PNF states that the building sits on a rhombus-shaped site and fills out the property line. Trabucco’s design is another long box of corrugated metal and clapboard broken up with alternating five-story bays with wide windows.

“The building is aligned with 76 Stonely in height, siding, fenestration and trim.”

Also designed by Trabucco for a different set of developers, 76 Stonely was the first building on the 2.5-acre light industrial lot dominated by a fuel depot and auto garages between Brookley Road and the Arborway bus yard.

Vociferously opposed by SNA when first proposed at a Doyle’s meeting in 2015, 76 Stonely was completed in 2019 with an SNA victory: the apartments were reduced from 31 to 28.

Since then two other residential buildings have been completed

and occupied – 50 Stedman and Brookley Flats – bringing a total of 74 new units to that corner of Stonybrook.

According to the PNF, the total development cost is \$8 million and is expected to be completed at the end of 2028.

O’Shea could be excused for the year-long delay in filing the PNF for 84 Stonely.

He has completed the restoration and enlargement of the circa 1841 Fowle-Davis house at 305 Chestnut Ave., one of the oldest houses in Jamaica Plain.

O’Shea bought the house in 2022 for just over \$1 million.

O’Shea and MDJ architects carefully and meticulously restored the Greek Revival main house with a rooftop lantern and added a 40-foot complimentary-designed addition at the rear for four condominiums for a total of six condominiums.

As the long-vacant house continued to deteriorate, O’Shea struggled unsuccessfully for over a year with neighborhood opposition and an apparently unfriendly Jamaica Plain Zoning Committee.

Three meetings with JP Zoning ended in three deferrals.

O’Shea took his proposal directly to the ZBA anyway and was approved on June 4, 2024. Work began in May 2025 and is now complete.

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further up the railroad in Roslindale, is completed.

“MassDOT completed repairs to the River Street Bridge in December of 2024, with the aim of keeping the bridge open to traffic while the nearby Canterbury Street Bridge can be replaced,” MassDOT Communications Representative Josh Goggins said. “MassDOT recently advertised the Canterbury Street bridge replacement project for bids on Aug. 22. Once a contractor has been selected, MassDOT will work to formulate a timeline for work to begin on the Canterbury Street Bridge replacement project.”

According to MassDOT, there is no set timeline for the River Street Bridge replacement.

“Once the timeline for

Canterbury Street has been finalized, MassDOT will develop a potential construction timeline for the replacement of the River Street Bridge that allows for one bridge to remain open to traffic at all times,” Goggins said. “In the meantime, the design of the River Street Bridge will continue to progress.”

The substantial completion date for Canterbury is set for 2028, so presumably the River Street Bridge project will pick up then. There are currently no design meetings scheduled for the project by MassDOT.

While there is no timeline for the bridge, the construction schedule back in 2022 for the project set it for five years – however, that in-

cluded the time it would take to design the replacement. The actual construction timeline, back in 2022, was estimated at three years – <https://gvimes.link/rvrst2022>



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St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. In 1965, Rachael married her husband, Dr. Victor N. Ambruoso, who was completing a surgical residency at St. Luke's at the time. For the next 30 years, Rachael and Victor lived in New York, where Victor practiced General, Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, and where they raised their three sons Andrew, Brandon and Christian.

In the late 1990s, Rachael and Victor moved to western North Carolina, where they could more fully enjoy their fondness for horses and open country. Always a leader with an adventurous spirit, Rachael was captain of her downhill ski team in college, and she excelled in all sports and endeavors she tried. Her primary passion, however, was horseback riding. She was an excellent equestrian with an unmatched love for horses and animals of all kinds. A most generous, hard-working, loyal and loving friend, mother, grandmother and wife, Rachael will be deeply missed by all the lives she touched. She is survived by her sons Andrew and Brandon, and her grandchildren Brigid and James.

Visitation and Funeral services
from The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby
Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St.

DEATHS

West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

CONNELLY

Mary Frances (Gaffney), 92 years old of West Roxbury, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on August 19, 2026.

Born in County West Meath, Ireland, she came to Boston as a young woman to continue her career in nursing. For 25 years she was employed as an RN at Brigham and Women's Hospital. In Boston, she also met her husband, Martin, who has predeceased her. They were married for 48 years and made their home in West Roxbury. Mary built a close network of friends in Boston; many were nurses that had also emigrated from Ireland. They would be her family in America for the following 40 years.

Family was at the heart of her life. She was adored by her daughter Mary Monica Prata and her son Michael Thomas Conneely, her son-in-law Paul Prata, daughter-in-law Laurie (Meacham) Conneely. Mary was especially proud of her grandchildren who called her MeMe: Anthony, Ryan, Kevin, and Thomas Prata. She was also delighted to welcome into the family Ryan's fiancée, Sydney DeJoie.

Maimie (as she was called by her family) cherished her siblings and extended family in Ireland and Canada, as well as the many friends, neighbors, and members of her community. She was a devoted parishioner of St. Theresa's Church for more than 50 years. She also enjoyed the Irish Social Club and the Irish Pastoral Center. She was a founding member of the Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury, where she shared her love of gardening.

Mary will be fondly remembered for her gentle spirit, generosity, strong faith, unwavering devotion to her family, deep pride in her Irish heritage, and love of animals. Her kindness, strength, and loving presence will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Visiting Hours at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. West Roxbury on Thursday, August 27th from 3-7 p.m. Funeral from the funeral home on Friday, August 28th at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa Church at 10 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to St. Anthony's Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110, or online at stanthonyshrine.org/giving. Donations will support the Shrine's charitable ministries serving those in need.

HOOPER

Margaret Ann (Newman) Hooper, known to all who loved her as Peggy, passed away at age 72 after a brave 12-year battle with cancer on August 23, 2026 in Canton, Massachusetts, surrounded by the love of her twin children, Patricia Laura Hooper and Benjamin William Hooper, and their partners.

Peggy was born on October 4, 1953 in New York City to Patricia Lola Rosoff and Alvin Leonard Newman, and was raised with her three brothers in Great Neck, New York.

A lifelong learner, she graduated with an undergraduate degree from Boston University, and later obtained a Master's of Arts in Spanish from Middlebury College and a Master's of Business Administration from Northwestern University.

She worked as a self-employed Spanish teacher and tutor for more than 30 years, including at many major Boston hospitals to enable medical professionals to better care for their patients.

An avid traveler, she met her husband of 45 years, John William Hooper, while they were both studying, working, and living in Madrid, Spain. They enjoyed many trips back to the country where they both fell in love, along with visits to John's family in England and France, and Peggy's family across America. Until earlier this spring, they lived in their home in the West Roxbury neighborhood of Boston for 38 years, where they befriended many neighbors and started the tradition of an annual block party.

A passionate collector and appreciator of art, Peggy had a true zeal for glass, and served as President of the Founders Chapter of the National American Glass Club for decades, where she met many lifelong friends.

She was also a longtime member of the Boston JCC, where she enjoyed staying active in body and mind. Committed to serving her broader community and giving back to others, she also volunteered on the Patient Advisory & Ethics Committees at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where she received her cancer treatment.

Peggy was known for her generosity of spirit and genuine curiosity. A true teacher at heart, she had a deep appreciation for language, with an unmatched mastery of the New York Times crossword puzzle and the game of Scrabble.

In addition to her husband and two children, she is survived by her two brothers Lloyd Newman and Seymour Newman and their spouses; dozens of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews; and by her two grand-dogs, who loved her gentle pets.

She was preceded in death by her parents and dear brother, Charles Newman, a fellow continuous learner and excellent conversationalist.

A memorial service and celebration of life for Peggy will be held in Boston, Massachusetts in early October, with exact date and location still to be determined. Details will be provided when available, and all members of Peggy's community will be welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peggy's memory can be made to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation:

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PeggyHooper

MCCARTHY



Brian P. McCarthy of Norton, formerly of West Roxbury, and Mission Hill, passed away on August 17, 2026. Beloved son of the late Michael W. and Lydia (Carpenter) McCarthy. Dear brother of Lydia Ferrigan and her husband Mike of IL, the late Michael W. McCarthy and his wife MaryLou of North Attleboro. Devoted partner of Judy Blonda of Lynn. Loving uncle of Michael McCarthy of Cotuit, Christine Campbell of Norton, Sean McCarthy of Norton, Kara Jean Mason of Attleboro, Sean Ferrigan of IL, Sheila Ferrigan of CO, the late Timothy McCarthy, and Peter Ferrigan.

Brian was a 24-year employee of the MBTA as an Operator and Shifter for the Riverside Green Line. He was also an accomplished Finish Carpenter.

Visitation and funeral services provided William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church), 1545 Tremont St., Boston. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Brian may be made to Boston's Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church) at www.bostonsbasilica.com.
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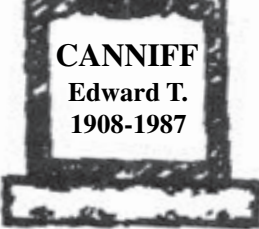


Edward D. Jr., Longtime resident of Roslindale, passed away on August 16, 2026. Beloved hus-

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A trimmed and dead redwood.

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glyptostroboïdes) on each side of the road.

Once thought extinct and known only from fossils, a lone Dawn Redwood was discovered in 1941 in a remote Chinese village. Researchers found a grove in another isolated valley a few years later. In 1948, Harvard University researchers acquired seeds and planted some at the Arnold Arboretum, where the trees remain carefully maintained.

Schofield immediately recognized the trees in West Roxbury. “I’m looking at one... and then, hey, look, there’s another one 20 feet down ... they’re beautiful, summer or winter. These could grow 100-125 feet. They’re everywhere. They planted them on purpose.”

But many of the Dawn Redwoods Schofield saw on the Boston Public Schools (BPS) property were stressed. “So, I’m freaking out because I’m saying, ‘look at this!’ and I look at some of the tops of them, and the vines, if they grab onto a branch up there, they’ll take the whole side of the tree down. The vines are killing the trees.”

Schofield struggled to find out what city department maintained the trees and property. “I start calling 311, and they call Parks and Recreation, and they call all these people. Well, some say, ‘that’s not our property ... It has nothing to do with us.’”

For four months, he did not give up, even calling elected officials. “I found out that the school folks have their own tree guys. Who would have thought that?”

Schofield spoke to three different people at BPS to no avail. Months later he saw that the area had been cleaned up “They cut all the vines. I wrote a letter saying thank you. I don’t know who it is that I’m supposed to thank, but thanks for saving these trees.”

Schofield hoped the trees would receive ongoing maintenance. Instead, over the next few years, he watched vines return and other signs of neglect emerge. By spring 2026, vines had again overtaken many of the Dawn Redwoods. Several had died after snowmelt was dumped on them, others had deteriorated, and few appeared healthy. When his inquiries to BPS and others went unanswered, he contacted The Bulletin.

The Bulletin was met with similar delays and evasiveness while trying to determine whether BPS or another city department was responsible for maintaining the Dawn Redwoods. From June 16 to Aug. 4, The Bulletin contacted BPS, Public Facilities Management, Urban Forestry, and the Parks Department by phone and email. Some inquiries, including emails to specific individuals, went unanswered. Others promised a follow-up that never came; calls were transferred to another department, or it was stated that a communications representative had to handle any request from the press.

During an unscheduled visit to the Mayor’s Office on July 16, an associate press secretary offered to help identify the department responsible for tree maintenance. On Aug. 4, the Forestry Department told The Bulletin that the Parks Department was responsible for the Dawn Redwoods in West Roxbury, but an email to the designated contact went unanswered. On Aug. 12, the associate press secretary from the mayor’s office called and said a response would be forthcoming. Later that day, The Bulletin received the following official statement from the BPS Communications Office:

“Boston Public Schools regularly maintains the grounds at the former West Roxbury Education Complex, including routine landscape upkeep. Trees are pruned as needed when they encroach on the driveway to help ensure safe access to the property. Given the unique care requirements of the Dawn Redwood trees, BPS and the City are working in partnership to continue assessing the site and determine the most appropriate ongoing care and maintenance approach to preserve these trees over the long-term.”

The statement came from the same person who had advised The Bulletin by email on June 23 to contact the city arborist.

On Sept. 21, 2022, shortly before Schofield made his initial discovery in West Roxbury, Mayor Michelle Wu accepted 10 Dawn Redwood trees gifted by the Arboretum which were slated to be planted throughout Boston. She also announced that a new city Forestry Division had been created. One of its goals is to “Ensure that tree/trees canopy are actively cared for.” On October 27, 2022, Wu planted the first of the donated trees at the Richard J. Murphy Boston Public School in Dorchester. It is unclear where the remaining nine trees have been placed.

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band of Nancy M. (Sabourin) Sonia. Devoted father of Daniel Sonia and his wife Melissa of Hyde Park, Katie Sonia of Roslindale, Thomas Sonia and his wife Nelida of Roslindale, and Kerry Sonia of Roslindale. Loving Papa of Alvin, Anthony, Joseph, Kourtney, Evan, Amelia, and Rilan. Brother of Mary Ellen DeMarco, and the late Betty-Ann Nally and her surviving husband Jim. Nephew of Peggy Ariel, and Jane Ryan. He leaves several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ed is also survived by his loving neighbor Sandy.

Ed proudly served in the United States Navy in Vietnam before building a nearly 40-year career at S. M. Lorusso & Sons. He was a member of the Boston Elks Lodge #10 for fifty years. When reflecting on his life, he always made a point to emphasize how much he loved his wife, how proud he was of his four children, and the great joy he had in spending time with his seven grandchildren. He was a man that made it to every school event and slipped his grandkids a “finsky” every chance he got. He built a beautiful kingdom in Vermont, his home-away-from-home where he enjoyed the outdoors while eating a Snickers bar. Ed will be remembered for his humor, fighting spirit, and deep love for his family.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Ed’s memory to Tunnel to Towers Foundation / www.t2t.org or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

TRIVERS



Gerard T., Sr. of Medway, formally of West Roxbury, passed away on August 17, 2026. Beloved husband of the late Ruth (Connors). Loving father to Gerard

T. Travers, Jr. and his wife Karen of Medway. Cherished grandfather of Gerard T. Travers III, John (Jack) Travers, Patrick Travers and his wife Julianne, and Danny Travers. He is also survived by loving nieces and nephews Kathleen Boschetto (Joseph), James Feeney, Maureen Scannell (Thomas), Mary Ellen Miller (John), and Edward Kenney (Kimberly). He was preceded in death by his niece Patricia Darcey.

Jerry was born in Boston and grew up in Roxbury where he met his wife, Ruth. They bought their first house in West Roxbury and remained there for 57 years until moving in with his son & his family in 2022. Jerry was a proud Army veteran and a hard-working HVAC repair man for 32 years before retiring in 1998. Jerry was a kind, quiet man who cared lovingly for his mother Irene until her death in 1993 and his wife Ruth for the last, more difficult years of her life. He had a very close bond with his sister and brothers-in-law, and there are endless good stories and memories from their family parties over the years. He and Ruth were extremely proud of their son, Jerry

Jr. and subsequently their four grandsons. As parents they raised Jerry Jr. in a loving home where family was the priority and cousins were more like siblings. They instilled strong values of hard work, kindness, loyalty and faith.

They were thrilled to take on the role of Nana & Papa and were very involved in their grandsons’ lives. They were always willing to watch the boys, take them on outings or out for meals. They rarely missed a school event, baseball, basketball or football game from youth sports through high school, but the main desire was to spend quality time with them. Their bond with each of the boys was strong and special. Jerry was a wonderful role model of how to be a good man and loving husband/father that always prioritized family. Even in the last 5 years of his life when dealing with the progressive nature of Alzheimer’s, his kind and gentle personality never changed.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington Street, West Roxbury. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: John Robert Audley
Also Known As: Sean Audley
Date of Death: May 26, 2026

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner: Brenda Marie Audley of Meadville, PA
Petitioner: Jessica Nicole Audley of Richfield, NC

Brenda Marie Audley of Meadville, PA
Jessica Nicole Audley of Richfield, NC

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 petition 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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SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU26P0933PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Luanne S. Cann
Of: West Roxbury, MA

RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

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

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

David Frye of Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that Luanne S. Cann is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

Nadine Champagne of Roslindale, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/10/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU26P1491EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Harry Alfred Tabenken
Date of Death: 07/03/2026

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

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

David Bruce Tabenken of Boston, 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:

David Bruce Tabenken of Boston, MA

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/01/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 28, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No: 26 SM 002648

ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Pamela Bardhi

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 sec. 3901 (et seq):

NWL Company, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in West Roxbury, numbered 111-115 Park Street, given by Pamela Bardhi to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated September 8, 2023, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 69417, Page 155, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 09/28/2026, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 8/17/2026.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

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Mia Joyce of Roslindale and Julie Macdonald of Jamaica Plain have been working at the YMCA for about four years and this fall they both head off to UMass Amherst.
“Personally, this event is like an ending party for us. It ties everything together,” Macdonald said.
“You see people here and there. This event brings everyone together in one space,” Joyce said.
Both Joyce and Macdonald also spoke of the connections with the staff and they said they are both grateful to have a chance to bond with everyone, to have a meal and share moments.
“We loved our YMCA experience. We’ve made so many connections and we can always come back,” Joyce said.
“You don’t just leave. You’re a part of it. It’s great the city of Boston wants to give jobs to the youth,” Macdonald added. Joyce compared this event to National Night Out in that it fosters community spirit and goodwill. She attended the Roslindale iteration of that event.
Twin sisters Vivienne and Juliette Sullivan of West Roxbury said they enjoyed celebrating the end of summer and how hard they have both worked. Both couldn’t stop smiling. Seated next to them was Eliza Kargo, who, though more subdued was equally enthu-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU26D0720DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Maria L. Perez Soto vs. Roberto Soto

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

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Maria L. Perez Soto, 6 Lamartine Street #108, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
your answer, if any, on or before 09/15/2026. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 7, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No. SU25P1301EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

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

Estate of: Daniel Francis Long
Date of Death: 04/28/2025

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by:
Caelum A.V. Long of Roslindale, MA

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/16/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

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siastic in sharing her experiences in the pool offering swimming lessons. “It’s fun to meet new children and be a part of something,” she said.

In the parking lot, was an Ultimate Mobile Gaming (UMG) truck where many of the teens went to after the meal. Cushioned benches lined the truck and two giant TVs were on either side as kids played games while the on-lookers looked hooked. Coach J, of UMG, said he loves working for a company that thrives on making kids happy.
For many people, work is more than just money to add to a checking account, it also provides community, support and structure. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu tripled funding for youth jobs since 2021, which has made a great impact on youths across the city, according to reporting from The Boston Globe.

But following the last City Hall budget meeting, the youth job budget will be cut drastically for the upcoming fiscal year as people across the nation are suffering at the hands of Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill and his other drastic cuts over the past year or so. The summer youth jobs will still be in effect but some of the yearlong city-funded jobs may be cut. Perhaps things will change after the midterms.

For more information on how to get a youth summer job contact futurebos@boston.gov.

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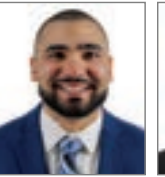
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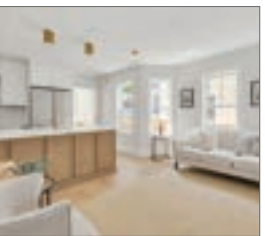
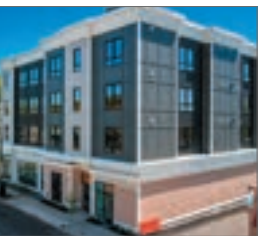
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