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Memorial Day celebration a Hyde Park tradition

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

As Memorial Day approaches, local veterans are once again set to honor veterans with a ceremony in Hyde Park.

The Cecil Fogg Thomas Roberts American Legion Post #78 will be hosting their

Members of the Fogg Roberts Post as well as the William D. Doyle Post VFW #2831, the Women's Auxiliary, the Son's of the American Legion and the Honor Guard from the JROTC will attend a mass at the Most Precious Blood Church following the flag service.

The mass, celebrated by



Members and friends of the Fogg Roberts Post 78 American Legion flagged over 1,600 graves at the Fairview Cemetery last weekend.

COURTESY PHOTO

annual Memorial Day celebration with several events.

"Memorial Day is an important day for veterans and people in our community," said one longtime Hyde Park resident.

The ceremony will begin with a Flag Service at the Post Headquarters at 8 a.m. The post headquarters are located at 56 Harvard Ave., immediately across from the Rogers Middle School.

Father Peter Nolan, will be dedicated to all deceased members of both posts who served the country. Following the mass, a procession through Hyde Park will allow for the dedication of Hero Squares in several locations.

Finally, the procession will proceed to the Grand Army Lot for services at

Memorial Day

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Rainforest Makers give Hyde Park its own apple orchard



Local residents and elected official joined the Rainforest Makers to plant 25 apple trees in the Stony Brook reservation.

COURTESY PHOTO

Zack Huffman
Senior Reporter

What do you call a bunch of lawyers who spent last week planting trees throughout Boston? They call themselves Rainforest Makers.

And these particular lawyers spent Saturday planting what will become Hyde Park's very own apple orchard.

Local attorneys, the

Boston Natural Areas Network, representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as well as volunteers came out to plant 25 apple trees in the Stony Brook reservation.

"It was a great event," said Hyde Park City Councilor Rob Consalvo, who along with State Rep. Angelo Scaccia, helped out in the tree-planting effort. "I was really pleased that

they chose Hyde Park to plant the apple trees. The fact that they chose Hyde Park means that my kids and the neighborhood will have these trees forever. We appreciate and applaud the fact that they chose Hyde Park."

RainforestMaker, which was founded by local attorney Jeff Glassman, in addition to

Orchard

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BRA selects consultant for Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

The Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) recently announced a consultant team for the Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative.

The Cecil Group has been designated to assist the BRA with the project, which will impact many communities along the Fairmount Line. The two-year BRA study will look at short and long term strategies for improving capital in-

vestment and job access along the 9.2-mile Fairmount Indigo commuter rail line, which links South Station to Readville, crossing through Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park.

"The Cecil Group is an internationally renowned planning firm. They will assist the BRA in identifying two additional crossroads locations along the corridor to focus the study and assist in identifying corridor-wide oppor-

Indigo Line

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Developer proposes three single family homes along Como Road

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

Readville residents met with a local developer Tuesday evening to discuss a proposed plan for three single-family homes on Como Road and West Milton Street.

The proposal calls for three homes on three single lots located at 70 and 72 Como Rd. as well as 48 West Milton St.

Ken Chase, the developer, met with local residents before he goes before the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) for zoning relief.

"Part of the reason we haven't officially filed our request yet is that we wanted to



Architect Niles Sutphin outlines plans for residents.

PHOTO BY GIL HAYLON

make this a time to get your input before we go forward," said Jeff Drago, the attorney representing Chase.

The lots don't meet current zoning code because the lot

frontage falls just short of the required 50 feet.

"The good thing about this design is that it meets all of the

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Riverside Theatre alums to give back

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

An effort from a group of Riverside Theatre Works alumni will have a summer camp unlike any other this summer along Fairmount Avenue.

While the theatre has seen its share of struggles in the past several years, four alums of Riverside Theatre Works have offered their services to run a summer camp.

Michael O'Brien, Bianca Vitale, Stephen Markarian and Caitlin Dutkiewicz, all in college or recently graduated, have come together to help organize and run a three-week program this summer known as the Broadway Boot Camp.

"Getting the call from these kids saying they're doing this meant so much," said Marietta Phinney, founder of the Riverside Theatre Works. "These truly are amazing kids who just want to give back."

The Broadway Boot Camp will be two, three-week sessions that will include improv exercises as well as a performance each week.

"I've always had huge love for Riverside, it got me into a great college, and I wanted to come back and make sure the kids had the same opportunity that I had," said O'Brien, who just graduated from the Hartt School, the performing arts school at the University of Hartford.

O'Brien, a Hyde Park resident, has been attending Riverside since elementary school and is attempting to become a professional actor.

"Riverside was and is a huge part of my life," he said. "I owe the decision to pursue this as a career to Riverside. A lot of happiness in my life has come from this place."

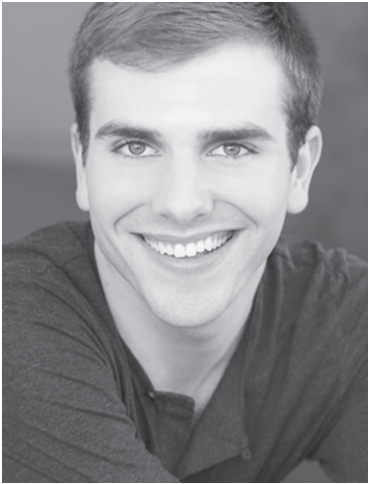
Vitale, Markarian and Dutkiewicz have also stayed involved with the theater through the years. Markarian



Stephen Markarian



Caitlin Dutkiewicz



Michael O'Brien



Bianca Vitale

attends the Boston Conservatory, Vitale is at Wagner College and Dutkiewicz recently graduated from Georgetown University.

The theatre has been struggling financially in recent years, and has been helped greatly by donations from the community, particularly the Blue Hills Bank Charitable Foundation.

"We're in our 31st year, and I've watched things go from high to low, back to high without ever closing our doors. It says a lot about how people care and work hard for Riverside," said Phinney. "To be able to stick around in this economy is amazing."

The theatre is a non-profit that began in 1981.

"We are trying to make a comeback," added Phinney. "Enrollment has been down because of the economy. Basically we're in the same boat

as any other non-profit."

The first session of the camp begins July 9. To sign up visit www.riversidetheatreworks.org. The first camp session will perform Honk, a story about the ugly duckling, while the second session, beginning Aug. 6, will perform The Little Mermaid.

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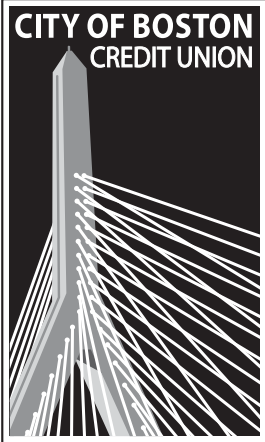
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SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Before one can lead, one must be willing to follow. There is no argument that Boston Firefighter, Daniel Magoon and Boston Fire Lieutenant Gregory Kelley learned to follow, and then to lead.

While bravely and honorably serving and sacrificing for our country, they were battle tested during multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Is it any wonder that they will overcome all obstacles in order to complete their latest mission? Along with an extremely enthusiastic core group of volunteers, they hope to bring to fruition a permanent Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes (MIAFHM) Memorial.

Magoon, Executive Director of the MIAFHM, and Kelly, the organization's Vice President, know that their mission is to honor the members of our military from Massachusetts, who make the ultimate sacrifice while in battle in Iraq and Afghanistan.

When the idea for the memorial was conceived, and the awesome fundraising undertaking and logistical challenges were weighed, some naysayers didn't give it a chance. However, Magoon and Kelly, a team of bulldozers, know otherwise. Marching onward, their governing philosophy is thorough and effective: "We don't have time for 'No.'"

Magoon, 30, is an Army Sgt. and Paratrooper who served for five years. Kelly, 36, - SFC, US Army Special Forces has, along with his service in the US Marines, been on active duty for 17 years.

They vividly recall those who died while serving our country. "When my First Sgt., (Christopher Conrad Rafferty), died in Afghanistan, it hit me hard. I knew then and there that I wanted to do something more to help when I

got home," Magoon said. Dan and his wife, Megan, who now live in Dorchester, have a son, Conrad, named after First Sgt. Rafferty. Greg and his wife, Meghan, also live in Dorchester. They have two boys, Charles and Martin.

This has been a busy few weeks for Magoon and Kelly. They wouldn't have it any other way. While focusing on others' service and sacrifice, they run from meeting to meeting, from hardware stores to legislative offices to union meetings, and then from firehouse, to firehouse, and back to the former VFW Post on Neponset Avenue.

It is there where they, along with a core group of dedicated, talented and generous veterans and firefighters are steadfastly renovating the post in order to give it a re-birth of sorts. When opened this weekend, it will be playing first-time host as Boston Fireman's Post, 94 American Legion. There, they will have a barbecue for friends and families after Monday's Cedar Grove Memorial Day events. Kelly will serve as Post 94's Commander and Magoon its Vice Commander. They encourage you to drop by.

Magoon and Kelly, even when prodded, don't think what they are doing is anything other than what comes naturally. They are grateful and driven by a sense of duty and honor. They wish to lead so that others will be permanently remembered at the Fallen Heroes Memorial. They also want area firefighter veterans to have a gathering spot at Post 94.

Service and Sacrifice: Last Saturday morning, Magoon and Kelly led others at Fenway Park, setting up an interactive, travel-



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ing MFH memorial display. It would be showcased during the following day's Run-Walk to Home Base fundraiser for wounded veterans and their families at Fenway Park.

Service and Sacrifice: Last Saturday afternoon, the two gregarious and generous and loyal military men, and goodhearted servants to all of Boston, through their work on the Boston Fire Department, led volunteers to Newton South High School's "Hoops for Troops" fundraiser. They then set up an information table regarding the MFH mission.

Service and Sacrifice: Kelly and Magoon and their wives, along with United States Senator Scott Brown and many other supporters of their effort, ran as a team, joining more than 2,000 other runners and walkers who crossed home plate, after a 9k Run-Walk, presented by New Balance at Fenway Park.

The enormously successful event has raised approximately \$7 million in its first three years, to support the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program, which

provides clinical care and support services to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and families.

Magoon has a unique appreciation for the Home Base Program because it has helped him and his family. As a result of continuing to gain his footing and a renewed sense of purpose, he approaches his family, his work and his volunteerism in a more healthy — physically and emotionally — manner.

Magoon and Kelly, whether constantly working at the BFD, and then on their mission on behalf of both the MFH Memorial and Boston Fireman's Post 94, are always on the go, dedicated to the memory of others' service and sacrifice.

"I know he is often away from home, busy with one thing or another. But, at least, it isn't like

families. In fact, Greg Kelly will be the keynote speaker at Dorchester's Cedar Grove Cemetery Memorial Day services. Being the keynote speaker is an esteemed honor accorded to select veteran dignitaries over the years, including John F. Kennedy, before he became President.

"I am humbled and honored that I have been asked to speak," said Kelly, the youngest of six children, whose father is retired from the Boston Fire Department. Kelly's brother, Ed, President of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, is the former President of Boston Firefighters Local 718. Their brother, Sean, is a Boston Fire Lieutenant.

Greg gave me a tour of his Dorchester neighborhood, where he pointed out Eddie's house, right across the street from their parent's house. That's where I grew up, that's Eddie's house. My house is right over there. They



Boston Fire Lt. Greg Kelly, left, and Boston Firefighter Dan Magoon are Veterans on a mission.

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when he was away from home for so long while deployed," said Meghan Kelly.

When Greg was away on a lengthy deployment, he and Meghan "Skyped" and had a conversation. Charlie, who was only three years old, looked at the computer screen and said, "Hey, daddy, how did you get in there?"

"Greg will be talking about going to this Sniper School or to that Jump Training, and I will say, 'Did you ever think about becoming a librarian,'" said Meghan Kelly.

"My wife is super supportive," said Greg. "She manages everything, without me, while I am gone. Speaking of gone, I came back. What about all the children that won't have a father reading bedtime stories to them tonight?" Greg asked.

"I know between Dan's work with the BFD and the energy he puts into getting the memorial completed and the Fireman's Post renovated, he is always on the go. It is for a greater good. We both have that independent spirit, so we can have our own interests and also be there for each other," said Megan Magoon.

"Meg has been very strong, and I couldn't accomplish anything without her being there," said Dan, the middle of three children, who is originally from South Boston.

This coming holiday weekend has much significance for both

say Eddie and I didn't go very far," Greg joked.

On a more serious note, Greg mentioned the MIAFHM's beginnings and its growing importance. According to MIAFHM literature, Lt. General John Kelly, USMC, was the keynote speaker at the group's inaugural dinner. Just weeks prior to delivering his remarks, his son, 2nd Lt. Robert M. Kelly, 29, had been killed in action while leading a platoon of Marines in Afghanistan.

Lt. General Kelly said, "Today, only a fraction of American families - less than one percent - shoulder the burden of fear and sacrifice, and they shoulder it for the entire nation."

It is that one percent, and all those who served throughout our nation's great history, who we must remember. Often, however, it seems as if there are fewer and fewer attendees at Memorial Day observances.

During his comments prior to last Sunday's Run-Walk to Home Base at Fenway Park, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino commended veterans for their service and encouraged everyone to take the time to go to a Memorial Day observance. Mayor Menino said that we should never forget our veterans, especially on Memorial Day.

Melanie Nott doesn't forget. She is part of that one percent who

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shoulders the burden of sacrifice. Melanie, a woman of grace, faith and dignity, evidences no outward sign, whatsoever, of what occurred in her life in July, 2003.

She was married but only two years to her husband, Army 1st Lt. Leif E. Nott, of the 10th Calvary, when she was notified that he was killed in action in Iraq. "I remember thinking it must be a horrible mistake," said Nott, a case manager at the Jamaica Plain Veterans Administration Hospital.

Asked if she always worried about her

husband being injured or killed during his service, the Gold Star Wife softly answered, "No, I don't think so. I knew it was his duty, and I supported his desire to serve our country. I really believe we should all be proud of our country, our flag and, especially, all of our military."

Melanie, a Brighton native, now, along with helping veterans in the course of her work day, also enthusiastically supports the mission of Dan Magoon and Greg Kelly and everyone associated with the Massa-

chusetts Fallen Heroes Fund.

"After Leif was killed, and I later moved back to Brighton, I really wasn't involved in anything that was as significant as Fallen Heroes. That is why I like Greg and Dan; they make people, especially veterans and their families, feel as if they matter.

For Kelly and Magoon, it is the sacrifice of Gold Star Families and Blue Star Families that provide more than enough reason for them to complete their latest mission. State Senator Michael Rush also enthusiastically supports their efforts.

Rush, a Lieutenant in the Navy Active Reserves, recently returned from a lengthy deployment as an Intelligence Officer in Iraq. Chairman of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, Rush this year filed the Valor Act, on behalf of Veterans, in the Massachusetts legislature.

"I admire the work Greg and Dan and everyone on their team is doing. I am proud of them and all of our veterans and their families. Greg and Dan continue to serve and lead so that those who make the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan will have a lasting memorial," Rush said.



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Editorial

Leave it to the community

Sometimes if you want to get something done right, you have to do it yourself - and that's exactly what the Presentation School Foundation (PSF) was celebrating Friday afternoon.

After eight years of fighting to save the Presentation School - an iconic architectural fixture of Brighton's Oak Square - the members of the PSF and the community supporters were on cloud nine, and with good reason - they beat the odds.

Here at the *Bulletin*, we'll be the first to admit that we sometimes get a kick out of slinging duly-earned criticism, but it's too hard not to be happy for a victory that's so important to Brighton and surrounding neighborhoods.

Don't be fooled by the many politicians who came out for the photo opportunities, nor the many companies and organizations such as New Balance who chipped in the funding that eventually paid for the purchase and renovation of the building - this victory is one that belongs to the community.

Mayor Thomas Menino didn't save the building, nor did Secretary of State William Galvin or any of the State Reps and City Councilors who came out. Sure, they helped, but the success of the PSF Community Center rests squarely on the shoulders of the many residents who protested the school's closure, fought to negotiate a deal with the Archdiocese of Boston to purchase the building and raised the funds through a horrible economic climate.

To be fair, Menino and company certainly deserve some credit for their support, but they weren't the ones dedicating hundreds upon hundreds of hours advocacy, sweat and tears to saving the building.

If there is something important to your community worth saving, you can't sit back and wait for some organization or government body to step in.

When the City of Boston decided against their previous plans to close down Brighton's Faneuil Branch Library, they did so because the community came together and fought for it.

The same type of efforts are taking place all over the city; just consider the groundswell of support in West Roxbury that saved the Irish Social Club of Boston when it was on the brink of closure.

Once again, politicians such as State Rep. Ed Coppinger and City Councilors Matt O'Malley and John Connolly helped out, but at the end of the day, they were just three of hundreds of local supporters who were able to put their differences aside just long enough to keep the club alive.

When the residents of the North End decided that they were fed up with trucks hauling hazardous materials they fought with tooth and nail to make sure the city and the state were well aware of the fact that those trucks were not welcome on city streets.

It took years, but just two weeks ago, the state finally came down with a decision to ban the trucks during the day.

Hyde Park residents have been getting in on the grassroots campaign action, with well over 100 people coming out to save the Readville Post Office, which continues to be one of many offices across the nation facing possible closure.

Important community efforts don't even need to be as big as that which saved the PSF Community Center and the Irish Social Club.

Consider Hyde Park's own Michael O'Brien, Bianca Vitale, Stephen Markarian and Caitlin Dutkiewicz, who are coming home from college this summer to donate their time in order to ensure that the Riverside Theatre's summer camp program can live on at least one more year.

Far too often, the day-to-day grind can make it difficult to see the big picture, but the vibrancy of this great city continues to shine with the help of an active and engaged community.

Whether you live here, work here, go to school here, or even play here, we're all a part of Boston and we're all in this together. So we might as well make things better. That's a lesson they won't soon forget at the PSF Community Center.

Letters to the Editor

Have councilors forgotten their Catholic roots?

To the editor:

I really like my Boston city councilors Matt O'Malley and John Connolly. They are very real, caring West Roxbury people. Matt O'Malley recently was quoted in the paper as "proud to be a lifelong parishioner of St. John Chrystothom Catholic Church." John Connolly highlights (on the homepage of his website) the active role his senior aid plays as a parent leader the Holy Name Parish School.

Given the earnestness with which these councilors embrace the mantle of our local Catholic parishes, I was shocked to see them both out campaigning on Centre Street with U.S. Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren. The lay leadership of the Catholic Church in organizations like the Knights of Columbus, CatholicVote.org, and at least one American Cardinal have made it very clear that if the HHS Mandate is allowed to stand as federal law, local parish/religious schools, religious charities, and Catholic/Religious Colleges could possibly be forced to close rather than be forced to pay for abortions, sterilizations, and abortifacient morning-after drugs. Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren has said publicly she supports the HHS mandate and wants to force Catholic school parents, parishioners, and others in opposition to pay for abortions, sterilizations, and abortifacient morning-after drugs. I find candidate Elizabeth Warren's

stance barbaric and un-American.

Not since the Know Nothing partisans attacked Jewish, Irish, Italian and Catholic immigrants has this country witnessed a more brazen public stance against religious liberty than the Kathleen Sebelius/Elizabeth Warren HHS mandate. What kind of neighborhood would West Roxbury be without the Holy Name Parish School and the St. Teresa Parish School? Could you imagine the Catholic Memorial School being forced to close? How can the sons of West Roxbury support a candidate who publicly embraces anti-Catholic bigotry?

To those of you who scoff and say this could never happen, I would remind you that Beacon Hill bowed to political correctness several years ago and refused to give the best adoption agency in the history of Massachusetts a religious liberty exemption. Because of cowed silence from our so-called Catholic politicians, Catholic Charities no longer provides adoption services in Massachusetts.

The Sebelius/Warren HHS Mandate is a Saint Thomas More moment for our local Catholic politicians. If you see any local politicians on the street, be sure to speak to them about this important issue. Ask them if they have the courage to support your ability to choose for yourself what type of procedures you will pay for through your health insurance. Act now to protect religious liberty and keep our local parochial schools open.

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City Council takes issue with Access to Excellence Plan

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

Debate continues to rage in regards to the Access to Excellence Plan, a school reassignment plan proposed by the Boston Public Schools (BPS).

The Boston City Council hosted a hearing regarding the school reassignment plan, and several City Councilors called for drastic alterations to the current BPS plan.

“I felt many of the questions that have been asked haven’t been sufficiently answered,” said City Councilor Mark Ciommo. “I feel like we didn’t have the info as a body to make an informed decision.”

The City Council criticized BPS for their lack of preparation in a previous hearing, before taking issue with the current plan.

“I think it’s possible to expand access to excellence in a better way. This goes well beyond being prepared when you come before the City Council,” said City Councilor Mike Ross.

Ross was among those particularly critical of the planned move of Fenway High to the Mission K-8 School in Mission Hill. Ross laid out a variety of reasons that Fenway High should be moved to the Agassiz School in Jamaica Plain instead.

“It’s a lot of high school in a small building, it’s like fitting a size 13 shoe in a size 10,” he said. “That is the move I question and criticize. I ask that is the move you change.”

The current plan calls for Fenway High School to move to the Mission Hill K-8 building, while the Boston Arts Academy would take over the Ipswich Street space it now shares with Fenway, the New Mission High School and Boston Community Leadership Academy would move to Hyde Park and a new Margarita Muniz Academy would move into the Agassiz School in JP along with Mission Hill.

BPS Superintendent Carol Johnson cited partnerships that the Fenway High has in the area as a reason she felt it was best to move Fenway High as short a distance as possible.

“I’m extremely impressed by the passion and caring of the people at the Mission K-8 School, it shows the great community and families they have and made it a difficult decision,” said Johnson. “It’s not that we haven’t looked at other options, but of the ones we considered this seems to be the best, even if the burden is harshest on the Mission K-8 students.”

City Councilor Tito Jackson was perhaps the most critical of the proposed plan.

“It truly makes me angry that we’ve been given miserable choices amongst horrible options,” he said.

Jackson pointed out that the \$19 million that the BPS wants the City Council to approve for loans, down from an earlier \$21 million estimate, could be used to leverage additional state school construction money to

simply build a brand-new school.

Ross urged councilors to vote in opposition of the plan, despite pressure from the Mayor’s Office.

Other councilors expressed concern about the plan, including Matt O’Malley, Felix Arroyo and Ayanna Pressley, but not all were in opposition.

Ciommo indicated that a similar plan from BPS several years ago seemed to work out well.

“We had some different thoughts on how to proceed, and which schools to include, but the more we looked at it, it seems to be a reasonable expense in terms of what is trying to be achieved,” said Sam Tyler of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau. “Overall, we would support the plan.”

Councilor Rob Consalvo was positive about the proposed Access to Excellence Plan’s impacts on his Hyde Park district.

“I would say this impacts the district in a positive way, as we will no longer have a vacant state-of-the-art facility in my district,” he said. “This facility is used for not just educational purposes but community events, and we are excited to have two high performing schools return to our district.”

\$850,000 in renovations will be put into the facility, mostly to build new science labs.

Johnson indicated that the two headmasters from BCLA and the New Mission High School will meet in coming



Superintendent Carol R. Johnson

weeks to discuss how the school will be divided for the two high schools. Previously, the Hyde Park Education Complex hosted three high schools.

Johnson added that she expected to recoup all lost funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, after grant payments were put on hold while the Hyde Park Edu-

cation Complex was empty for this past year.

Several Mission Hill parents attended last Thursday’s hearing to urge councilors to oppose the plan. Councilors voted on the plan Wednesday afternoon after the *Bulletin* went to press. See next week’s issue for more information about the plan.

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11:30. Father Nolan will provide a blessing, a wreath will be placed and a salute to the dead by the firing squad.

There will also be a brief ceremony honoring deceased members of the firing squad and honor guard at the Connolly gravesite.

“I’m not a veteran, but I can’t tell you how great a day this is for Hyde Park,” said Marla Mervin, a Readville resident.

The Fairview Cemetery has already been flagged by members of the post this past weekend, an annual tradition from the post. Cecil Fogg, the namesake for the post, is buried at the Fairview Cemetery.

The Fogg Roberts Post was created as a result of the West Roxbury and Hyde Park posts joining forces several years ago.

While it’s become an increasingly tough time for many American Legion posts nationwide, the Fogg Roberts Post says it remains strong.

“We’re actually pretty strong,” said Desroches in an interview earlier this year shortly after he had been named the new commander of the post. “We have a membership of 200 with about half of those active.”

Desroches also pointed out that the group has a about 75 members each in both its women’s auxiliary post and in its Sons of America Legion group. The Sons of American Legion is a group for men whose father’s were members of the military, and allows them to support veterans.

Despite the strength in numbers, Desroches has plans to reach out to younger veterans in hopes of maintaining the post.

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The Bulletin

MAYOR MENINO ANNOUNCES

2012 GARDEN CONTEST

The Fairmount Hill Garden Group were among the award winners in last year's garden contest for their work along Fairmount Avenue in Hyde Park.

FILE PHOTO

Boston’s green thumbs have until July 13 to register for Mayor Menino’s 2012 Garden Contest presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsors Comcast, JetBlue, and the *Boston Herald*.

This year’s contest includes new categories and the contest’s first Hall of Fame along with the exciting news that sponsor JetBlue has come on board this year to support the City of Boston’s green efforts by providing a Grand Prize trip to Florida.

Launched 16 years ago as part of Mayor Menino’s citywide beautification initiative, the contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, and shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston’s neighborhoods.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may

find nomination forms at www.cityofboston.gov/parks/gardencontest. First place winners in ten categories will receive the coveted “Golden Trowel” award from Mayor Menino and prize packages from the Parks Department, Comcast, Mahoney’s Garden Centers of Brighton, and other sponsors at an awards ceremony in August in the Public Garden.

All finalists in this year’s Garden Contest will also be entered into a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of a trip for four to the Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival in spring 2013 in Orlando, FL. The trip includes airfare and a three-night stay with admission to the Epcot Theme Park, which hosts the International Flower & Garden Festival each year.

Beginning this year, the Garden Contest will create a

Hall of Fame to honor those participants that have won three or more times in the last ten years. Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame and will be recognized at the awards ceremony in late August. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers will be able to participate as a contestant or judge during the 2012 contest. Starting in 2013, the Hall of Fame members will be ineligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges.

To enter the contest, apply online at www.cityofboston.gov/parks/gardencontest.aspx or pick up entry forms at Boston City Hall, Boston Community Centers, and Boston Public Library branches. For more information please call 617-961-3051.

Smart phone parking

payment on its way?

A proposal from City Councilor Tito Jackson could make paying for parking even easier than it already is.

Jackson called for Boston to begin adopting smart parking strategies, which include the ability to pay for parking with your smart phone.

“We are a high technology city and a high technology state, and we have some of the best colleges and universities in the countries, but we don’t have this type of technology,” said Jackson.

He explained that he learned of such technology during a visit to Washington D.C., where a friend used his phone to pay for parking.

Jackson was quick to praise the use of meter cards and credit cards that are currently available for individuals parking in the city.

“The City of Boston has made significant efforts to update its parking infrastructure, and

initiated conversations in every neighborhood regarding a unified approach to transportation and design,” read a section of the hearing order offered by Jackson.

The pay by phone system would create an app that would allow drivers to input payment and vehicle information and simply use their phone quickly and efficiently when parking.

“We have the cards, which are really great, but we have an opportunity to move to a true government 2.0 solution,” added Jackson.

The benefits for such a proposal would include that the funds would be directly deposited into the City Council general fund.

As part of this smart parking strategy users could also be alerted via text when their meter was close to expiring.

The hearing order was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services.

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Deaths

GANGEMI
Frank A. , 92, of Hyde Park, on May 16. Beloved husband of Lena (Flamingo). Devoted father of Frank of FL, Robert of West Roxbury, Lorraine Gangemi of Hyde Park, Marianne Rivard of Middleboro, Janice DePatto of Hyde Park and Geraldine Molina of Hyde Park. Cherished brother of Anna Gangemi of Hyde Park, Sister Helen Gangemi of Boston, Kitty DiMazzio of Sharon and Peter of Sandwich. Loving “Papa” of many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Funeral arrangements by the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, Hyde Park.

KING
Paul N., formerly of Hyde Park, on May 16. Beloved husband of Janet A. (Dadow). Devoted father of Paula Plunkett & her husband Robert of West Roxbury, Monica King of Hyde Park, Joseph L. King of West Roxbury, & the late Charles F. King. Brother of the late Ruth Patton, D. Hope King & Robert King. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.. Funeral arrangements by the Laughlin, Nichols & Pennacchio Funeral Home, Hyde Park. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Paul’s memory to the Hyde Park Emergency Food Pantry.

SULLIVAN
Genevieve “Jennie” (Kurpeski) in Hyde Park, on May 16. Beloved wife of Albert Sullivan. Beloved Daughter of the late Stanley and Helen (Lesczenska) Kurpeski. Loving Mother of Paul Sullivan (BPD) and his wife Darrellyn of Walpole, Kevin Sullivan of North Port, FL and the Late Cheryl Marini. Predeceased by 5 Loving brothers and 2 Loving Sisters. Also survived by Six loving Grandchildren, 4 loving great grandchildren and many Loving nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Francis E. Kenney & Sons Funeral Home, Hyde Park. Interment in Fairview Cemetery.

Senior Club News

MIL-PAR
Lorraine has scheduled the following trips for us:
May 24 – We will be going to Venezia on the Waterfront Restaurant for lunch.
June 13, 14 and 15 – Save the Date – Indian Head Resort in New Hampshire.

GO-GO SENIORS
Monthly meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month, at the Hyde Park Muni Building at noon, please contact Joanne at 617-323-0071. New members are always welcome.
May 27: Mohegan Sun.
June 5: Meeting, sandwiches. Call Joanne for reservations.
June 24: Lobster Barn, Double Lobster bake York, Maine.
Aug. 6: Lunch at Danvers Port Yacht and cruise in Newbury Port Club.
OVERNIGHT
July 15-16: Gambling Get-away. Final payment due June 3.

COMMUNITY SENIORS
The Community Seniors meet on the second Tuesday of the month at St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall, 4740 Washington St., West Roxbury. At 12:45 p.m. New members welcome to join.
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tunities for commercial and residential development, transit access, public realm enhancements, and community building initiatives,” reads a section of a press release from the BRA.
On October 20, 2011 the BRA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to engage a consultant team in the preparation of the Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative. The RFP selection committee made up of staff from the BRA, Boston Transportation Department, Public Works Department and Department of Neighborhood Development evaluated the proposals based on the following criteria: qualifications and experience, technical qualifications, consultant team composition, project manager qualifications, availability and responsiveness, and allocation of resources and schedule. As a result of this evaluation, the Cecil Group was selected.
The Fairmount Indigo Planning Initiative is the BRA’s largest planning study to date. It will impact 190,000 residents, or nearly one third of Boston’s population, who live within a half-mile of the commuter rail line. The study will identify corridor wide opportunities for commercial and residential development, transit access, public realm enhancements, and community building initiatives. The average annual income along the corridor is \$8,400 and one in three residents is under the age of 18. This study will lay the groundwork for new opportunities to improve resident quality of life.

In 2011 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the city’s Department of Neighborhood Development a \$20 million Choice Neighborhood grant and \$1.8 million Community Challenge grant. Together the grants will work to support growth along the corridor through investments in community oriented programs, affordable housing and transit oriented development.
The MBTA also invested \$130 million in the line that stretches from South Station to Hyde Park to construct four new stations in Mattapan, Dorchester and Roxbury/South Boston.
Along with improvements on the line, The BRA during the initiative will also work with the community to look at ways to encourage growth along the corridor and around the line’s stops and review what the community thinks will help encourage rider-ship and job growth.

Menino pushes for summer anti-violence initiative

Zack Huffman
Senior Reporter

In response to a city-wide uptick in crimes, particular violent and drug-related crime in the South Boston area, Mayor Thomas Menino has announced a new initiative to curb the rising flow of crime throughout the summer - a time when crime historically is on an upswing.

Menino joined Boston public safety, human services, and health officials last week to kick off S.P.R.I.N.G., an anti-violence strategy to get a jump start on stemming summer violence. The aggressive six-part strategy is a coordinated effort across government agencies and community partners. It will focus on sharing information, problem property enforcement, re-entry coordination, increased deployment, neighborhood engagement, and gang feud/player ceasefires.

The Mayor also outlined several new initiatives to support the strategy, including a Violence Interrupters Project in Mattapan, increased visibility of police on walking beats, and promoting positive summer programs and summer jobs in hot spot areas.

"We are working especially hard between now and July, because these efforts will shape our success from Independence Day to Labor Day," Mayor Menino said. "Every shooting we prevent now means one or two fewer shootings in retaliation later this summer. By working together and taking early action, we can help ensure that the youth and families of Boston have a safe and healthy summer, regardless of their zip code."

The S.P.R.I.N.G. summer strategy will emphasize some key areas of improvement, including the sharing information among city and partner agencies, including Boston Police Department (BPD), Boston Public Health Commission Violence Intervention Program, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families streetworkers as well as increased deployment of police and

streetworkers in hotspot areas, including coordination of drug control units and Youth Violence Strike Force, and placing new strategically located cameras in target areas.

Neighborhood engagement and increased visibility will include adding more Safe Street Teams, BPD walking and bicycle beats, neighborhood and business crime watch groups, and summer jobs placement for at risk youth.

The city will also ramp up its problem property enforcement including problem residences, focusing on party houses, as well as licensed premises in neighborhoods and downtown.

Re-entry coordination with the Department of Corrections based on successful work with Suffolk County, including visits on re-entry, will take place, while city will also work on gang ceasefires in order to focus on preventing retaliatory violence.

The Youth Violence Strike Force will organize a "call-in" for violent gang members and provide relentless follow up.

Mayor Menino also outlined the new 2012 violence prevention initiatives and identified several S.P.R.I.N.G. benchmarks to be accomplished by July 1.

This huge list of benchmarks calls for the creation of 75 new crime watch groups; 10,000 summer jobs; 65 training and transitional employment slots for PACT (Program for Assertive Community Treatment) clients; 75 case management slots for PACT siblings ages 6-17; 2,500 youth enrolled for BCYF summer camps; and 11,000 BPS summer program enrollments.

The mayor also said that he would like to see three additional problem properties identified, five new Violence Interrupters working with Streetworkers in hotspots areas, 34 cameras in historical/potential hotspots, 55,000 spring walking/bicycle beats, 50 visits with released prisoners, 30 gang members called-in for ceasefire conversations, 30 unresolved shootings meetings.

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encouraging other lawyers to begin reducing, reusing, and recycling, creates opportunities for attorneys to plant trees locally through its local initiative LATTE (Lawyers Accountable To The Earth).

"Lawyers go through about 10 times more paper than average office workers," said Glassman, who tries to partner with local community members whenever his group does a planting. "I like having the participation of the community. Doing a small project is what gives people the inspiration to do larger ones."

For Glassman, bringing the orchard planting to Hyde Park was a special way for him to come full circle in a community for which he has a lot of affinity.

"I'm extremely excited because when I first started my practice, most of my clients were from the Hyde

Park community," he said. "So this is a way for me to give back to the community that supported me when I was getting started in law."

Contributions by the RainforestMaker and the following attorneys supported the planting and maintenance of these and more trees in the City of Boston: D'Ambruoso & Freed, LLP; Suffolk University Law School Professors Kathleen Engel, Joseph Glannon, and Janice Griffith; Fireman & Associates; Rita Glassman; Law Offices of Jeffrey S. Glassman, LLC; Jan R. Schlichtmann, Attorney at Law, P.C.; Epstein & August, LLP; and McGregor & Associates, P.C.

For the most part, RainforestMaker has organized trips for lawyers and other volunteers to South America to help with massive replantings of trees in the rain forest. More re-

cently, the group has been taking part in smaller-scale plantings in the Boston area.

"As a personal injury lawyer, the concept is that you're a rain maker," said Glassman. "Rainforest Makers was a natural thing. Going through all that paper got me thinking about how we were impacting the environment. Some say a single lawyer can go through 24 trees a year."

Local residents were very supportive of the efforts.

"It's always a great thing to have more trees in the area, especially for Hyde Park where we have so much great green space to work with," said James Driscoll, a Hyde Park resident.

The trees, planted on the hill at Kelley Field, will add a nice neighborhood feel, according to Driscoll.

Staff Reporter Gil Haylon contributed to this story.

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City of Boston Credit Union Supports Field of Dreams

This past weekend City of Boston Credit Union sponsored the Field of Dreams Wiffle Ball Tournament held at the Boston Athletic Club. The goal of the tournament is to raise awareness of diabetes, as well as funds for the Joslin Diabetes Center.

The tournament, organized by the Boston Police Runners Club, began three years ago and has raised over \$140,000. Proceeds from this year's tournament will support Joslin Diabetes Center's commitment to finding a cure.

Along with the excitement of both the youth and adult tournaments, Shawn Thornton and Mayor Menino stopped by to wish the players luck. Thornton picked lucky winner Liam Stokes to receive an autographed jersey.

For more information about City of Boston Credit Union or the Field of Dreams Tournament please visit www.cityofbostoncu.com.

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zoning criteria except for this lot frontage variance," said Niles Sutphin, the architect for the project.

The lots are all well over the city zoning requirement of 6,000 square feet for a single family home. The lot at 70 Como Rd. is 10,048 square feet, the lot at 72 Como Rd. is 9,044 square feet and the lot at 48 West Milton St. is 8,998 square feet.

According to Sutphin, the homes will all be colonial styled and each will have a two-car garage.

While the lot frontage is an issue, the homes are set well back from the road, and will have long driveways. Each home will be three bedrooms, and the two Como Road homes, will have a fourth room designed to be a home office or gym. The two Como Road homes are expected to be about 2,400 square feet, while the West Milton Street home will be about 1,600 square feet.

Sutphin assured residents that extensive landscaping work will be done around the home, and explained that residents could offer input about a possible fence around the property.

Residents demonstrated some concern about how close these homes might be to abutting houses. Sutphin estimated

that the newly constructed homes would sit about 40 feet away from adjacent houses.

Chase indicated that there were no prices set on the homes, but he guessed they would go on the market at around \$450,000.

Residents offered concerns about shoveling such long driveways, something that the owners of the house would

have to take into consideration when purchasing.

No ZBA hearing has been scheduled for the proposed project, but abutters within 300 feet of the homes will be notified via flier.

Chase indicated that he has done similar construction projects before, but not in the immediate area.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU09P2541GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION EXPAND
THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

In the Interest of:
Michael McDonagh
Of: Boston, MA

RESPONDENT
(Incapacitated Person/Protected Person)

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Parkwell R Nursing of Hyde Park, MA
In the above captioned matter requesting that the court:
Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent
The petition asks the Court to determination that the powers of the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with 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 10:00A.M. on the return date of **06/01/2012**. 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. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court
May 03, 2012
Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 05/24/2012

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU12D0955DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Carl A. Christie vs. Angella N Christie

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage pursuant to G.L.c.208, Sec.1B
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in the 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:
Carl A. Christie
62 Mariposa St., Hyde Park, MA 02136
your answer, if any, on or before **06/28/2012**. 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, Joan P. Armstrong, Esquire, First Justice of this Court.
April 20, 2012
Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate Court

Hyde Park Bulletin, 05/24/2012

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No.SU12P0926EA

Estate of: Patricia A O'Brien
also known as: Patricia O'Brien
Date of Death: 10/02/2011

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To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
Mary Jane Bentley of Acton, MA and
Patricia Duncan of Dedham, MA
Requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that:
Mary Jane Bentley of Acton, MA and
Patricia Duncan of Dedham, MA
Be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before: 10:00A.M. on 06/21/2012. This day 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.
WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.
May 18, 2012.
Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate

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