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This former snow plow storage space will become home to eight condos near Roslindale Square.

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ZBA approves Roslindale condos, denies Brighton pot shop

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met for its regular meeting on Nov. 17 and approved an eight-unit residential building on Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale, voted to deny a new recreational pot shop at 204 North Beacon St. in Brighton and approved another at 883 Hyde Park Ave. in Hyde Park.

The 204 North Beacon St. proposal was put forth by Ron Lipof, represented by Bill Silverman. Lipof said the property is abutted by Mar-

ket Street and a Dunkin' Donuts, which is also owned by the same landlord Lipof is leasing the land from. He said the operation will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. He said they have analyzed the parking trends currently at the property.

"We have done a parking analysis that shows the peak time is really 8 to 8:20 a.m. but it ends at 9 a.m., and we're going to be open way after that at 10 a.m.," he said. "We're going to have a security professional as well as a dedicated outdoor parking lot attendant, who will be responsible for ensuring that vehicular and pe-

destrian traffic is moving smoothly and safely."

He said they have a 1,000-square-foot waiting area with a capacity of 67 people (28 if socially-distant), which he said is much higher than the highest expected customer numbers.

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Allston Brighton Liaison Conor Newman said the Mayor's Office would go on record in opposition to the proposal.

"We voiced opposition as well when this applicant was

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The Roslindale Collective joined forces with Hyde Park's Katsiroubas Produce for Thanksgiving.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

Roslindale Collective distributes Thanksgiving meals

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

As the holiday season quickly approaches, many families across the city (and country) are on a tight budget due to the devastating economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. One million people are struggling to get enough to eat in Massachusetts, the hunger rate is up 59 percent since 2018, and one in five children in the state are food insecure (according to Feeding America).

On Sunday, Nov. 22, the Roslindale Collective, along with the help of dozens of community volunteers, helped distribute nearly 100 boxes of food at their program site at the

Washington Irving Middle School parking lot. Katsiroubas Produce, a family-owned New England produce wholesaler, also helped with the Sunday program by donating Thanksgiving meal boxes of fresh produce and organic chicken.

The Roslindale Collective hosts their food distribution program every Sunday from 1 - 2:30 pm in the back parking lot of the Washington Irving Middle School in Roslindale. The Roslindale food program is hosted by the Roslindale Collective and is a branch of the Brookline Food Co-op, an all volunteer food rescue organization which provides free

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Retail pot shop planned for 1589 Columbus Ave

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

It wasn't an abutters meeting, it was a love fest.

Fifty-one callers joined the Nov 17 virtual abutters meeting hosted by Lindsey Santana of the Mayors Office to hear partners Michael Pires and Marcus Johnson Smith of KG (Krush Groove) Collective describe their proposed Premium Urban Cannabis dispensary at 1589 Columbus Avenue.

After their presentation, Santana opened the lines for each caller, one by one, and

most spoke in glowing terms about how much they supported KG Collective.

But most of those callers weren't abutters; they didn't even live in Jamaica Plain.

They called in from Taunton, Revere, Salisbury, Somerville, Hyde Park, New Bedford, Uphams Corner, Roxbury, West Roxbury, Malden, Roslindale and Mattapan.

This prompted Natalie Kaufman, at one of her last community meetings as staff for Rep Liz Malia, to make an

Retail Pot

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1589 Columbus Ave, site of the proposed cannabis dispensary

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before the Cannabis Board,” he said. “The community meeting was conducted in September of 2018, and since then we’ve heard concerns from numerous constituents regarding the high concentration of children that gather at that Dunkin’ before school, after school and on the weekends after various sporting events, either at the rink further down on Guest Street or at the McKinney Fields.”

He said local officials have also voiced concerns about the safety of the North Beacon and Market Street intersection. ZBA Secretary Kevin O’Connor said there were more than 500 letters of support for the project and about 115 letters of opposition. District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon’s representative put in a position of non-opposition, whereas State Reps. Mike Moran and Kevin Honan went on record in opposition because the site has little community support and is close to two schools in the area (though not within the 500-foot legal buffer zone).

“We are more than five times the buffer requirement to St. Joseph’s School, we are three times the requirement for McKinney Field, and more than two times the buffer requirement for Faneuil Gardens,” Lipof said. “We have

significant community support.”

Based on the level of community opposition, the ZBA voted unanimously to oppose the project.

In Hyde Park, the location and community support worked out much differently. Daniel Toscano, of Drago and Toscano, represented proponent Sean Berte and Evergreen Farms. Toscano said the entire process of purchasing the product should be a 15-minute operation. O’Connor said there are 15 letters of support.

Resident Rachel McCann said she supported the project.

“I think it’s a great idea, especially when it’s owned and operated by locals,” she said. “I don’t think parking has ever been an issue on that end of Hyde Park Avenue.”

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association President Jim Kirker also spoke in support of the project.

“We and the entire association, are in support of this project,” he said. “Sean has always been available at our meetings to answer any questions and they’ve worked very hard on this. Parking should be fine, there have been restaurants there without any issues.”

ZBA Chair Christine Araujo said she was happy to see Kirker back at ZBA meetings, despite some friction in the

past.

“I know you’re not always happy with some of our decisions, but it’s good you keep appearing,” she said, possibly referring to an ongoing issue the HPNA has had with the project associated with 11 Dana Ave.

Representatives from At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George’s office also spoke in support and there were no speakers in opposition. The measure passed 4-1.

Lastly, the project at 44-46 Belgrade Ave. was approved. Variances for the project include Floor area ratio (FAR) excessive, front yard setback insufficient, side yard setback insufficient and rear yard setback insufficient. Attorney John Pulgini represented Belgrade Triangle LLC, which wants to put eight units with a small space for retail.

“The proposal is to raze a former auto body truck storage facility and build a new three-story, eight-unit condominium building,” Pulgini said. “There’s one commercial retail space of 1,380 square feet.”

ONS Roslindale Liaison Joseph Coppinger, District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo’s representative, and 34 letters testified to the neighborhood support for this project. The ZBA approved it 5-0 unanimously.



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West Roxbury resident organizes BLM Say their Names Memorial

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

West Roxbury resident Haeyoung Koh is a teacher by profession. On Sun., Nov. 15, she hoped to educate Boston about the impact of racial injustice by installing a memorial to those who were its victims with more than 30 Parkway area volunteers.

The Say Their Names Memorial is part of a nationwide initiative started in Portland, Oregon by community organizer Joy Proctor on Juneteenth 2020 to bring visual awareness to the Black lives that were lost thorough police brutality and systemic racism. Boston now joins 25 other cities nationwide with public displays of victims' black and white photos in major outdoor venues.

"I was so floored today to see a whole group of our community members here as part of the movement," she said, noting that more than 300 photos have been arranged by dozens of Parkway area residents.

Koh wanted to do something positive in response to the "confusion and struggle" after the murder of George Floyd.

"I am a public school teacher, and I wanted to be able to talk to my students about the extent of the chaos," she said. "I work with predominantly Black and brown students. I wanted to find a way to show up for them, how to use my talents and strengths, to show empathy and unity."

She was inspired by a post about Proctor's movement and decided to take on the initiative with friend Carissa Sacchetti. Proctor's website, saytheirnamesmemorial.com, provides the information on those who were killed. There is space for the list to grow, as more people become aware of the movement and share their



Parkway residents are bringing awareness to the issue of systemic racism in the United States.

COURTESY PHOTO

experiences. It also serves as a constant reminder that racism exists in America, and the public outcry for it to be addressed.

"I felt so moved by the civil unrest that I wanted to act in a spirit of service," Koh, who also had lived in Portland during college, explained. "My goal was to have a way to honor the people who were victims and to have a safe space for conversations about this issue."

"It was a really cool thing that more than 20 cities took this on," she continued. "But each one has put their own unique spin on it. They adapt it to the situation, the space and the environment."

While many of the memorials are placed on chain-link or wooden fences, one in Dallas, Texas had enlarged pictures placed in the ground like tombstones with flowers at their sides.

Koh and volunteers met at the little league field on the Common and spent more than six hours placing each photograph on the fence. Wearing masks and observing COVID-19 precautions, they adorned

the fence with floral arrangements and banners. Koh started a gofundme.com page with the goal of \$600 for supplies and obtained a site permit from the Parks Department for the installation to remain until Sun., Nov. 22. Maintenance of the memorial will be ongoing.

"We wanted to take the time to place each photo with care, to say their name, to allow time to pay respect and to share loved one's stories," Koh explained, noting that when she first conceived the event, there were only 177 photographs. "It was really a place of reflection for all of us."

As an Asian American woman, Koh acknowledged that her culture has experienced prejudice and cultural backlash, most recently during the pandemic.

"For me, I thought about my role as a non-white, non-Black woman of color," she said. "There are a lot of questions all of us are asking as we step into our different roles. I am a schoolteacher, a mother, a per-

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A deficit of decency comes to an end

Don't you just love alliteration? It's a figure of speech in which two or more same initial consonant sounds come close together, as in the longer example "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" or a mere two words, "sounds of silence." But the alliterative phrase in the title above, "deficit of decency," is not mine: Presidential historian Jon Meacham, a frequent contributor on national television talk shows, used it recently on MSNBC a few minutes after that station and others named Biden the president-elect by picking him to capture Pennsylvania and thus catapult over the 270 electoral-vote bar.

Donald Trump has frequently used appalling, obscene language at numerous White House press conferences, at political rallies, and once on a bus trip with Billy Bush to film an Access Hollywood episode. Most of Trump's word choices had been made famous—or is it infamous?—by comedian George Carlin in his provocative 1972 monologue, "Seven Words That You Can't Say on Television." Obviously, they should not be used in school, either.

Trump has also violated school decorum by bestowing unflattering nicknames on opponents. In one case he even mimicked a disabled person. He used racially charged words in some of his public discourse.



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

Yes, devotees of both political parties have to be appalled by such presidential verbiage regardless of his accomplishments as president. Undoubtedly current and former schoolteachers have winced at hearing some of his words. True, his spoken words have not brought about physical harm per se but have undermined the tenets of all teachers in classrooms throughout our country.

Perhaps someday president-elect Biden may slip into the public utterance of foul or demeaning language. Maybe an open mic may someday capture him at his worst. But until such a horrible time comes—and your humble scribe hopes that it never does—the deficit of decency has mercifully come to an abrupt end after four long years—something to really, really appreciate on this most unusual of Thanksgivings.

THANK YOU FOR DRIVE-BY PARADE

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the Roslindale community for the Veterans Day 2020 Drive-by Parade.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the drive-by parade on Veterans Day to support and honor Richard Reed for his military service in Vietnam and ongoing cancer battle. We were touched by the outpouring of love, support, and well wishes from the community. A special thank you to the organizers of the event Marjorie Vogt, Nancy Killion, Diana Bradley, Hannah Brown, and the Vogt Realty Group LLC team. To all the realtors, police, and members of the community, the tribute is one we will always cherish and appreciate. Please remember all our veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed forces who defend our freedom, we salute you and thank you for your service. For those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and their families, you are not forgotten.

Richard and Anne Reed
Roslindale

APOLOGIES AND RESIGNATIONS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS A MUST

To The Editor:

People in Boston like me, with the last name Murphy, can rest assured that no one in public office and no members of the Boston School Committee are going to make fun of my name.

In Boston, if your name is Murphy or Robinson or Sullivan or O'Neil, no one

mocks you as an outsider. We have the privilege of being considered insiders here, just because of our names. But if your last name is Ng or Peng or Wong or Chen, forget it. You may think you are welcome, as a resident and taxpayer of our City, to address the School Committee as a valued member of the community. But for our current Boston School Committee, the message is clear: Asians Need Not Apply. This Boston School Committee will ridicule you on open mics. They will say they had to resist laughing at the racist tweets they were receiving. They will say that there are "too many Asian students" in our exam schools. This Boston School Committee does not respect Asian children and families, and the records and transcripts of their meetings prove it.

The text messages that were sent secretly by School Committee members to each other during last month's meeting are appalling. They are racist. They are unwelcoming to our Asian neighbors and friends. And they make it abundantly clear that this School Committee, and especially its new exam school admission policy, were tainted from the very beginning by anti-Asian bias.

In the October 8th meeting, member Geri Robinson tasked the Working Group with reducing the number of successful Asian applicants to our exam schools. At the October 21st meeting, member Lorna Rivera secretly texted she almost "laughed out loud" when she heard Michael Loconto's racist joke. Then vice-chair Oliver-Davila secretly texted that the racist tweets she was receiving during Asian parents' testimony were funny.

SC Member O'Neil was secretly texting the chair during last month's meeting, suggesting plausible lies he might use

to cover up his racist remarks. Members O'Neil, Sullivan, and Davila were texting each other about the vote before it was taken and while Asian parents were literally testifying to them about their heartfelt opposition to the new policy.

The Boston School Committee has a long and ugly history of racism. Allowing that ugly past to be a part of our City's present is unacceptable. Anti-Asian racism is Racism. It cannot be tolerated by the Boston Public Schools, our Mayor, or our City Council.

School Committee members Geri Robinson, Lorna Rivera, Michael O'Neil, and Alexandra Oliver-Davila need to apologize publicly to the Asian community of Boston and to resign their positions on the School Committee immediately. The Committee needs to cancel the new exam school policy vote from last month because it made a mockery of any kind of transparency or democratic spirit, and because it was written and supported by School Committee members whose racist remarks are now public, permanently damaging this body's reputation.

Darragh Murphy
Director, Transparent and
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IT'S NOT OVER TILL IT'S OVER!

To the Editor:

The whole 2020 election cycle has been a disaster. Blaming President Trump for the latest madness is unfair. Blaming him for not yet conceding the results and filing various court challenges is in his right to do. Doesn't everyone want to know the actual vote count? If the Democratt bigwigs have nothing to hide why ridicule him for using all legal remedies?

I am a realist, it will be difficult to overturn the coronation that has already happened by

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Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

Dear Doctor: We are almost done funding college for the last of our four kids and will be needing to purchase a sedan when my daughter takes our trusted Subaru to school next September. I've been looking at used performance sedans including Audi S6, Mercedes E43 and BMW 650. The steep initial depreciation makes them good buys, but I can't find any good reliability data because they are low volume vehicles. I typically maintain and keep my vehicles through 150,000 miles so I was a little concerned that everything I'm looking at is turbocharged. Can you recommend one of these makes/models over another? —Pete

A) You are looking at performance sedans. You are also correct in the huge 18 month depreciation rate. I will tell you that any performance import will last your 150,000 miles. The cost and upkeep maintenance is another cost. All 3 vehicles are high line vehicles and the main difference will be what you like and want. Ride handling, interior comfort all come into play. Turbo charged 4 and 6 cylinder engines are very common in today's world.

Dear Doctor: My 2004 Infiniti FX35 crossover will not start after sitting un-driven for a week. The car has 25,000 miles and has a new battery. I was told it was the alternator, so I had a new alternator installed. What else could it be? —Jeannie

A) If the battery is correct and good, the car has parasitic drain. Parasitic draw / drain is when the electrical system takes extra voltage from the battery when the engine is off and the key is out of the ignition. We see this problem on a variety of both cars and trucks. I always look on Identifix before starting the jobs, I did on your question. There are many possibilities and the testing is not hard. It involves an amp meter between the battery and battery cable so all power needed will flow thru the meter some possibilities are the audio amplifier, alarm system, body control module, power seat switch, drivers power seat or anything that has power when the ignition key is off. The technician will remove 1 fuse at a time out and monitor the amp meter for system draw. Fifty to 75 mili amps is considered normal today. It can sometimes take 1/2 for the computers to go to sleep so the technician start testing. Identifix does have all the question fuses identified and numbered to help the technician.

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son of the Asian American community. I thought about how I could start a dialogue, thinking about the blind spots, and find a place for space to have conversations in a very honest way that are safe and transparent.

“I think if we focus on the ugliness of racism, that’s when I begin to lose hope,” she continued. “But the overflowing amount of love and support I have received has been incredible. I am honored as an organizer to be a vessel to honor and share their stories.”

Koh added that she is working on compiling biographies of the victims to add to the memo-

rial.

Sazama Real Estate in Jamaica Plain made a financial contribution, while JP’s Red Sun Press in donated partially to prints and the banner. Additional donations will be used toward creating a more permanent Black Lives Matter memorial. So far, the total is \$720, and contributions still are being accepted.

Sazama realtor Rahel Choi, who participated in the installation, said her friend Koh brought it to her attention as part of a racial equity group discussion.

Hanging the pictures, Choi

said, was “an honorable way to be part of the solution.”

“As a broker, I am very supportive of the BLM movement,” she said. “I am an Asian person of color, and one of my colleagues is Black. I have been talking to him about it and how he has been facing this issue for so long, so we jumped on the opportunity to help.”

She added that she was proud of Koh and was happy to see the connections that were made on the Common.

“In the end, we’re all the same,” Koh said simply in summary. “We all just want to be loved, and we want to love.”

Boston Police deliver turkeys in Jamaica Plain for Thanksgiving



On Thursday, November 19, 2020 members of the District E-13 (Jamaica Plain) Community Service Office, in partnership with the Egleston Square YMCA and the Rafael Hernandez School, delivered hundreds of Thanksgiving meals to some local families

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the Ruling Class, both democrat and republican, by big tech and all the fake news media outlets who all seem to be acting like Biden Cheerleaders.

However, never say never, the odds may be against Trump, but this is more than just about his inflated ego, this is about the integrity of the election system and whether or not your vote and mine were suppressed.

Some of the Trump Team's legal challenges are better than others. I give the chances of success pretty much the same chance that Bill O'Reilly stated on a recent WABC Radio show of his, about one in five or 20 percent.

The two strongest cases are in Pennsylvania and Michigan where audits of the vote are taking place. It seems that there were many questionable ballots cast in both states. I hear that in the Quaker State and Michigan too many dead people apparently arose from the dead, climbed out of their graves to take their mail-in voting ballots to the mailbox around the corner from their cemetery address. I guess in some states you carry your right to vote to the grave with you.

Recently, the Boston Globe's apparent racist columnist Renee Graham wrote about all those Trump supporters who were peering into plate glass windows and banging on them to get the attention of vote counters inside and she compared them all to Walking Dead zombies. The newspaper actually ran a photo of that scene next to her column to prove her

point more emphatically. However, we do know that actual dead people participated in the election process this year.

In Pennsylvania a lower court, after a lawsuit filed by Democrat plaintiffs, overturned a state law deciding what votes were valid or not. The judge in this matter overturned current state law and created a new law of his own, or at least that is how I am interpreting it.

If this case gets to the US Supreme Court, and hopefully it will, then does the High Court have any choice other than invalidating all ballots not in the custody of state election officials as of 8pm election night as the previous but overturned law had previously stated? I think that very well might happen but we won't know to the court makes its ruling.

As Yogi Berra once said, 'IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER!'

*Sal Giarratani
East Boston*

SUPPORTING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

To the Editor:

What do you think of when you imagine someone who is homeless or going hungry? Do you think of a college student struggling to pay for meals, tuition, housing, and many other expenses at the same time?

Usually people don't think of college students when they consider the hungry or the homeless, and these issues have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The Hope Center

found that about 40% of college students experience food insecurity. Additionally, 15% of students at 4-year and 11% of students at 2-year institutions have experienced homelessness because of the pandemic.

On top of that, the pandemic has made numerous college students experience job insecurity.

My job was closed because of the pandemic, so I found myself unable to work and with less money to spend on the costs of going to college. When the CARES Act was passed earlier this year I, like many other college students, was extremely grateful to receive some assistance.

We can't expect college students to shoulder the excess burdens from the pandemic alone. We should be supporting our college students, and an easy way to do that is to make sure the next COVID relief bill provides for college students.

*Ashley Agostinelli
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food to elderly, disabled, and low-income households in the area.

Last March, Katsiroubas began offering homes the option to purchase a produce box. They also offered a donation option for people to purchase a "food box" for specific food organizations, such as the Roslindale Collective.

"Our agreement is that instead of us getting a box of food, we use the money donated towards purchasing bulk produce that we give out at the Sunday program (i.e. carrots, onions, fruit, etc). Katsirouba decided to offer a Thanksgiving box, that was worth \$45 and food pantries could get for \$25. Our goal was to be able to offer one Thanksgiving box to the 80 families that typically come through the Sunday program," explained Roslindale Collective volunteer Sadie Fox Barocas. "In order to accomplish that goal, we asked the community if they would contribute. The beauty of this type of fundraising, is that anyone, from anywhere, can make a donation. There were donations from Colorado, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and, of course, Boston and the surrounding areas."

In the Thanksgiving meal box, Katsiroubas provided fresh produce such as celery, onions, and carrots and a whole organic chicken.

"Since COVID-19 started back in March, Katsiroubas has changed their business model a bit. We now do direct to consumers and we started offering curbside pick-up locations for people to pick up boxes of fresh produce with no contact in order to avoid going to the grocery store and wait in line," said Jessica Rohrick of Katsiroubas. "We now serve nine communities in and around Boston. Within each community we serve, we have teamed up with their local food pantry [or food co-op]. We got in contact with Leah and Sadie from the Roslindale Collective."

"This [program] would not be possible if it wasn't for the support of the community, who has rallied around us, and the support of Katsiroubas, who has been by our side since the beginning. We are eternally grateful for the support they have given us. The quality of the food people are going to get today is astronomical," stated Leah Arteaga, a Roslindale Collective volunteer. "We touch the lives of so many people. People who are struggling because their unemployment benefits have ended and they didn't know how they were going to get food on the table. It warms my heart that each of us comes out every week and sacrifices a few hours of our life to get this done."

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The usual Thanksgiving dinner at the Elks won't be taking place this year, but the Elks at Lodge #10 in West Roxbury will still be making deliveries.

FILE PHOTO

Elks still delivering on Thanksgiving

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While it might have been short-notice – organizers said they decided to start planning on Nov. 18 – the Boston Elks Lodge #10 has decided to continue with its Thanksgiving Dinner tradition.

While COVID-19 has made the usual dinner at the Elks unfeasible, organizer Jaclyn Ann Greenwood said this year they've scraped up funds from the Elks to put together 100 meals for delivery by volunteers. She said residents who would like a meal delivered to them should reach out as soon as they can by calling Greenwood at 617-828-2843 or by

sending her an email at JaclynElks10@gmail.com. She said they will continue to take orders until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 or when they've filled the order of 100 meals.

"We've always done this dinner, it's been almost 40 years now I think but I'd have to look it up," she said. "We wanted to do it again this year, but with Covid we just can't. Usually we partner with Ethos to provide 400 meals on wheels and we still had every intention of doing that this year."

Unfortunately, Ethos could not come through on its usual delivery.

"We still wanted to do it, and we think there's a huge need for it this year more than

any other year," she said. "So at the last minute, we were able to scramble to do a scaled-down version with 100 meals. The thing is we don't have access to any of Ethos' client information, like the meals on wheels information or those who attend their events. So we've got a small group of volunteers driving and delivering meals. We'll be wearing masks and gloves, and we'll be doing drop offs at a distance, and so we'll leave the meal and step back to the sidewalk and then the recipient can come grab it."

Greenwood said volunteers will be going out on Thanksgiving Day to help where they can.

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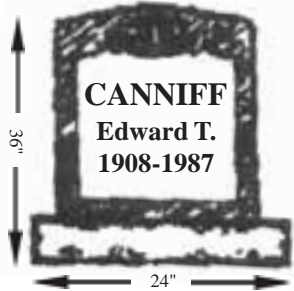
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Deaths

BARESSI

Salvatore P. of Hyde Park, Nov 16. Beloved husband of the late Ida R. (Giammasi) and dear father of Donna Baressi of Hyde Park. Brother of the late Edward and Dominic Baressi and the late Madeline Rizzo. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Folsom Funeral Home, 87 Milton St., DEDHAM. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. Donations to the DAV, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 would be appreciated. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

CLARKE



Kathleen M. "Marie" (Hegarty) Longtime resident of West Roxbury more recently of Dedham, passed away on November 18, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Cornelius and Catherine (McGonagle) Hegarty formerly of Inishowen, County Donegal, Ireland. Beloved wife of the late Robert B. Clarke. Loving mother of Robert M. Clarke and his wife Deborah Millar of Gloucester, Anne Baldyga of West Roxbury, and Victoria Clarke of West Roxbury. Loving grandmother of Aidan and Elizabeth Baldyga. Dear sister of Dr. James C. Hegarty of Chelmsford and the late Jack Hegarty. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Marie was a graduate of Carney School of Nursing. She was a Boston Public School Nurse for many years as well as past president of the Boston Home and School Association and the School Nurses Faculty Senate. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Monday, November 30th at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Theresa Church, West

Roxbury at 10am. The maximum church capacity due to covid regulations is 80 people. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Marie's memory C/O Mass General Development Office 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

COYNE

William P. Of West Roxbury, November 20, 2020. Beloved son of the late William M. and Catherine E. (Gurry). Loving brother of Kathleen M. and the late Richard G. and Kevin G. Dear friend of the late Kay Lane. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services to be held at a later date. US Army Veteran. Late member Local 25. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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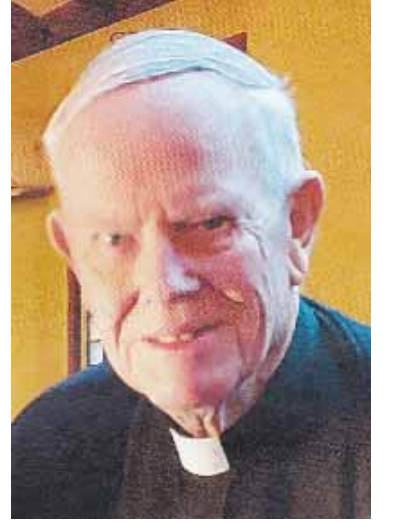
Robert F. of Roslindale, passed away on November 16, 2020. Loving son of the late Joseph, Sr. and Irene (Sharp) Federico. Brother of Joseph Federico, Jr. and his fiancée Phyllis McLean. Uncle of Matt and his wife Brianne Federico and Kelly Federico and her husband Andy Wilcox. Nephew of May Papillon. Longtime boyfriend of Kathleen Chin. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral Service and interment are private. For complete obituary, please visit www.Russofuneralhome.com Joseph Russo Funeral Home 617-325-7300.

MARTIN

Jeffrey A. of Youngstown, OH, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on November 18, 2020. Former husband of Barbara Martin of Roslindale. Father of Neal Martin and his wife Cindi of NH, Greg Martin of Roslindale, Brian Martin and his wife Jodi of Stoughton, LeeAnne Sciara and her husband John of Roslindale, and the late Glenn Martin. Brother of Joyce Hiester, Pam Dunlap, and David Martin, all of OH. Also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Jeffrey was a Navy Veteran and served on the USS Wasp. He will be interred with Military Funeral Honors at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. For online guestbook,

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MACDONALD



Rev. Paul V. Age 88, passed away peacefully November 17, 2020 after a brief illness. Fr. Paul was a retired priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston for over 60 years. He was a member of the class of 1959 St. John's Seminary. A lifelong resident of West Roxbury, he was the son of the late Leo and Jeanette MacDonald. Paul was also predeceased by his brother, David and his wife Lucy (Iadonisi), and her son, Kenney (Logan) of Dedham. He is survived by his beloved cousins, John R., Daniel F., and Paul E., of Boston and Edward J., of Wilmington, N.C. Fr. Paul also leaves behind MacDonald cousins in Maple Hill, PEI Canada where he spent many summers in his youth: Grant, Gerard, Barbara (Brazil), Kermit, Mary (Gallant) and their spouses and families. In Toronto, Ontario: Margaret and John. Predeceased by cousins Edward MacDonald of Boston, Donald, Rod and Ronald MacDonald; of Grand Falls Windsor, NFLD. Minnesota cousins include Charles, Jean, Linda and Mary MacDonald, along with Margaret Reese of California. Father Paul served at St. Williams, Dorchester, St. Coleman's, Brockton, Sacred Heart, Weymouth Landing and St. Francis Xavier, Scituate. His dedicated service continued in the parishes of St. John Chrysostom and St. Theresa, both in West Roxbury and St. Joseph's, Needham. Fr. Paul was a true man of the people who loved animals, and was well known in both the parishes and restaurants in West Roxbury and Dedham. His neighbors, their pets, parishioners and waitstaff were like family to him and his presence will be sorely missed. A private concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was Celebrated in St. Theresa of Avila Church. To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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observation.

"This was a good presentation, but I'd like to hear from more local folks," she said. "I'm not hearing from folks in this area."

Marcus Johnson Smith immediately put Premium Urban Cannabis in focus.

"We want a platform for young people that look like us," he said. "We created a brand inspired by the 420 movement."

Smith said KG has two retail stores that sell cannabis accessories and clothing, at 1536 Tremont St. in Mission Hill and, since March, at 541 Mass. Ave., Central Square.

He said he wanted to see "the Black and brown community involved in the cannabis community."

"I worked in corporate philanthropy," Smith said, "for the Boston Foundation as a grant manager."

Pires said he is a Cape Verdean American who lives in Dorchester.

"Cannabis is part of our lifestyle," he said. "It's a passion of ours."

Pires said they have a ten-year secured lease on the building at the corner of Amory St signed in July 2020.

This will be KG Collective's first cannabis store and it will carry a small selection of clothing and accessories complementing the sale of marijuana.

Pires emphasized why they chose that location.

"We want to be part of the great revitalization of Jackson Square," he said

"There's not many minorities that have had a stake in the revitalization that's going on."

Pires described the layout of the one-story cinderblock building that was last used as a church, its security precautions, entry procedures and storage system for the cannabis products.

He admitted parking is limited.

"It's a tight site," he said, "but we've talked with the auto supply business next door and they said we could use their lot as backup parking."

"The waiting vestibule and security checkpoint will have art work by local artists," Pires said.

Smith described their hiring policies.

"We have a track record of hiring Black and brown men," he said. "We pay sustainable wages and we will apply the same record to the Columbus Avenue location."

"I've worked in corporate philanthropy," Smith said, "I'm uniquely experienced to identify organizations we want to support with financial contribu-

tions."

Smith named three, none of which are in Jamaica Plain.

Women With A Purpose, a national organization centered in Wisconsin that is largely a speaker's bureau.

"It educates and empowers women," Smith said. "We have an affinity for Black women organizations."

Minorities for Medical Marijuana is located in Orlando, Florida and has a Massachusetts chapter headed by Derrell Black, the general manager of Pure Oasis cannabis dispensary in Grove Hall, the first to open in the city.

Beat the Odds, a youth organization directed by Giovanni Lopez in Dorchester.

Santana opened the line for questions and one after another the good vibes flowed.

Nate Lash said he lived in the Washington Park area of Roxbury.

"It's great to see Black-owned businesses open up," he said.

Paul from New Bedford added his good wishes.

"I support everything these guys are doing," he said. "These are great guys. I buy a lot of Krush Groove clothing."

A woman called to say she was a real estate broker.

"It's important to back them up," she said. "These are Black and brown men. It's important to take our resources to our own people."

Sue Pranger lives in Egleston Square and was one of the few from the neighborhood that called in.

"Your property is right next door to what Urban Edge is building," she said referring to the zoning approved, six-story, 64 income-based apartments that will replace the auto supply business owned by Urban Edge.

"The lot behind you on Amory Street, Urban Edge is considering for a park. How can you prevent your customers from loitering in the park?" Pranger asked.

Pires and Smith did not comment on the new housing for which financing is now being sought.

Two staff from Urban Edge-including Caitlin Madden the project manager - were on the call but did not comment when asked by Santana.

Sheila O'Neil is the chief administrator of Horizons for Homeless Children now nearing completion at 1785 Columbus Ave.

"I want to call your attention to our homeless families," she said, "some of whom have addictions. I'm really, really worried about our families and their

struggles as they walk by your store. Hopefully we can work together to figure this out."

Kate Barrand, CEO of Horizons, that will open its new offices and classrooms in April, said she was "looking for your thoughts."

"I'm concerned for our little people," she said. "I'm concerned about the potential impacts on our families who are in recovery who will pass by your business every day," she said.

Raquel Rosenblatt, chief development officer for Dimock Health Center also shared some thoughts.

"I have serious concerns about this project," she said. "We're the second largest community health center. It's a block away. We serve hundreds of very low-income families. How can your process work with Dimock? You didn't walk up Dimock Street."

Smith said he dropped off a flyer.

"But cannabis is not a substance abuse issue," Smith added. "For the record that hasn't been my experience. I don't have the answers to the substance abuse problem but we will work with you."

Sherry Howard called in to support KG.

"I know Mike and Marcus," she said. "The concerns people have, these are two caring gentlemen."

One of the last callers was Tomas Gonzalez of Core Empowerment, a retail cannabis dispensary set to open soon at Hyde Square.

"I'm part of a Jamaica Plain dispensary," he said. "I'm a Latino person of color. I'm in support. I have a lot of admiration for them, what they do and how they do it. It's good for the industry. You couldn't find better people."

Jacqueline lives at Academy Homes I across the street and is a member of the tenants task force. She said Pires and Smith had met with the task force, but she remained skeptical.

"My concern is this is so close to a family development," she said. "I support the concerns of Dimock and Horizons about their families walking by."

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No. SU20P0453EA**
Suffolk Division

Estate of: Walter J. Geary
Also Known As:
Date of Death: 08/16/2019

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: **Kevin P. Geary of Boston, MA**
A Will has been admitted to informal probate
Kevin P. Geary of Boston, MA
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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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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No. SU20P1956EA**
Suffolk Division

Estate of: Helen Elaine Duncan
Also Known As:
Date of Death: July 17, 2020

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: **Ralph A. Duncan of West Roxbury, MA**
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Ralph A. Duncan of West Roxbury, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No. SU20P2052EA**

Estate of: William F. O'Connor **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 12/25/2012

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by:
Casey J. O'Connor of Jamaica Plain, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Casey J. O'Connor of Jamaica Plain, MA
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 04, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 11/26/2020

Rockland, Joseph A. of West Roxbury, Moira Roach of Forestdale and Shivaun Pacitto and her husband Gary of Blackstone. Dear brother of Eileen Bradley and her late husband Peter of West Roxbury, James Roach and his wife Denise Hogan of Hanover, Thomas Roach and his wife Maureen of West Roxbury and the late John "Sean" and his wife Angelina "Ann" Roach, Margaret DiMarino and her husband Nicholas and William Roach and his wife Maureen. Adored grandfather of Eric Bierlich, Brian Roach, Jr., Shivon Roach, Christabel Roach, Dominique, Anthony, Jack Joseph and Nicholas Pacitto. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. "Joe" was born in Lynn, grew up in Roxbury, raised his family in Braintree and finally settled in West Roxbury. He was a proud veteran of the Navy and served in the Korean War. He worked at the Natick Army Labs as a physicist for almost 40 years, pioneering in laser technology, until his retirement in 1997. He

loved music, playing the piano, traveling and weekly trips to the casino. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Funeral Mass was private. Interment with Military Honors in the Gardens, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations made in memory of Joseph may be made to Clear Path, P.O. Box 2073, Devens, MA 01434 or <https://www.clearpathne.org/donate/> For guestbook, please visit www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

WAITE

Minetta F. of West Roxbury, Nov 18. Beloved wife of Edwin E. "Bud" Waite and dear mother of Arthur W. Waite, and his wife Mary, of Dedham, Beverly W. Greenberg of Watertown, and Douglas E. Waite, and his wife Anita, of Walpole. Proud grandmother of Allison L. and Alexander L. Greenberg. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Sister of the late Annie and Millicent Forward, and Alma

Derry.. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Stratford Street United Church, 77 Stratford St., West Roxbury, MA 02132 or to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler St., Boston, MA 02116 would be appreciated. For obituary and guestbook, please visit funeral home website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

Elks

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She said the difficulty of the pandemic is that many seniors who may have been planning on going to their families or to the Elks dinner can't because of COVID-19 restrictions.

"If anything they need the meals now even more," she said.

During usual times, the dinner has been a chance for seniors who may not be able to go have a family dinner to get out and eat with a group of people like them. The event in the last few years at least has been a loud celebration of the Parkway neighborhood and the people who make it the community that it is. Studies have also shown that it can help seniors live longer and better, as depression and lack of social contact has a devastating effect on mental and physical health. Greenwood said they want to make as much of an impact as they can this year.

Greenwood said the Elks Lodge is planning on trying to host the annual Easter Dinner if pandemic restrictions allow. She said Elks member Andy Schell usually runs the indoor event during the spring and fall while Ethos takes care of the deliveries.

"It's such a great event," she said. "If you hear of anybody or know of anybody please send them our way. We wish we could be throwing the biggest party in the world you know? We wish could be doing this."

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SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU20C0346CA**

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Jeremiah Roberto Torres-Osirus
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jeremiah Roberto Torres-Osirus of Hyde Park, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Jeremiah Roberto Osirus-Renner

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 12/10/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: November 09, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 11/26/2020*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **DOCKET No. SU20P1551EA**
Suffolk Division

Estate of: George Vasil
Date of Death: February 22, 2019


To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: **Thomas Vasil of Waltham, Massachusetts**
Thomas Vasil of Waltham, Massachusetts
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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