SWBCA calls for more responsiveness from government leaders

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Staff Reporter

More than 30 members of the Southwest Boston Civic Association (SWBCA) called for government officials to be more responsive at a virtual community meeting on Wednesday, May 5.

The two-hour meeting brought up a number of concerns for police and politicians where residents called for action, including the noise generated by dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and fire-works, which was a citywide issue last year.

One resident identified as Lady T brought up an incident to police about a block party at 650 American Legion Hwy. in Roslindale at the Save A Lot parking lot on May 2. She said about 400 people had gathered with dirt bikes and four-wheelers blaring music from about 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

“A number of our residents here called 911 several times,” she said. “They came out about 9:54, shut them down for about 20 minutes, and they came back and stayed until 1 a.m. This is just a preview of what’s going to happen this summer.”

Boston Police Department (BPD) Sgt. Daniel Keane of District E-18 said that there is a plan that started that weekend with E-18, E-13 and B-3 where additional cars were placed in the area that Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, the cars may have been pulled to cover other incidents, he explained.

“We are hoping that the plan will get expanded, but that is up to headquarters,” he added. “The department is well aware of it, and there are meetings and planning being done.”

He told residents to call 911 rather than the city’s hotline at 311 to get “immediate action” and to better track data.

“I also suggest you call your elected officials,” added E-18 Captain Joseph Gillespie. “This is a problem that is actually citywide, and they’re trying to come up with a citywide policy.”

Meeting organizer Beth Columbo, co-chair of the Dale Street Crime Watch in Roslindale, brought up that the fireworks started last week. She asked if there was an official plan and was told by Keane that there was none in place yet.

“Even though last year was a total nightmare, there was no legislation put into effect,” she asked. “Everybody on this call needs to contact your City Councilor and State Rep. and tell them they need to do something about these fireworks because last year was unbearable.”

Cisnell Bazee from Counsel AT-Large Julia Mejia’s office noted that her office created a task force on the issue last year and held several forums, noting it is a quality-of-life issue that affects veterans and animals, among others.

Joe Coppinger, the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) liaison for Roslindale, said he was meeting with Acting Mayor Kim Janey the next day. He said he would ask her to draft a home rule petition “to push the state a little further” on the fireworks issue.

Columbo called out District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo for not attending this meeting or the previous three. She said he was “invited by myself and by two of the other co-runners of this meeting, and he didn’t even acknowledge us.”

This brought up a SWBCA

Residents also raised concerns regarding notification of the public process for the proposed development at 4198 Washington St.

ZIP codes a sticking point on exam schools

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Staff Reporter

A federal judge ruled last month that the Boston Public Schools (BPS) could change the admissions guidelines for the exam schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

The new rules would admit students based on GPA and ZIP code, as opposed to GPA and exam scores. Due to COVID-19, exams could not be given for this year, and so Judge William Young told BPS schools they could not use this exact set of guidelines for subsequent school years.

This proposed change angered some city residents, leading to the formation of Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence (BPCAE). They argue that these new guidelines are unfair and discriminatory, especially toward white and Asian-American students.

They stated, “We respectfully disagree with the court’s decision, and we are going to appeal.”

BPS said “we believe this is the most equitable way to identify students for admissions to the three exam schools during the pandemic and are moving forward.”

The exam schools have had an uneasy past with race. BPS used to have a racial quota system for the exam schools, however, this was deemed illegal in the 1990s. As ZIP codes are not racially-determined—or at least aren’t currently intended to be—they are currently allowed to be used to determine admissions. The exam schools, especially toward white and Asian-American students. They stated, “We respectfully disagree with the court’s decision, and we are going to appeal.”

Some parents are claiming foul at the new BPS entrance policy for exam schools. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Egleston Library meeting about housing

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

In a classic case of closing the barn door after the cows have escaped, the Housing Innovation Lab, the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) and the Boston Public Library (BPL) held a virtual public meeting on April 29 to explain why a new Egleston Branch Library might be combined with housing.

Since the joint agency planning process began on Oct. 29, 2020, the premise was always that a new Egleston branch would be a good site for added housing, which they called “co-location.”

Not surprisingly, the joint agencies got a fair deal of grief from the neighborhood. The last two public meetings were so acrimonious that this meeting began with Taylor Cain of the ILab asking that callers
Conservation Commission authorized to take 108 Walter St.

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted on May 5 to allow the Conservation Commission to take ownership of the property at 108 Walter St. in Roslindale. The property has been the subject of controversy over the past 20 years, as developers have repeatedly tried to turn the property into residential real estate over the objections of the neighborhood. The Roslindale Wetlands Task Force was actually created because of those proposals, which somewhat indirectly led to the creation of the Wetlands Protection Act covering the entire city with stricter protections for wetlands.

The Council voted on May 5 to accept, but held a hearing prior to the vote on May 3. At-Large City Councillor Michelle Wu said the property, which is currently owned by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), will officially be added to the Roslindale Wetland Urban Wild once these real estate transactions are completed. The adjacent 104 Walter St. – which was the other half of the parcel over the past 20 years – will be developed into four affordable home-ownership units by the BPDA.

“I’m excited to see progress on the process of adding Walter Street land to the Roslindale Wetlands Task Force,” Wu said. The city has been working for years to turn the property into residential real estate and has repeatedly try to turn the property into residential real estate over the objections of the neighborhood. The Roslindale Wetlands Task Force was actually created because of those proposals, which somewhat indirectly led to the creation of the Wetlands Protection Act covering the entire city with stricter protections for wetlands.

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Hello there,
Mayor Kim Janey here —

Boston’s first Black and first woman mayor. After several weeks in office, I wanted to check in and tell you more about who I am, my commitment to the people of Boston and what I’ve accomplished in my first month as mayor.

I hope you’ll read what I have to say. But if you’re already with me, it would mean so much more if you’d take a quick moment to also contribute to my campaign for a full term as mayor of Boston.

Who I Am

I’m Boston’s 55th mayor, and I bring a wealth of life experience that is radically different from that of my 54 predecessors. As a fourth-generation daughter of Roxbury, I understand the challenges Boston faces like structural racism, food and housing insecurity, failing schools, faltering public health, and creating an environment of homelessness and fear for our families’ and neighbors’ safety because I’ve lived them.

These experiences shape my approach to governing.

My Commitment

Because of my experience, I’m committed to leading our city with a lens of racial justice, equity and love for every Bostonian. I believe that it’s simply not an option for Boston to go back to the way things were before the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, we have to go better.

What I’ve Accomplished in my First Month as Mayor

I’m honored to have the opportunity to lead our great city — and I’m taking advantage of this moment to implement a vision to make Boston stronger, more equitable and more just.

Boston must do better in requiring transparency and accountability from our law enforcement officers. As a grandmother of two Black teenage boys, I worry about them growing up in our current policing environment. We had to have "the talk" for the first time when my grandson was just eight years old. As mayor, I’ve wasted no time getting to work on reimaging policing in our city. I’ve led on investment in racial equity training, appointed new leadership at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency and demanded the release of files to shed light on our police department’s internal discipline methods.

Boston must do better to ensure every resident can access safe, affordable housing. As a young, single mother, my first apartment was in Section 8 housing so I know what it’s like to worry about having a place to lay your head at night. That’s why, in my very first week as Mayor, I invested $50 million in rental relief to help Bostonians who are behind on rent due to COVID-19. I’m focusing our attention on creating homeownership opportunities as a way to stabilize our community.

Boston must do better to provide reliable public transportation. I don’t own a car. I, like many other Boston residents, have relied on buses to get around our city. Because of a lack of equity in public transportation, Black residents spend an additional 64 hours per year on public transportation compared to their white neighbors. We must demand better state funding so we can create more equitable transportation options. In the meantime, I’m piloting a free bus program that will run through a major economic corridor of our city.

Help Us Build Something Amazing

I’ve only been mayor for a few weeks, but I’ve wasted no time getting to work on the issues that matter most to make our city work better for everyone, not just the privileged few.

But there’s so much more to be done. Boston has big challenges to address — and they’ll take longer than a few months to fix.

I know we can create a better city, but I’m counting on the support of grassroots folks like you to power our movement. I hope you’re with me.

— Mayor Janey

Mayor Janey introduces herself

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Resiliency Gardens Project

To the Editor:

I just learned about this great local opportunity to get a "vegetables & herbs" raised bed garden kit, along with all the supplies and educational support!

Formed during the height of the pandemic, the group’s goal was to create food resilience by growing gardens with organically produced, culinary and medicinal herbs, and pollinator-friendly plants. In 2020, they placed 40 Resiliency Gardens with 35 Needham families. About 2/3 of their growers had been experiencing food insecurity and many were directly affected by COVID-19.

This year they hope to spread good compost, teaching out to West Roxbury, Dedham, Newton and other towns nearby with a goal of 100 Resiliency Garden Beds. Want to join them?

The program is open to ANYONE regardless of ability to pay. In the spirit of community equity, they have a sliding fee scale from $10-70 for a garden bed and the program. They also have a Share the Gift of Garden Resiliency program, where a donation of $70 gets a garden for a family facing food insecurity & $120 helps get a garden for your family, plus a family facing food insecurity.

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Hyde Park residents Milly Arbaje-Thomas, President & CEO, METCO, Inc. and Karsten Cash, METCO Director of Student Service, are part of a diverse group of Wayland/METCO students, parents, teachers and supporters gather at the Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan as part of a historic-cultural tour of Boston neighborhoods organized by Dr. Tony Laing, Wayland Public Schools METCO Director.

Jubilee Christian Church Senior Pastor Matthew Thompson, who addressed the group, is a graduate of the Wayland METCO Class of 1990.

On May 8, 60 Wayland-METCO participants boarded three buses to tour 13 historic/cultural sites in Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan, with student tour guides Kayla Simpson of Mattapan, Raseed Parham of Roxbury, and Miolany Martinez of Dorchester leading the way. In addition to Jubilee Christian Church, the tour included Malcolm X’s Boston home, Freedom House, National Center for Afro-American Artists and more.

This historic tour of Boston’s communities of color was funded by The Boston Bridges Initiative, an organization that supports cross-racial social engagement in the Boston area.

Shown along with Arbaje-Thomas and Cash are Dr. Omar Easy, incoming Superintendent, Wayland Public Schools; Colin Stokes, METCO Director of Communications, Outreach & Engagement; Dr. Tony Laing, METCO Director, Wayland Public Schools, Kimberly Anderson, Executive Director, Building Bridges Initiative and JaNae Hood, METCO Coordinator, Wayland Middle School.

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Mayor Janey engages Hyde Park at community forum

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More than 150 people attended a virtual Hyde Park community forum with Acting Mayor Kim Janey on Monday, May 3, where she discussed a range of topics from creating a community health center to building “a joy agenda” citywide.

The hour-long discussion, organized by the West Fairmount Hill Community Group (WFHCG), was moderated by the two elected officials who call West Fairmount home – State Rep. Rob Consalvo and District 5 City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo. It was an opportunity to get to know the new mayor and pose questions to her on topics including development, crime, business support and ways to promote the arts.

“We love our community, and we want you to learn to love us, too,” said Marcia Kimm Jackson, the WFHCG co-chair.

“I already did,” Janey replied.

“Boston is the city that raised me,” Janey said, noting her career in education advocacy before running for the City Council in 2017 and becoming its president in January 2020.

“I learned a lot here and I love my city. If I didn’t love my city, I wouldn’t fight so hard for my city.”

She noted that, although people are ready to return to normal after surviving the COVID-19 pandemic, normal never was equitable for many Bostonians.

“For me, it is just very clear that we cannot go back to normal,” Janey said. “I want to remind folks that that normal is a quarter-of-a-million-dollar wealth gap between Black households and white households. That normal is mass incarceration. That normal is a housing crisis. That normal is too many people being left out of opportunity.”

Janey addressed a number of neighborhood-specific questions that had been pre-submitted.

Kimm Jackson, the WFHCG co-chair.

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One was regarding the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) development in Fairmount, where a question had been asked about upgrades to BHA developments and if residents were properly vetted. There has been an uptick of crime and shots fired in this area of late, according to police reports.

“The screening around safety, I would like a little more clarity,” she said. “I would think that anyone who is in need of housing and qualifies for housing should be given a fair shot at having housing.”

“The concern was whether or not some of the people who are being implicated in these activities are being screened,” Kimm Jackson said.

Janey also said she would be supportive of creating a neighborhood health center in Hyde Park, which has suffered one of the highest rates of COVID-19 during the pandemic and did not have access to a testing site for nearly a year – with a two-week exception.

“Probably my first call would be to the Mass League of Community Health Centers to see what could be done,” Janey said. “There certainly needs to be a testing site for the neighborhood. Janey agreed to tour the site and brought to the mayor’s attention.

Support for the arts came up, as a question arose on the possibility of outdoor venues and pop-up exhibits.

“I want to do all that we can to promote the arts,” Janey said. “Especially now, after a year of isolation, after a year of devastation. A big piece of that agenda is a joy agenda.”

She envisioned more community gardens, outdoor plaza events, paint nights and ways to bring people back together.

Janey voiced her support of the Main Streets program and the launch of the new Blocal app, which provides shoppers at participating local businesses with points toward the green canopy were other topics raised.

At the end of the meeting, Janey called the forum “a productive and robust discussion.”
Flynn and Flaherty looking to increase fines for parties

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

District 2 City Councillor Edward Flynn and At-Large City Councillor Michael Flaherty co-sponsored a hearing at the May 5 regular meeting of the Boston City Council to increase fines related to large gatherings and house parties that “disturb neighbors’ quality of life.”

“We called for this hearing order because the excessive partying in South Boston is out of control,” Flynn said. “During the pandemic, we had a lot of young people who didn’t social distance and kept having these parties where 60 or 80 people would be in a home or the neighboring yard.”

Flynn said they’ve had several neighbors call in to 911 to report these parties, which he said is the right thing to do, and that his office and the 911 dispatch combined have seen several hundred Party Fines

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The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on May 4 and approved several notable proposals including the renovation of the Westinghouse Plaza Building F to accommodate a new fitness center.

The applicant asked the Board for zoning relief to open a Bosse Sports facility that includes indoor basketball and tennis courts. The zoning relief is required because the proposal does not include enough parking spaces.

Attorney JD Barry represented both the prospective tenant, DJ Bosse of Bosse Sports and the owner of the building, Scion, during the proceedings.

“I’d just like to clarify that this isn’t going to be a regular gym, it’s going to be a training facility with three basketball courts and three turf fields,” Barry said.

Barry said the only relief they are seeking is for parking, and that all other zoning regulations are met. He said a training facility would serve teams renting floor space.

“Though the zoning code requires 244 spaces – one space per property – said Bosse will have sole possession of 98 parking spaces.

ZBA approves Westinghouse gym

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“It’s having a devastating impact on the quality of life for residents, especially our seniors who need their sleep, persons with disabilities, and a lot of young persons, students, who need their sleep so they can get up in the morning and function and be a productive learner,” he said. “The young people in my community are showing very little respect for the residents with these parties. I ask them, would they have these parties in their home state of New Jersey? Or Connecticut? Or New York? You should think of your neighbor as your grandmother or your grandfather. You want someone keeping your grandmother up two in the morning?”

Flynn said he and Flaherty are proposing to increase the fines on the landlords who he says are “absentee” and allow these parties to take place.

“There could be fines up to $500, which is appropriate, but my colleague Mr. Flaherty and I want to increase that to $1,000 for the first offense, $2,000 for second offense and $3,000 third offense,” he said. “And maybe these young people will see that we mean business and that it is our job to advocate and fight for our constituents.”

Flynn said the pizza boxes, food and trash these parties generate attract pests and rats as well. He said after several fines or calls, properties can be placed under further scrutiny.

“I plan to put out this weekend and Inspectional Services, with the Boston Police, and I want to thank them for doing a good job,” he said. “The procedure is when there’s a large party to call 911, and Boston Police will respond and after several times of their response it can be placed on a ‘problem property’ list at Inspectional Services for review.”

Flaherty said there have been a number of community meetings on the issue, and the Boston Police have taken notice, at least from the huge increase in calls.

“Just a few weeks ago there were 600 911 calls from Friday to Saturday night,” he said. “My experience as an Attorney at large Councilor has shown me it’s not limited to South Boston.

We’ve had instances in the South End, the North End, Charlestown, Savin Hill and anywhere that’s densely-populated with roof decks and back porches and sort of new residents coming in and not being courteous to their neighbors.”

Flaherty said there needs to be accountability on the landlords, who he said are charging exorbitant rents to their tenants.

And these tenants probably think that since they’re paying those large rents, they can pretty much do whatever they want when they want,” he said. “And the parties aren’t just people pre-gaming and then going out to a local establishment and then coming back. These parties are significant in size and they go until 3:30, 4:30 or five in the morning. We’re not New York, and it’s just not sustainable behavior in our community where we have seniors and young families trying to raise their children. One would think reasonable people would sort of meet their neighbors halfway, but it’s not happening. So unfortunately we need to look at our fee and fine structure to see if we can get some accountability from our landlords.”

Flaherty said that he also wants to look at putting party conditions into leases so the tenants can be held accountable as well.
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pledge to abide by a five-point community agreement on how to behave and a Boston Transportation Department (BTD) staff person was assigned as referee.

Cain painted a picture of the housing and housing affordability of Egleston Square.
The goal, Cain said, was to "connect housing needs with the library concept and its future.

"We want to acquire knowledge about affordable housing and its potential."
Cain began by saying that Egleston sits within two census tracts that extend from Glen Road to Richie Street, Amory Street to Walnut Avenue. There are 4,407 housing units in those two tracts. Most of the housing (39 percent) are multi-family buildings between nine and 30 units and 3,392 units are rental. Owner-occupied units are numbered at 1,015.

Two out of three residents in the two tracts earn below $50,000 a year and 64 percent are cost-housing burdened.
Cain defined cost-housing burdened as families paying more than 30 percent of their annual income on rent and utilities.

A family with an income of $32,150 would spend an average of $525 to $900 - or 30 percent - on a one-bedroom subsidized apartment.
A family at 60 percent area median income (AMI) would earn $61,440, but a two-bedroom apartment at market rate would cost them $2,300 or $2,700 if it came with utilities.

In the two census tracts market rate rents for a one to two-bedroom apartment lists from $1,950 to $2,300.

Cain said that a lottery in 2018 for 49 units at the Egleston Square Branch Library was oversubscribed by 3,000 applicants for 49 units.

Cain closed by saying the opportunity was a "bridge to homeownership," she said. "It's neighborhood.
I want more of a community. I live across from Francis Grady Hospital."

"The library is at the lead of the planning process," Backer said.
Yet Guy Harris, the branch librarian, has not been part of the planning process at least not at the public meetings.

Maureen Anderson of the BPL agreed with Backer.
"There has to be a clear obvious difference between the library and the housing," she said.
"Separate entrances. A clear line between library and the housing," she said.

Andersen said the fourth community meeting of library and housing is scheduled for May 18 virtually at 6 p.m.
Dear Rusty: My sister and I have the same first and last names but are distinguished by our “middle” names. Our last name consists of two family names, which gives us both four, with only our middle names unique. We received two Social Security cards with the same name (middle name excluded), each with a unique number, but with our last names, respectively. So, my questions are:

- Which card is mine, and which is hers?
- Is it okay that our last name is misspelled?

I called Social Security and was told to make an appointment online, which I tried but could not because it wouldn’t accept my last name. I then tried to visit our website (americr.org/programs/social-security) to discuss any remaining questions, but it wouldn’t accept my last name either. I was told to make an appointment in person, which I also tried but could not because my Social Security number (SSN) was spelled incorrectly. So, my question is: How can we correct our Social Security profiles?

Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

My Social Security Card Is Incorrect! What Should I Do?

Dear Rusty:

I am writing to correct my Social Security profile so that my profile reflects my correct name. My maiden name is Ma. My Social Security number consists of two family names, which gives me four, with only my middle names unique. We received two Social Security cards with the same name (middle name excluded), each with a unique number, but with our last names, respectively. It’s disconcerting.

- What card is mine, and which is hers?
- Is it okay that our last name is misspelled?

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Dear Rusty:

I am writing to correct my Social Security profile so that my profile reflects my correct last name. It’s important that each card is separate and mine is not the same name (middle name only). We received two Social Security cards with the same name (middle name excluded), each with a unique number, but with our last names, respectively. So, my questions are:

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Cecile A. of West Roxbury, May 22, 2021. Beloved sister of Armand Auclair and his wife Maybellene of Sandwich, Gerard Auclair and his wife Janice of Plantation, Florida, and her husband Raymond of Mashpee, Roger Auclair and his wife Katherine of Franklin, Nancy Denham of Newton, and the late Lorraine Ragusa and Richard Auclair. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. WEST Roxbury on Friday May 14, at 9:30 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 10:00 am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hour from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Interment Private. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

BARKAN
Glenna F. of Dedham, former of Oak Bluffs and Brandford, CT, passed away at age 94 on March 22nd surrounded by the love of her chil dren and with her cat, Peaches by her side. Devoted mother, avid quilter, and nature lover, Glenna was the beloved wife of the late Ben Barkan. A small service was held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Dedham, with friends. Also Predeceased by her beloved nieces, nephews and loving son-in-law Rolf Koenig. Survived by many extended family members. Carol was born in York, PA, on Oct 13, 1946, to parents Mary Pauline and John Richard Glackin. She attended York Catholic High School and later St. Joseph College in Maryland, where she majored in nursing and participated in the Army Student Nurse Service Program. From 1969 to 1971, she served as an Army Captain and Chief Nurse of Ward 36 at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D.C., where she cared for soldiers with massive facial and muscle injuries from the Vietnam War. She was haunted by the memories of the many young men who survived the war but had paid a devastating price. For her compassionate and professional caregiving and service to the Army, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. After leaving the military, she earned her Master’s degree in Nursing from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and became a Nurse Practitioner (NP) through studies at Duke University in 1974. In 1974, she moved to Bos ton, where she served as Program Director for the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital Nurse Practitioner Program, which became the first NP program in the U.S. to be accredited by the American Nurses Association. She married Jonathan P. Feltner, a U.S. Marine Corps Infantry Officer, in 1975, and, in 1979, gave birth to identical twins, Jennifer and Molly. Her youngest daughter, Laura, was born in 1982. She left nursing and made her children her focus. She was dedicated to ensuring they got the best education possible. She particularly enjoyed working with them on science projects. While other children made clay volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar eruptions, the girls had fully dissected and labeled cow organs, and exposed on dangerous home goods worthy of Consumer Reports. Both twins eventually pursued careers in science. Jennifer successfully defended her PhD dissertation at the University of Montana in April and Molly is applying to Physi cian Assistant programs after a successful career in journalism. Carol fought difficult legal battles so that Laura could receive support for learning disabilities at a young age. She was a nurse assistant at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Cambridge.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Deaths

FELTNER
Carol Ann Nurse, U.S. Army veteran, teacher, wife, and mother, passed away on May 1 after a long and courageous battle with a severe illness. Beloved wife of Jonathan Feltner, devoted mother of Jennifer Feltner of Jackson, WY, Molly Feltner and her husband Brandt Branclotte of Arlington, VA, and Laura Feltner of Boston, and loving sister to Kurt Feltner of Seattle, WA, Susan Bruggeman, and Richard Glackin. She also leaves behind many friends and numerous ex tended family members. Carol was born in York, PA, on October 13, 1946, to parents Mary Pauline and John Richard Glackin. She attended York Catholic High School and later St. Joseph College in Maryland, where she majored in nursing and participated in the Army Student Nurse Service Program. From 1969 to 1971, she served as an Army Captain and Chief Nurse of Ward 36 at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D.C., where she cared for soldiers with massive facial and muscle injuries from the Vietnam War. She was haunted by the memories of the many young men who survived the war but had paid a devastating price. For her compassionate and professional caregiving and service to the Army, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. After leaving the military, she earned her Master’s degree in Nursing from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and became a Nurse Practitioner (NP) through studies at Duke University in 1974. In 1974, she moved to Boston, where she served as Program Director for the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital Nurse Practitioner Program, which became the first NP program in the United States to be accredited by the American Nurses Association. She married Jonathan P. Feltner, a U.S. Marine Corps Infantry Officer, in 1975, and, in 1979, gave birth to identical twins, Jennifer and Molly. Her youngest daughter, Laura, was born in 1982. She left nursing and made her children her focus. She was dedicated to ensuring they got the best education possible. She particularly enjoyed working with them on science projects. While other children made clay volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar eruptions, the girls had fully dissected and labeled cow organs, and exposed on dangerous home goods worthy of Consumer Reports. Both twins eventually pursued careers in science. Jennifer successfully defended her PhD dissertation at the University of Montana in April and Molly is applying to Physician Assistant programs after a successful career in journalism. Carol fought difficult legal battles so that Laura could receive support for learning disabilities at a young age. She was a nurse assistant at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Cambridge.

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Deaths
In her later years, illness left Carol often unable to travel, but she was able to attend the college graduations of all of her three daughters and the wedding of her daughter Molly to son-in-law Bradley Costello in Lenox, VA, in 2017. Carol did enjoy several southern road trips with dear childhood friends, including best friend Mary Bridget Schell. She loved hearing stories of her adorables daughters’ interna tional travels and supported them through career changes and ad vanced studies. She spoiled her “granddogs,” Boots and Trofast, who could do no wrong. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to the Veterans Organization Patriotic Emer gents Foundation’s Lifeline for Vets, nvo.org/lifeline-for-vets or St. John Chrysostom in Wob luxury. A Memorial Service was held at St. John Chrysostom on May 12. Prior to the Service, there will be a Visitation at the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The family also plans to inter her ashes at Arlington National Cemetery later this year. For further details, please visit www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

HACKETT
Paul David (BFD Retired) Age 94, of West Roxbury, former of Roslindale and Mission Hill in Washington D.C., where she cared for soldiers with massive facial and muscle injuries from the Vietnam War. She was haunted by the memories of the many young men who survived the war but had paid a devastating price. For her compassionate and professional caregiving and service to the Army, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. After leaving the military, she earned her Master’s degree in Nursing from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and became a Nurse Practitioner (NP) through studies at Duke University in 1974. In 1974, she moved to Boston, where she served as Program Director for the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital Nurse Practitioner Program, which became the first NP program in the United States to be accredited by the American Nurses Association. She married Jonathan P. Feltner, a U.S. Marine Corps Infantry Officer, in 1975, and, in 1979, gave birth to identical twins, Jennifer and Molly. Her youngest daughter, Laura, was born in 1982. She left nursing and made her children her focus. She was dedicated to ensuring they got the best education possible. She particularly enjoyed working with them on science projects. While other children made clay volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar eruptions, the girls had fully dissected and labeled cow organs, and exposed on dangerous home goods worthy of Consumer Reports. Both twins eventually pursued careers in science. Jennifer successfully defended her PhD dissertation at the University of Montana in April and Molly is applying to Physician Assistant programs after a successful career in journalism. Carol fought difficult legal battles so that Laura could receive support for learning disabilities at a young age. She was a nurse assistant at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Cambridge.

KOGUT
Linda Farquhart, 73, of Roslindale. She was born in parents
Dedham. Visiting Hour 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, donate to Ethos: 617-325-3600

NASHAWATY
Rosemarie of West Roxbury. “Rosie” passed at the Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital on Good Friday, April 30, 2021. She was 81 years old. She was the beloved daughter of the departed Alex and Nellie Nashawaty. Funeral Service Monday, May 3, 2021, at 10 AM at the Church of St. John of Damascus, 300 West St., Dedham. Visiting Hour in the Church beginning at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The Church asks visitors to wear a mask and to maintain social distance from others while in the Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rosie’s memory may be made to The Rosemarie Nashawaty Fund at Renaissance Charitable Foundation Inc. (renescare.org) or Internet Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. Guestbook, other information and a playlist in memory of Rosie, please visit www.KhouryFuneral.com

NEBRIOTT

SHAUGHNESSY
Josefion (Bertino) Age 91, of West Roxbury, MA, died peacefully on Sunday, April 25, surrounded by family on May 1. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard Shaughnessy, mother of the late Santo and Pasqua Bertino (Pino). Loving mother to Barbara Danforth of Raynham, MA, Joanne Shaughnessy of West Roxbury, MA, the late Paul Shaughnessy and the late Richard Shaughnessy. Loving mother-in-law to Thomas Donut, strangers waiting on the bench for the bus, mafia bosses. She was adored and loved by all her friends and of course her family. She was truly adored and touched to many lives. Her grandchildren were her greatest joy — her “dahilins.” Even though she suffered many losses in her life, you would never know it. Her grandchildren gave her the strength and reason to keep living. All 5 grandchildren (and 5 dogs) stayed over at “Camp Nonnie.” There was always a lot of yummy food and all kinds of adventures — traveling by T or bus, they would go “in town” to enjoy the water, boats, fishing at Castle Island, or a ride on the Duck Boats. We still laugh at the “chowder flicking incident” that happened between two of the grandchildren when they brought them to the Legal Seafood at the Prudential Cen- ter! Jo was truly one of a kind and we will miss her dearly. She was the maternal and boss of the family until her last breath. We are so grateful that we had her in our lives and it was so long! Funeral services at the Bell-O’Dea Funeral Home, 376 Washington St., Jamaica Plain, MA. Interment at St. Joseph’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 510 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

YERGANIAN
Sona (Arzomanian) A. Yerganian peacefully went to her eternal rest at the age of 96 on April 10, 2021. Sona lived only in her home and surrounded by her family. Born at Hart Hospital in Boston, Sona was the only child of Samvel and Zaredes (Moskovian) Arzomanian. She grew up in Roslindale then moved to a home in West Roxbury in 1945, where she...
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