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Roxbury Prep hosts transportation meeting



More than 400 residents came out once again for the second Roxbury Prep BPDA meeting.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

In the second Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meeting for the Roxbury Prep High School, hundreds came out again to hear the developer's plan for the proposed new building and its potential impacts on the community.

This meeting was centered

around potential transportation impacts the school could have on the abutting Roslindale and West Roxbury neighborhoods on Belgrade Avenue, the West Roxbury Parkway and the surrounding neighborhood streets. Howard Stein Hudson Traffic Engineer Brian Beisel went over the group's traffic impacts according to a traffic study his

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St. Joseph's to repair headstones by week's end



If the weather holds out, the cemetery staff should have everything back in place by Friday.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On Sunday, a local resident discovered about a dozen headstones knocked over at the St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury.

The Boston Police Department is actively investigating the incident, which is considered to be an act of vandalism. St. Joseph's Cemetery General

Manager Thomas DeMaio said they hope to have the stones righted and repaired by the end of the week this week, weather permitting.

"We've had all these reports from the media and everything about the damage, and I just want to let everyone know that the stones will all be upright by the end of the week," he said.

DeMaio said he was disturbed to hear about the incident on Sun-

day, as he wasn't informed until he saw it that night on the news. Despite the vandalism, he said they have some really great working crews out there, and even with the President's Day holiday and the snow on Monday, they were prepping the area and removing the snow to get work going.

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West Roxbury Bicycle Committee discusses Centre St. safety

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Bicycle Committee (WRBC) held its first organizational meeting at the Roche Center on Feb. 13.

Ben Weatherill, chairman of the WRBC, led the discussion. Weatherill is an avid cyclist and

has attended other bike groups around the city, such as Rozzie Bikes.

Those who attended the meeting heard about the new committee through flyers, Facebook, West Roxbury Main Streets, and the Boston Cyclists

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Short term rental lodging house proposed for 21 Wyman Street in Hyde Square

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Mr. Dar Sandler of Rockview Street wants to do the right thing by following the new rules regarding short-term rental lodging houses.

He came before the Jamaica Plain neighborhood council zoning committee on Feb.6 to explain

that he wanted to open a 13-bed lodging house complete with innkeeper at 21-25 Wyman St. opposite the Kennedy School.

This was Sandler's second appearance at the zoning committee; on June 26 he approached the committee with a plan for a three-unit AirBNB that would add an additional bedroom in the basement.

However, the timing was bad; on June 14, Mayor Walsh signed an ordinance regulating short-term absentee landlord rentals that the city council had approved the day before.

Sandler came back seven months later with Christopher Tracy of the high-powered O'Neil

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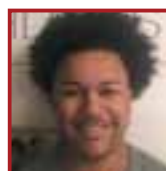
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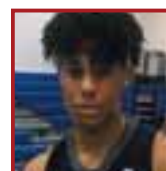
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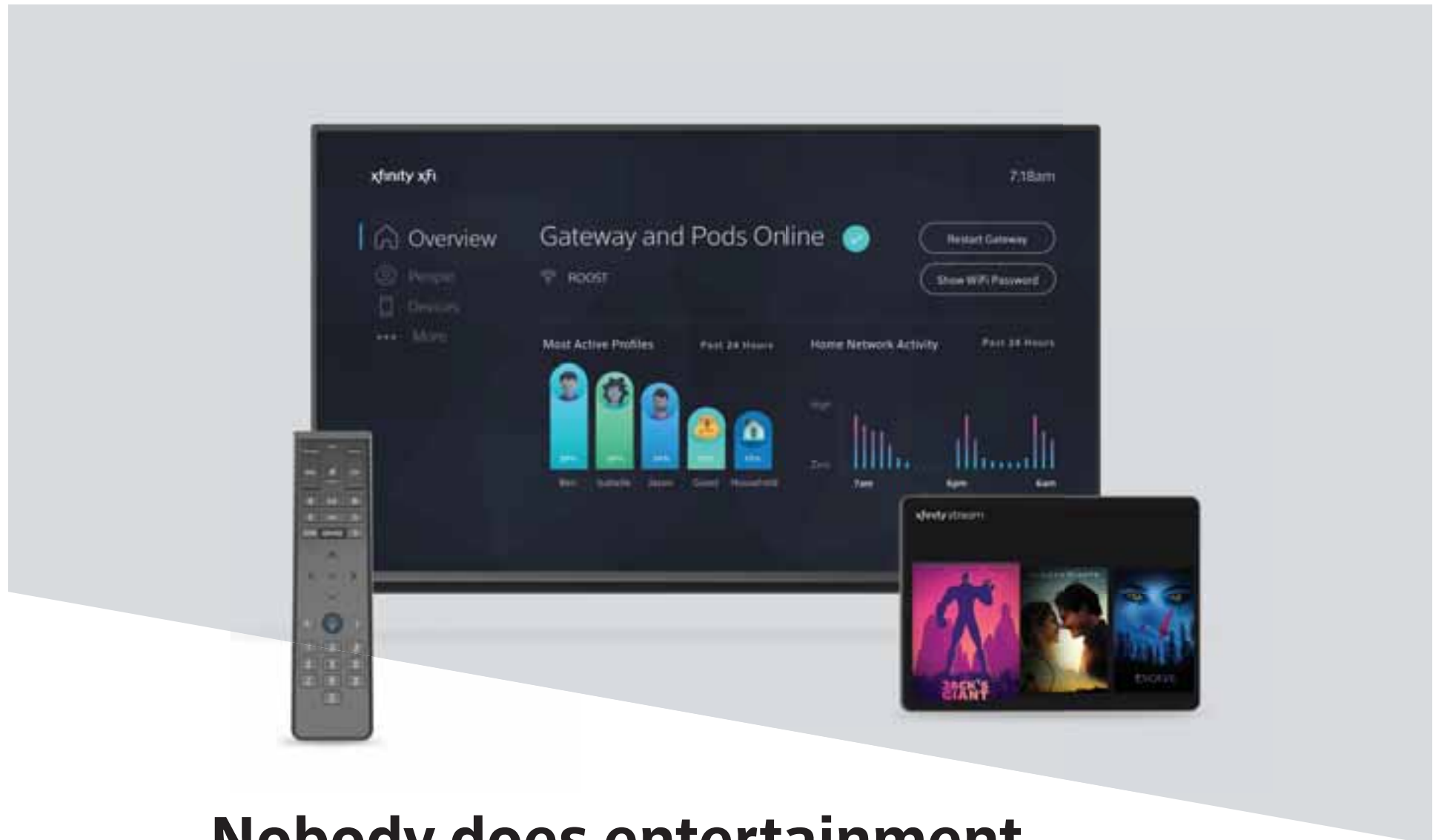
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Hyde Park sees nearly \$1 million in CPA funds

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding completed last week and Hyde Park made out very well financially.

According to the city, \$450,000 is to be released to the Hyde Park YMCA, \$350,000 to the First Congregational Church of Hyde Park and \$20,000 to the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library. The Y will use the funds to build an outdoor exercise station and playground at the Thomas M. Menino YMCA for public and YMCA use. The First Congregational, now known as the Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, will use its funds to repair the roof and exterior masonry features to stop water damage.

Hyde Park Y Executive Director William Alves said the plan is for the back of the property, and has been in place for some time.

"We're redoing that whole space and it's going to be a multi-use space," he said. "The hope is that it will be a community space for community events, a fitness space and a playground ideally utilized by our after school and camp participants."

Alves said they have been working with students from Wentworth since 2016 on design-



Several carvings believed to be from this Hyde Park rail station are set to be placed and restored at the HP Library with CPA funds.

COURTESY PHOTO

ing the area, and he said that aside from some sloping concerns, they're pretty sure the design is set to go and they could be construction fairly soon.

"The CPA should cover all of the work, that's the best-case scenario," he said. "The only potential outlier is the challenges around the grading, because it kind of slopes up. We don't think there's going to be an issue and Wentworth doesn't either. We're really excited to be able to offer this both to the community and our members, and we're going to be looking to host a groundbreaking ceremony in late spring."

The funds for the Hyde Park Library will be used to build benches in its outside area and

restores several cornices and a few stone carvings left there. Proponent for the funds at the library and Friends of the Hyde Park Library member Victoria Gall said the stone carvings depict the Roman god Mercury.

"The Friends of the HP library are pleased, though nothing will happen until later in the spring," she said.

Gall said they used to be part of the Hyde Park Train Station, and she said she was able to gather information from the community about the history and historical significance of those carvings to better make the case for the funds. The station itself was built in the early 1900s and was

CPA Funds

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Council calls for tax break transparency

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council introduced an ordinance last week to increase transparency regarding the city's tax break agreements with corporations looking to move in and do business.

The hearing comes amid the recent news that Amazon will not be locating its second headquarters in Queens New York, and At - Large City Councilor Michelle Wu said if Boston is going to sign tax break agreements with corporations like Amazon, the city needs to improve in its transparency with these deals.

The ordinance describes a requirement for the City Assessing Department to publish "all relevant data collected to monitor these agreements, including, but not limited to, the data from the Economic Development Incentive Program annual report, both in a searchable database and as a spreadsheet that can be downloaded in its entirety." The ordinance also will require the Assessor's determination of whether a company has yet met its obligations required by the subsidy, which can include statistics for

job creation, wages and benefits.

The penalty for not meeting said requirements would also be published as it is determined by the Assessor's Department. The city also has the ability to take back or rescind its subsidies if the company fails to maintain its requirements for job creation, wages and benefits within two years of the date of the subsidy.

The ordinance was originally brought forth by Wu back in November of 2018. Wu said that this ordinance will also look at past agreements and let the city decide if it wants to take back or rescind said breaks or agreements.

"We should look at Boston and evaluate whether the tax breaks we have given out in the past ended up fulfilling all the of goals that were set out," she said. "Right now there is very little transparency at the state level and, similarly, at the city level about once those agreements have been signed, have those corporations, developers or parties who made those guarantees follow through."

The ordinance would apply to the three main categories of

Transparency

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BOSTON STATE COMMUNITY TRUST, INC. REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

The Boston State Community Trust, Inc., a subsidiary of the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee, Inc., is requesting grant proposals from community-based organizations located in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and Roslindale.

This funding round invites proposals in the following funding categories:

**Education & Job Training Initiatives;
Youth Recreation & Social Development Initiatives;
and Mental Health Initiatives.**

A maximum of \$10,000.00 per organization will be distributed in this funding round.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will only be available for distribution to interested parties via electronic mail on **Friday, March 1, 2019 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm**. On March 1st, interested parties must submit an electronic mail request for a copy of the RFP. **NO REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER 6:00 pm. NO REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED "PRIOR" TO MARCH 1st.**

Upon submission of the request, an electronic version of the RFP will be forwarded to each respondent.

The electronic mail request must be submitted to: bjohnson@bevcoassociates.comcastbiz.net.

The Boston State Community Trust reserves the right to suspend, withdraw, or amend the aforementioned RFP without prior notice.

Editorial

WE'RE WALKING HERE

It may be our imagination, or a matter of paying greater than-usual attention, but we are noticing a spike in the number of Pedestrians hit by cars (usually with fatal results) in Boston and neighboring towns. It is not much of an exaggeration to call it an epidemic.

Last week's Bulletin detailed a Feb. 11 meeting of the West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association that discussed pedestrian safety. It is, unfortunately, not the first time that group has had to engage with the issue.

The latest impetus for the dire discussion issue was the recent death of Marilyn Elaine Wentworth, 66, struck by a vehicle on Centre Street. She was exiting her vehicle at The Squealing Pig at about 4 p.m. on the fateful day.

There is one rationale for how the accident happened, although there is really no excuse. At the time of day that the accident occurred glare is a blinding problem for drivers. It was described as having "no visibility whatsoever."

The driver, a registered nurse, tried to revive the victim, witnesses say. Those at the scene said she wasn't speeding or using a phone, two of the usual suspects after a bad accident.

A common-sense list of potential actions were discussed at the meeting. Later on, City Councilor Matt O'Malley also called for more traffic enforcement, signage, and roadway/crosswalk delineators along Centre Street. He said he may be in favor of a total redesign of Centre Street, perhaps relying upon a study conducted by Northeastern University from 2015. It proposed that the road could be reduced to two lanes with turning lanes instead of the current four-lane system.

These are good ideas, but we need a more comprehensive, widespread plan. We cannot just bounce our attention, neighborhood to neighborhood, waiting for someone to die before action is taken and problems addressed.

Solving the problem, especially along Centre Street, may indeed require a roadway redesign. In the case of this particular stretch, police appear to do a very good job issuing tickets. That is not always the case in other dangerous areas of the city.

We've seen, first-hand, a steady stream of cars run past red lights and crosswalks at one spot we used to traverse on almost daily basis. There was never even a whiff of enforcement. Perhaps we also need undercover vehicles, more cadets assigned traffic duty, or perhaps even a new Pedestrian Patrol of some sort that hires, or solicits volunteers, to act as modern "safety patrols" and police key intersections.

Pedestrians also may need reminders, as was the case a while back when BU students struck reached an epidemic level along Commonwealth Avenue. The school, at that time, required freshman to take a pedestrian safety course. Does it, or other institutions, still do this? The simplistic advice that needs to be reiterated: look both ways, and stop staring at your iPhones.

Mayor Walsh often talks about improving the entire city's transportation infrastructure. We hope pedestrian safety takes a prominent role in that planning.

City officials will hold a meeting on the problem we face locally on Feb. 27 at the West Roxbury Elks on Spring Street, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. We urge you to attend.

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Boston school names and street names

For the most part, Boston Public does it correctly with school names. Unlike New York City, our School Department does not indicate elementary schools and middle schools with mere numbers, such as P.S. 52: it names them after famous, usually local people, who admittedly lived years ago.

Before dropping out, I attended kindergarten at the Margaret Fuller, my father went to the Nathaniel Bowditch, my own kids to the David Ellis and the Louis Agassiz for kindergarten.

Later in life now, much later, I'm proud to say that the Fuller on Glen Road in JP is named after an ardent women's rights advocate. The Bowditch, now a building containing condominiums on Green Street, is named after an accomplished inventor of marine navigational tools. The Agassiz School—the same person as recognized by Harvard University—bears the name of an accomplished biologist and geologist. Truth be told, it is no small thrill when I come across the names of the first three in historical readings.

The David Ellis does not acknowledge anybody quite so famous: the name belongs to a somewhat nondescript School Committeeman serving at the turn of the century.

My teaching career spanned years at (now non-existent) two schools merely named after streets—the Dudley and the Vernon. The middle school on Dorchester's Croftland Avenue was named after a United States president, Woodrow Wilson, while the middle school on 02124's Maxwell Street was named after the first Irish superintendent of schools, Frank V. Thompson.

Which raises the question,

will the Mildred Avenue School always be known by this name, or will it be renamed after someone famous, hopefully not an athlete or entertainer? Jamaica Plain's Emily Greene Balch, the 1946 Nobel Peace Prize winner and a woman totally devoid of recognition in our city, comes immediately to mind. Drawn from a national pool, California's Cesar Chavez or Mississippi's Fannie Lou Hamer would be suitable, as well as a Virginia's Irene Morgan, whose bus desegregation case predated Rosa Parks' by almost 10 years.

While contentment reigns with many school names, there is discontent with the city's street names. It's not the actual name itself, but the fact that there are just so many darn names. True, names have more appeal than mere numbered streets, such as most of those in New York, Washington, D.C., and some other cities (although numbered streets do make navigating them much more easily).

My discontentment—which will stay with me until the Last Rites are administered—arrives because the complexity of changing the name of a street is not just asking the Boston Transportation Department to fabricate a new street sign—most streets change names, as they cross over a wider, busier street. You may know of many streets that do keep their same name after crossing, say Washington Street or Columbus Avenue, but for the most part they are then given a new name. (Boston trivia: when does Summer change directly to Winter without an autumn? Answer: at Downtown Crossing.) Keeping one long street name would entail renumbering hundreds of residences according to post office regulations.



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

It seems logical that streets that take 90-degree turns should have new names: Tremont Street, when coming from Roxbury, makes such a turn to pass by Mission Church. And then there is Centre Street, also coming from Roxbury, makes a right angle turn at The Monument to head out to the Brigham/Faulkner Hospital. What about Columbia Road making a jagged right at Edward Everett Square to head towards Koskiusko Circle?

Three streets that definitely should have been given new names because they are discontinuous are Pond and Prince Streets in Jamaica Plain, and Boylston Street in the Back Bay/Fenway area: without GPS, I cannot envision UPS drivers locating addresses when the numbers just cease to exist on one of the legs. Any others?

The trouble of changing street names would seem to entail as much paper work as connecting North Station to South Station with a rail link, although the latter is much more necessary.

Letters to the Editor

EDITORIAL TOO DISMISSIVE OF BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS

To the Editor:

The Bulletin editorial "King of the Roads" (02/14/2019) deserves a response regarding its dismissal of enhanced bicycle infrastructure in Boston as one measure to reduce congestion. To say that everyone "cannot hop on a bike at will during the business day" is of course true. But that is a poor reason to dismiss improving bicycle infrastructure through protected lanes and paths. The point is to make it easier to safely traverse the city on two or even three wheels for those who are willing and able to do so. We know there are many people who would bike regularly if they just felt a little safer on our streets. I am one of those people who only started commuting by bike once I was able to reach work safely through the Washington St bus/bike lane and then the Southwest Corridor Path. Every person who gets out of a car and onto a bike is one fewer person causing vehicular

congestion. It can also be one fewer person on already crowded trains and buses. Better bicycle infrastructure is a boon for all road users and necessary if we want to seriously combat climate change. It should have our support rather than dismissals.

Robert Orthman
Roslindale

PLASTIC BAG BAN MAKES RESIDENT PROUD

To the Editor:

I'm writing to express how proud I am that Boston has taken a stand for the environment by banning plastic bags. I think this was a very proactive and forward thinking move, and I am proud to call myself a Bostonian. I feel like a weight has been lifted off of my shoulders and off of all of Boston now when I go to a store and don't have to go through the paper or plastic ordeal at the cash register. I see more people bringing their own bags to the stores now, which is a much more sustainable way of existing. I see more people simply not

using a bag when it is unnecessary to carry one or two items. I was especially pleased to see paper bags at Home Depot, where I am a customer almost every other day. It seems to me that hardware items should be in paper. Some might remember when hardware stores wrapped everything in paper. I am already noticing the effects of this policy on our environment. I am a daily dog walker, and I used to find plastic bags floating around everywhere in the woods and streams and on the beaches. They were so ubiquitous that I could always rely on finding a bag to pick up my dog's poop. Now, I don't see bags anywhere, and I have to bring my own bio-degradable poop bags. This is a good thing. Now I actually avoid going to stores outside of the city, because it is so depressing to see people loading up with plastic bags. Thank you Boston City Council for being so progressive.

Ben Wetherill
West Roxbury

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One dead after crash with a plow in West Roxbury



According to the Boston Police Department, one person is dead following a collision with a snow plow on Washington Street in West Roxbury. The crash took place on Feb. 14 at 1 a.m. According to the BPD, initial information suggests the driver hit a pickup truck with a plow and sand spreader. The victim was pronounced dead after being transported to a local hospital. The two in the truck were treated at the hospital for minor injuries.

COURTESY PHOTO

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owned by the New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, and Gall said she spoke with many history buffs to get the correct information about the carvings and exactly how they came to the library.

She said she found out about the train station after a friend pointed her in the direction of a Bronx train station that was built around the same time and had at least similar construction. She said she found it to be the work of Cass Gilbert, a local architect, and that it looked like the Hyde Park Station might have been designed by him as well. She said it was one of many designs he submitted to the railroad company, but

only two, the Bronx and Hyde Park stations, were built.

Gall said as much they want to start work immediately, there are several concerns, both of earth and man, that need to be satisfied before a shovel can pierce the ground.

"The earth has to warm up and there still is a lot of paper and financial work to finalize," she said. "The stones will be inspected, clean and stabilized by our conservator."

Gall said the final approval still has to go through the Boston City Council next month, but she is

confident they will get it. She said they also have to finalize plans of location for the stones and the benches.

"No final plan yet on where they will be placed nor where we will put the benches," she said.

The city has also put on the docket \$500,000 for the Roslindale Village Commuter Rail to Forest Hills pedestrian and bike path through the Arnold Arboretum. Specifically, these funds will be used to create a new gateway at the Arboretum Road entrance to the Arboretum.

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The meeting, despite being the first held by the organization, was very well attended, apparently due to recent deaths on the road in the neighborhood.

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Union. Almost all of the attendees live in West Roxbury, and many of them are members of the Parkway Cycling Club. "I want to make West Roxbury safer for my children and grandchildren, who like to bike," one attendee remarked.

The hot topic of the meeting was how to make Centre Street safer for cyclists and pedestrians. This conversation is in wake of the car accident that killed a pedestrian on Centre St. earlier this month. "This discussion is long overdue, and Centre Street is in need of a redesign," stated Weatherill.

Weatherill presented a PowerPoint discussing the importance of bikes and separated bike lanes. According to massDOT, 78 percent of urban MA residents want to bike to work and 48 percent would like to bike to go shopping.

"Separated and protected bike lanes are the future," explained Weatherill.

He showed photos from MassDOT of what Centre St. could look like with a redesign and separated bike lanes. Attendees also looked at photos of separated bike lanes in other towns and cities such as Cambridge and Washington D.C., and other countries, like the Netherlands.

Bicycle enthusiasts also discussed the pros of implementing separated bike lanes, such as increasing the space between parked cars and moving vehicles, providing a healthy option to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and making pedestrians more visible to drivers.

The WRBC is a subcommittee of the Boston Cyclists Union (BCU). Alan Wright, a devoted Boston cyclist and member of Rozzie Bikes, discussed the BCU at the meeting. It started in 2009 thanks to an "outgrowth of [cycling] activists," remarked Wright. The BCU works closely with the MBTA and the city government to make Boston streets safer for cyclists. The Union also "repairs bikes, educates new rid-

ers, and organizes neighborhood residents who would like to voice support for friendlier street designs, bike paths, and public spaces." For more information on the Boston Cyclists Union, visit <https://bostoncyclistsunion.org/>.

Weatherill also passed around a petition at the WRBC meeting, which urged Mayor Walsh and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley to fix Centre Street immediately.

"Last week a pedestrian was killed while crossing Centre Street in West Roxbury. This is the second pedestrian that was killed by a car in West Roxbury in the past four months. This is a crisis that needs to be fixed urgently. West Roxbury is a neighborhood with a strong sense of local community. There are many residents who like to walk, jog, or bike to get around, and there are many children who walk the streets to school and to community centers. West Roxbury needs safer streets now for pedestrians and bicycles and all vulnerable modes of transportation...Please don't allow this situation to continue any longer. How long will it be until the next pedestrian or bicyclist is injured in West Roxbury? Fix Centre Street now and make it a beautiful destination at the same time."

O'Malley, who was present at the meeting, encouraged people to attend the "Pedestrian Safety and Traffic in West Roxbury" meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Elks Lodge on Spring Street.

Despite this being the WRBC's very first meeting, there was a great turnout. "I know there are more people out there who would love to join, so we need to make sure to spread the word," remarked Weatherill.

The WRBC is planning on having another meeting in March. For more information, visit the WRBC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/>

[groups/westroxbikecommittee/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/westroxbikecommittee/)) or email Ben Weatherill at bweatherill@fastmail.com.

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To the Public Safety Commission
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Boston, MA January 28, 2019

APPLICATION

For the lawful use of herein-described building, and other structure, application is hereby made for a permit to erect a private-public-business-garage 15 vehicle parking garage

and also for a license to use the land on which such building or structure is/are or is/are to be situated for the Keeping-STORAGE and SALE of 300 gallons of gas in the tanks of 15 vehicles.

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City of Boston. In Public Safety Commission February 27,2019. In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday the 27 day of February at 10:00 am. o'clock A.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin* and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held 1010 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA 02118.

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Associates; before joining O’Neill in 2017 as Senior Director of real estate public relations, Tracy was a project manager at the BPDA.

“There’s been tremendous change in short term rentals,” Tracy said. “They were not codified. The new rules will correct that.”

“We decided on a new route a few months ago,” he said. “We want to proceed in a legal manner. The house now is set up nicely as a BNB with bathrooms. We consider this from the outset as a BNB. ISD calls it a lodging house now with an extra layer of accountability.”

“We plan on registering the property on the city’s AirBNB website.”

“The [community] benefit is much needed short-term rental,” Tracy said. He also said that the lodging house would also provide temporary housing during an emergency if a fire displaced someone.

Tracy provided the committee with a nine-page petition he said had over 100 signatures in support from businesses and residents.

“We had a Dec. 17 abutters meeting at the Kennedy School that was sparsely attended. We’ve also talked with the Kennedy School.”

Tracy introduced Aaron Warden, the innkeeper who described himself as “the face of the house.”

“This is good for me,” he said.

“And it’s good for other people. This is where you experience a home away from home. You wake up every morning to a fresh breakfast. There is quiet in our home. We are here to give. We supply a place to people when they can’t stay any other place.”

Sandler said that the house has been running as an 11-bed BNB since November.

“A lot of our guests are international travelers,” he said.

Will Poff-Webster from District 6 City Councilor Matt O’Malley’s office said the councilor was a sponsor of the ordinance.

“The primary focus is the homeowner,” Poff-Webster said. “This process is working as it was hoped it would. It’s unregulated now. This will clear things up significantly. We quite likely will support this [21 23 Wyman].”

Tracy said that the lodging house would improve area businesses with new shoppers and diners. Gerald Robbins of Hyde Jackson Main Streets agreed.

“We’re in support,” he said. “I appreciate the outreach. Your guests will support local shopping and add foot traffic.”

21-23 Wyman is a block away from Old Havana Restaurant and Pimental’s bodega. Blue Nile Restaurant is also nearby and its co-owner Yosef Haile spoke in favor.

“It will benefit us,” he said. “It will bring more customers to the Blue Nile.” Omar Hecht of

Marmion Street said that the number of AirBNB’s in the city needs regulating.

“This one is taking it out of the shadows,” he said. “It’s now in compliance. It’s a great opportunity for JP to take advantage of tourists.”

Support was mixed with a debate about renters. There was also the tension of dueling petitions with the opposition presenting their own; it had 26 names, but without addresses.

Connor Dwyer of 25 Wyman St was in support.

“This is very friendly,” he said.

Pat of Chestnut Street was not. “We need more long term rental living in apartments,” she said. “So you get to know your neighbors.”

“There are 15 renters in my building. I don’t know them,” said a resident.

“I very much support short term rental,” said a Boylston Street resident.

“Everywhere, long term renters are students.”

Eric Herot of Gay Head Street supported the lodging house.

“I’m concerned with the number of rental units in JP,” he said. “There’s definitely a shortage of short-term rentals. The vast majority of long-term rentals are students making a lot of noise. This is operating a small business in the neighborhood.”

Andrea Howley is a zoning committee member who sup-



The proponents for the lodging house at 21-25 Wyman St. Christopher Tracy, consultant; Dar Sandler, owner and innkeeper Aaron Warden.

PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

ported the lodging house because of the new ordinance.

“Regulation is a better solution,” she said. “It’s better than having Jack the Ripper for the weekend. Plenty of AirBNB’s you don’t know who’s coming or going.”

Innkeeper Warden tried to be reassuring.

“If they’re a bad guest, we make them a good one,” he said.

Zoning committee member Marie Turley saw the hand of City Hall behind the proposal.

“This is a significant precedent,” she said. “A very lucrative precedent. City Hall is putting more dense rental housing in my neighborhood [Union Ave] then, in another City Hall move, takes a house off the market and puts in 13 units of short term rental. This is a business. This is putting a business in a neighborhood. I vote to deny.”

Nina Robinson of Bolster Street said the owner deliberately sold the home for a rooming house.

“We respect everyone,” Tracy said. “We want to do the right thing. We could convert this into two market-rate condominiums. The only other property my client owns is 32 Perkins St., a bed and breakfast. It’s unlicensed and will require alterations.”

Dave Baron, chair of the zoning committee said he agreed with the lodging house proposal.

“There’s no threat to children,” he said. “Nor does it affect the housing shortage. This makes sense to me.”

It made sense to the zoning committee too; it voted 9- 2 with two abstentions in favor of the short term rental lodging house on Wyman Street with the proviso that it was for this owner only and could not be transferred.



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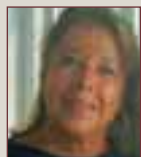
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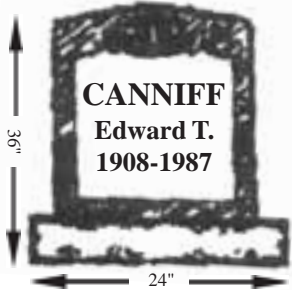
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BARRETT

Carol A. (Whalen) Age 72, of Quincy (formerly Roslindale), passed away peacefully on Feb. 11th, surrounded by her loving family, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Born in the South End of Boston on December 30, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Whalen and Catherine (McManus) Whalen. Carol was a retired Radiation Therapy Technician, having worked at The Joint Center for Radiation Therapy, St. Elizabeth's Hospital & Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She was incredibly proud of her children and grandchildren and took every chance she could to boast about each and every one of them. She loved to spend time with family, take pictures, travel as often as she could (especially to Disney), was never without a gift for a loved one. Devoted mother of daughter Tracy Flater & Tony Falcetti of Wilbraham, MA, son Herbert (Billy) Barrett & wife Angel of Virginia Beach, VA, daughter Julie Barrett of Boston, and son Dana Barrett (Sgt. BPD) & wife Deb of Hyde Park, MA. Loving "Nana" of Amelia, Tristan, Anders, Lexi, Gracie, Talia, and Rosie. Cherished sister of Thomas Whalen and Sharon Lawrence. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 15, at St. Pius X Church at 10AM, 101 Wolcott Road, Milton. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, 990 Lagrange Street, West Roxbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Playhouse Theatre Group, Inc., PlayhouseOnPark.org / 244 Park Road, West Hartford, CT. For guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com

COLLINS

Charles H. Of Hyde Park, formerly of Dedham, passed peacefully on February 15, 2019, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 74. Beloved husband of the late Shirley A. (Quatral), of 48 years. Devoted father of Charles M. and his wife Denise of Hyde Park, Christopher V. and his wife Kristen of Stoughton, and Ellen M. Collins of Hyde Park. Cherished brother of William Collins and his wife Susan of North Carolina, Dorothy Druker and her husband Robert of Norwood, and the late Kathleen Reda. Loving "Pa" of Emma and Teagan. Also survived by many

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loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, February 19 at St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury. Interment at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Please, in lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to www.themmr.org For guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com

DELANEY



Gerard L. "Jerry" "Butch", of Quincy, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at the Beth Israel Milton Hospital Friday morning, February 15, 2019, he was 91. Born in Hyde Park, he was the son of the late Joseph J. Delaney, and Margaret (Rooney). Jerry was a United States Army Veteran, and worked for over 46 years for the Jordan Marsh Company in Downtown Crossing. He was a daily communicant of Sacred Heart Church in North Quincy, and served as an usher for many years. Jerry was an avid Boston sports fan, enjoyed big band music - especially Tommy Dorsey, and watching Lawrence Welk. Jerry was the beloved husband of 55 years of Gertrude D. (McGee) Delaney, brother of the late Mary Wightman, and "Uncle Butch" to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grand-nephews. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, February 20 in Sacred Heart Church, Quincy. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy in Jerry's memory may be made to the Sacred Heart Church Building Fund, 386 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171. See www.Keohane.com

DENNETT

Barbara J. (Dailey) Of Roslindale, February 14, 2019. Beloved wife of Frederick G. Dennett. Devoted mother of Tina and her husband John of Hyde

Park, Bryant and his partner Courtney of Roslindale, and the late Christopher and Katie. Loving grandmother of Jacob, Korbyn, and Chris. Sister of Anne of Roslindale, Patty of Wrentham, Charlie of Revere, Bobby of NH, and the late Mary. Visiting Hours at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Monday, Feb. 18 from 4-8pm. Funeral Service in the Funeral Home, Tuesday, Feb. 19. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Online guestbook at pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000

GALANTE

Domenic S. "Bob" Age 96, of Hyde Park passed away peacefully in the company of his loving family on Wednesday, Feb. 13th. Beloved husband of the late Anne M. (Signori). Devoted father of Nancy Pond of Norwood, Rita Davis of Boston, Mary Permatteo of Southborough, Robert of Yarmouth, Kenneth of Brockton and Richard Galante of Norton. "Papa" of 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Louisa Dudzik of Braintree, Agnes Ross of Hyde Park and the late Vera Patrick, Leonora, Albert and Edward Galante. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Anne Church, Readville. Burial in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. WWII Navy Seabee. Retired Engineer of Westinghouse Corp., Hyde Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Monastery of St. Clare, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For complete obituary see alfreddthomas.com

HAUGH



Paul B. Age 28, of West Roxbury, died February 14, 2019 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Devoted son of Joseph and Helen (Bittrich). Cherished brother of James Haugh and his wife Becky of North Weymouth, John Bittrich (Haugh) and his wife Mish of Somerville, William Haugh and Highland of Seattle and Joseph, Sean and Matthew Haugh all of West Roxbury. Devoted uncle of Ben and Tom Haugh. Loving Grandson of Helen (Simmons) Bittrich of St. Petersburg, FL and

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the late John Bittrich, Francis J. and Ruth (Malone) Haugh. Also survived by many valued aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and co-workers. Paul was a proud Local 7 Ironworker and U.S.M.C. Military Police Combat Veteran who served his country in Afghanistan. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, February 20 in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's memory may be made to Boston Vet Center, 7 Drydock Ave, Suite 2070, Boston, MA 02210-2303. For guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

HORIGAN

James R. Of NH, Feb. 16, age 71. Son of the late George and Anna (Delaney) Horigan, husband of Lynn Horigan, brother of George and wife Joan of Brockton, Richard Horigan and wife Jean of Lexington, Jean Brown and husband John of Dedham, Helen Horigan of Roslindale, the late Edward and wife Marylou of Virginia Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215, Attn: Lakshmi Nayak, MD would be appreciated. For obituary and to sign guestbook, visit website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

KALIL

Arthur G. Sr. Of Bellingham, formerly of West Roxbury, February 16, 2019. Dear and devoted husband of the late Dolores (Earlbawey). Loving father of Dr. Arthur G. Kalil Jr. and his wife Donna Cesero-Kalil of Sandwich, Paul Kalil and his wife Roberta of Norfolk, and Bettyann McKenzie and her husband Shawn McKenzie (BPD District 14) of Bellingham. Cherished grandfather "Shidoo" of Alia and Kitana Kalil. Dear brother of Robert Kalil and his wife Mary of Nashua, NH, and the late James Kalil. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be private. Contributions in Arthur's memory may be made to the Church or to Newton Wellesley Hospital, 2014 Washington St., Newton, MA 02462. Proud US Army Veteran of the Korean War. Guestbook available at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

KENNEDY

Joan M. (Moroney) Suddenly, in West Roxbury, formerly of Brookline and Jamaica Plain on February 13, 2019. Beloved wife of John F. "Doc" Kennedy. Loving mother of Shawn M. Kennedy and wife Catherine of Charlotte, NC, Katherine M. "Katie" Kennedy of West Roxbury and Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Morgan and husband Christopher of Walpole. Adored Nana of Shea M. Kennedy of Charlotte, NC, Caitlin E., Mairead M., Kyle M.,

and Jeremiah C. Morgan of Walpole and Jordan Morgan Tiorano of Dorchester. Sister of Patricia O'Leary. Sister-in-law of the late James Kennedy and wife Ellie. Also survived by her lifelong friend Rosemary Reynolds and husband Sean of Canton, several cousins and nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, February 19th in St. Theresa Church, West Roxbury. Interment Holyhood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Charles River Center, 59 East Militia Heights Dr., Needham, MA. 02492. Past President Theresians, West Roxbury, Board Secretary St. Coletta Day School, Braintree, Co-Founder with Catherine Barringer of the Boston Latin Grid Iron Club.

McCARTHY

Jeremiah "Michael" Jr. Age 70, of Hyde Park on February 15, 2019. Devoted father of Lisa Russell and her husband Tom and Jeremiah III and his wife Brooke. Cherished "Papa" of Emma, Madalyn, Ayden, Keeley, Chase, and Brady. Son of the late Jeremiah M. and Mary J. McCarthy. Loving brother of Sister Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ, Sister Patricia McCarthy, CSJ, M. Alannah McCarthy Fennell and her husband Richard and Kathleen Cody and her husband Matthew Jr. Also loved by his nieces and nephew, Bridget Hagerty, Matthew J. Cody, III and Patricia Cody. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday morning, Feb. 19th in St John Chrysostom Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Michael was an avid golfer and enjoyed his time and friends at George Wright Golf Course. Retired employee of United Airlines. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethany Health Care Center, Mission Advancement, 97 Bethany Road, Framingham, MA 01702. lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600

MURPHY

Ethel Frances Age 84, a long-time resident of Middleton, MA, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2019, at Sutton Hill Center in North Andover, MA. Born in Cambridge, MA, graduate of Mission Church High School (Roxbury) 1951 and daughter of the late Walter F. Murphy, originally from Dorchester, and Catherine Marie O'Neil Murphy, originally from Cambridge. Ethel worked for New England Telephone for over 25 years. She enjoyed reading, visiting with family and friends, volunteering with the Columbian Mission League and cheering gleefully for Boston's sports teams. Ethel was the beloved sister of Katherine Cotter-Giblin, Lynnfield/Wellesley, William Murphy of Sudbury, and Sheila Assetta, Malden, cousin of James Murphy and his wife, Joyce, Stoneham, and sister-in-law of Elaine Murphy, Franklin. She was the

loving aunt of William Murphy, Jr. and his wife, Laurie, Andover; Scott Murphy and his wife, Karen, Dedham; Susan Shain, Merrimac, Mark Murphy and his wife, Carolyn, Canton; Glen Murphy and his wife, Audrey, Sudbury; David Cotter and his wife, Karen, Oakland, CA; Lisa Porro and her husband, Gary, Malden, and Guy Assetta and his wife, Susan, Windham, NH. She was great-aunt to Shannon, Taylor, Jack, Kelsey, Devon, Beau, and Georgia. Ethel's family would like to thank the staff of Sutton Hill Center, North Andover, Compassus, North Andover, North Shore Elder Services, Danvers and the Flint Public Library of Middleton for their many acts of kindness and care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. A Funeral Mass was held on February 15th at St. Theresa of Avila Chapel. Interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 990 Lagrange Street. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600

NORBERG



Robert Leonard, a resident of Dedham, and formerly of Roslindale, Hyde Park, and Jamaica Plain, died Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Stanley Tippet Home in Needham. He was 90. Bob was born November 21, 1928 in Boston, Massachusetts, one of the four children of Alfred and Mary (Michaud) Norberg. He graduated from Boston Technical High School and, in 1951, he was inducted into the United States Army where he served until 1953. Bob was honorably discharged as a Corporal from the US Army Reserve in 1957. In 1956 Bob started Suburban Decorators in Hyde Park and in 1974 the company became known as Charlmarc Kitchens. He served as the company's President until his retirement in 2003. Bob had a bit of acting flair in him; he played the part of Bob-O-Link, a ranger on his children's television show Hubert's Holiday, which was broadcast live on WBZ (Channel 4) in 1956, where he introduced and explained various animals to the children. He also was extremely community oriented, volunteering at ABCD where he organized donations to early intervention programs in Roslindale; volunteering at the Deutsches Altenheim in West Roxbury by assisting with their golf tournaments; and he spearheaded the rehabilitation of the Endicott Greenhouse in Dedham. Bob served on the

Board of Directors of the Roslindale Cooperative Bank; as a member and Past President of the Roslindale-West Roxbury Kiwanis Club; as a member of the Roslindale Parade Committee, where he twice was honored as the Grand Marshall; as an Explorer Scout Leader; and as a multi term President of the Roslindale Board of Trade. In addition, he was a member of American Legion Post 0462 of

Roslindale; of VFW Post 1050 of Roslindale; and of the Dedham Retired Men's Club. Bob was the recipient of many certificates from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and from the Massachusetts Senate for his community and volunteer services. Bob also enjoyed science and mechanics, motorcycling, photography and was an avid boater, belong-

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tax breaks that the City of Boston is offering include TIFs, special tax assessments and Chapter 121A and 121B agreements, which are administered through the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for larger developments to make Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) programs.

Wu has said that the current Tax Increment Finance Program has a rating of zero in transparency from the Good Jobs First organization, while New York and Austin are providing databases with that information. The Pew Foundation also found the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have the lowest score in tax break transparency in 2017.

District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards said she also wants a mechanism in the ordinance to make sure the promised economic benefits from past agreements take inflation and interest into account.

"We've seen what happens when institutional memory is faded or people forget about the promises made, and we've seen that happen when it comes to certain developments that were required to have childcare services on site and we've not enforced it, so along with holding them accountable I really want us to talk about how we can make up for time lost," she said. "How do we make sure that interest is applied if there's cash benefits that are supposed to be paid? I don't think \$5,000 in 2019 should mean the same as \$5,000 in 2025 or, going forward, how do we apply an interest and a penalty. Silence should not be golden for these companies. If we don't come forward, it should be on them. I just don't see why forgetting something should benefit these companies, they've gotten a lot of tax breaks from us."


The ordinance was placed into the council's Committee on Government and Operations to be fine tuned in work sessions, and if all goes well should be sign by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh sometime in the future.

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company conducted. Beisel and Development Attorney Joe Hanley pointed out several times during the night that since the group reduced its proposal's square footage by almost half, it no longer requires BPDA Article 80 Large Project Review, which would have required them to do a traffic study, but they did one anyway. Hanley also said they have had a meeting with the MBTA to try to gain a better understanding of the bus and train schedules, but added that regardless of any issues they might have with drop off and pick up with the MBTA, they will work their class start and end times around the bus and train schedules.

Beisel went through the intersections around the area, and said that if the school went in, along with the other projects around the area (listed in the traffic study as 425 LaGrange St., 400 Belgrade Ave., 1789 Centre St. and 317 Belgrade Ave.) it would add 1.4 seconds of delay to each vehicle. For a small snapshot of the area, according to the traffic study, for the a.m. peak hour traffic tallies on a predicted no-build condition for 2023, there would be 235 vehicles traveling straight on Belgrade towards West Roxbury and 116 going towards Roslindale for the a.m. peak hour. For p.m., those amounts are 194 and 231. For the predicted count with the build condition, there would be 243 and 121 for the a.m. peak hour and 202 and 239 for the p.m. peak hour.

However the main issue of concern for residents was the Anawan Avenue kiss and ride extension. Currently, Anawan Avenue terminates at the Bellevue Hill Commuter Rail Station and provides access to a parking garage for a condo building directly east of the proposed build site for the school. Residents of that condominium are concerned that parents dropping off their kids would block access to the garage. Resident Tara Lynch said despite a planned painted cross hatching at the entrance of the building to ward off parents parking there, she feels it would not be enough.

"Every crosshatched space has someone parked in it," she said.

Resident Denise Nickerson pointed out that at most schools she sees traffic backed up all over the place with parents dropping off their kids, and she doesn't believe the Anawan Avenue drop off site will be large enough to accommodate them.

"You think you're going to be able to stop people from parking at that driveway going into that condo complex?" she asked. "Have you been to any of the schools in the City of Boston? There is a gridlock of parking every single day in the school parking lots and along the streets, private public or charter."

Beisel said they are predicting that 10 percent of their student body, 39 students out of 562, would use the kiss and ride

and be dropped off by their parents.

"We can accommodate 20 vehicles in a five minute time frame, and the most we're looking to see at any given time would be 15," he said.

Residents said they felt that aiming for 90 percent of the students taking public transit was not realistic, but even if they did, they felt the MBTA might not have the capacity for them. Beisel said they would only need the capacity for a total of 10 buses to get all their students to school, and with four bus routes on that road and the Commuter Rail, he said he does not believe it's going to be an issue.

"This train for example has a capacity of 560 to 570, so we could have every student use the Commuter Rail, this one train, in the morning and afternoon," he said. "We expect most of the students will take the bus, as it offers more flexibility."

Hanley said the school is planning on scheduling its class start times around the public transit available. He said, for instance, right now the Needham Line comes into Bellevue Hill at 7:23 a.m., and therefore they would start their classes at 7:35 a.m.

Many residents said they felt this was just the wrong site for a school. Some brought up the fact that the West Roxbury Academy and Urban Science Academy building was underused and shutting down

for repairs next year, but the Boston School Committee has stated publicly that at least for now it plans to reopen the school.

"Why is this site the best site you've found as opposed to sites in Mattapan and Dorchester?" one resident asked.

Hanley responded that there just weren't sites that had as much access to public transportation as this one.

"As a 42-year member of the building trade, I stand adamantly against this," said resident Josh Donahue. "The residents here do not want this shoved down their throats. It's nothing against the students or the school, it's a great idea, just not in this neighborhood."

Resident John Vanmelle said he was concerned about the added impact students might have on the Needham Line.

"It's a single track beyond Forest hills and they run a very tight schedule," he said. "I'm concerned large usage of the Commuter Rail will significantly impact the Needham Line and reduce the number of trains available to tax payers who commute into the city."

Resident John Mahoney pointed out the area is already a problem in terms of traffic, and will continue to be one whether or not the school comes in.

"What we should be doing is talking to the MBTA, the mayor and the governor about it," he said. "It was a mess before (the school) came here and it will be a mess after, and we have to talk to the MBTA about that. Regardless, it's much bet-

ter than the 30-unit condo building that will go in there otherwise."

Another resident opined from the audience, "We have put men on the moon and we're talking about traffic."

Another resident pointed out that having a large number of high school students in the area could increase the risk for pedestrian and vehicle collisions. Another resident pointed out that the school currently has a campus at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Warren Street, which has four lanes of vehicular traffic.

"And you don't hear anything in the paper about Roxbury Prep students getting hit crossing the street," she said. "I mean, we're talking about high school students, they know how to cross the street."

One resident asked if Roxbury Prep would be willing to allow the community to form an Impact Advisory Committee (IAG), despite the fact the project is not required to under the BPDA Article 80 Small Project Review process.

"The IAG is a requirement in the regulations when a project is of a certain scale, it's not a requirement if someone doesn't like the use or if someone doesn't like the site," he said. "The purpose of the IAG is to have citizen participation in the process to review the impacts of the site, and we have certainly had a lot of community participation in the last two-and-a-half years."



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ing to the Old Colony Yacht Club. He also held his Pilot's Solo Certificate. In his "spare time" he delivered Meals on Wheels. Robert is survived by his partner, Ellen Donovan, of Dedham; his son, Robert L. Norberg of Roslindale; his daughters, Andrea R. Litcof, and her husband Robert Ryan, and Paula M. Norberg of Roslindale; his grandchildren, Lindsay, Emily, Damien, Madison, Aidan, and Aoife; and his great grandson, Clark. He was the brother of the late Alice Moyer, the late Alfred J. Norberg, and the late William H. Norberg. His funeral was held on Tuesday, February 19th from the Funeral Home followed by interment with military honors at the Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery, Baker Street, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations to the Stanley R. Tippet Home, 920 South Street, Needham, MA 02492 would be appreciated.

RAMMAH

Bichara Of West Roxbury, passed away on February 10, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Khalayek (Jabbour) Rammah. Devoted father of Ilia Rammah of Wakefield, Mary Alzught of OH, George Rammah of Norwood, Georgette Rammah of West Roxbury, Noel Boutros of Bradford, MA, and Laila Chammas of Norwood. Loving grandfather of Michael, Elias, Akram, Soraya, Brian, George, Michael, and Jessica. Brother of Shaheen Rammah of Syria. A Funeral Service was held at St. George's Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury on Friday, February 15th. Interment, Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. George's Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury,

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ROBINSON

Edward G. Of Roslindale, February 15, 2019. Beloved husband of Donna M. (McDowell) Robinson. Devoted father of Maura Robinson of Franklin, and Tara Robinson of Bellingham. Stepfather of Jeremy McDowell of Southboro. Loving grandfather of Matthew, Brynn, Jax, Quinn, and Ace. Brother of Mary Foster and Tommy, Richard, Billy, and Kevin Robinson. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's memory to the Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923-1389. Online guestbook and directions at pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000

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Danielle Of West Roxbury February 8, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Abdalla and Zahia Sahely. Loving sister of Camille Sahely and his wife Venice of Wellesley, Camilia Batrouney and her husband Phillip of Australia, Mona Yacoub and her husband John of Australia, and the late Ayoub, Joseph, and Jacob Sahely. Dear aunt of Alexander, Nadia, and Colette Sahely, and many other loving nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service, was held on Wednesday, February 13th. at the Church of St. John of Damascus, stjohnd.org In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in

Danielle's memory to stjude.org 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Wellesley. Guestbook at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

ZALESKAS

Edward A. Of West Roxbury, formerly of South Boston. Edward graduated from Boston Latin School in 1949, and from the State Teachers College of Boston in 1953. Edward also received a Master's Degree and CEGS from Boston University. Edward began his career as an elementary school teacher, which was curtailed as he served his country in the United States Army. He returned to serve as a professor and director of admissions at Boston State College, and then as an administrator and advisor at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, where he worked until 2014. Edward is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Margaret Virginia (Gibbons), his loving children, Kristine, Virginia, Kara, Janice, and John, and grandchildren, Kiernan and Ronan. He is predeceased by his beloved daughter, Donna Maria. He is also survived by his sisters, Florence and Frances Zaleskas, Marie Ruka, and predeceased by his sister, Eleanore Fisher. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews. In 2013, Edward was honored by the University of Massachusetts at Boston for his dedication to higher education accessibility. Edward dedicated his life to his family, colleagues and students. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you make a donation. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, Feb. 15th in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

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STUDENTS DESERVE A NEW HOME

To the Editor:

As residents and homeowners of Roslindale, as well as educators of Roxbury Prep High School, we are eager to support Roxbury Prep High School moving to 361 Belgrade Avenue. We think that this would be a fantastic spot for a school.

First, a school would be a great addition to that end of Belgrade Avenue. If you have seen the pictures of the planned construction, you can't deny that it is a beautiful proposal.

Second, one of the main arguments I've heard against this location is that it does not include enough parking. This proposal actually includes 76 parking spaces, most of which would be underground and out of sight. We cannot think of any other current businesses or organizations where parking is as easy to find as it would be at this school. Moreover, we've never seen or experienced a lack of available parking along that stretch of Belgrade Avenue.

Third, Roxbury Prep is a great school. Together, we have over 10 years of experience working at this school, and there are a few things that make it different. For example, Roxbury Prep is a very tight knit community. The students and staff are a great group of people, and they look out for everybody. This school is also always pushing to improve the education that it provides to its students.

Last, our students – just like all students – deserve to go to high school at a single, welcoming campus in a safe neighborhood. Currently, students do not have permanent science labs, an on-campus gym, or performing arts space. All of these would be included at 361 Belgrade Avenue. Furthermore, our 9th and 10th grade students are currently being educated at a separate campus from our 11th and 12th grade students. Think of all the times that a younger student has been deprived of an older role model, and in turn all the times that an older student has missed out on an opportunity to be a leader and mentor. Think of the friendships that haven't been built.

Roxbury Prep students deserve to have a home, and 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale is a perfect place for this home. We hope you will support and welcome our students to the neighborhood.

*Jamie Gumper &
Sara Colón
Roslindale*

HEATH DOES FANTASTIC JOB

To the Editor:

I want to commend Richard Heath, Staff Reporter, for his excellent, detailed and accurate reporting in the Boston Bulletin! His outstanding reporting is very informative and educational for the community! He certainly is

talented to provide such fair and well written articles.

As a Board of Directors member at the Jamaica Pond Association, I read with great interest his article In this week's edition "JPA closing Jamaicaway to vehicles on specific days". The amount of detail and discussion at our last JPA meeting, February 4, 2019, was very well written by Richard and factual! It amazes me how Richard can report and remember so many different view points from both the audience and board members!

Thank you for providing the Jamaica Plain community such great and informative service!

*Peter Elmuts
Boston*

WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD HAS THREE SCHOOLS?

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter stating my opposition to the proposed Roxbury Prep High School project at 361 Belgrade Avenue. I live on lower Beech St. near West Roxbury Parkway, 3 blocks from the Holy Name School complex on one side and 4 blocks from the Mozart School on the other side. Building this school on 361 Belgrade Ave. would add another school two blocks from this area. Does any other neighborhood in Boston have three schools within seven blocks? This is particularly concerning as a Boston taxpayer, having recently been informed that Roslindale's Washington Irving Middle School has significant vacant space. In addition, as stated by others, the West Roxbury High School vacancy provides a great opportunity to move all of their school to one complex without the impact on a neighborhood's parking, traffic or congestion! This is what they had proposed initially in their earlier proposal. This new space also has athletic fields that they could probably take advantage of as well.

In Roxbury Prep's current proposal, the school stated that 10% of the students would not use the T and would need to be dropped off. I do not understand why their revised plans show a reduction to 7% of students needing to be dropped off without an explanation. This would add an additional number of drop-offs causing increased congestion and traffic. I would think the percentage of students would remain the same even with a smaller complex, necessitating the same % of students having to be dropped off. In addition, the revised proposal does not provide fixed parking for all of the teachers and staff noted in the proposal unless the expectation would be that they would park in the visitor parking lot, leading to more people having to park on the street!

I am hopeful the BPDA will consider the needs of this neighborhood and reject the Roxbury Prep proposal.

*Arthur Canter
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“You just don’t want to think that someone would have that much disrespect for a burial ground,” he said. “But I just can’t give enough credit to our crews for responding the way they did. This is was a holiday weekend for them on Monday and I had no trouble getting them in to help... I really give a lot of credit to our employees for stepping up to the plate.”

DeMaio said they had staff on Sunday there to give the report to the BPD, and he said he

figures the act must have happened sometime early morning on Sunday.

“We did have a crew working on the cemetery on Sunday, but it was on the other side,” he said. “I don’t think it was a vehicle, it was somebody or some group walking through the cemetery and it was noticed by one of the neighbors who walks through regularly.”

West Roxbury resident Ken Martin was apparently the first to discover the vandalism during one of his regular walks. He said he

had just started walking there again after months of recovering from medical issues. He said at first he thought it must’ve been accidental, like a plow or truck hit them, because the first few he saw were close to the road. Then he said he noticed more, and realized the scope of the damage, as he first saw some knocked over on the northern most point of the cemetery, nearly in New-

town. “Then I saw them on the southern-most point by the VFW

and then I saw they went into the interior and had kind of dominoed a few stones,” he said. “Then they went to the furthest point from the back gate, which is maybe a half mile away, and they took some down there. It had to be more than one guy or a really, really big dude, because it takes a lot to move one of those stones.”

DeMaio did say that unless the weather gets really bad this week however, he and his team should have the stones back in their proper places.

DeMaio did say that unless the weather gets really bad this week, everything will be back to

normal shortly.

“It’s all labor-intensive, sure, but there’s really no damage to the stones themselves,” he said.

DeMaio added that vandalism is uncommon at St. Joseph’s, but the continual work on the stones is not.

“We have to move those stones for digging so it’s something we’re used to doing,” he said. “We’re extremely busy this week too, and I’m looking to have one of our monument dealers come in and give us a hand and get ahead of it. We don’t want to leave those stones down any longer than we have to.”

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