

Jamaica Plain NDC awarded \$45.7 Million to preserve 201 apartments



The Gardner and Louis Prang buildings from the RCC campus.

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Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Four hundred and twenty six Bostonians now have a stable, income-restricted home.

On Nov. 26, MassHousing closed on \$45.7 million in financing to Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPND) for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 201 scattered site, income-based apartments.

JPND took ownership of the properties, that stretch from Roxbury Crossing to Mt Pleasant and Grove Hall, on June 26 for \$22 million financed in part from the City of Boston's Acquisition Opportunity program.

Richard Thal, executive director of JPND, said in a statement at the closing that these 201 homes are no longer at-risk.

"Part of the solution to Boston's housing crisis is preserving the affordability that currently exists," he said.

As part of the transaction, JPND will maintain the affordability at all the apartments in perpetuity; 175 apartments are affordable to households earning below 60 percent area median income (AMI); most apartments - 140 - are two and three-bedroom family apartments.

Rebecca Mautner is the development consultant on the rehabilitation of the 21 buildings.

"Income recertification is complete," she said. "This was done by Peabody Properties who will manage the apartments. Most rents remained the

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City looks to make corporate tax incentives public

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

In the wake of losing Amazon to New York and Virginia, the Boston City Council held a hearing last week to discuss the process of incentive negotiation the city currently takes part in. The main incentives a municipal government can offer are property tax breaks.

The council wants to try to increase transparency in the process and make these proceedings public. This presents a problem, as revealing one's hand during a negotiation can tip the balance in an applicant's

favor.

"What I'm interested in learning is when we give tax breaks to a company, what benefits are Boston residents getting in return?" said District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn. "Certainly jobs are a big one, but what other services are they providing to people in need, our immigrant community, working on public health initiatives, public education? So, I'd like to learn more specifically what programs companies are providing."

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Allston / Brighton prepping for Annual Toy Drive



State Representatives Kevin Honan and Mike Moran, with City Councilor Mark Ciommo stand with volunteers from last year's toy drive.

FILE PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The annual Allston Brighton Toy Drive is set for its collection and Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Corrib Pub in Brighton.

The party and event, ac-

cording to State Rep. Mike Moran, has been a tradition of the neighborhood for decades.

"It's taken a few different paths, but a bunch of us started it years ago when I was working as a waiter. We came up with the idea of selling Christmas trees," he said. "Then it became a toy drive when I be-

came the owner of the restaurant I was working in. It's been quite a while, I can't really put a total number of years on it, maybe about 20 years ago."

Moran said it's been incredibly successful in helping residents who may be going

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Community process slows housing start at Stonybrook



Bryan Austin, Jay Walsh (rear), Michael Forde and architect Lucio Trabucco make another presentation of 50 Stedman St.

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Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

New housing starts in Jamaica Plain are expensive: land prices, building materials and labor all add up to high development costs.

There's now an additional cost: prolonged community re-

view.

In the past month alone there have been four community meetings lasting from one to two hours on 50 Stedman St., a modest, low-scale, three-story, woodframe, 21-unit rental building on a dead end, light industrial street.

Proposed by Helm Invest-

ments, made up of Sean Morrissey and Michael Forde with Bryan Austin, it has been under discussion with the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) since March 2017, and there's no end in sight.

After 18 months of off

Stonybrook

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Bay State Rail Museum hosts annual Holiday Open House

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Bay State Rail Museum (BSRM) hosted its annual Holiday Open House over the weekend to the delight of hundreds, both young and old.

The mountainous room on South Street in Roslindale is open twice a year to the public, as it is a private club for model rail road enthusiasts. Residents of all ages come every year to see the setup, as the members will tell anyone who asks, that changes all the time.

Originally, the club started in 1968 on the other side of the Roslindale Village near the Greek International Food Market. According to member Jeremy Hartwell, the group bought the current building at 760 South St. almost by accident. He said they were facing eviction from the landlord who wanted to retire and sell the building, but they ended up buying the building themselves. Member Mal Sockol said they have been retooling the building every since.

“Around 1980 we bought this building when Roslindale Square was highly-depressed,” he said. “Most of

the buildings were empty, and most folks didn’t want to come here. They bought this building for what today you couldn’t buy a garage for, believe me.”

Sockol said the renovations were tough, but as miniature architects, they just enlarged their building skills.

“This place was all chopped up; we took down the walls and rebuilt the place and redid almost everything,” he said. “Then we started working on the railroad.”

Sockol said they now rely on tenants to fund the museum’s work, and they have never had an easier time.

“We secured the tenants, they paid rent and that money allowed us to continue to renovate the building,” he said. “We started off with building the O scale, then the N scale and the HO scale, and we are stilling essentially finishing up. We’ve been working on that since the very early 1980s until now. About 99 percent of the work is done by our members.”

Sockol said he first got involved with model trains when he was a very young child.

“Like most hobbies, we all began our interest in model



Hundreds strolled through the Bay State Rail Museum this Christmas' exhibition to the public over the weekend. The museum is only open to the public twice a year.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

trains when we were very young,” he said. “I received a Lionel Train set when I was nine years old and I have been interested in small trains ever since. In the following years I’ve developed an interest in railroading, both the contemporary and historical railroads. But I’ve always maintained an interest in model trains.”

Residents Joe and Chelsey Wold said this was their first time attending and they were incredulous at the layout.

“The attention to detail

with the geology and all the old cars and the little people and everything is just an amazing job,” Joe Wold said.

Resident Nate Harris said he and his family came last year.

“My son loves trains and we live in Roslindale and we really wanted to support this opportunity and it’s fun to get to see it,” he said. “The kids really love it. It’s unbelievable, I mean my grandfather gave me an old Lionel Train set so I’ve always been just fascinated, especially with the

setup of the landscape.

Residents Jemma, Myles and Brynn Will said they love the sheer number of tracks and trains spanning the room.

“We used to live within walking distance, but we actually moved to Westwood and my son wanted to come back,” Jemma said. “It’s awesome; it’s really cool to look at.”

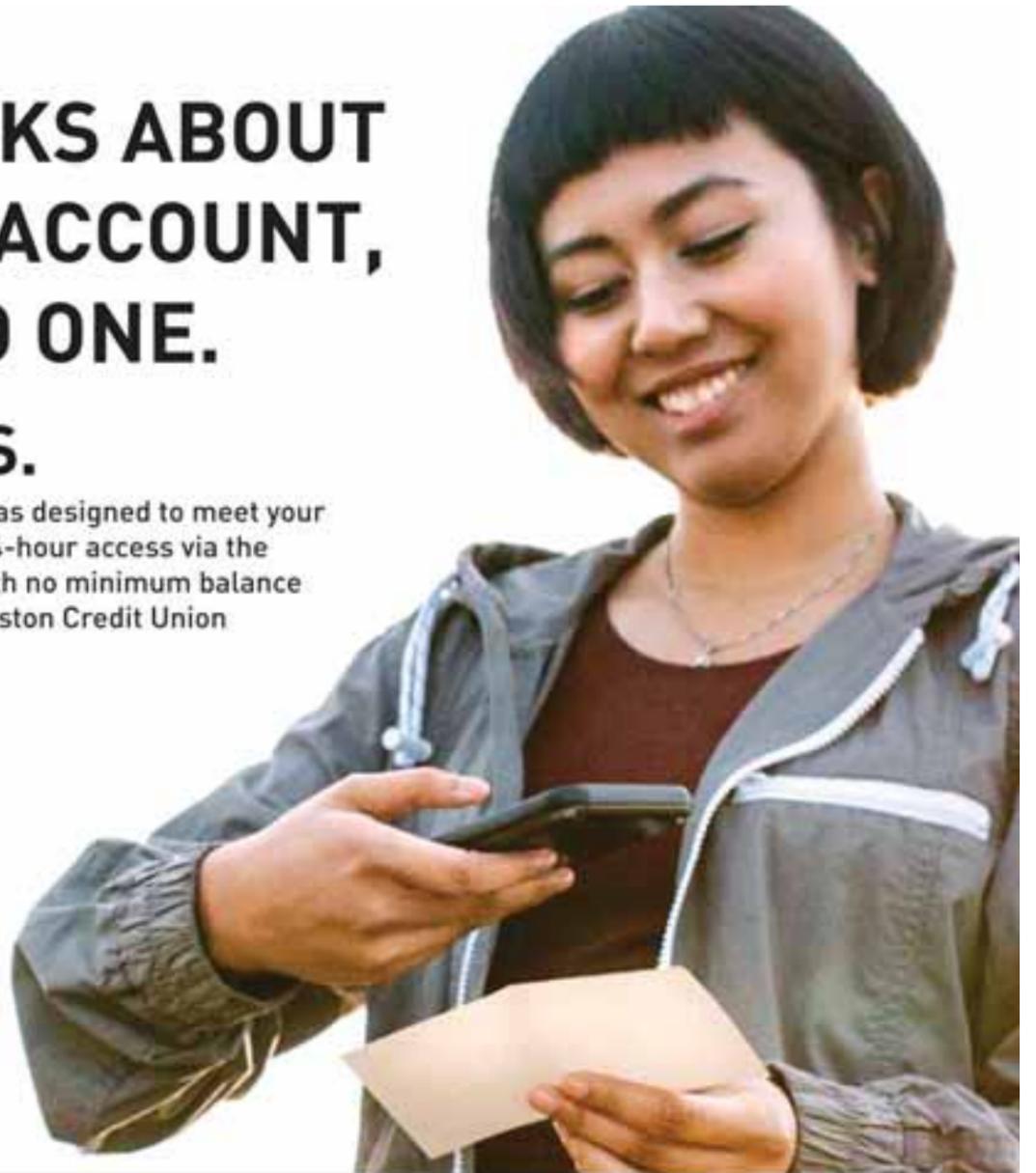
“I want to work here,” Myles said. “I kind of like the gauges and this big set up.”

“I like that purple train,” said Brynn, pointing to a diesel commuter rail train.

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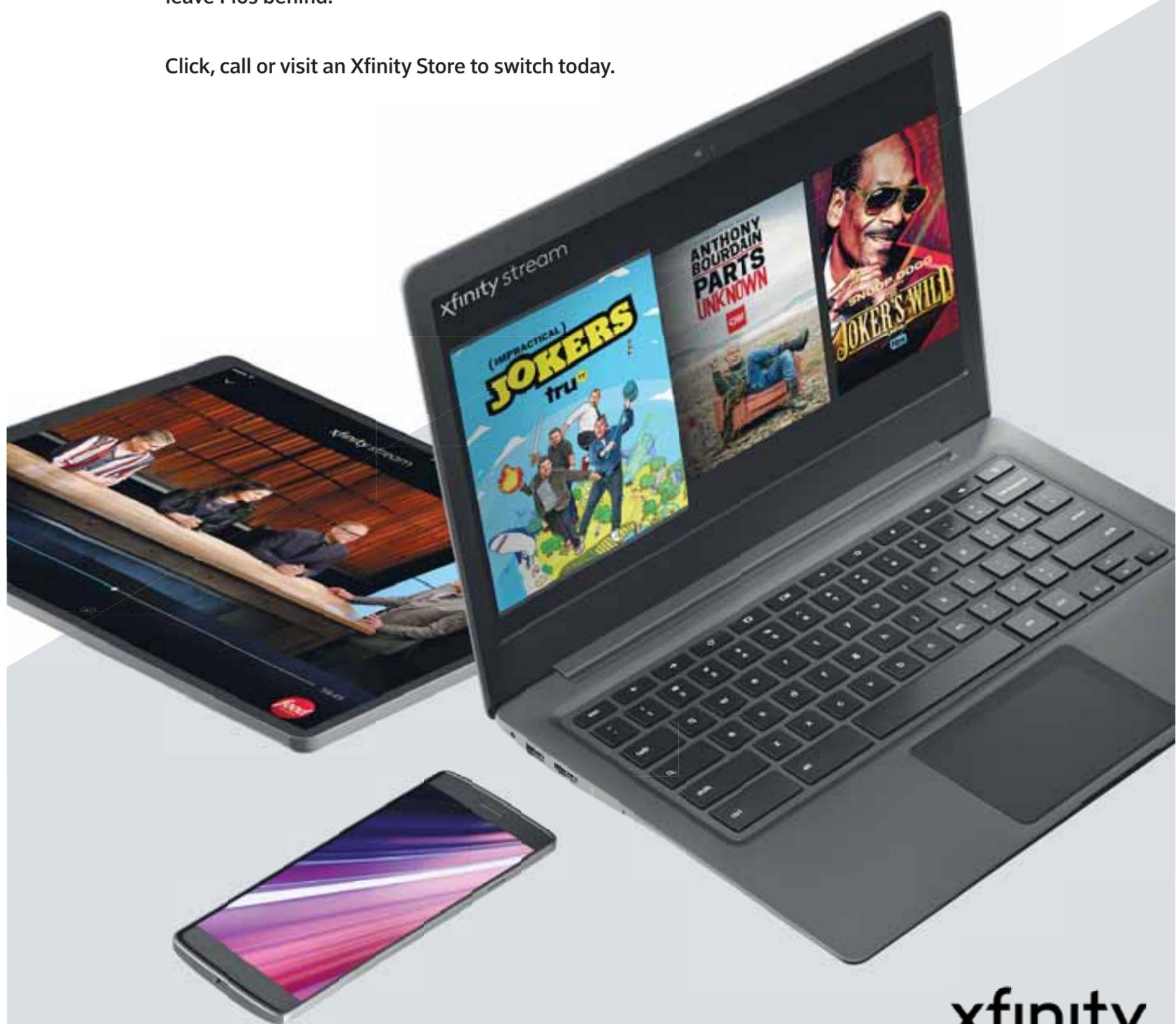
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Editorial

PUT DOWN THE LAPTOP AND GO LOCAL

An interesting statistic emerged from recent online shopping ventures on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, two unofficial seasonal holidays that cater to those thinking \$5 off an item marked up by \$20 is somehow a deal.

Research commissioned by the National Retail Federation estimated that 165 million people made purchases either online or in stores over the Thanksgiving weekend, roughly 174 million fewer who did so during the same time frame last year.

But wait, isn't the economy chugging along brilliantly, so much so that the Federal Reserve is planning to continue hiking interest rates and inching us to higher inflation?

The shopping stats show that maybe times are not as good for average Americans compared to bonus-fueled Wall-Streeters. The unfortunate reality is that job security remains an ever-present uncertainty for most. Likewise, much-touted wage increases and tax reductions are a drop in the bucket for most households.

With all this in mind, and well-aware of the economic backdrop, we still feel compelled to suggest more shopping, not less. The key to the recommendation is not what to buy, but where to shop.

Oh sure, there are bargains to be had online and at big box retailers. But more good can be accomplished by shifting those holiday spending dollars to local businesses.

Recently, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh celebrated Small Business Saturday and launched what is dubbed the "5onMain" campaign, a seasonal initiative for small businesses in Boston. It encourages residents to shop local this holiday season.

The spotlight is intended to shine on Boston's more than 40,000 small businesses, and 20 Boston Main Streets districts. Those businesses generate approximately \$15 billion in annual revenue and approximately 170,000 jobs, representing roughly 44 percent of employment and 37 percent of revenues for the city's private, for-profit businesses.

The Roslindale Village Main Street holiday tree lighting in Adams Park was among the stops chosen during the Mayor's announcement.

The 5onMain initiative is a challenge to shoppers to support local businesses at least five times this holiday season. Participants pledge support either by purchasing gifts, dining out, or participating in local holiday events in Boston Main Streets districts, "which will help drive traffic to local businesses and boost local business economy," the City says, hyping use of the social media hashtag "#5onMain."

Ok, maybe you won't be the into the whole hashtag suggestion. But patronizing neighborhood businesses certainly can't be too much to ask. These are friends and neighbors who deserve to be thriving, not struggling, as they provide local jobs, municipal funding and, best of all, unique and high-quality gifts you might not find anywhere else.

Just one caveat: the initiative shouldn't be a Christmas seasonal call to wallets. Just as food pantries and shelters need and rely upon food donations all year (not just on holidays), it would be nice to see local business support extend to the entire year.

In March 2016, Boston officials launched the City's first-ever Small Business Plan. It tasked the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, other city departments and external partners "to make Boston's small business economy thrive, enhance neighborhood vibrancy, and foster economic and social inclusion and equity."

That may be a mouthful, but the intent is laudable. For the City to prosper we can't think of economic growth just in terms of how many high-priced high rises are built. Enhancing the local business community, street-by-street, is an investment that will truly pay dividends.

Goodbye to a hurtful name

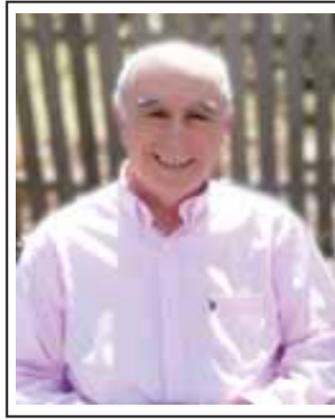
The Thanksgiving leftovers were still in the fridge when a photograph was published showing demolition in the Seaport District to accommodate a new high-rise condominium in the Seaport District.

I recall fond memories of that section of the city, before the real estate market there became red-hot. Jimmy's Harborside and Anthony Athanas' Pier 4 come quickly to mind. I'm not sure about the existence of other restaurants/bars in the past, but the place that offered very informal dining was Santoro's, a sub shop, just over the Northern Avenue Bridge. During my days of driving for Town Taxi, Santoro's offered easy parking and great subs, plus an occasion to stretch one's legs at with a harbor view, an ocean breeze, and a salty (?) aroma.

The demolition project recently taking place involved Atlantic Beer Garden and The Whiskey Priest.

The name of the latter was always revolting to me. The owners and workers there may have been wonderful people but the title of their place of employment was offensive.

Taken from Graham



My Kind
of Town/
Joe Galeota

Greene's 1940 novel "The Power and the Glory," the phrase refers to an unnamed priest on the run from Mexican authorities after a state governor has ordered the military to dismantle all vestiges of Catholicism. As churches are burned and all medals and crosses are banned, the penalty for disobedience is death. As some of his colleagues have capitulated in their beliefs, the unnamed priest, with a flaw bordering on addiction, travels in secret presiding at Mass and hearing confessions under

cover of darkness. In spite of his drinking, the deeply flawed protagonist certainly has redeeming qualities that posit him as a person to be admired, but was this the aim of the bar owners on Northern Avenue when they named their gin joint?

Nowadays "whiskey priest" refers not to a type of hero but to a cleric with a drinking problem.

Would the title for the bar have passed muster in the licensing department of City Hall and the rest of Boston if it were "The Vodka Rabbi," "The Drunken Minister," "The Tipsy Nun," "The Inebriated Reverend," or "The Bourbon-Swilling Imam"? What would the feeling be if the bar's title contained the word "intoxicated" or one of its synonyms preceding an ethnic or racial group?

There is a feeling today that political correctness has gone overboard, and in many quarters it has, especially on college campuses. While free speech is a hallmark of the American republic, it's too bad that hurtful speech is not reined by a public who, aware of the need for civility, declines to spend their money at locations whose name is offensive.

Letters to the Editor

ONE RESIDENT'S CONSIDERATIONS

To the Editor:

I received my Nazi Winter Weather Guide and it's everything I expect from city management. We seniors have received orders to have sidewalks shoveled within three hours and if not, our neighbors should call and report our failure to comply so we can be properly punished. I guess I lose because it takes me three hours to get up, shower and have breakfast nowadays.

Being handicapped, I understand their plight. However, in forty years I've yet to see a wheelchair go down either side of my street, but I have seen kids on tricycles outpace their parent and listened to their parent yelling for them to stop at the corner. Perhaps it's because the ramps invite them out onto the street whereas the curbs were once an obstacle to this benign threat.

And speaking of children, I've recently heard that schools are to be shut down and torn down which I say, based on the results I see, why not. However,

being a compassionate person, if West Roxbury High is to be torn down a plan should exist to build an education complex on the property with the skating rink, Millennium Park and the waterfront being incorporated into the plan. Do not even think about disturbing the Swan Pond!

And, instead of trying to put ten pounds of Roxbury Prep into a five pound bag, include this facility in the overall Education complex which can provide an integrated educational, athletic, including water sports activities as well as traditional field sports, and hands on environmental experience with a stunning view of the city.

How can we afford it? Well, based on the fact that a half million dollars was spent on pot in one day at two locations, I think there might be an opportunity there, as well as the billion sitting in the state's back pocket. The one problem I see is I'm betting backroom negotiations are going on with developers, Harvard and anyone else with deep pockets for this prime property which should be dedicated

to the youth of Boston as well as surrounding cities and towns.

Also, I want to congratulate Billy Gross and say that I was impressed when I saw two traffic stops on LaGrange St. just after he took the job, but I think my pleasure will be short lived as just last night when the bird chirped inviting people to cross over to the Corrib we watched at least six vehicles run the red light during the pedestrian signal with the bus bringing up the rear. This is definitely a sucker bet for the blind, and I know we have at least one down the block here.

I was very pleased to hear Billy criticize the ACLU. Speaking as an American, they don't speak for me or my civil liberties. I think they're all commies and socialists who are ready to put my life at more risk than need be. Billy, I wish you luck with the homicide rate, 52 and counting, which I fully expect to increase with the number of illegal's coming, but I know you're expected to protect them from the laws of these United States. It seems death is now a fixture in all sanctuary cities; Chicago, LA, Detroit, NY, Orlando and now my hometown, Boston.

Since I'm sure you wish I would, I'll close with Lizzy's reelection, which was the dark side of the midterms as was Nancy Pelosi becoming speaker

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Applications now available for Seniors Save Heating Program

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 - Mayor Martin J. Walsh today joined Glenn and Anita McLaughlin at their Mattapan home to announce that applications are now available for Seniors Save, a program that grants \$3,500 to eligible residents to use towards upgrades to their heating systems. Since the program's launch in August 2016, 134 heating systems have been replaced in homes all across the city.

"We want to make sure our seniors can stay warm and safe this winter," said Mayor Walsh. "Seniors living on fixed incomes face real challenges to afford improvements to their homes, even more with completely replacing their heating systems. I'm proud that our Home Center is able provide additional resources to Boston seniors who may need emergency repairs this winter."

Applications for the Seniors Save program are available on

the Department of Neighborhood Development's website, or by contacting one of the Boston Home Center's partner senior agencies. To qualify, residents must be at least 60 years old, own and live in a one-to-four family home in Boston, be up-to-date on property tax and Boston Water and Sewer Commission payments, and have a household income at no more than 80 percent of Area Median Income, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Glenn and Anita McLaughlin worked with the Seniors Save program to replace their coal-converted heating system, dating back to 1878, which required them to carry water buckets to the attic for proper operation. The Boston Home Center helped provide a contractor, SJH Mechanical, to install a new, high-efficiency heating and hot water system which will signifi-



The Seniors Save Heating Program has helped many seniors replace their heating systems and save some serious money in heat every winter.

cantly reduce the family's heating costs and their maintenance requirements.

"I feel thankful and blessed for having the opportunity to be a part of Seniors Save and want to thank Mayor Walsh for this

program," said Anita McLaughlin. "I encourage others to apply so they can also get a new heating system."

Eligible homeowners will receive a \$3,500 grant towards upgrades to their heating sys-

tems. Any additional funding is available in the form of a zero percent interest deferred loan, which will only be payable on

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Flynn's list, jobs, is sometimes difficult to quantify. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker and General Electric famously worked out a deal in 2016 for \$25 million in property tax incentives to the company in exchange for 800 jobs and promising to donate \$50 million to local interests like the Boston Public Schools and community health centers. The company has already donated \$20 million in its first two years to fight the opioid epidemic and improve STEM education in the city but, according to the Boston Globe, the city is still waiting for the 800 jobs.

Commissioner of the Assessing Department Gayle Willett pointed to a recent New York Times article that asked if New York and Virginia overpaid for the privilege of housing Amazon's headquarters.

"New York and Virginia collectively offer more than \$2 billion in tax credits, rebates and other incentives to attract Amazon," she said. "That figure doesn't include what could amount to hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure spending, worker training, and other government assistance. Boston is extremely lucky to be in an environment where the scale of subsidies offered by New York, Chicago, and Denver are not necessary."

Chief of Economic Development John Barros pointed out that the city's municipal income comes largely from property taxes, and "eroding the tax base" with too many incentives is obviously harmful. Coupled with the fact that more than half

of Boston's land is owned by nonprofits that don't have to pay taxes, he said this is a serious concern.

"Growing the tax base and growing jobs and increasing economic activity are at the heart of our incentive strategy," he said.

The city's current agreements can be found online at boston.gov/departments/assessing/tax-agreements. They are categorized as Chapter 121A agreements, 121B agreements and tax incentive financing (TIF) and special tax assessments (STA). Chapter 121A and 121B agreements are basically tax breaks for development companies looking to redevelop blighted land.

At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said he was concerned about past agreements that have been broken or changed when a company has threatened to leave. He said he wants the agreements made by those companies to be upheld regardless of whether or not they leave, and he said he doesn't want the city to be held hostage by such threats.

Barros said the current economic climate for the city is such that if one company leaves, his office is not too concerned about finding a replacement.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss names of companies, but there was one company most recently that threatened to leave unless we could give them a tax break to make the deal work," he said. "We looked at the tax break and we looked at the deal, and we just didn't feel like that was true.... We never make a deal

because we think they're going to leave."

Good Jobs First Executive Director Greg LeRoy said increasing transparency on any project they want to initiate and the disclosure of the outcome of awards to the city and the business owner is good, but wants to see it expand a bit further. He said since the public has a hand in lowering the company's overhead, residents should have access to the result of the tax breaks in an annual report.

"There should be a snapshot every year of the progress of the deal in terms of actual jobs created, actual wages paid or actual dollars invested," he said.

LeRoy said Boston has not done a great job as far as they see it in terms of disclosure to date. LeRoy said his research website gave Boston a "Goose Egg" rating in its report card study, mainly because of the fact that Boston does not release its TIF agreements.

Resident Martin Roetter pointed out that transparency in and of itself is not an end, but a means to be able to negotiate deals that benefit corporations and Boston. He said that when he is working for companies as a consultant around the world helping them determine the best place to put their companies interests, tax breaks can make a difference, but they, in his experience, have not been a deciding factor in the majority of cases.

"The available labor force and infrastructure in the area are what drive those corporate decisions," he said.

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City Council wants to talk transportation once again with BPS

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Staff Reporter

At last week's Boston City Council meeting, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards called for a hearing to review transportation within the Boston Public Schools District.

"This motion is prompted by a conversation I had because some parents were particularly concerned about their children having access to a bus and other parents who had concerns that their kids were getting kicked off," she said.

Edwards said that in discussing this particular problem, she determined that many residents in her district were facing some unique traffic challenges and she was wondering if the BPS Transportation Department was taking these into account. She also pointed out that traffic issues can hold up students or make them have to wake up earlier and earlier to get to school on time.

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu said the problems with transportation compound seemingly small issues for students into much bigger ones. She said students who are late for school get a tardy demerit, which means they have to stay for detention, which means they miss their extra-curricular activities or their after school jobs, which can have ripple effects in those students' lives and future careers.

"It's really about an economic situation that is exacerbated by our public transportation system being unreliable, and the city needing to now figure out how to plug those gaps," she said.

Wu said she had a grad student fellow looking at how students get to school and the im-

pacts transportation has on the lives of about 300 students, and the report detailing that should be out by this week.

"I hope to file that at the next council meeting," she said. "The findings just add data to what we all hear across every neighborhood and every district that transportation, how much it costs, how unreliable it is, is a major stressor, particularly for students who are trying not just to get to school, but to after school programs or to jobs that their families need."

Wu said the report will have several recommendations including changing the schools' M7 policy which allows a student to ride the MBTA for free to school if they live more than two miles from the school, or advocating for the MBTA for

certain changes to bus routes.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy said his districts are impacted mostly because of the singular location of the Readville Bus Yard, which he said adds traffic issues to Hyde Park and the surrounding area for seemingly no good reason.

"When you talk about buses going from East Boston and to East Boston, they're coming from Readville. It still makes no sense to me why 300-plus buses roll through Hyde Park, Rozzie, Mattapan to get throughout the rest of the system. As someone who used to run operations, it makes absolutely no sense and I still haven't gotten a great answer as to why all the buses remain in the furthest southern tip of Boston to travel throughout."



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City accepting proposals for Play Around the Snowy City competition

The City of Boston is accepting proposals for Play Around the Snowy City, a design competition that seeks ideas for playful, temporary design installations and events throughout Boston this winter. This competition is an initiative of the Public Space Invitational (PSI), a program from the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics (MONUM) that seeks to make Boston's public spaces more intuitive and beautiful. Proposals are due on December 13, 2018.

In partnership with the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, MONUM is releasing a call for proposals for innovative projects that make Boston's public spaces more fun and inviting during the coldest season of the year. Projects could provide inclusive performances, interactive play, or civic art that incorporates winter elements. Additionally, applicants will be encouraged to submit projects that reduce stress, build lifelong learning skills, and support responsive relationships. Two projects will be selected. Each project must be temporary, implemented by early February 2019, and meet a budget of \$5,000.

Play Around the Snowy City builds on MONUM's past work on play. Last summer, in partnership with Boston Public Schools, MONUM selected four school bus stops for a playful redesign in East Boston, Roxbury, Roslindale, and Dorchester. The four winning designs, selected by a jury that included Playworks, the Mayor's Education Cabinet, the Mayor's Office of Resilience and Racial Equity, parents, and community advocates, use play to foster learning, connectedness, positive engagement, and exercise in an everyday setting.

The Public Space Invitational started in 2014 with the aim of making Boston's public spaces more welcoming. It has resulted in a wide-variety of projects, including a portable reading room for neighborhoods and green spaces, a tidal vibraphone on the Congress Street bridge, the activation of the mezzanine of Boston City Hall with brightly colored skateboard tape, a poem/photography series from Boston's Poet Laureate at the Mattapan Branch Library, and a project that completely reimagines street furniture.

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WHEN: Thursday, December 6, 2018 @ 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

WHERE: Roslindale Community Center, 6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale

CHEFS' TABLE SERIES

Airing week of December 2, 2018 <https://vimeo.com/112518867>

Feast of the Seven Fishes with Chef Victor Paone - Part I Chef Victor Paone demonstrates to a LIVE audience how to make four of the seven fish dishes in Part 1 of Feast of the Seven Fishes. Feast of the Seven Fishes in a traditional Italian feast celebrated on Christmas Eve.

In this segment, Chef Victor along with co-host Joe Murphy explains the ingredients and methods to make these dishes: crab cake, shrimp scampi, baccala salad and linguini with clam sauce. Co-host Carol O'Connor visits John-Paul Kaminga, wine manager of Blanchard's Wines & Spirits to find out which wines would pair well with these four fish dishes.

Chef's Tip of the week, Steve LaCount, chef/owner of Chiara Bistro in Westwood discusses knife and cut safety. Steve shows us how to safely cut root vegetable, such as carrots and parsnips. This is a must watch for the home cooks and for those learning how to improve their knife-cutting skills.

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HOLIDAY MEAL

ABCD, Charlesview, Family Nurturing Center, EmPath, and Bridge Over Troubled Waters are working together to host another Holiday Meal event for families living in shelters in Allston and Brighton this holiday season Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 pm at the Charlesview Fiorentino Community Center, 123 Antwerp St Extension, Brighton, MA 02135

How you can help: Contact Amelia at amelia.youngstrom@bostonabcd.org to bring a dish, donate a raffle prize, or volunteer during the meal! Or forward this information along to someone you think might like to participate.

Please note: We are hoping to limit the amount of leftovers we have at the end of the night this year. For this reason, please

try to sign up for a unique item. Be aware that I may contact you after signing up to assign a different item or suggest donating a raffle prize instead of a food item.

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Join us as the multitalented Ryan discusses her career and her latest novel. All are welcome.

THE LAST DREAM: STORIES CREATED AND PERFORMED BY THE CHILDREN OF TPS

Friday, December 14, 2018, 7:00pm to 8:30pm Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston Join the Harvard Ed Portal, Comité TPS, and Boston Experimental Theatre for a performance of The Last Dream: Stories Created and Performed by the Children of TPS. The play features the children of parents with Temporary Protected Status, a federal immigration status in danger of being canceled. The production is a dramatic representation of the struggles and joys of children of immigrants, including members of the Harvard community, and the pain of threat to one's way of life. <https://edportal.harvard.edu/event/last-dream>

PROJECT TEACH

Getting Started & Finishing Strong for Allston-Brighton and Cambridge High School Students Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:30pm to 7:00pm OR Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:30pm to 7:00pm Harvard Ed Portal, 224 Western Ave., Allston The Harvard Ed Portal is proud to offer a free College Application: Getting Started & Finishing Strong Workshop

for high school students who live or attend school in Allston-Brighton or Cambridge. For freshmen and sophomores: get familiarized with college application vocabulary! And for juniors and seniors: learn how to strengthen your college application activities section with strong vocabulary. Through one application, students can apply to the more than 700 colleges and universities across the country that accept the Common Application. It is never too early to start to understand the vocabulary that will be used throughout the application! Students will have an opportunity to talk and ask questions of current undergraduate students! Then, freshmen and sophomores will learn about the Common and Coalition Application before participating in an interactive college admissions and financial aid terminology activity. Juniors and seniors will receive individual feedback on how to strengthen their application and share their story, particularly in the activities list section of their application. Dinner will be provided at 5:30pm. The first 10 students to arrive will receive a free Harvard t-shirt!

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TOT SHABBAT AT B'NAI TIKVAH

A TOT Shabbat at B'nai Tikvah, 1301 Washington Street, Canton, will take place on December 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Saturday, December 15 @ 11:00am at the Hope Central Church, 85 Seaverns Avenue, Jamaica Plain

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For questions and more details, please call the rectory at 617-522-0225. We look forward to welcoming you to Our Lady of the Cedars, your spiritual home.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM UPCOMING EVENTS

Tree and Shrub Pruning 101

Saturday, December 8, 9:30am - Noon Learn how to measure twice and cut once with Andrew Gapinski, Arnold Arboretum head of horticulture. Through classroom instruction and hands-on field training, Andrew will show proper pruning techniques for ornamental trees, shade trees, and shrubs to help sustain their natural form, health, and vigor.

Winter Landscape Explorations

Sunday, December 9, 1:00pm Bundle up and invigorate with a Winter Wellness Walk through the Arboretum, then enjoy a warm refreshment in the Visitor's Center.

Sunday, December 16, 2:00pm - New discoveries await in every season at the Arboretum. Enjoy a guided Family Hike - Short Days, Long Nights to learn what happens as winter approaches.

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

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ANIMAL TALKS AT STRATFORD STREET CHURCH

The next session of "Animal Talks" will take place on Sunday December 9, 2018, 5 pm at the Stratford Street United Church, 77 Stratford St. West Roxbury. Topics to be discussed are "The Role of Guilt in Pet Grief and Mourning" and "Channels for Animal Communication" Animal Talks are monthly parlor meditations and conversations conducted by Kaleel Sakakeeny, Credentialed Pet Grief Counselor, about the animals we love and remember.

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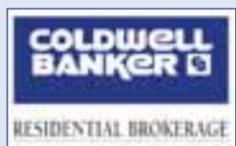
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same. Quite a few folks got rent reductions. The rent increase is stable at 5% a year based on income.”

“Some rents were adjusted due to tax-credit financing,” she said. “There are 142 Section 8 vouchers and 13 MassRental vouchers.”

Housing advocates call for increasing the number of affordable units- defined as 30% to 50% ami at private developments such as 197 Green St. - but don’t acknowledge how complicated this is.

Nothing illustrates this more than the fact that eight funding sources were assembled by MassHousing, including \$24.3 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits and a \$5 million bridge loan from Santander Bank.

Among the funding sources is a \$1.7 million Section 13A preservation loan. This will preserve the affordability of the 49-unit Gardner Apartments at 275-300 Roxbury St. and 24-26 Gardner St. behind Roxbury Community College.

Section 13A Program was created by the state legislature in 1971 to provide low income mortgage financing for very low-income rental properties; the average annual income today at Gardner Apartments is

\$26,000. This program expired in March 2018; without JPNDAC acquisition these units would’ve gone market rate in the hot Fort Hill housing market.

MassHousing was created in 1966 as Mass Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and managed the 13A Program. MHFA was created to preserve older rental properties much of it abandoned. Loans were provided to proven developers and in 1974 Pyramid Development Corp of Cambridge owned by architect Gill Fishman acquired the four Gardner and Roxbury Street buildings. One of the buildings was the famed Prang Chromolithography Plant and it faced a barren wasteland. Like scissors cutting paper, the demolition for I-95 stopped at the end wall of 282 Roxbury St. (which is today a dead end at RCC).

Pyramid completed a total gut rehab of the buildings in 1976 and sold the four buildings to Lorenzo Pitts Inc. on Jan 2, 1992.

Pitts died at age 93 in 2009 and after untangling title and tax issues, the Pitts family offered the entire 21 building portfolio to JPNDAC following an RFP process.

There are three components

to preserving these apartments: acquisition, rehabilitation and perpetual rental subsidies.

JPNDAC mailed out letters to all 201 households in the first week of July introducing itself as the new owners. “All the units have been surveyed by the Architects [the Architectural Team],” said Mautner. Most of the apartment buildings are a hundred years old; the Prang factory is about 140 years old.

“Renovation plans are in place and now we’re turning attention to community outreach,” she said. “We had a back to school event on Gardner St in August. A new community organizer will be hired soon. The job is just posted. They will have the Pitts apartments among other properties.”

“We’re holding vacant apartments in the Pitts properties as relocation housing,” Mautner said. “We expect ½ to ¾’s of the families to be relocated, but for less than a month. Housing Opportunities Unlimited are doing the relocation based on family size.”

Renovations are expected to cost \$30 million. According to MassHousing these will include masonry repairs on all building facades, roof and window replacements at most build-



The Louis Prang factory on Roxbury St and the Gardner Street Building with RCC in the background.

PHOTO BY: RICHARD HEATH

ings, kitchen and bathroom upgrades at selected buildings and upgrades to all accessibility, plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems. Bilt Rite Construction is the contractor; they were working at 288 Gardner St. on Nov 28.

All renovations should be completed in 2020.

The property manager’s office for all the Pitts buildings is at 270 Roxbury Street.

Talking to the Bulletin last July, Thal was enthusiastic.

“This is by far the largest single project we’ve ever been involved with,” Thal said.

JPNDAC began on Germania Street in 1977 with the rehabilitation of three houses and in 1983 acquired the abandoned Haffenreffer Brewery that today houses 30 business and employs 500 people.

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again-on-again talks with SNA, Helm filed a Small project Review application with the BPDA on Oct. 4 and the requisite BPDA public meeting was held on Oct. 29.

SNA is at odds with itself; working through a subcommittee that supports the project, the full SNA- the participants vary from one monthly meeting to another-refuses that recommendation.

This tension was played out in living color at the BPDA meeting. Feeling the mood, the BPDA agreed to extend the comment period until Nov. 30.

At its Nov. 9 monthly meeting a final vote was expected but SNA leadership led by Danielle Cerny of Brookley Road, proposed instead that voting by paper ballot would extend to Dec. 7 at the annual holiday party.

This decision angered Alan Ihrer enough to storm out of the meeting.

In a follow-up email, the SNA Steering Committee (“Sue, Danielle, Rob and Alex”) explained the voting.

“There is a possibility that the 50 Stedman proposal will evolve between now and Dec. 7. You’re voting on whatever current proposal is as of 9:30 p.m. December 7. Ballots must be handed to a steering committee member in person.”

Despite the fact that all im-

mediate abutters support the new building, the emergence two months ago of protests by the owner of an adjacent vacant lot has stalled the project giving wind to the sails of those who want only a three family building on the site.

Andy Rigo, speaking on behalf of his mother Mary who lives at 48 Brookley and owns the vacant lot at 43 Brookley Rd., has said that 50 Stedman will affect the vacant lot but admitted that there are no plans to build on it.

“Negotiations with the developers have stalled,” he told the SNA on Nov 9.

“They said they’ve exhausted all their options. They agreed to support us if we do decide to build, but they can’t afford to set back the building.”

The drama was repeated at the Jamaica Plain neighborhood council housing committee on Nov. 9 at which the developers, their consultant Jay Walsh and architect Lucio Trabucco, made another presentation.

Bryan Austin is partner and general contractor. He is also building with Helm Investment at 76 Stonley Road, also hotly contested by SNA.

“We’re pioneers in this area,” he said. “It’s been industrial for a hundred years.” Carolyn Royce chairs the JP zoning committee.

“Plan JP Rox envisioned this

area as moving from an industrial zone to a residential area,” she said. “The zoning didn’t quite get settled. The thought was this would be mostly three families. But this plan is not much different from Plan JP Rox; the building is 35 feet high.”

Four SNA members attended, including steering committee member Sue Cibulsky, Eva Kaniasty who supports the project and Jennifer Uhrhane who does not.

“This is a rare project where the direct abutters support this,” Kaniasty said. “The Rigo lot is the last outstanding issue.”

“The vision pushed has been for triple deckers,” Kaniasty said. “but 17 abutters organized to get increased affordability and amenities.”

50 Stedman will include four affordable units with a blend of 40%, 50% and 70% ami.

Housing committee member Carmel Levy was impressed.

“You’ve got more units, greater affordability and the same height,” he said. Royce was impressed with the amenities.

“I really like the sidewalks,” she said. “There’s no sidewalks on that street. I like all the landscaping around the building too.”

Rigo repeated his case about moving the building back from the 43 Brookley Rd lot line.

Helm Investment consultant Jay Walsh explained the meetings with abutters.

“Regarding the three family at 41 Brookley rd, we met with those three owners. We agreed to set back 19 feet from the rear deck of their building where they like to sit.

“Forty-three Brookley is a vacant lot,” Walsh said. “We set our building back 8 1/2 feet from that lot line.”

Rigo wants 10 feet, but Austin explained why that could not be done.

“It would mean changing the bedroom sizes of three units,” he said. “It changes our pro forma. It changes our affordability formula.”

George Lee of City Life, who has not attended any 50 Stedman meetings, was concerned about maximizing affordability to 30%, 40% 50% and 70% ami. Austin explained that they had been working with the BPDA on affordability numbers.

“The city is working with us,” he said. “This building is in compliance with JP Rox (guidlines). As far as I know we’re the only project that’s come out that’s in full compliance.”

Lee wanted to know about relocation of the businesses on the site, another very recent issue.

Michael Forde is one of the Helm Investment partners.

“There’s a painter and a

scaffold contractor who use the place just to store supplies and equipment, a motorcycle club and an auto repair shop,” Forde said. “We’ve been talking with Alex Valdez [Mayors office] and Bill [Meceli of Wentworth Auto]. We gave him at least a year.”

Royce asked for a committee vote, but Cubinsky objected. “SNA hasn’t completed its voting yet,” she said. “Is this vote final? Our vote is open until Dec 7 to allow for more negotiations with Mary Rigo.”

The vote was unanimous in favor with the caveat of continued discussions with SNA and more attention to local hiring.

“This vote will be brought to the full neighborhood council next week [Nov 27],” Royce said.

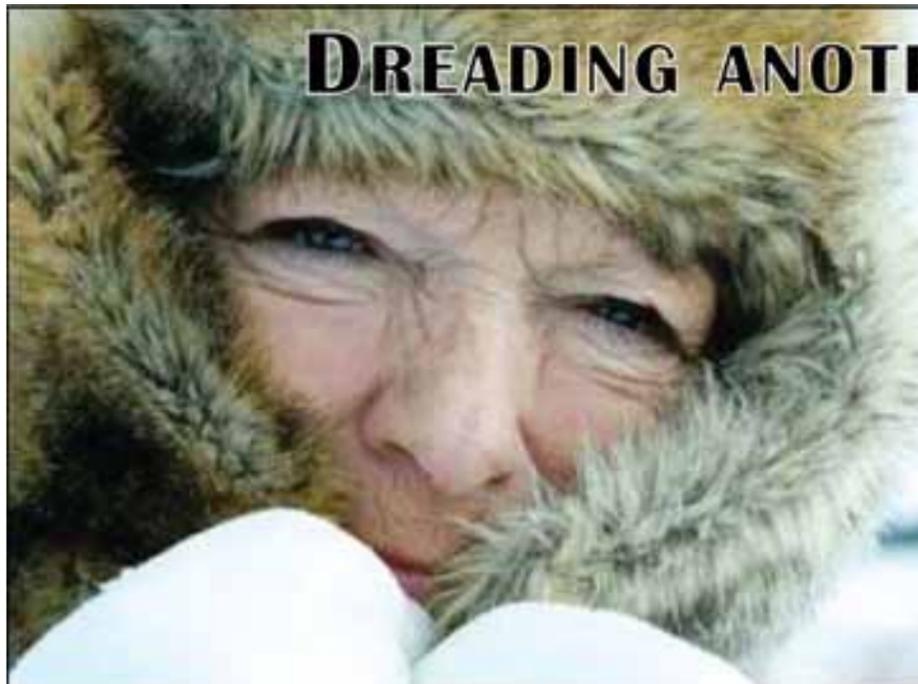
But 50 Stedman is far from over: a BPDA vote on the Small Project Review application needs to be scheduled, the developers and their architect will give a presentation to the JP zoning committee which will debate and vote and then on to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their decision; only then will the developers get financing and a building permit.

At the end of the meeting Michael Forde summed it up.

“Do you know how long it takes to get a permit in this city? It could take years,” he said.

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through a tough time to celebrate the season with their families.

"I'm just one of many people who partake and help us out," he said. "Both of our neighborhood organizations, the Brighton Allston Improvement Association and the Allston Civic Association help, as well as the Ward 21 and 22 Democratic Committees, the St. Columbkille School, Community Rowing, the Charles River Community Health Center and of course the Corrib all give for us. It's one of those events where the entire community pitches in and helps out. I just help facilitate it in the way I do, but it's really a community effort."

Moran said this year, they have a need for about 361 boys presents and 363 girls presents. He said the numbers hover around those ranges, but the community does not have trouble getting there.

"Years ago, that was a daunting number," he said. "But with all the help we've got from everybody in the community and all the groups that help out, we usually reach that number easily every year."

And for all those presents,

there needs to be someone willing to deliver them. While Santa Claus will be helping to entertain and take photos with any children who come to the Toy Drive at the Corrib, volunteers will be taking each gift out to a UHaul truck parked outside.

"Over the years we've found it easier to have it in one truck," Moran said. "We used to store the toys where we had the party at the Corrib, but they were taking up too much space so we've rented a UHaul and we bag them, break them down by age and we've really streamlined that process so it goes straight into the truck that delivers them the next day."

Moran added that the party has really become something of a tradition for residents of the neighborhood.

"It's really become something put on their calendar and neighbors come out and enjoy a cocktail and some holiday cheer and we're lucky to have Santa who stops in for the kids there and he usually shows up around 3 p.m., and that's something we've added over the years for the parents who have those young kids so we do that as well and the Patriots are starting at 4 p.m. and

so I'm sure there will be people who roll in to drop off a present and watch the game."

Moran said while he doesn't want to say where exactly the presents go, he said he can say with a certainty that almost all go to the Allston Brighton neighborhood. He said some years they have overflow, and then it goes to surrounding communities in need.

"It feels uniquely special when you know all the gifts you're collecting are staying with you community and helping your neighbors out," he said. "I think it's somewhat unique, but I do know East Boston has Eastie's Eleves, which is similar and really cool, but I think that's why this really is as successful as it is has become, because everyone knows when they give, it goes to people in the community and when you know that, you generally feel good about helping out your neighbors. Sometimes, it's literally someone just down your road."

You can drop off at toy at the party itself, or for more information contact Nakeeda Burns in Moran's Office at 617-222-2014.

USPS shipping deadlines



The holidays seem so far away, but they'll be here before you know it. With that in mind, the U.S. Postal Service has the mailing deadlines for the expected delivery of cards and gifts to your loved ones this holiday season. 2018 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines for expected delivery by Dec. 25 to Air/Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office/Diplomatic Post Office and domestic addresses*:

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Vogt Realty Group will be collecting clothing donations this holiday season for the St. Francis House, Boston's largest day shelter. We will be collecting these items at our West Roxbury office at 2085 Centre Street from Thursday, November 15 – Friday, December 14 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

See special instructions and needed items listed on our website and Facebook page.

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and, sad but funny, Mad Max being in charge of finance and shifty getting intelligence. The bright side is that she doesn't speak for forty percent of Mass voters and after Nancy takes your crumbs away again, we might finally get rid of them all next time. Let them eat crumbs while they still have them.

When politicians and reporters describe half of a nation's citizens as deplorable and dishonestly claim honors and valor to advance themselves, I know who is really assailing democracy.

*Kirby Boyce
West Roxbury*

O'MALLEY IGNORES CONSTITUENT?

To the Editor:

Last week, I posted some pictures of banners that informed people about the persecution of Christians in various countries around the world on the Facebook page of City Councilor Matt O'Malley, and asked if he would help me get these displayed in Boston's City Hall. Within a short time, the pictures were deleted, and no reply was received. I also E-mailed his office, and did not receive a reply. This is hard to understand. I think that he would be more than happy to help inform people about the persecution Christians are suffering in countries like Mexico, The Sudan, Egypt, China, North Korea, and many more.

Last summer, the city sponsored, and Matt supported, a display of 50 pictures of Muslims at city hall to educate and discourage acts of harassment against those of the Muslim faith. His support was commendable. But why is he afraid to help with the viewing of banners that bring awareness of the vicious persecution Christians are experiencing? Has Boston become an ideological closed shop where only the "politically correct" get a reply? Have conservative Christians become second or third-class citizens in this new Boston?

Has the term "Irish Need Not Apply" now become "Conservative Christians Need Not Apply"? Is he afraid of sponsoring something that exposes the treatment that Christians receive in communist and Muslim countries?

I am a constituent of his, a lifelong resident of Boston, and a U.S. Army veteran. I think I deserve a reply. I am sure that he has read the book "Profiles in Courage." by John F. Kennedy. It would be nice if he showed some himself. Readers who would like to see pictures of the banners are encouraged to visit the web site of Save the Persecuted Christians:

<https://savethepersecutedchristians.org/>
*Hal Shurtleff
West Roxbury*

PARADE COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

The Roslindale Day Parade Committee would like to thank all who contributed to the success of our recent 43rd Annual Parade, starting with Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the many City of Boston agencies whose coordinated efforts ensured the Parade proceeded smoothly. We congratulate and thank our Grand Marshals, the families of John Morgan and Jack Lynch, owners of the Pleasant Café, celebrating its 80th Anniversary.

We thank our lead vehicle sponsor, Steve Judge, owner of Delfino and 753 South Restaurants, for his generous support. Thanks to our float sponsors Boston Duck Tours, Dunkin' Donuts – Couto Management Group LLC, Hebrew Senior Life Communities, and TCB - The Cooperative Bank; community float co-sponsors Brigham Health - Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, MSPCA – Angell Animal Medical Center, Paul Lymneo's Insurance Agency, Roche Brothers Supermarkets, and Tremont Credit Union; performing unit co-sponsors Blue Hills Bank, Boston Paws, Dental Associates Roslindale, Roslindale Self Storage, Sebastian's Barber Shop and Salon, Stop & Shop, Target Roslindale, The Village Market, and Trethewey Bros., Inc.; "Support Our Local Merchants" float sponsors Ace Auto and Plate Glass, Akiki and Sons, Balanced Rock Investment Advisors, Centre Cuts Salon and Spa, City of Boston Credit Union, Corrib Pub and Restaurant, Energy Credit Union, Fred DeRoma and Son, Inc., Gerardo's Foreign Cars, Insight Realty Group, JFit 360o, Krupa Insurance, Moreno Auto Collision, Patch Realty Group, Sophia's Grotto, The Pet Cabaret, Tremont Credit Union, Vogt Realty Group, Wallpaper City, Waves Car Wash, and William J. Gormley Funeral Home

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The DiSangro Family, and Tony's Market. Thanks very much to all of those who attended or bought tickets for this event, along with all who supported our Silent Auction with donations or bids.

Congratulations to Maureen Shaughnessy, the winner of this year's Mayor of Roslindale Contest, along with runner up Denise Harrington. Special thanks to BNN parade producer Dave Palomares and his crew, announcers Alex and Nancy Geourntas, interviewer Glenn Williams, and our photographer John Murphy. We offer our deep gratitude to City Year Boston, and the staff of AJT Supplies, Inc. for their volunteer support on Parade Day. Thanks to RCN and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission for providing the ice cream and water for our Fallon Field events after the parade.

Most importantly, the Committee profusely thanks all the parade participants for their efforts in organizing marching contingents, building beautiful floats, and creating nice signs and displays. We also are very grateful to the hundreds of people who lined the streets to watch this cherished community event.

Please visit www.roslindaleparade.com for a full list of credits, photographs, a link to our Parade video, other news, or to make a donation. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6th, 2019 for our 44th Annual Roslindale Day Parade. For more information, please call (617) 327-4886, write to P.O. Box 324, Roslindale, MA 02131-0003, or e-mail info@roslindaleparade.com. The Parade Committee wishes all a very happy holiday season and a most successful New Year in 2019.

*Thomas M. Donahue
The Roslindale Day
Parade Committee*

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MCINTOSH
STATE OF GEORGIA

In the Interest of:

Cataleya Lev Carpenter
A Child Under 18 Years of Age

Sex: Female

DOB: 08/25/17
Case# 098-17J-68

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

To: **GEORGE CUTTS-BOYD** and any other person claiming paternity of the above-named child.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action, which seeks the termination of parental rights was filed against you in said Juvenile Court in McIntosh County, Georgia on the 15TH day of August, 2018. The petition alleges that the above-named child is dependent child and that it would be in the child's best interest that the parents' parental rights be terminated. A copy of the petition may be obtained from the Clerk of McIntosh County Juvenile Court. The child is currently in the temporary custody of the McIntosh County Department of Family and Children Services.

THEREFORE, YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of McIntosh County, Darien, Georgia on the 15TH day of January, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The effect of the termination order requested shall be to terminate the parental rights and obligations of the parents with respect to the above-named child, including rights of inheritance.

READ CAREFULLY

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

Georgia law provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A copy of the petition to terminate parental rights is attached to this notice. A court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 15TH day of January, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Juvenile Court of McIntosh County.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your parental rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.

If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you can not afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses on brought against you.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is: 912 437 6641

If you want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of this Court handling this case know that you want a lawyer immediately.

To: George Cutts-Boyd; You are hereby notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of parental rights to the child, unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice you file:

(a) a petition to legitimate the child;

(b) notice of the filing of the legitimation with the McIntosh County Juvenile Court.

WITNESS the Honorable Christy Balbo, Judge of said Court.

SO ORDERED, this the 2nd day of October, 2018.

Hon. Christy Balbo
Judge Juvenile Court
McIntosh County, Georgia

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2019 Volkswagen Jetta S

Volkswagen has had some problems over the last couple of years and I think that has made them a better car company. I have had a few different VW models to test drive and this 2019 Jetta S is another example of the direction VW is going. There have been many TV ads on the new VW cars — all fun commercials aimed at younger buyers. Our tester, a front drive Jetta S, is powered by a small turbo-charged, 1.4 liter, 4-cylinder engine via an 8-speed automatic transmission with multiple modes, including a sport mode. The engine produces 147 horsepower yet feels more like 190 due to the turbo and gear ratio. It feels and handles very good, especially over bumps and broken pavement. One thing I missed was the push-to-start button. To start the car, you actually have to insert the key into an ignition switch and turn it.

If you want a 6-speed manual transmission, the S model does offer it. I like the shiftable 8-speed automatic, especially in traffic. Today's automatic transmissions are shiftable and fun to drive. Steering hub controls, shift paddles or shifting from the shifter makes gear changing easy.

The seating is firm and supportive. There is room for four adults and plenty of trunk space. Automatic LED lights are very clear and light up the road ahead. The standard audio system has both good sound and reception, even on the A/M band. Gas mileage ranges from 30 city to 40 highway, depending on how you drive. The base Jetta S 6-speed starts at \$18,545; the automatic is \$19,345 (destination fee: \$850).

VW is trying very hard to win back buyer trust by offering great prices on great cars. The warranty has also been extended to 6 years/72,000 miles. I cannot call this Jetta S an entry level, because it is a lot more than that with its German engineering and high quality materials. A couple of things I would have liked on my test vehicle was the cold weather package option that includes heated seats and steering wheel along with heated windshield washer nozzles, available on SE models and a remote car starter, also available.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "**The Auto Doctor**" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

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