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Residents came out during the holiday season to collect Toys for Tots, which has had issues because of the pandemic doing its regular collections.

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## Parkway comes together for Toys for Tots

Ariane Komyati  
Staff Reporter

With the help of social media, community members and residents from West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park helped donate carloads of toys for those in need this holiday season.

West Roxbury resident Michael Fagone, along with his sister Julie Fagone, normally run a Toys for Tots (T4T) collection through their after-school program, but COVID-19 meant that the program could not run this year. Fagone wasn't sure how he would still help this cause – so he decided to look for help from the community via social media and Facebook.

Starting in early November, Julie and Michael launched their drive. “We also

decided that we would start in early November as we expected COVID-19 would impact online and store inventory for toys, and it did,” explained Fagone. Within two days of launching the drive, Fagone said toys started arriving at his home.

They reached out to families and friends via social media and posted about the drive in local Parkway, JP, and Hyde Park Facebook groups. Fagone created an Amazon wishlist and included his Venmo (an online money app) information in his posts. This past summer, Fagone raised money and collected books for West Roxbury's Anti-Racist Little Library, so many community groups recognized him.

“Having already entered the local

**Toys for Tots**

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Hyde Park is once again getting its own COVID-19 testing area, which which had been lacking despite the neighborhood's high infection rates.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Hyde Park has its own COVID-19 testing site – at last

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

On Dec. 15, a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site opened near the site of the Boston Renaissance Charter School in Hyde Park at 1432 Hyde Park Ave. after not having a mobile testing site for the majority of the pandemic.

The free site was originally slated to be open until Sat. Dec. 19. However, a source at the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) said that the site was expected to be extended “for several weeks.” District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo confirmed this statement on his Facebook page.

Neither Arroyo, the chair of the City Council's Public Health Committee, nor his staff responded to multiple requests from The Bulletin seeking comment over a two-week period.

“The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday,” said

Denyel Fonseca, the Hyde Park liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services via email. “Sign up at [app.beacontesting.com/login](http://app.beacontesting.com/login).”

She noted the appointment is valid for only one person and that those accompanying the person being tested need separate appointments.

After the announcement on Dec. 15, appointments quickly filled in less than an hour.

A mobile testing site was open at 1337 Hyde Park Ave. at the Brigham and Women's Faulkner Community Physicians at Hyde Park parking lot for less than two weeks beginning on April 16. It was sponsored by Brigham Health and was for Hyde Park residents only.

During much of the pandemic, particularly in the early stages, Hyde Park experienced the highest rates of the COVID-19 virus out of many other Boston neighborhoods, calling into

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## Stonybrook N/A reexamines guidelines, criticizes 3390 Wash

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Mayor's Office gave the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) marching orders that may reverberate citywide: stop delaying development projects. The office gave SNA a three-month time frame to vote on projects.

Faced with pandemic-enforced virtual meetings, delayed filings and staff shortages, ISD and the BPDA are buried in a pile of back-logged projects complicated by the unpredictable pace of obligatory community meetings.

As The Bulletin reported, SNA

was chastised at the Dec. 2 Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee for its delaying tactics over a small, six-unit residence at 97 Williams St.

The SNA took this to heart and at its Dec. 14 meeting discussed at length how it could in the future interact with developers.

Jon McCurdy opened the discussion.

“The reason why we're discussing this tonight is that recently the project at 97 Williams St came under a spot light,” he said.

“For 14 years the process of refer-

**Stonybrook**

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76 Stonley Rd and 84 Stonley Rd. SNA spent over 2 years discussing these projects.

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# Toys for Tots *continued from page 1*



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area Facebook pages and been welcomed warmly with my library project, I decided I would try bringing our Toys for Tots collection to the community,” he said. “I am so glad that I did. It has been a hard year for us all. One that tested our emotions like no other. And one that often had the community on very opposite sides that sometimes led many of us, myself included, to believe we would never find common ground. The community restored my faith that there are some things that we as a collective still believe in...like helping others in need. And with the massive unemployment this year, that need was greater than ever.”

The Fagones also collaborated with local toy stores to help collect donations. The Boing Toy Shop, located in JP, put together a wish list for the Fagones and offered a discount for customers buying for T4T. Boing also started a gift cards promotion and gave donated gift cards to the Fagones to spend for the drive.

“Kim and Ellery [of Boing Toy Shop] have been so helpful throughout. Kim went above and beyond and always sent us home with more toys than we could afford! That’s a special kind of generosity right there in a year when small local businesses are trying to stay afloat!” stated Fagone.

Between toy donations from community members, Fagone’s Amazon wishlist, and monetary

donations, 2020 was the biggest year the Fagones have had collecting toys for T4T. Fagone also learned a lot about the organization this year.

“The amount of toys that ended up in our house was both heartwarming and overwhelming (in the best way). Julie’s old bedroom quickly filled up fast so those toys were brought straight to the Toys for Tots warehouse. I’m glad we went. I always thought T4T was this big organization. It isn’t. It was Staff Sgt. Howard Brown and a handful of volunteers with ONE van trying to collect, pick-up and distribute toys to children in Suffolk, Norfolk and Northern Plymouth Counties. That’s a lot of area to cover! They look for sales and deals so that they can maximize the financial donations they received. They even asked me on the spot to do their social media! They’re doing so much amazing work with the little resources they have!” explained Fagone.

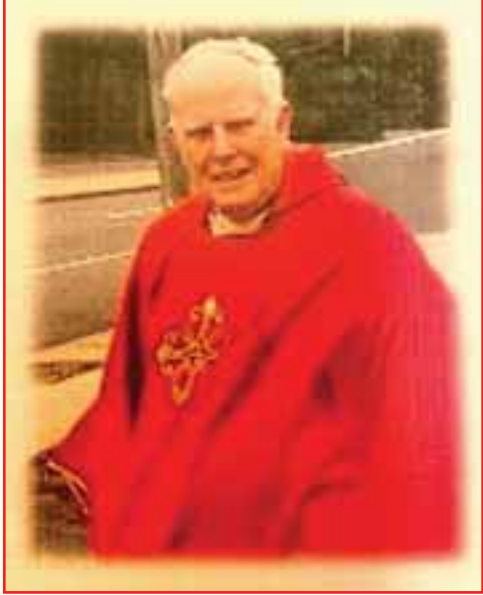
The toy donations kept coming and “flooded” Fagone’s home. So T4T connected Michael and Julie with Lt. Michael White of the Newton Fire Department who brought a large trailer to pick up the toys. The drive ended last week, and Fagone is not exactly sure how many toys were collected in total, but it took four cars, an SUV and half of a trailer to collect all the toys.

For the Fagones, this T4T drive really shows the power of community. Michael is thankful for the communities of West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park for once again welcoming him into their Facebook groups and allowing him to post “over and over again” looking for donations. “I am also thankful for them trusting me to send their money too. I didn’t take that trust lightly. Many people venmoed me money who didn’t know me so I appreciate that trust and we tried to be very transparent by sharing photos and updates so everyone knew exactly where it was going,” explained Fagone. “We are neighbors who can share common goals and work together for a greater good! Thanks to everyone – [the community] truly warmed our hearts during this whole process and showed what real community and holiday spirit is about.”

The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America’s less fortunate children. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity which was created by the U.S. Marine Corps in 1991. To learn more, visit [www.toysfortots.org/](http://www.toysfortots.org/).


The family of the late Rev. Fr. Paul MacDonald would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the employees of West Roxbury restaurants; Mary Ann’s, Tony’s Place, Corrib and Midway in Dedham.

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The Five Way has been the site of many collisions throughout the years and officials are finally considering action to increase the area's safety.

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## WalkUP and Mt. Hope Canterbury working to tame "The Octopus"

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

Walk Urban Planning Roslindale (WalkUP) and Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) joined forces with neighborhood volunteers to find ways to improve one of the most dangerous intersections in Boston, referred to colloquially as "the Octopus," or the Fiveway through a walk audit pedestrian study this past week.

The tentacles of this transportation nexus include Cummins Highway, American Legion Highway, and Canterbury Street.

While the intersection is situated in Roslindale, the outstretching streets serve as arteries connecting to Hyde Park, Mattapan and Dorchester. They also lead to two major shopping centers on American Legion Highway. In 2015, when the City of Boston had a grant to keep track of its 10 most dangerous intersections, the Fiveway Octopus was 10th on the list in terms of car collisions and traffic accidents.

The study also includes what WalkUP chair Matt Lawlor referred to as "the missing middle," which is the triangular area from Cummins Highway down Rowe

Street through Hyde Park Avenue to American Legion Highway at the Octopus.

"In a pre-pandemic world, we would do this walk audit in person in one day," Lawlor said. "We would meet first as a group and go through a presentation called 'Ped 101' that WalkBoston has had for a long time. We'd introduce the group to concepts related to walkability and safe walking with a focus on the design and infrastructure aspects of that."

Because of COVID-19, this **5-Way Intersection**  
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# Christmas pastimes

My favorite Christmas book is gone — forever! It was a thin and somewhat dilapidated paperback that, having survived numerous readings as well as hot summers and brutal winters in our attic, must have been tossed out last year after the holidays.

Most people have a favorite Christmas movie—the one they enjoy seeing on TV. Mine is so old that it is usually not reshown and reshown, as happens to many Xmas movies: the original “Miracle on 34th Street” with Edmund Gwynn, John Payne, Maureen O’Hara, and a very young Natalie Wood. (If you think I’m picky about the original version, I know somebody who, as an informal Dickensian aficionado, claims that the only “Christmas Carol” worth watching is the

1951 version with Alastair Sim playing Ebenezer Scrooge.)

Most people have favorite Christmas carols that they enjoy hearing over and over. They might even have renditions by their favorite recording artists. So don’t I: “Joy to the World” by the Ray Conniff singers in which there are some spectacular harmony at stratospheric high notes, the less common “Mary’s Boy Child” by Anne Murray, and “For Unto Us a Child Is Born” by the Boston College Chorale.

They may even have their favorite essays/short stories. Mine happens to be taken from The New York Sun newspaper on December 21, 1912, when an editor replied to a letter by a very young Virginia O’Hanlon whether there is a Santa Claus. “Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus” actually came in handy several weeks ago when I had to paraphrase a line or two from it when the question was posed to me, “Where is Jesus?” I knew that the answer “in heaven” would not suffice to an inquisitive six-year-old.

Back to a favorite book, which actually did not reach that echelon until several decades ago. It’s actually a Young Adult book, according to some librarians: “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.” Written in 1971 by Barbara Robinson, the novelette is ten-



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der and hilarious at the same time as it details the actions of Imogene Herdman and her five hard-scrabble siblings preparing to participate in the annual church Christmas play.

A reading of the reviews will surprise you as to how many other adults characterize it as a great read, even inducing tears for a number of readers.

So this year there won’t be any curling up beside the fireplace in the days leading up to Christmas with some Hood’s Golden Eggnog while reading Robinson’s heart-warming words. But there will be thoughts of Imogene as well as her brothers and sisters, as the book ever so fur-tively touches upon the real meaning of the season.

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# Letters to the Editor

## DEFINITELY NOT ROCKET SCIENCE

To the Editor:

With Madam Chair's statement at the end of the ZBA meeting this past December 8th, concerning the forbidden parking garage on the first floor of 11 Dana Ave:

"We are looking at a parking garage as an accessory use to the main use. It's not a parking garage." One must wonder if we have entered some sort of bizarre quantum "Copenhagen interpretation" of the Hyde Park zoning code.

Apparently, much like Schrödinger's cat, which exists in quantum superposition, simultaneously both alive and dead, we now have located at 11 Dana Ave Schrödinger's Parking Garage, which apparently also exists in quantum superposition, simultaneously a parking garage and not a parking garage.

I keep telling people that the zoning code isn't rocket science. But Quantum Physics?

Jim Kirker  
Hyde Park

## WITLESS SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION

To the Editor:

This letter seeks to illustrate a particular component of your recent article, December 17th - "11 Dana Ave.," and it is hoped this illustration will better serve the reader to understand what the abutter and his supporters in the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) have had to

endure in this conflict with City Hall for over 2 years.

BPDA and ISD are conjecturing that the apartment building would be built "as-of-right" as they saw no zoning violations and thus the developer would not be compelled to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to seek relief in the form of variances. It was obvious to the abutter and most members of HPNA that this was in error as there were three significant violations. The most blatant violation is the construction of a parking garage on the first floor of this building in the "Neighborhood Shopping" zoning sub-district, when said sub-district encourages commercial and office storefronts on the ground level and thus specifically forbids a parking garage on this floor.

The ZBA rejected this appeal and your article presents a quote from the chairwoman of the ZBA defending their decision. "We are looking at a parking garage as an accessory use to the main use. It's not a parking garage." Make up your mind. You can't say it is an accessory parking garage and then claim it's not a parking garage.

The Hyde Park Zoning Article forbids a parking garage on the first floor. It does not care if it is for main use, i.e. the cars of tenants, or for accessory uses, i.e. cars belonging to plumbers who come in to fix the sinks of tenants.

This is just one example of the frustrations we've faced tending to this matter. Not long

ago, due to a well reported case of corruption at BPDA/ISD/ZBA, the City Council replaced some questionable ZBA characters but apparently refrained from clearing out the dim-witted segment. This writer found the corruption to be less impactful to the overall process than the encumbrance of stupidity.

This is of utmost importance. Large apartment buildings given "as-of-right" status are not compelled to provide any affordable units. Also, the precedent has been set as proposals for similar development plans have been before HPNA and they express 11 Dana Avenue as an example as they intend to eliminate storefronts in Cleary/Logan Square and replace them with parking garages. Main Street will soon be gone.

Craig Martin  
Hyde Park

## SUPPORT SENATOR CHANG DIAZ'S POLICE REFORM BILL

To the Editor:

I am in full support of Senator Sonia Chang Diaz's comprehensive police reform bill and here's why. In August of 2019, an innocent family member of mine was chased and beaten unconscious by the police. Police brutality is common in Massachusetts and in this country. According to the ACLU, there have been at least 115 reported cases of police brutality in 34 Massa-

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question neighborhood equity. “The City of Boston is committed to providing equitable access to testing across the City,” said a source within the BPHC. “We’ve been partnering with community health centers to increase access to testing, particularly in neighborhoods experiencing higher rates of COVID-19. However, there is not a neighborhood health center in Hyde Park.”

As of the week ending Dec. 17, Hyde Park had the fourth-highest cumulative percent positive in Boston at 12.7 percent, trailing only East Boston and both parts of Dorchester, according to the BPHC. On Dec. 9, the rate was 9.7 percent for that week, with the same neighborhood status, according to BPHC statistics.

Community leaders had mixed opinions about the testing center. While happy about its presence, some thought the hours and lack of one up until the second wave of the coronavirus were concerning.

“It’s about time,” said Marcia Kimm Jackson, the co-chair of the West Fairmount Hill Community Group (WFHCG). “It’s a long time coming, and it’s much needed.”

She noted that Hyde Park has a large population of essential workers, and that “it seemed like a foregone conclusion” that there would be a testing site here. She called the site “an amazing opportunity and a blessing.”

“Hyde Park is at the edge

of the city, both physically and literally,” Kimm Jackson said. “Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and Roslindale have their own health centers, but we do not.”

Her ultimate goal, Kimm Jackson said, would be to see a neighborhood health and wellness center either on Truman Parkway or in Cleary Square. COVID-19 pointed this out as a critical need given the high population of elders, people of color and others in marginalized communities.

“That to me was sort of the screaming concern here,” she said. “There aren’t any hospitals close by. That’s been a dream of mine, frankly. I think we need something, especially since Hyde Park took over parts of Mattapan. There needs to be a balance of access to resources.”

“We are of course supportive of a Hyde Park testing site,” added Joe Smith, the chair of the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA). “Hyde Park has a very high instance of COVID-19 and testing helps to identify and hopefully diminish it.”

Melanie Daye, the volun-

teer administrator of the Hyde Park Central River Neighborhood Group, took another view in an email conversation with The Bulletin.

“I am not happy that I had to find out from you,” Daye said. “As a leader in Hyde Park, I should have received this information as soon possible. I should not have to go to a city councilor’s Facebook page.”

She added that Hyde Park residents should have been notified by mail because not everyone has access to a computer or the Internet.

“The people in Hyde Park are not getting enough time to schedule an appointment,” Daye continued. “The site should have been for more days and/or planned for after the holidays, when the COVID-19 count might be higher.”

When she tried to schedule an appointment, the site was fully booked, Daye said. However, she did learn that there will be limited hours on Dec. 23 and 30. The site will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 30 and 31 due to the holidays.

“This is not good,” Daye added. “The residents need more dates and times to get tested in Hyde Park.”

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ring projects to a subcommittee first and then a full SNA vote worked pretty well," McCurdy went on.

"But the city requested that SNA put this project up for a vote in October. We let the city know it was still in subcommittee."

McCurdy explained that on Nov.16, Faisa Sharif, Deputy Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), convened a meeting that included the JP liaison Lindsey Santana, the SNA steering and subcommittee members and Dave Baron, chair of the JP zoning committee.

"What came out of this was the city is looking for a faster process. They want a three month faster time line," McCurdy said.

"If anybody read the Bulletin or the Gazette they know what a robust discussion we had at that [Dec. 2] JP zoning committee."

McCurdy recommended that SNA work on updated guidelines to bring the process more in line with the city's request.

Page Sparks, who lives on Brookley Road and is on the steering committee, saw this as an opportunity.

"We can be more up front with others," she said, "to maintain and strengthen our

reputation."

Going forward, she said, the group should meet with others for advice and guidance like Lindsey Santana, Aisling Kerr of the BPDA and the JP zoning committee.

"We'll try for three months," she said, "It's short but we'll see where it goes, we're going to do our best."

Sparks joined the Dec. 16 JP zoning committee and asked questions of members who gave her insights and advice.

Sue Cibulsky has long been active on the SNA.

"Are we going to comply with this?" she asked. "Is there time to negotiate with the city?"

Steering committee chair Trevyn Langford lives on Gartland Street.

"We did push back," he admitted, "but they [the city] were pretty vague with us. Where did this come from? But they were pretty adamant that we hold to that [three month] line."

McCurdy said more communication with Santana was important.

"She agreed to notify us of abutters meetings and we will cc her on emails," he said. "We don't have all the time in the world to work with developers," he said. "The time frame is helpful to committee mem-

bers."

McCurdy saw some room for change.

"Eighty-four Stonley Rd. is back and we're recruiting subcommittee members," he said. "But it's on the edge of the neighborhood. It doesn't abut anybody really. We could let it go straight to the JP zoning committee - unless members have objections - and skip the SNA general meeting."

McCurdy said that 97 Williams St "will have to come to a conclusion.

"The [JP zoning] meeting was not very informative, but the developer is not going to defer forever. Sooner or later we'll have to make a decision."

He said that the developer, Joseph Federico, has been invited to the Jan. 11, 2021 SNA meeting and a list of more concerns was emailed to him on Dec. 10.

Federico is on the Jan. 20 JP zoning committee agenda.

Jennifer Uhrhane of Rossmore Road is on most of the subcommittees and already focused on the 3390 Washington St. [BMS Paper] development which is well outside the Stonybrook neighborhood.

"I'll give a quick summary," she said. "It's a restaurant supply warehouse now. The owner wants to add 151 units, a grocery and continue his restaurant supply busi-

ness."

"They want to add 68 one-bedroom and 31 two-bedroom units. It's very big. A lot of things going on with it. I've been going back and forth with the details with the developer," Uhrhane said.

"I emailed them on Dec. 1. Then they told us they filed a project notification form on Nov. 20. They didn't tell us. Why didn't they keep us up to date?"

Overlooking the city's three-month time frame, Uhrhane wants the BPDA comment period extended past the project notification form (PNF) date of Jan. 3.

Uhrhane summarized her concerns.

"It's too bulky, too big, It has an awkward design," she said. "It's too dense, too many units, it needs a decent design; six stories is too tall. It's not

an interesting building. They should put more things underground."

She said she had discussed the plans with Kenton Rd architect Jan Wampler. "He had a lot to say with how bad the architecture is," she said.

A subcommittee with Uhrhane has already been formed with two other members, both of whom live on Burnett Street.

It will be a crowded community process; the developers have already met three times since Dec. 2019 with Union Avenue residents.

Cibulsky was worried about one word she heard at the JP zoning committee, 'intransigence.'

"We need to be more flexible," she said. "This is a good opportunity for us to improve to become more efficient. It will get more people involved."

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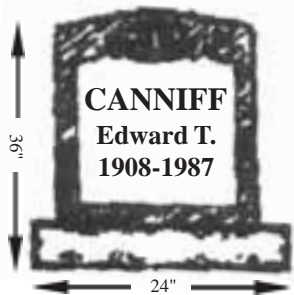
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## Deaths

### COTUGNO



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### FIUMARO



Rita T. (Hart) of West Roxbury, formerly of the South End, December 19, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Fiumaro. Wonderful and devoted mother of Janet DeLaTorre and her husband Freddy of Burlington; Linda Kelly and her husband Joseph of West Roxbury; Natalie Fiumaro of West Roxbury. Dedicated and loving grandmother of Erika and Joseph DeLaTorre and Alanna, Christopher and his wife Ashley Kelly. Sister of the late Charles, Paul and James Hart. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. A visitation was held at the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre Street, West Roxbury on Wednesday, December 23. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Rita's memory to the charity of your choice. For directions and guestbook,

### FOLEY

Donald E. of West Roxbury, formerly of Brighton, passed away surrounded by his loving family on December 18, 2020. Beloved husband of 61 years to the late Jean L. (Kelly) Foley. Complete notice to follow. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

### KILLIZLI

Antoine of Medway, formerly of Roslindale, December 16, 2020. Dear and devoted husband of Josephine (Halabe). Loving father of Mary Viola and her husband Robert of Norfolk and Christina Salameh and her husband Wayel of Holland. Cherished grandfather, "Jiddo," of Marissa and Stephen Viola and Zane Salameh. Dear brother of Nora Homsey and the late Habeeb, Julia and Jemelia. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Graveside Funeral Service was held at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, 409 Corey St., West Roxbury, Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Antoine's memory may be made to Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral, 7 VFW Pkwy., West Roxbury, MA 02132. Guestbook and other information at [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com)

### KIRBY

Freida M. (Ayoub) of West Roxbury, December 16, 2020. Devoted mother of Patricia Karam and her husband Peter of Dedham. Loving grandmother of Kristin Lizotte and her husband

### Deaths

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# Gordon named President and CEO

The City of Boston Credit Union (CBCU) today announced it has selected Neil Gordon to serve as its next president and CEO. Gordon joins CBCU from Millbury Federal Credit Union, where he serves as Treasurer and Chief Financial and Operations Officer. Gordon will be focused on continuing to grow the Credit Union's membership and maintaining the highest quality of member experience, including the enhancement of all member digital platforms.



Neil Gordon

"We are thrilled to have Neil Gordon join the City of Boston Credit Union to lead us into another decade of continued growth and shared success with our members," said Board Chair Greg Rooney. "Of all the candidates interviewed, Neil's expertise in all facets of a Credit Union's operation — from member service and marketing to lending and investment — stood out. During the interview process he took the proactive step of actually joining our Credit Union to immerse himself in the member experience. He understands the critical importance of continuing to build on the bedrock of trust we have established with our members."

The selection of Gordon follows a robust, competitive search process through KLR Executive Search Group that included candidates from across the country. Gordon will begin in the role on January 4. He succeeds Daniel Waltz, who retired in September

after three years as CBCU president and CEO.

"It's an honor to join the City of Boston Credit Union and become part of this century-long commitment to personal, relationship-driven, member service," said Gordon. "The tremendous growth of this institution over the past three years has put us in a strong position to continue to do more to serve our members. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work in making a positive impact for the communities we serve."

In his role as Chief Financial and Operations Officer for Millbury Federal Credit Union, Gordon significantly improved the organization's liquidity, earnings, and key financial metrics such as net worth ratio. He also oversaw the implementation of several member service technology upgrades, including small business banking technology.

Prior to his tenure at Millbury Federal Credit Union, Gordon held leadership positions at Fidelity Cooperative Bank and Bank of America.

Gordon earned a Bachelor's degree in economics from Boston University and an MBA in finance from Suffolk University. He recently became a board member of the Shawn Thornton Foundation, which makes a difference in the lives of children suffering from cancer or Parkinson's disease. He lives in Littleton, Mass.

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Geoff of Wilmot, NH, Peter Karam and his wife Courtney of Ridgewood, NJ, Kimberly Mazzocchi and her husband Brian of Walpole, and Jessica McKenna and her husband Jason of South Boston. Also survived by 10 great-grandchildren. Sister of Janet Lubin and Violet McCarthy, both of Weston and the late Fred, John, and Mona Ayoub, and Helen Shumway. A private Funeral Mass was held in St. Mary's Church, Dedham on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 10am followed by a private interment in Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Freida's memory to the Dana-Farber/Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. Online guestbook at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com). George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

### KLETTER

Annette (Fulham) of West Roxbury, formerly of Wellesley, December 11, 2020. Annette was preceded in death by her husband Larry, by her parents Thomas A. and Annette (Healy) Fulham, and by her sisters, Mary Fulham Killion and Lucy Catherine Fulham. She is survived by her sisters, Ellen Fulham Lopez (Gordon) of West Roxbury, MA, Christina J. Fulham and Gretchen M. Fulham of Stoughton, MA, Deborah Wescott Fulham-Winston (Robert) of Carlisle, PA, and by her brothers, Thomas A. Fulham (Marcia) of Alexandria, VA, Nicholas L. Fulham (Rosemary)

of Framingham, MA, and Gregory J. Fulham (Patricia) of Chicago, IL. A memorial gathering will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you tell someone you love them. Online guestbook at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com). George F. Doherty & Sons Wellesley 781-235-4100.

### RUSSO

Joseph L. "Joe" of Costa Mesa, CA, and Hilton Head Island, SC, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2020, at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA, following an illness. Joe is survived by his loving daughter Cecelia Walsh-Russo, his son-in-law Toke Knudsen and cherished granddaughter Ida Knudsen. He was the dear brother of Janet Briggs of Hilton Head Island, SC, and Laura Sarver of Poulsbo, WA. He was the cherished uncle of Jacquelyn, Jennifer, Stephen and David, and great-uncle of Emily, Thomas and Brianna. He was the beloved nephew of his aunt Catherine Santospirito of West Roxbury, MA. Joe was originally an urban planner and later enjoyed a second career as a high school educator. He maintained wide-ranging interests in travel, politics, architecture, music, photography, bicycling and education. Funeral Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA. Direct your gifts to Gastrointestinal Cancers, Pancreatic Cancer

[danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=2100](http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2100). For guestbook and live streaming go to [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com). William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

### YUZHAKOV



Alexander A. PhD of West Roxbury passed away on December 19, 2020. Beloved husband of Olga (Korkina) Yuzhakov. Devoted father of Arseny Yuzhakov and Alexander Yuzhakov. Beloved son of Arnold and Alla (Sudakova) Yuzhakov of Moscow, Russia. Brother of Andrew Yuzhakov. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home.

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chusetts cities and towns over the last 10 years. According to CNN, 1,098 people were murdered in the hands of police in 2019 and 54 percent of those were people of color.

As a youth leader with the Hyde Square Task Force, I encourage the community to support Senator Sonia Chang Diaz's legislation. No other child should have to ever witness their family member being harmed in the hands of the people who are supposed to protect them. Her bill creates a nine member, civilian-led Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board with power to proactively monitor police department and officer data to identify problematic patterns of behavior. The Police Officer Standards and Training Board will be empowered to: investigate incidents of misconduct with subpoena power; permanently decertify officers for offenses such as by failure to intervene, violation of use of force laws, or making a false report; maintain a disclosure database for public transparency; and improve police officer training and standardize certification.

Please support the Racial Justice Policing bill, Senate 2963. This will be an important step to making us all safer and allowing communities to regain trust in their police forces.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU20P2270GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

**In the matter of: Leo Kanevsky** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Boston, MA** **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Leo Kanevsky** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

**Leah Weinrich, Esq. of Gloucester, MA**  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
December 09, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

*Boston Bulletin: 12/24/2020*

presentation was held virtually on Monday, Dec. 14 via Zoom and was attended by about 20 people who took part in the survey over the week. They noted their observations about the conditions of the pavement, lighting, sense of safety, availability of crosswalks and how well they were painted, and areas that could use upkeep. Signal timing and sidewalk widths also were taken into account. Areas that would benefit from traffic calming measures or beautification, particularly at the Octopus, were of great concern to residents. A map and checklist were provided for guidance. Participants could upload their pictures as well to capture their experiences. WalkBoston will compile the data into a report to submit to legislators and government depart-

ments for further action.

"I think the advantage of this approach is that we keep adding to it as we go," Lawlor explained. This proved to be relevant, as the comment period was extended to Jan. 8 due to the snowstorm on Dec. 17 to capture people's experiences trying to traverse the streets in varying conditions.

WalkUP did a walk audit of Roslindale Square five years ago with WalkBoston, and then WalkUP did another of Cummins from the Square to Rowe Street a year ago, Lawlor noted. The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) recently began working on Cummins Highway from Mattapan Square to Wood Avenue, installing bicycle lanes and planning road improvements. But this area being studied now has long been neglected,

according to MHC co-chairs Lisa Beatman and Rick Yoder.

"We've been calling it 'the missing middle' because the Roslindale section was being paid attention to, and then the Mattapan section was being paid attention to," Beatman said. "Something that became very clear to us is that the eastern Roslindale section was just not being touched by any of the projects going on."

However, she said that neither project is looking into putting in capital investment for traffic calming measures. This is despite the Five Way Octopus intersection being in the top three percent of crash sites in the City of Boston.

"This is a really important opportunity to focus on the missing middle of Cummins and the missing piece of American Legion," Beatman said.

Historically, part of the problem is that the area borders two City Council districts – District 4 and 5. District 4 currently is represented by mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell, and District 5 is represented by Ricardo Arroyo.

"One of the issues regarding that stretch is that we've had experiences for several years now because it's on the border of districts," Beatman continued. "Each councilor – and there have been changes in the councilors – have said that they don't want to tread on another councilor's turf. What's ended up happening is nothing."

She added that she has asked both offices to collaborate on this issue because of the growing number of accidents on American Legion Highway.

Trying to get to Stop & Shop can be "death defying" for hundreds of walkers including herself and Yoder, Beatman stressed. The plaza is a major destination with a Walgreen's, a Crunch Gym and a bank.

"There is a light trying to cross at the intersection on Cummins," she said. "But no cars ever, ever, ever look."


Yoder noted that the funding for the bike lanes came from emergency funding due to COVID-19.

When the Octopus was constructed, "it was driven by NSTAR's desire to put a 300,000 volt transmission wire up Cummins to American Legion to Blue Hill Avenue and then the other way to Hyde Park Avenue," according to Yoder. "I think they paid for it, and I assume the City designed it. The reason for the split was because of the substation on Hyde Park Avenue."

"It was all about how to move the traffic in and out of Boston as fast as possible," Yoder added. "That's why we're stuck with what we're stuck with."

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GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

**In the matter of: Andre Wilson** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Dorchester, MA** **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by St. Joseph Rehabilitation and Nursing of Dorchester, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Andre Wilson** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

**Velma J. Brinson of Hyde Park, MA**  
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
November 18, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU20P2264PM**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

**In the matter of: Mary Fernandez** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Roslindale, MA** **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Luke Fernandez of Watertown, MA**

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Mary Fernandez** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Luke Fernandez of Watertown, MA**

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
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