

# The Hyde Park Bulletin

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## Fogg Roberts Post celebrates Veterans Day

Honors deceased member



Past Commander and Adjutant Jack Moran poses during the Veterans Day celebrations.

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**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11, Fogg Roberts Post 78 (56 Harvard Ave.) held its annual Veterans Day spread, drawing a casual crowd to its downstairs bar for a buffet

prepared by Tex's Barbeque and donated by the Sons of the American Legion.

Coinciding with the New England Patriots football game, the event was a little quieter than usual, with members fo-

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## Volunteers plant bulbs to honor Barbara Baxter



Residents are planting bulbs for the memorial to Barbara Baxter, which is set to officially open in the spring, along with the flowers.

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**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Nov. 10, about a dozen volunteers ready to work gathered at Francis D. Martini Memorial Shell Park (1015 Truman Hwy.) beginning in mid-morning and continuing until the early afternoon.

Bearing spades, hand trowels, and Japanese weeding knives, they were there to plant approximately 400 Narcissus bulbs in a long, narrow trench

dug at the edge of the park that ran along the Neponset River from its canoe launch toward the Shell.

Arranged by Martha McDonough, this planting was the latest step in the ongoing process of honoring community organizer Barbara Baxter, who died suddenly this past April.

The larger project – spearheaded by McDonough and Rita Walsh – involves dedicating a

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## BPS presents 2018 – 2027 proposed plan to skeptical Hyde Park audience



The Boston Public Schools held an informational session last week to update residents in Hyde Park on what they plan to do with school buildings in the future.

PHOTO BY KRYCZKA

**Susan Kryczka**  
Staff Reporter

Representatives from the Boston Public School (BPS) held their sixth community meeting to discuss the BuildBPS Phase II Proposed Facilities Plan 2018-2027.

A largely skeptical audience of approximately 65

people attended the Nov. 8 public meeting held at the Hyde Park Community Center.

Leading the BPS presentation was Laura Perille, Interim Superintendent; Rob Consalvo, Chief of Staff; John Hanlon, Chief of Operations; and Nathan Kuder, Deputy Chief Financial Officer. All four took turns explaining the plan.

The core of the plan includes 12 new schools or major transformations to be completed or under construction by 2027; new or expanded buildings in neighborhoods with high student need and low current access; increased investments district-wide for

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## Clare Avenue Neighborhood Watch honors Rosa Machado

Rep. Holmes discusses election

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The Clare Avenue Neighborhood Watch met on Clare Avenue in Hyde Park on Wednesday, November 7 to discuss neighborhood safety concerns and the results of the previous day's election.

In addition, co-chair Rosa Machado was presented with a Hispanic Heritage Award she had won last month from the City of Boston. She was nominated by City Councilor Tim McCarthy, and received it from his liaison, Stephen Maguire, for her community activism for more than a decade.

"I was unable to attend the ceremony at City Hall," she said. "But in a way, it means so much more for me to receive it here, with my neighborhood group where I volunteer my time in the community."

"I have been running this



Stephen Maguire, community liaison to City Councilor Tim McCarthy, presented the Hispanic Heritage Award to Rosa Machado. She is pictured with E 18 Police Captain Joseph Gillespie and Rep. Russell Holmes. Angel Pimentel is obscured by the flash.

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means a lot."

Rep. Russell Holmes told the gathering of nearly 20

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# Council approves back taxes forgiveness and talks public ways

**Jeff Sullivan**  
*Staff Reporter*

The Boston City Council met last week and voted to approve an ordinance of allowing residents to set up a payment plan to pay back their back taxes if they are experiencing financial hardship.

Committee Chair on Government Operations and At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said the ordinance would provide a local option in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60 Section 62A to allow residents to negotiate payment plans for tax arrears and reduce interest for those with delinquent property taxes.

Flaherty said there have been several public hearings on

the issue, and said the ordinance would allow two options for residential taxpayers for payment plans.

Flaherty said the city already does this with many residents through a state law that allows residents to negotiate, but they have to put down 25 percent of the principle they owe in order to start negotiating.

"This legislation would simply codify the existing practice and make it more widely accessible to qualified residents," he said. "The suggestion was made to petition the legislature for a special law to reduce 25 percent of the down payment currently required by the state

law, since many of our colleagues pointed out, 25 percent

down could still be significant burden without any support."

The ordinance sponsors, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards and District 2 City Councilor Edward Flynn, re-worked the ordinance to specifically target low-income elders for a five-year repayment offering with a 50 percent interest forgiveness. The eligibility for this program would basically allow any resident who qualifies for the elderly residential tax exemption to be eligible for this negotiation program. Flaherty said the new tax forms would be available in a number of different languages to further improve access to the program.

The program would see regular oversight by the council to see if residents are taking advantage of it and how much in taxes is being gained from this. The program will go into effect starting in January.

Flynn said this is good step forward to help keep Boston residents in their homes.

"Tax bills can be intimidating to all of us, and this ordinance aims to make it a little easier for our seniors who have fallen on tough times," he said.

Edwards said she didn't feel the state's program worked well enough, and is glad to see the city looking to correct it.

"If you owed the city taxes, we were really offering people 25 percent down and 10 months to catch up and if you couldn't, well the city could proceed with a lien," she said. "That was an unnecessary place that we put a lot of taxpayers who wanted to do right but couldn't really afford that kind of payment plan."

District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim also called for a hearing to discuss the city's use and closure of public ways for the myriad of events residents and city organizations hold throughout the year.

Zakim said this has affected his district especially, and has been working with local organizations and civic groups to find an equitable arrangement to cut down on road races, marches, street races and marches in residential neighborhoods.

"It's something that we've had no success moving forward on unfortunately," he said. "Just last weekend there was a new road race requiring the closure of residential streets and our neighbors were able to leave their homes but they weren't able to come back. I heard from folks trying to take their kids to piano practice or, on other

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# Editorial

## CHECKING IN ON AIRBNB

We might have less of a problem with so-called "disruptive" companies if they were not so...well...disruptive.

The ride-sharing service Uber — no matter how convenient and appreciated it may be by its fanbase — swept into the area by, essentially, upending the decades of laws, regulations and best practices demanded of taxi cab companies. It still riles us up that a company, solely by nature of having an "app," can decide that it is somehow above the law and more deserving of a helping hand than an established industry.

Uber, however, is an upstanding citizen compared to the apartment-and house-sharing service Airbnb, a San Francisco-based company that has been aggressively feuding with city and state officials. The company, reeling from Boston's efforts to impose some regulatory controls and consumer protections, has now filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court. The root of that lawsuit against the City: the laughable accusation that its First Amendment rights have been violated.

Airbnb is seeking a court-ordered injunction to prevent the City from imposing a \$300-per-day fine on those who use the service and advertise, what a new ordinance deems, as an ineligible short-term rental. That ordinance is slated to hit the books on Jan. 1.

Boston's crackdown comes amid reports that as many as 2,000 rental properties (including entire buildings), notably in Chinatown and the Back Bay, are being pulled from the marketplace to instead be offered up on Airbnb as hotel alternatives. The forthcoming City ordinance allows only owner-occupied single-family, two-family, and three-family homes to offer units on the site, capped at 120 days a year. Investor-owned properties are ineligible.

Here, from the lawsuit, is Airbnb's beef: "The City of Boston has enacted an Ordinance limiting short-term residential rentals by hosts. But it goes much further than that. The Ordinance also enlists home-sharing platforms like Airbnb into enforcing those limits under threat of draconian penalties, including \$300-per-violation-per-day fines and complete banishment from doing business in Boston."

"Boston's heavy-handed approach, however, crosses several clear legal lines and must be invalidated," the company adds.

The ordinance, for example, compels Airbnb to enter into undefined "agreements" with the City that will require Airbnb to take down listings posted by third-parties "and prevent whatever scope of listings in whatever manner Boston dictates — or else be barred from Boston altogether." It also forces home-sharing platforms like Airbnb to "actively police third-party content on their websites by penalizing the design and operation of their platforms and restricting and imposing severe financial burdens on protected commercial speech."

In addition to allegedly chilling free speech, the company argues that the demand violates the Communications Decency Act and the Stored Communications Act, laws that protect online businesses, notably social media interests, from illicit material posted by third parties to their service without their knowledge.

In strict legal terms, the lawsuit has a fair chance of success. The problem, however, is that focusing on free speech concerns will likely dominate a debate that should be argued in a far different arena. The real problem here isn't advertising; it is the erosion of Boston's already ridiculously limited and expensive housing market.

Going out of town for a few days and hope to rent out your apartment? Great. That is a perfect way to use a site like Airbnb. But when those rentals become little more than an investment strategy and an effort to run a makeshift "hotel," then the City has a legitimate concern and must step in.

The bottom line: city officials have a responsibility to protect its residents and do what it can to encourage affordable housing. Airbnb, for all its innovation and potential benefits, is a threat to both.

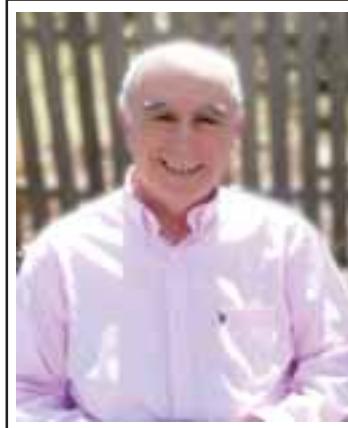
### The Bulletin

# Left-over tidbits from Election Day

As a poll worker, I truly admire Boston's election process. It is to be highly commended because of the care and precision that goes into insuring voting fairness in the city's 254 precincts. There is also the tedious built-in redundancy to prevent mistakes from occurring at the precinct level.

Handicapped voters are accommodated in a number of ways: no one can claim—unlike possibly in other states and assuredly in other countries—that some disability thwarts their ability to vote. My Irish grandmother, who would have been in today's society deemed legally blind from the diabetes-caused loss of one eye and impaired vision in the other, had no such accommodation; her frail, cane-based walking was not accommodated in her voting years. Yes, the city currently goes to great lengths to ensure handicapped voters' ability to vote.

Voters not fluent in English are given so much opportunity to understand the directions and the referenda issues—not just in Spanish but in other languages common to the Boston area if they ask to use the machinery given by the state that is available in each precinct. They can lay no claim that the voting process is reserved for



## My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

the English-speaking community only. I wonder how my Italian grandparents ever succeeded in voting: did they have to bring their children to the voting areas with them and hope that none of the wording was that complicated for their English-speaking children to read to them?

Kudos to the creative Advanced Placement (AP) Government teacher at one of the city's exam schools: this teacher arranged for some of his/her students to work the polls and see democracy at its primeval roots. The high school senior assigned to our precinct was not old enough to vote but

from early morning until long after the sun had set she worked as industriously as any adult. Her method of dealing with voters was way beyond her years, as she affably greeted them and made small talk with their accompanying children. Indeed, she got to see first-hand not only the voting but also to observe how apparent irregularities are addressed.

As one who has her eyes on the political process in the future, she will take steps, if elected in future elections, to address down-to-earth needs. It is so disappointing to hear from her about the conditions of lavatories in her school, ranging from closed ones to the absence of toilet paper. And it is so disappointing to hear how her high school cafeteria does not address the needs of vegetarians and those students suffering from peanut allergies.

Regardless of party affiliation in these regards, the future cannot come soon enough for her and for me, too. Is there a politician or school administrator out there who, emulating the efficiency of the Election Department, can address such pressing, personal needs without waiting for the 2020 election?

## Letters to the Editor

### DEMOCRATS NEED TO DO BETTER

*To the Editor:*

Piggy-backing off your Editorial of last week, "the surprising number of unchallenged Democrats means that no matter how popular Baker may be, the local Republican Party still has plenty of work ahead if it seeks to be a ballast against an otherwise solidly "Blue" state.

Given that MA TrumpCampaign manager, Geoff Diehl's, chief attack on Elizabeth

Warren was that she only had "eyes for higher office," thus putting Massachusetts last ... I was

deeply hurt and disappointed that the Mass Dems, Mayor Walsh, and our local Ward 20 allowed all of Centre St. and every other polling place in West Roxbury to turn into a parade-like campaign ad for that guy (and all the ugly hatefulness he represents). I know for a fact that the Mass Dems invested many \$100 thousands into staff and materials into an awesome months-long, door-

2-door canvassing effort in West Roxbury.

Nonetheless, it surely made me feel like the Mass Democratic Party considered me and my neighbors as just more "fly-over country" [like those who elected Trump] that we didn't need visual clues and support from Senator Warren to ask for our vote. DO BETTER Mass Dems !!

*Andrea Doremus  
Boston*

### THE PROMISE OF A GREAT EDUCATION

*To the Editor:*

I write in support of the Roxbury Prep organization's building project at 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale. I am a resident of West Roxbury, an abutter to this proposed project, and an active supporter of this organization and its students. Many people in our community are at least partially familiar with this building project, having observed yard signs or read literature shared by a volunteer canvasser. However, what I have witnessed through conversations in my community is that few are familiar with the Roxbury Prep organization, and even fewer with the

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# Veterans Day

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cused in rapt attention on the various TV screens and occasionally commenting on the action, most of which was not boding well for the local team.

Past Commander and Adjutant Jack Moran – sitting at the bar with his wife, Donna – was enjoying himself. At Noon, there had been an annual Mass at St. Teresa's in West Roxbury which Post #78 had participated in with the West Roxbury VFW.

"We brought six of our guys there, and we were honor guard in conjunction with the VFW honor guard, so that worked out very well," Moran commented as he kept one eye on the waning seconds of the first half. "I'd say that we probably had, maybe over 200 people at that Mass to give us a salutation."

Asked about the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I, Moran explained that this was more of a European thing, with Veterans Day maintaining a different tone, and the European holiday celebrated on Nov. 11 more like Memorial Day.

Post Commander William MacIver – stepping over to the bar from his usual game seat at the front table full of bells and sirens (unleashed when-

ever the Patriots score) generally concurred, going into a little more detail regarding the differences between the holidays:

"Memorial Day, we honor those who have passed. Veterans Day, we honor those who are still here," He explained. "It's very important to differentiate the two."

That being said, MacIver stood by the empty bar stool with a jacket hanging over the back of it with a paper sign attached to the back reading:

**"RESERVED FOR  
DONNIE!!! REST IN PEACE  
BROTHER!!"**

On the bar top in front of it was a makeshift shrine with a framed photo of Donnie Norton, a Burger King style cardboard crown with a small 8 ball ornament hanging off it, cue chalk, and a full vodka and tonic (with a lime and swizzle stick in it, no ice).

"A real hot ticket," Moran said of the man, who he said had served two tours of duty in Korea as a boatswain's mate in the Navy.

"He was a fine man. Respectable and full of life," Hyde Park resident Bill Myers and 15 year member of the Sons of the American Legion added. He told the story of the crown:



*From left to right: Cheryl Atkins, Jack Moran, Bill Myers, William MacIver at Donnie Norton's stool.*

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

before Christmas, with all donations going to the Little Home for Wanderers, the Women's Auxiliary charity for 2017 and 2018.

"It has to be new stuff," she clarified. "They just come in and dump it in the barrel."

Speaking of this, and all that goes on during the year, she summed up:

"We're a small post, but we all come together as one. It's like a team effort."

For more information regarding any toy and clothing donations, call 617-364-1636.

"That's when he played pool, he always wore that crown – the king hat – with the 8 ball."

Post Manager and Women's Auxiliary President Cheryl Atkins had come up with the idea for the shrine for Norton, who had died about a month earlier.

Explaining why she was inspired to make the shrine, Atkins said, "Just because he's been a member here for so long and he's well missed."

All four – Moran, Atkins,

MacIver, and Myers – happily posed for a photo around the stool to commemorate their fellow Post member and friend, and to celebrate him.

MacIver also gave an update on the past year for Post #78, mentioning that the Post had been closed for a week during extensive plumbing repairs, but that – using its regular fund raising methods – all had been taken care of in the "Little Post That Can."

Additionally, Atkins mentioned a clothing and toy drive going on up until two weeks



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## Correction

In last week's Hyde Park Bulletin, the photos associated with the story, "Creative spirit is eternal at the Blake Estates," the photos on page 1 and page 7 were incorrectly attributed to Mary Ellen Gammon. The photos were actually taken by Roslindale photographer Erik Gehring.

## Legals

### Boston Renaissance Charter Public School Review

During the week of (November 26th to November 30th 2018) the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Boston Renaissance Charter School. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may call (Erin VandeVeer), Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at (781) 338-3735 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the (district or charter school) with a report with information about areas in which the (district or charter school) meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the (district or charter school) requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at [www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/](http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/).

Boston Renaissance Charter Public School is located at 1415 Hyde Park Ave, Hyde Park, MA.

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Residents remember Baxter fondly, especially her dedication to the community and the City of Boston as a whole.

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garden to their long-time friend and fellow Hyde Park activist.

The garden's semi-triangular footprint – a stone's throw toward the center of Martini Park from the canoe launch – was laid down and planted by the DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) earlier this fall and will be maintained by volunteers.

Its dedication is tentatively planned for the spring, once the flowers bloom.

"Barbara was always here," McDonough gave as the reason

for the choice of the site, with the exact spot of the garden picked for its easy viewing of both the Martini Shell – where Baxter had seen many a summer movie and concert – and the canoe launch – where she had helped to coordinate many a Neponset River Clean-Up.

On Saturday, some of the bulb planters shared their thoughts on Baxter.

"Barbara was amazing. I don't think I've ever known anyone in my life who did so much for a community," Hyde Park Neighborhood Association member Jim Kirker said. "You know, she's one of those people that you think is going to be there all the time. You just get used to having Barbara there."

Kirker's thoughts were echoed as others shared their own impressions of Baxter.

"You could count on her being at most community meetings, and being most heavily engaged at those meetings," local activist Joe Smith commented. "She was really an active person and – I think – spread a lot of good works in Hyde Park. I think her legacy is that a lot of us are picking up the torch and running with it."

Neponset Greenway Council founding member Ellen Spring – recovering from a bout of pneumonia and braving the day's chilly weather – came over from Dorchester to take part in the bulb planting. She took a moment to describe how she had gotten to know Baxter:

"She came to Greenway meetings for a good 10 years before anything happened in Hyde Park. She came every month to the meetings to learn about what we were doing down the river so that she – and the rest of the people in Hyde Park – could learn. Learn from our mistakes and incorporate their own ideas."

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Keep Hyde Park Beautiful founder Cathy Horn – who had only met Baxter a few times – acknowledged the importance of her work for the community. "Everything we're doing in Keep

Hyde Park Beautiful, she was doing decades before. So she's kind of our predecessor – she and Martha and others – so it's nice to honor her this way."

Earlier in the week, McDonough, Walsh, and horticulturalist Jeremy Dick – who donated the bulbs – did some advance work, planting a number of bulbs (daffodils and pulchkinia, which will bloom in April; and ornamental onions, in June and July) in the garden.

Walsh first met Baxter through her cousins. "They were friendly with Barbara, and then I picked up the friendship, and we've been friends for... oh... forever."

It was, in fact, Baxter, who encouraged Walsh's continued activism when she had first attended a community meeting shortly after moving to Hyde Park in the 1980s. "From that day on, Barbara would call me for every single meeting. And I went with her," she remembered with mild amazement. "God!"

From there, the friends became heavily involved in a long line of community issues, from those as fun as the Hyde Park Day Parade to those as serious as the Lewis Chemical Plant.

And on Wednesday, the issue at hand was the drudgery of digging bulb ditches with a garden spade. "She would have done it for me," Walsh said. "She would have done it for anyone. She just could never refuse anybody anything. Even the Christmas things. She'd go to the store and buy stuff if there wasn't enough in the big boxes," she added.

"There were a lot of things that nobody knows that she did," McDonough continued. "She always put everybody else ahead of her needs."

Walsh glanced over at the freshly filled in holes that they had just dug and dropped bulbs into. "That's why nothing will ever die in that garden. It won't."

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# City Council

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days, to school. It's something that needs to be addressed."

Zakim said he hopes to be able to find other areas to host road races and marches in other areas that it may not have such an impact.

"Whether it makes sense to have a corporate challenge with 10,000 runners closing off numerous residential streets for hours on a weekend when we have other neighborhoods, certainly on the weekends that are not active residential neighborhoods, like the financial district or like some part of other areas of the city which are predominantly businesses and would not be as intrusive on people's daily lives," he said.

Zakim said that while events like the Boston Marathon or the Walk for Hunger are well-established and give months of notice to residents beforehand, he felt the sheer number of events

coming to neighborhoods is getting a little too much.

"We all know when the marathon is, but to have a I think it was a National Realtor's 5K last week to pop up and people weren't expecting to have house guests," he said. "I was trying to get in and out of my driveway during that. We need to find a solution for that."

The Council also voted to accept and expend a grant for \$966,932 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fund a coordinated health and social service system for elderly independent living. The grant will be administered by the Elderly Commission. The council also voted to accept and expend another \$78,984 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fund services to improve the health of seniors in Boston.

## Stop & Shop donates more than 7,000 turkeys to The Greater Boston Food Bank



(Left to right) Cheryl Schondek, Vice President of Food Acquisition and Supply Chain at The Greater Boston Food Bank and Jen Brogan, Spokesperson for Stop & Shop paused for a photo during Stop & Shop's Turkey Express donation of more than 7,000 turkeys to The Greater Boston Food Bank. Stop & Shop is donating more than 21,000 turkeys to food banks and hunger relief agencies this holiday season.

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### THE CHEFS' TABLE SERIES

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Thanksgiving Dinner: we think of comfort, warmth, Autumn and of course Turkey!

The Chefs' Table Series celebrates Thanksgiving with Verrill Farm, located in Concord, Massachusetts. Executive Chef Kevin Carey shows co-host Joe Murphy how to roast a 19lb. turkey; how to make stuffing and a unique way to display the turkey and stuffing on the Thanksgiving table. Chef Kevin offers some great tips on how long to cook a turkey and the best way to slice it. Jennifer Verrill, co-owner of Verrill Farm prepares two traditional Thanksgiving pies: Pumpkin Pie and Apple Pie. Kelsey Roth, certified cicerone explains to Jennifer Verrill why he chose Saison, Ommegang Hennepin for the craft beer pairing of the Thanksgiving Turkey.

Carol O'Connor, co-host, interviews Chef Kevin Carey on the grounds of Verrill Farm to discuss his culinary experience, what is it like to work at Verrill Farm and many of his dishes. The Chefs' Table Series® is produced by the 501(c)3 non-profit Chefs Table Foundation whose mission is to support U.S. Veterans and underprivileged young adults in need with a culinary arts education.

For more information about Chefs Table Foundation and The Chefs' Table Series® TV show, please visit [www.chefstablefoundation.org](http://www.chefstablefoundation.org).

If you are interested in at-

tending a live taping and dinner, contact co-host/chef Joe Murphy at 617-645-9043

### ELKS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Boston Lodge of Elks will be holding their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on the holiday Thursday, November 22nd at the Lodge home One Morrell Street in West Roxbury. Doors open at 11:00 AM and a complete turkey dinner will be served at 12 Noon. Entertainment and door prizes for all. No reservations are necessary. For more info please call Dinner Chairman Andy Schell at 857-719-4938.

### BNN ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday November 27, 2018. BNN members and those thinking of becoming members are invited to the BNN Annual Meeting. It will be held here at the BNN Charles J. Beard II Media Center at 3025 Washington Street, Egleston Square, Boston, MA 02119. Please RSVP to Janice Holman at 617-708-3200 or [jholman@bnntv.org](mailto:jholman@bnntv.org)

### COPLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING NOVEMBER 26

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and The Friends of Copley Square welcome the holidays with the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting on Monday, November 26, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The free event will feature appearances by Mayor Walsh, NECN's Jenny Johnson, Santa Claus, and Rudolph along with musical performances by vocalist Mark "Sing" Robertson, the Boston Children's Chorus, the

Boston Pops Brass Quintet, and Berklee College of Music's own Natalie Daniela Castro Diaz. Light refreshments will be provided by Drake's Cakes, KIND Snacks, HP Hood LLC, and the dairy farm families of New England and Must Be The Milk. The Fairmont Copley Plaza will host a family reception immediately following for all in attendance. The reception will include cookie decorating, photos with Santa and treats from the Fairmont Copley Plaza. For additional information please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505. To learn more about The Friends of Copley Square, please visit [www.friendsofcopleysquare.org](http://www.friendsofcopleysquare.org).

### DON BOSCO REUNION

A reunion for all Don Bosco Technical High graduates and staff takes place on Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Norwood Elks Club. Memorial Mass at 4 p.m. and dinner and socializing follows. Send a check for \$47 payable to Jim Hager at Jim Hager, 13 Newton Drive, Gorham, ME 04038. E-mail [dbtreunion@gmail.com](mailto:dbtreunion@gmail.com) to pay by Pay Pal. A final headcount is needed by Nov. 15th.

### HYDE PARK

### ANDERSON TREE LIGHTING

The Anderson Tree Lighting will be, on November 25, 2018, from 2-6 pm.

### CRAFT FAIR

Fuller Village Craft Fair 1372 Brush Hill Rd Milton, Saturday, November 17 from 10 AM - 2:00 PM 30 quality craft tables. Home baked goods, knitted chicken sweat-

ers, huge raffle, free admission. Holiday shopping head start!

### LGBTQ- PINK WEDNESDAY

Please join us for a social gathering of the LGBTQ community on Wednesday, November 19. We meet at the Fairmount Grille at 81 Fairmount Ave in Hyde Park at 7 PM for a casual get together. Pink Wednesday happens on the third Wednesday of the month. All are welcome.

### HYDE PARK LIBRARY

Saturday, November 17  
1:00 pm – Chess with Charlie  
Tuesday, November 20  
2:30 pm – Teen Anime Club  
Saturday, November 24  
9:30 am – Saturday Morning Block Party 1:00 pm – Chess with Charlie

### BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY FARM THANKSGIVING SALE

Sunday, November 18 11-2 - Locally Grown Veggies for your Thanksgiving Feast! Brookwood's annual sale includes pre-ordered Harvest Boxes, Turkeys & Pies! Go to [www.Brookwoodcommunityfarm.org](http://www.Brookwoodcommunityfarm.org) Added fun this year, kids activities, free warm drinks, self-guided scavenger hunt and more!

Apple Pie Class With Chef Clare Garland, Sunday, November 18 2:30-4:30 Make your own perfect pastry crust and take home a delectable unbaked apple pie! Learn from pastry chef Clare Garland from the Ashmont Grill. Ages 14+

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Thanksgiving. Bishop Gregory Mansour, bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn will officiate. It will be followed by a Grand Banquet in our newly renovated, Richard Cardinal Cushing Maronite Community Center. A memory book is being planned, and we ask all parishioners to search your photo albums for any pictures taken at the Church. Please include weddings, baptisms, first communions, Palm Sundays and other social events. We would like to share all of those precious moments of our history.

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.

### WWI MOBILE MUSEUM

Visit the Mobile Museum at Springhouse on November 29 & 30!

"Lest We Forget," a traveling exhibit commemorating the centennial anniversary of World War I is coming to Springhouse! Based in Texas, the World War I Mobile Museum is a traveling exhibition of original artifacts composed of twelve sections depicting different themes, including trench warfare, photographic and cinematic treatment of the war and Christmastime on the battlefield. More than 200 artifacts and photographs are presented, including numerous personal items used by soldiers, one of the first battlefield movie cameras and an authentic trenching tool like those used to dig more than 25,000 miles of trenches during the war. "When I was visiting the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, I realized that senior adults are the last direct descendants of World War I veterans and decided to create a mobile museum to bring these artifacts to them wherever they live," said Keith Colley, curator and owner. "We're finding people of all ages are drawn to the exhibit. Our hope is to keep the memory of World War I and its veterans alive, which is why we called it 'Lest We Forget,' a phrase that comes from a speech delivered by President Woodrow Wilson after the war ended."

The WWI Mobile Museum is open to the public. Come visit: Thursday, November 29th between 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. or Friday, November 30th between 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. While admission is free, we ask that visitors bring a toy to donate to the Home for Little Wanderers Big Wishes Holiday Toy Drive.

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## Ask The Doctor

*Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.*

### A Smart Car for You?

The Smart car has been around for many years as a gas-powered, small commuter car, either as a coupe or a convertible. Move forward to today and the Smart car is electric only and it's not for everyone. It has a limited range on the electric charge, less than 100 miles – with an average of around 75 miles. This is a commuter car for persons with a less than 60 miles back and forth combined commute.

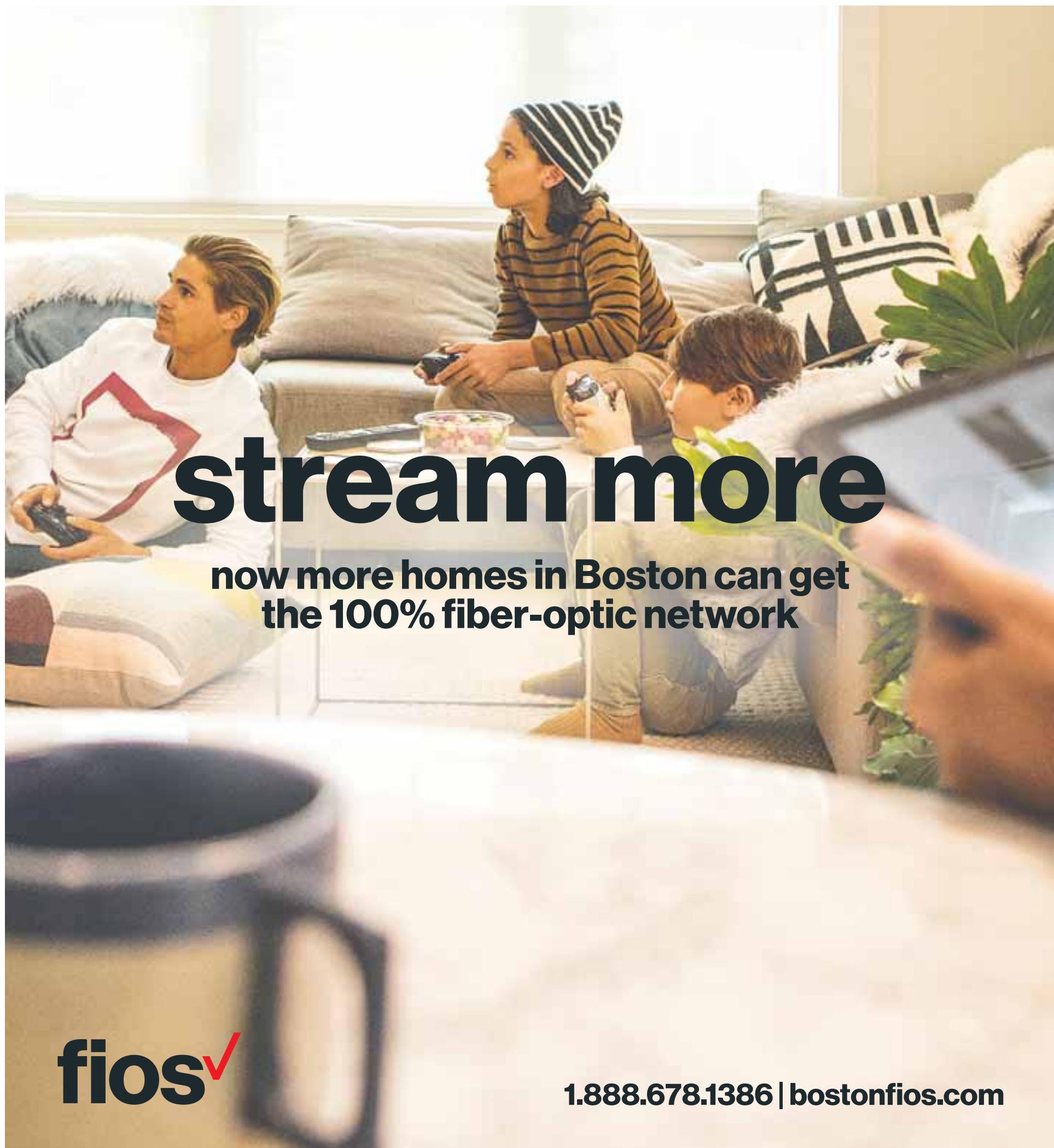
The Smart Car can be found at select Mercedes dealers' showrooms. Parking is easy in the smallest of spaces. The car has a firm ride and seating room is more than you would expect. Yet, the Smart car has all the options including heat and A/C, heated seats and steering wheel, and additional insulation in the doors and floor. The additional insulation also cancels out wind and road noise. A panorama roof, 7-inch touchscreen, cruise control, rear-view camera, sport package, LED lighting as well as interior ambient lighting are all available. The Smart car is the only electric convertible car in production.

Recharging the car battery can be done either with a conventional 120-volt plug (this can take 17 to 21 hours for a full charge); or the 204-volt system, where an 80% charge takes 2.5 hours and full charge time is only 3 hours. The 204-volt system is the way to go for at home or office charging. The electric power is instant from a stop to full speed and passing power is more than ample.

The car makes a perfect second car for a lot of people with short commutes. Multiple body color configurations can be selected by the owner. This can truly be an owner-selected special car.

Pricing on the base coupe starts out at \$23,900 and the cabrio starts at \$28,100 (destination fee is \$750). Optional packages can put the cabrio over \$30,000. The bottom line: this is a great, small commuter car that is easy and fun to drive. Just remember, it does require a battery recharge to keep it powered up and keep the fun going!

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](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get your questions answered.



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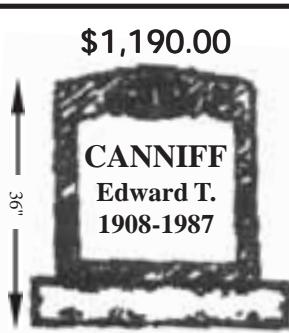
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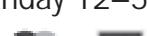
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# Mattress Firm Stores Host Toy Drive for Boston-area Foster Kids

All Mattress Firm stores in Boston are kicking off the season of giving with their annual Toy Drive for the Mattress Firm Foster Kids initiative. Benefiting the Boston foster care community, Mattress Firm is requesting new toys, books and electronics to help spread the holiday cheer. Now through Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 during normal store hours, Mattress

Firm will accept new, unwrapped toys and monetary contributions for foster children and families in need. All proceeds will be donated to Children's Services of Roxbury at the end of the drive.

Mattress Firm Foster Kids, a program of The Ticket to Dream Foundation, hosts six donation drives per year to collect essential items and raise

funds to help thousands of local foster children. Donations from each drive are distributed to local nonprofit partner organizations.

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## CVS Health Offering Free Wellness Screenings in Boston

CVS Health is kicking off its annual Project Health campaign at CVS Pharmacy locations in the Boston area with free health and wellness screenings.

A total of 24 Project Health events will take place locally through mid-December in multicultural communities with a large number of uninsured or underinsured Americans.

Project Health offers an array of free comprehensive health assessment screenings, including blood pressure, Body Mass Index (BMI), glu-

cose and total cholesterol screenings, which can help detect risk for chronic conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease.

Project Health events, which will be held on Thursday Sunday in rotating stores across the Boston area from November 1 through December 16, are open to everyone and do not require an appointment.

Once screened, patients have access to on-site consultations with bilingual nurse practitioners or physician assistants who will analyze re-



sults and refer patients who require additional medical care and follow up to no-cost or low-cost medical facilities nearby or to their primary care physician.

For a full calendar of Project Health events in Boston, visit [www.cvs.com/projecthealth](http://www.cvs.com/projecthealth) (in Spanish: [www.cvs.com/proyectosalud](http://www.cvs.com/proyectosalud)).

## Boston's Christmas Tree arrives Nov. 20

Boston's Christmas Tree arrives November 20. The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia will arrive by police escort at Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20. This year commemorates 101 years of friendship between Nova Scotia and the people of Boston after our city

provided emergency assistance when Halifax, Nova Scotia's capital, was devastated by a wartime explosion in 1917.

Boston's official 2018 Christmas tree is a 46-foot white spruce tree donated by Ross McKellar and Teresa Simpson from Oxford, marking the first time Nova Scotia's annual Christmas tree gift to Boston has come from Cumberland County. The tree will be celebrated at a public cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, and later the tree will stop in Truro and Halifax, Nova Scotia. There will be a final public farewell at Halifax City Hall on November 17 before the tree begins its journey by truck to Boston. In addition, Nova Scotia is donating smaller trees to Rosie's Place and the Pine Street Inn.

"Our Christmas tree lighting is more than a holiday event, it is a celebration of the lasting bond of friendship between our city and Nova Scotia," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "Thanks to Ross and Teresa for providing this gift that will be the centerpiece of our holiday lighting display on Boston Common, taking a place of honor as Boston's official Christmas tree to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike."

On November 20, the official 2018 Christmas tree will be escorted by the Boston Police Department beginning around 10

a.m. from Billerica via Route 3 South to Route 128 North to Interstate 93 South to Sullivan Square to Rutherford Avenue over the Charlestown bridge and will weave through downtown Boston on North Washington, New Chardon, Cambridge, Tremont, Boylston, and Charles Streets to enter Boston Common at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets at approximately 11 a.m.

Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook, an official Nova Scotian town crier, Santa Claus, and local schoolchildren will greet the tree at its final destination near the Boston Visitors Center at 139 Tremont Street. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, as the City of Boston's Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The 77th annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common is sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, Jumbotron sponsor JetBlue, and presenting sponsors Exelon, the Coca-Cola Company, and Bank of America with additional support provided by WCVB-TV Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and the Boston Globe. For further information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or visit us on Facebook.

## Deaths

### EJOFODOMI

Dr. Luckson Ewhiekpamare Of Hyde Park, passed away November 4, 2018. Son of the late Chief Okporunane Ejofodomi and Mrs. Mary Ekaweme Ejofodomi. He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Mrs. Jadesola Ejofodomi. He is also survived by his 3 loving children, Rukeme Ejofodomi, Tsojakeme Ejofodomi and Omafume Ejofodomi, 1 grandchild, Isaiah John-Finn and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Funeral service, Friday, November 16, 2018 at 11 AM, St. Mark Congregational Church, 200 Townsend St., Dorchester, MA 02121. Visiting with family, 10 AM at the church. Interment, St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale, MA 02131. To post a sympathy message visit [www.DavisofBoston.com](http://www.DavisofBoston.com).

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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Poor Clare Nuns will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 17, 2018 from 9 am to 3 pm at The Monastery of Saint Clare, 920 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

## 23RD ANNUAL TASTE OF JAMAICA PLAIN ESAC's

23rd Annual Taste of Jamaica Plain, on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at a new location, Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, 7 VFW Parkway in West Roxbury. Join us for another year of delicious food, fun and friends featuring the best of the local culinary scene. Tickets are on sale now at [www.esacboston.org](http://www.esacboston.org) food samples - silent auction - entertainment - cash bar For more information: 617-534-2555

## NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE AND LIGHT

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## Deadline

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## WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

### ELKS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

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WRMS Holiday Market & Mayor's Trolley Tour Friday Nov 30th 5-8pm @ Hasting St. Lot

### WEST ROXBURY LIBRARY EVENTS

Monday, November 15th - AUTHOR KAREN M. McMANUS Karen M. McManus, New York Times bestselling author, comes to the West Roxbury Branch Library on November 15. The Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library will present a talk by the 2018-2019 Lois Lowry Fellowship winner Karen M. McManus, author of the young adult thriller, *One of Us is Lying*, on November 15 at 6:30 pm at the West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street. Pizza and refreshments will be served. The book, her first, is a New York Times bestseller and has been translated into 37 languages worldwide. Her second book, *Two Can Keep a Secret*, will be released in January 2019. The Lois Lowry Fellowship is presented annually by the Friends of the West Roxbury Branch Library to an

emerging Young Adult author or illustrator.

### ANNUAL "FOCUS ON BROOK FARM" PHOTO AND ARTS EVENT FOR ALL AGES

Brook Farm in West Roxbury has long inspired writers, photographers, artists, artisans, and musicians. New Brook Farm invites the community to continue the tradition this fall and winter by visiting the Brook Farm Historic Site and submitting photos, artistic representations, prose, poetry, and musical works inspired by this historic place to their fourth annual Focus on Brook Farm event. Works by children and adults of all ages are welcome! New Brook Farm will select works that reflect the many faces of the site for public exhibition in early spring 2019.

All participants will be honored at a reception. Here are some ideas: collage, prose and poetry, needlework, photography, painting, drawing, a fairy house, and holiday decorations. Deadline for all submissions: January 31, 2019.

All works must have a connection to the Brook Farm site and its history. For guidelines on submitting your creative works, visit [newbrookfarm.org](http://newbrookfarm.org) and click the link for "Annual "Focus on Brook Farm" photo & arts event for all ages is underway!" More information: [info@newbrookfarm.org](mailto:info@newbrookfarm.org)

### BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 17th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Holy Name Parish Hall, 525 West Roxbury Parkway, West Roxbury, MA. A photo ID is required.

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# Clare Avenue

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Rep. Russell Holmes drives a point home about the minimum wage at the Clare Avenue Neighborhood Watch last week.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBOA

people that there were three questions on the ballot because "legislators didn't do their jobs."

"Question One was on the ballot because the nurses weren't happy," he said. "Question Two was on the ballot because people felt they needed to form a committee. I feel that corporations should not be treated as people. Question Three was on the ballot so that everyone, including transgender people, would be treated equally. No matter what your religious beliefs, everyone deserves equal rights."

Holmes discussed questions that were lobbied for but did not make the ballot, most notably the \$15 minimum wage.

"Two years ago, it was \$8," he said. "We have just cannibalized all of the jobs for people trying to do good will with teenagers who are trying to get jobs."

"Of course, teenagers were much happier with their jobs," Holmes continued. "But 12 percent less of them got jobs. I worry about them. But that's the way the Legislature works."

Instead of having the minimum wage increase to \$15 now, it will raise incrementally by 75 cents per year over the next five years to eventually reach \$15 by 2023, he explained.

Holmes explained that the shift in wages was likely one reason for mainstay chain businesses like Papa Gino's and D'Angelo's closing its doors this past week, as the Hyde Park D'Angelo's abruptly shut down without notice.

He added that he tries to encourage the small businesses in his district.

Holmes represents portions of Hyde Park, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan and Dorchester.

Bryan Flynn, the Hyde Park liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Service, told the group about the meeting on the reconstruction of the Dana Avenue Bridge, which occurred on November 14 at 6:30 p.m., after press time. It was held at the Boston Police Academy at 85 Williams Avenue.

"The superstructure needs an update," he said. "There was a preliminary meeting (on November 7) with EMS, the fire department and the police department."

E 18 Police Captain Joseph Gillespie warned residents about protecting their packages and vehicles as the holiday season rapidly approaches.

"Thieves are doing their holiday shopping, too," he said. "They are stealing packages off of people's porches and looking in cars. Please be careful. Lock your cars."

A neighbor warned of another scam in the neighborhood. "People have been going around in uniforms saying that they are Boston Water and Sewer (Commission) workers," one woman said.

"If you don't feel comfortable, call 911," Gillespie said. "Even if they have uniforms, you have the right to ask for the names and ID numbers. You can verify who is supposed to be on your property."

In addition, property manager Tom Geraghty came before the association to introduce himself and discuss his desire to develop the property at 838 Hyde Park Avenue. Although he had no plans to present, he said he hoped to build several apartments on the site.

"I just wanted to come before the group now in good faith," he said, noting he would be back when his plans were more solid. He said he also wanted to meet some of the residents beforehand.

The association meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 200 Clare Avenue.

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all school buildings; and a predictable and transparent building and capital planning process that will allow opening a new school every 1-2 years after 2027.

The plan also includes phasing out middle schools entirely over time to create K-6/7-12 or K-8/9-12 schools and the previously announced closing of West Roxbury Academy and Urban Science Academy (USA).

Perille said there are more children than available seats in Hyde Park. This means some students travel further distances from home to attend school. To mitigate this, plans for Hyde Park include a new K-6 elementary school, the Irving Middle School would be renovated to become a K-6 school. Additional 7th and 8th grade spaces will be needed in 7-12 schools. Perille emphasized that changes with an individual school impact a whole area as it has a ripple effect of moving students to other schools.

"We are talking about a full arc of a 10-year master plan," she said. "It is complicated and multi-staged." She said the plan must be viewed in its entirety and it will be reviewed and adjusted before moving forward.

Perille acknowledged the need to repair, upgrade, and

maintain facilities. "This is something that Boston has not been in the habit of doing."

Many students transition to a number of different schools in their K-12 experience which also needs to be reduced. "While it is a building plan, it is also about patterns, pathways, access and equity across our system."

Parents expressed fear that the current plans would significantly disrupt student success by constant building, moving, and closing schools, or taking too long to fix the current problems plaguing the system.

One parent spoke about problems at the Channing Elementary School, "We are two months into the new school year and we still don't have before and after school care in our school because the program that was supposed to come in and do it found there are high levels of lead in the building, so I am very concerned that the after school programs seem to have higher standards for our school than BPS does."

"I was also told there is bottled water in many of our schools because of concerns about lead piping," she added.

Consalvo acknowledged that the issues with Channing

were known, but that day-care centers must meet different guidelines and they were working with them on an interpretation of that. "I would love to follow up with you on that," he said to the Channing parent.

Harneen Chernow, a parent with two children in BPS, added an additional comment about the lead issues in school water. "Any kid who is drinking water with too high a lead count is unacceptable."

Chernow spoke on the slated closure of West Roxbury Academy and Urban Science announced in October. "What I am concerned about is closures... the young people who are being told now that in their senior year they are going to have to start in brand new schools...they have to find new teachers for colleges references, brand new communities, brand new after-school activities...they are somehow a causality of this experience."

The BPS team responded that the issues with the West Roxbury complex were due to deferred maintenance. Short term repairs were implemented in the fall, but long term, the building could not be renovated to allow for continued occupancy. Perille acknowledged that the closing is "in-



*Interim Superintendent Laura Perille spoke about upcoming changes the district is looking at in the area's schools.*

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZAK

credibly difficult and painful."

Another Course to College (ACC), a college preparatory high school located in Hyde Park, did receive praise from parents as a model for the system, however, it has been burdened with frequent relocations in the past two decades.

Attendees described how BPS circumstances, facilities, systems and rules seem to dictate where their children go to school, not the desires of parents or consideration of what is best for students.

Nichole Mitton, the mother of six children, all who have gone to BPS, expressed frustration over the school system

and her children's experience. Describing her son, she said, "Had I known that ACC would take him three years ago, I would have had my son leave USA (West Roxbury) to go to ACC. That should have been our choice. My son dropped out of school... you guys are not looking at this from our perspective."

Speaking from personal experience, a former ACC student remarked, "Every parent and student should have a choice of where they go to school."

The next BPS community meetings will take place during the week of Nov. 12.

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## Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18P0450GD

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:** Minnie M. Davis **RESPONDENT**  
**Of:** Concord, MA **Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

The Department of Children and Families of Boston, MA  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Minnie M. Davis** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

The Department of Children and Families of Boston, 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**

November 6, 2018

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18P2399GD

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**In the matter of:** Carmen E Cruz **RESPONDENT**  
**Of:** Hyde Park, MA **Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Patricia I Perello of Hyde Park, MA  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Carmen E. Cruz** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Patricia I Perello of Hyde Park, 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**

November 5, 2018

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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facilities that this project is meant to replace. Here is what I have learned: Roxbury Prep has served students and families in the Boston area for nearly 20 years. In this time, 78% of Roxbury Prep alumni have gone on to matriculate at a 4-year college (as of 2014). The roughly 600 students currently enrolled at Roxbury Prep High School attend classes at two rented facilities – one in Hyde Park and the other in Roxbury, located over 5 miles apart from one another – a disruptive and un-sustainable situation. Many of us can recall the challenges of our own high school experiences, as well as the importance of stability in those crucial formative years. What strikes me as being the critical element of this building project is that this organization – and this community – has a chance to provide a terrific group of students with not just a great facility, but with a home for their educational experience where they have the chance to form lasting bonds and pursue achievement in all its forms. This organization has worked continually and successfully to address the concerns of our community, and the time has come for all of us –

Erik Johnson  
West Roxbury

### QUESTION 3 MISLED VOTERS

*To the Editor:*

We the have-nots, good and decent people, are being pitted against each other by the haves (three individuals of who own more wealth together than all of the people in the bottom half of the United States population combined.) Here is just one example of how the very rich divided-and-ruled us with a ballot question in Massachusetts November 6—Question 3.

Big Money (using the Boston Globe and the liberal radio stations) inundated us with the message that if one didn't vote "Yes" (to keep the 2016 "bathroom" law) then one was a "transphobic" bigot. So lots of people voted "Yes" because good and decent people don't want to be a bigot against transgender people. The people who voted

"Yes" did not realize what exactly they were voting for. They didn't realize that a "No" vote would have left the earlier 2014 law against businesses discriminating against transgender people in place. They were told, on the contrary, that a "No" vote was a vote to repeal a law that made it illegal to discriminate against transgender people. They didn't know that a "No" vote would ONLY eliminate the absurdity introduced by the new 2016 law, which says that if a woman in a public-access shower or locker room tells an adult with male genitalia in that room to leave then she (the woman!) can be fined \$50,000 and sentenced to one year in jail.

The people who DID know what a "No" vote would do—eliminate an absurdity—were the ones who listened to conservative media such as WRKO talk radio (also controlled by Big Money).

Liberals who got their information from the liberal media heard only that the people who disagreed with the "bathroom" law were bigots who thought that transgender people were sexual predators. Liberals didn't know that the people who disagreed with the law simply thought that women in a public-access shower or locker room had a right to the customary gender-privacy that those facilities have offered in the past, and that this had nothing to do with thinking that transgender people are sexual predators.

The result of this Big Money media manipulation was that lots of good and decent liberal people thought that good and decent conservative people were horrible bigots, and the latter thought that the former were idiots who wanted women to have to be naked in front of adult strangers with male genitalia in a public-access shower or locker room.

If Big Money (to whom the politicians are beholden) wanted a non-controversial common-sense bathroom law that virtually everybody—transgender people and non-transgender people, liberals and conservatives—would have supported, they could have easily written one. All it would have had to say is that adults (and children past puberty) with male genitalia (whether born with them or not) use the public-access facilities designated for males, and vice versa for those with female genitalia, AND that private (for one-person-only) facilities must be provided for any person who does not wish to use the multi-person facility that the law allows them to use. PERIOD!

The reason such a common-sense law was never written is because it would not have advanced the actual aim of Big Money, which is to divide-and-rule the have-nots.

John Spritzer  
Brighton

## Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18P2368GD

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:** Mark A. Dotel **RESPONDENT**  
**Of:** Roslindale, MA **Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Suel J Dotel-Acosta of Roslindale, MA  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Mark A. Dotel** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

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