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Hyde Park Cowboys finish season strong



Coach and President David Diaz talks to his team before they hit the field in Hyde Park.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Youth Pop Warner Cowboys teams each had a strong finish this season, making the playoffs in almost every berth.

The E Team Mites also did very well, and are currently participating in the Pop Warner National Championships.

“It’s going to be a long 18 to 20-hour drive, but we’ll be arriving Thursday evening,” said Pop Warner President and Coach David Diaz before the ride in. “But it’s kind of like a family here; the Hyde Park Cowboys are a great

community. It’s not perfect, but we do our best to stick together and do it for the kids.”

Diaz said this year was one of the more successful for all the teams participating, and he’s happy with the results, despite a few logistical problems.

“Out of the four squads, three of them were Hockomock Champions,” he said. “My older squad won, but had to forfeit due to unforeseen circumstances. It wasn’t their fault; they worked hard and did their part. We had a good year, it’s

Cowboys

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Readville family lights the lights for possibly the last time



The Readville Christmas tradition at Norton Street is back and better than ever, maybe for the last time. The light show attracted more than 100 neighbors and will continue through Christmas.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Canale family has been lighting up the neighborhood around Norton Street for nearly 45 years.

The opening night and, perhaps, the final performances of the literally tens of thousands of lights began on Dec. 4 and will continue until the last weekend of January. The family does not want to go into specifics, but they said this may be the last year the lightshow takes place on Norton Street, and has invited everyone to come by after 5:30 p.m. any night to see the display.

Canale said his father started to help strengthen the bonds of

the neighborhood, and by the more than 100 residents who lined up on a freezing Tuesday night, those bonds are as strong today as they have ever been.

“Between 1980 to 1990 it became really big,” said Canale. “It’s just tradition; it’s a passion I guess. This is incredible for a first night.”

Canale said he started planning and putting up the lights six weeks ago.

“Twelve-hour days on weekends,” he said. “It has to be planned from the beginning, everything is programmed by the computer and everything has to be in a certain place.”

Canale added he used no professionals for the build, it was all

he and his family.

“I don’t look at the bill,” he said laughing.

Canale’s sister, Lisa Canale-Trackman, said the work is really important to her brother. She said he’s thinking about it every day of the year, and travels to light show conferences to get ideas and trade shop secrets.

“Our house was always open. In December, 2010 our father passed away, so my brother took it on with his own twist,” she said.

Canale-Trackman said her father never once had any blinking lights throughout the entirety of his time putting up the show.

Last Time

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FHNA discusses housing issues, 20 Associates Exhibit at meeting

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Problematic housing issues in Fairmount Hill concerning a group home and an Airbnb with what has been deemed an unlawful parking lot topped the list of concerns at the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association meeting, held on Wednesday November 28 with more than 25 attendees present.

Local resident Pat Tierney read a printed email from John Malone, a neighbor of a group home located at 985 Metropolitan Avenue.

“There was another disturbance at this property,” Tierney said as she read from the letter. “There were police vehicles with their emergency lights flashing.”

The letter went on to de-

scribe that two police cruisers and a wagon had been called to the scene after there had been “several large fights at the property.”

“This is not an issue that is unknown to us,” said FHNA chair Joe Smith.

Area E 18 Police Captain Joseph Gillespie noted that the group home previously had been located in Roslindale, and that its owner owns four such properties in Hyde Park and Readville.

“Is it possible that lot is not appropriate for a group home,” Smith asked. He questioned what the community’s recourse was in this situation.

Gillespie suggested looking into the group home’s license and petitioning them to not dis-

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Board of Trade talks about impact of new housing on business district



SWBCDC chair Mimi Turchinetz speaks before the HP Board of Trade at the November meeting

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

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Staff Reporter

November’s Hyde Park Board of Trade (HPBOT) meeting on the 27th at the Fairmount Grille may have been considered “an intimate gathering,” as noted by Southwest Boston Community Development Cor-

poration (SWBCDC) chair Mimi Turchinetz, compared to the more controversial parking meeting being hosted by City Councilor Tim McCarthy across town.

But the core group of about 15 members present, chaired by Scott Batey, heard about the impact of two new SWBCDC

housing developments spearheaded by Turchinetz and the SWBCDC that are expected to bring new growth to the core of Hyde Park’s business district.

“We are a little bit of a small group tonight, but we are very

Board of Trade

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Bay State Rail Museum hosts annual Holiday Open House

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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

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

“The attention to detail

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

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

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

setup of the landscape.

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

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

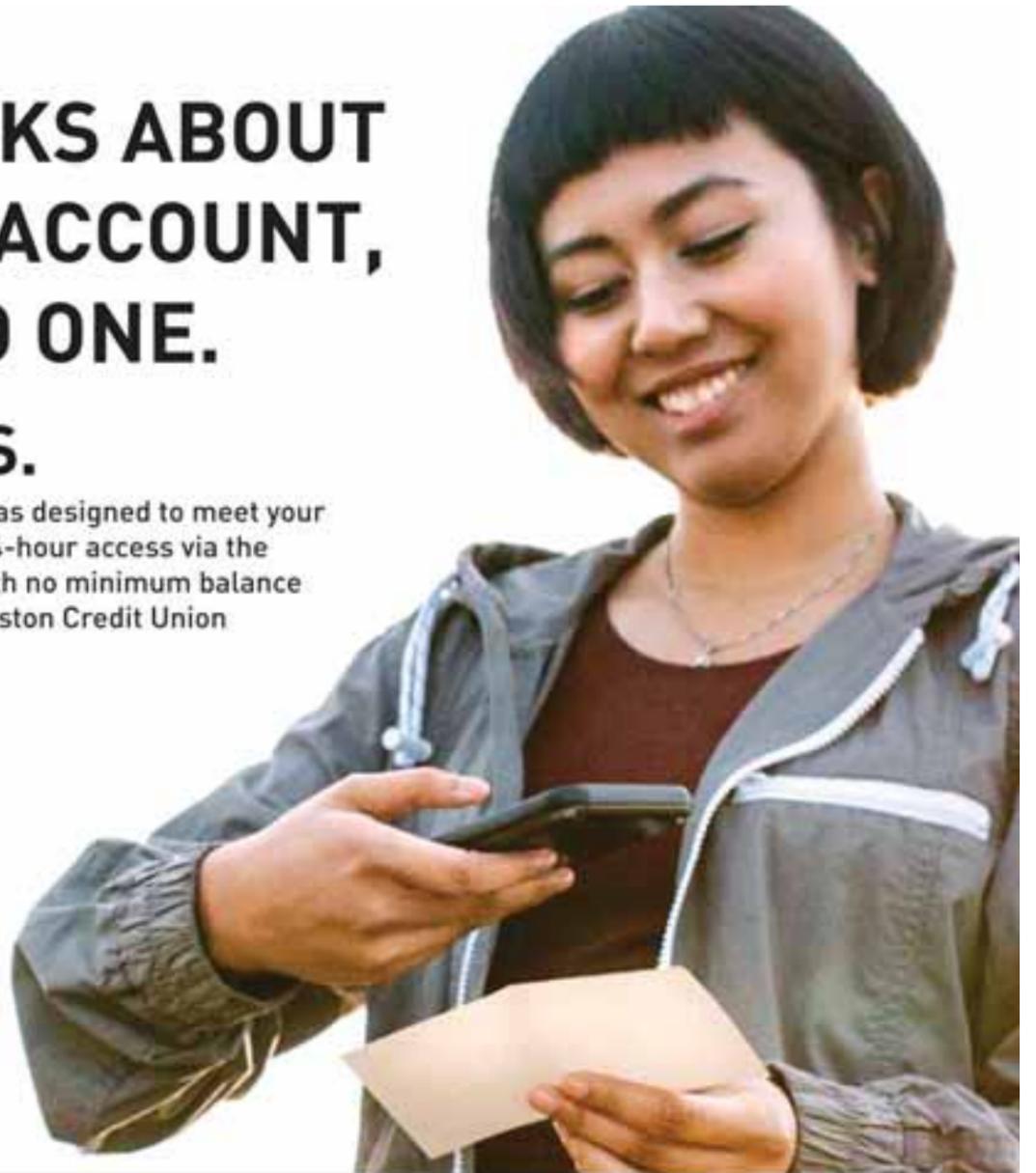
“I want to work here,” Myles said. “I kind of like the gauges and this big set up.”

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

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Applications now available for Seniors Save Heating Program

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

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

Applications for the Seniors Save program are available on

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Heating

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Editorial

PUT DOWN THE LAPTOP AND GO LOCAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goodbye to a hurtful name

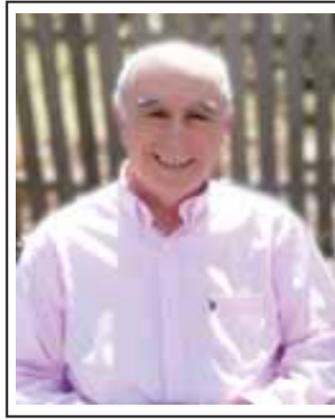
The Thanksgiving leftovers were still in the fridge when a photograph was published showing demolition in the Seaport District to accommodate a new high-rise condominium in the Seaport District.

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

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

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

Taken from Graham



My Kind
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Joe Galeota

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

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

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

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

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

Letters to the Editor

ONE RESIDENT'S CONSIDERATIONS

To the Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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City Council wants to talk transportation once again with BPS

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

certain changes to bus routes.

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

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

City accepting proposals for Play Around the Snowy City competition

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

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

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

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

Applications for Play Around the Snowy City are due by December 13, 2018.



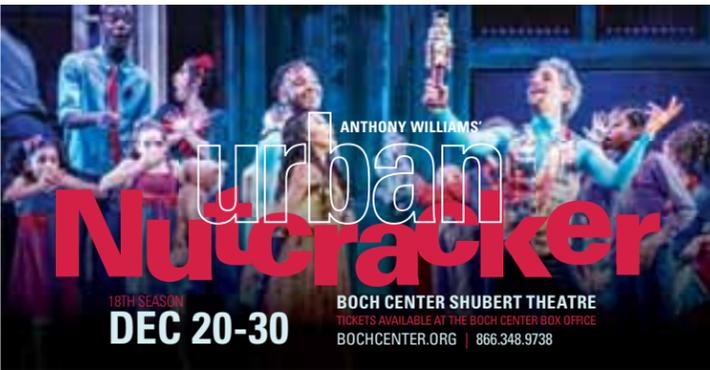
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(Dec. 6th 4-6pm) within No advance registration is needed. League School of Greater Boston has been a leading educator of children and young adults with autism spectrum disorder. As one of the first schools to specialize in teaching children with autism, League's approach is built on innovation as well as established programs that have proven to help students reach their greatest potential.

CAREER FAIR IN ROSLINDALE

Thursday, December 6, the City of Boston invites residents to participate in a Neighborhood Career Fair in Roslindale, offering participants the opportunity to explore employment opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with participating employers and find career opportunities in many areas, including municipal government and the private sector. The job fair is being hosted by the City's Office of Diversity.

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

WHERE: Roslindale Community Center, 6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale

CHEFS' TABLE SERIES

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

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

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

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

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HOLIDAY MEAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROJECT TEACH

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

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

HYDE PARK

TOT SHABBAT AT B'NAI TIKVAH

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

This is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents, parents, and other caregivers to bond with their precious little ones with an educational/spiritual/fun experience. Children of 18 months to four years accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend this program of games, stories, crafts, snacks, and more. The event is free and open to the public. For further information please call the temple office at 781-828-5250, or email Melissa.Rudman@bnaitivkva.org, or Faye Sienkiewicz, Fruma51@gmail.com.

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

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Tree and Shrub Pruning 101

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

Winter Landscape Explorations

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

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WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

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ANIMAL TALKS AT STRATFORD STREET CHURCH

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

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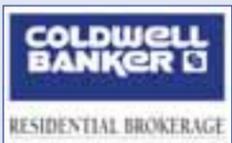


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just not the best ending to what we originally planned for. A lot of the kids are young, however, and will be coming back and we'll be getting better and developing those kids."

Diaz said his Mites E Team still needs help to make the trip as successful as possible.

"Every little bit helps, we're kind of excited for the little kids sending them down there," he said. "I personally coached them and most of these kids haven't been out of the state, let alone to Disney, so there's a lot of excitement."

Diaz said they already supplement many of the players' costs throughout the season, which is why they have held several bake sales and are still running a GoFundme campaign (found at <https://goo.gl/Rj3YB2>) which has had more than 50 supporters already.

"Some of these kids are not as financially stable as many middle class families are," he said. "A lot of these kids had waivers this year, so we waived their registration fee so they could play. They worked their butts off and they did such a great job to go to the Nationals, and

we're scrambling around to make as much money as we can to make this trip as awesome as possible."

Diaz said this is not the Cowboys first rodeo, and eight years ago they first entered the ring in Florida on the national stage.

"I run into those kids now, who are in college, and they still talk about it," he said. "It was a bonding experience for them and it's something we'll always have. I'm proud of the kids, regardless of the outcome. I think this was one of the most successful years in the Hyde Park Cowboys history and as president I'm going to fundraise as much as I can to make it comfortable for these kids. The parents are really helping to let us teach football to these kids."

Right now, Diaz said they are looking for enrichment experiences for the children, which is why they are still looking for funds.

"Right now, the biggest expense we're looking at is food, because these kids love to eat and we have 26 excited mouths to feed," he said. "We're going to have team activities while we're out there... But we're also representing our community, and the City of Boston. We're go-

ing to go down there and represent the Cowboys family, the Hyde Park community, their parents and ourselves well. We're going to put on a good show because these boys and girl worked their butts off since Aug. 1 to get this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. They're going to make the best of it and we thank everybody who supported us and helped us along the way."

Diaz said he's hopeful for the team's future, despite low numbers in tryouts this year. He said the Cowboys know what's been in the news these last few years about football, but said they practice and play the sport as safe as possible every practice and game.

"It's kind of hurt us, the low numbers this year and I know that's been the trend across the country," he said. "But we do the best we can to teach these kids the safest way to play a beautiful sport. Football is a great sport, most of the people involved here grew up in the program. They all became great role models and we want to teach these kids life skills to become great adults."

For more information on the program, go to facebook.com/hydeparkfootball/

Thomas Menino Scamper Camp Receives ACA Accredited Camp Status

The American Camp Association, New England (ACA New England) is pleased to announce the accreditation of Thomas Menino Scamper Camp. ACA Accreditation is a mark of distinction from the only national nonprofit organization accrediting camps in the United States. ACA accredited camps meet up to 300 standards for health, food service, safety and program quality. ACA New England executive director Bette Bussel says, "Administering the ACA accreditation program in New England is a key way that our organization supports campers, camp seekers, parents and camp professionals. Thomas Menino Scamper Camp went through a comprehensive and thorough review to achieve their status and we are pleased and proud to announce their accreditation."

For campers ages 3-6 looking for a day camp, Thomas Menino Scamper Camp in Hyde Park, MA offers an arts & crafts, literacy and outdoor activities based camp. For more information on Thomas Menino Scamper Camp, please visit <http://ymcaboston.org/meninocamps> or contact info@ymcaboston.org Thomas Menino Scamper Camp is a YMCA of Greater Boston camp.

Ethos Upcoming Event

Ethos / AgeWell Memory Cafe

A Memory Café is a social gathering where people with memory loss and their caregivers can come together in a safe, supportive environment. Guests can share conversation over a cup of coffee in a relaxed atmosphere that sometimes includes music, art, or other forms of entertainment and provides families who are living with Dementia or Alzheimer's a support group to lean on and resources to share. Cafés are offered at no charge and anyone from any neighborhood may attend. *Location:* BCYF Roche Family Community Center, 1716 Centre St. in West Roxbury *Day and Time:* Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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D'ANDREA

Linde J. Linde J. D'Andrea Linde J. D'Andrea of Hyde Park after an 18 month battle with cancer on November 23, 2018. Linde was born in Pittsburgh, PA on October 9, 1956, a daughter of the late Ruth (Niepp) and Robert Hardy. Loving aunt to Jack Hardy (of Oak Ridge, TN), Henry and Matthew D'Andrea (of Martha's Vineyard), Gabriella, Mia, and Marcus DeFelice (of Sandwich, MA), Linde leaves behind her beloved husband of 20 years Joe D'Andrea, her sister Sue Zellman, and her brothers Mark and Alan Hardy. Linde will also be forever remembered and cherished by her extended family and many dear friends who gave of themselves without hesitation during her illness. She was a graduate of Bellevue High School (Pittsburgh), Bethany College (W. VA) and had advanced degrees in school psychology (Northeastern) and genetic counseling (Brandeis). Linde worked for 31 years as a psychologist at Perkins School for the Blind, and will be remembered at Perkins not only for the intelligence and conscientiousness that she brought to her work every day, but for her wonderful sense of humor and for the kindness with which she employed it. A memorial service will take place at Perkins School for the Blind on December 9 at 1pm. Linde requested that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Perkins School for the Blind.

MULLIGAN

Leslie ("Buster") of Roslindale/Hyde Park area passed away November 10, 2018 surrounded by his loving family at Seasons Hospice Center in Milton Ma. He was the beloved son of Patricia Nemet (Ramsey) and the late Charles Nemet also the late Leslie Mulligan. Born in Boston MA. August 10, 1959 at Boston City Hospital where he was nicknamed "Buster" from the nursery staff nurses the name he was called his entire life by his family and friends. Buster worked as a roofer and painter. Buster loved camping, striper fishing especially down the canal, he also enjoyed walking Blue Hills with his nieces. He loved playing darts and was good at it. Buster

enjoyed life to the fullest, a guy with a big heart and an even bigger smile, he had the ability to make friends wherever he went. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. In addition to his mother he is survived by his siblings Joyce Mulligan and her husband Michael Bognanno, Carol Butler and her husband Mark, Chris Nemet and his wife Delores Filleti-Nemet, Tracey Nemet and his wife Christine, he was the beloved uncle of Michael Bognanno and his wife Erin, Amanda and Jillian Nemet, also great uncle to Luca, Gianna and Leo Bognanno, he also leaves behind his cat Suzy. A service was held at the Gilman Chapel at Cedar Grove Cemetery 920 Adams Street Dorchester Ma. Saturday December 1, 2018. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, please give to your favorite charity.

NASUTI

Rose (Eosco) of Hyde Park passed away peacefully on November 28, 2018. Devoted wife of the late Nicholas Nasuti. Sister of Michael Eosco. Beloved aunt,



cousin and sister in law to the Nasuti and Eosco families and dear friend to so many. As a former nun and school teacher Rose brought joy and laughter to everyone that she touched. She will be missed profoundly. Visiting hours were held at the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home on Friday, November 30th. Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, December 1st. at St. Mary's Church, Dedham. Interment St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Rose's memory to the charity of your choice.

USPS shipping deadlines

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

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Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—Maryanne West

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excited,” Batey said. “We are competing with the parking concerns, so that’s where most of our members are.”

He added that the HPBOT is “a sounding board for the community” to address not only issues impacting the business district, such as traffic and safety, but also to bring up suggestions for potential growth opportunities.

Before the main presentation, Batey and Hyde Park Main Streets executive director Thien Simpson introduced the business district’s latest entrepreneur to the community – Oren “Ren” Pilinger of the Boston Acupuncture Project at 74 Fairmount Avenue.

Pilinger, the executive director, held a successful grand opening the Saturday before, when he offered free acupuncture treatments on a first-come, first-served basis for four hours. The licensed acupuncturist and herbalist is hoping his practice will offer affordable treatments to Hyde Park’s younger, diverse population.

“Thanks for the warm welcome,” he said, noting that he attended the New England School of Acupuncture. “I love doing this work, and I want to make holistic health care more available to more people. Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine have made such a dif-

ference in my own life that I wanted to help other people feel the same way.”

Turchinetz was the main speaker of the evening. Her presentation focused on two crowning achievements for the SWBCDC’s affordable initiative this year: the opening the previous week of the Residences at Fairmount Hill Station and the lottery drawing for the openings for the Riley House held on Friday, November 30.

“This is the smallest and the youngest CDC,” she said. “When the Residences at Fairmount was first proposed, we were truly trying to work with the business community. We were trying to build affordable housing, not a project.”

She added that there were 2,700 applications for 27 mixed-use units, demonstrating the need for truly affordable housing in the neighborhood.

Forty-three percent of the units were for people making an annual income under \$53,000, Turchinetz explained.

“This is the need that is really for our neighbors and our friends,” she said.

“Really, it is for teachers, auto shop workers and social workers,” Turchinetz said as she described the average residents, “not someone who earns \$70,000 to \$75,000 a year.”

“Houses now in the area are

about \$600,000,” she noted in comparison.

Turchinetz explained that Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s 2030 plan for housing needs “had to be recalculated to add another 100,000 units” to the 760,000 that he had anticipated would be necessary to accommodate the expected influx to Boston’s growing population.

“I’m not sure about you,” she said. “We can advocate for housing, but I am not sure where we are going to put them. And it’s not looking like people can afford it.”

Turchinetz referenced the efforts of City Councilors Kim Janey and Lydia Edwards to shift the focus from developing luxury apartments to subsidizing potential rental units through the City Rent Subsidy Coalition.

“I think if we thought about it, we could truly impact the need for permanent housing,” she said. She added that the impact of the new housing at Fairmount Hill and Riley House at 39 Maple Street would drive up business in Cleary and Logan Squares and bring in younger and middle-aged dwellers.

Batey added that he would like to see SWBCDC meet with the HPBOT and HPMS meet together on joint efforts. He mentioned the rousing success



Turchinetz said the city needs to stop developing luxury apartments and focus on local, low-income buildings.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

of the Anderson Tree Lighting, which drew hundreds of spectators.

Simpson added that there are several holiday themed events coming up for HPMS. One is a Carol Pub Crawl on December 14. It will start at 6:30 p.m. at Riverside Theatre Works with caroling and end at the Fairmount Grille at 10 p.m., with several stops along the way in the Square. Go to www.hydeparkmainstreets.com for more information.

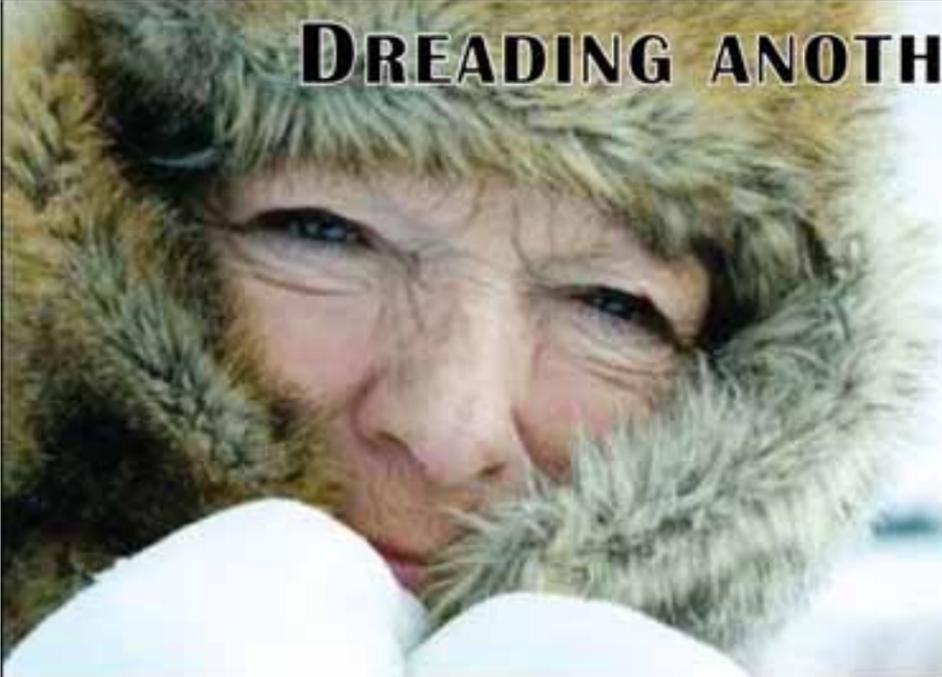
Batey said that The Switch art gallery, which played an instrumental part in the tree lighting’s art and music festivities, will have a wine and cheese reception on December

7. In related news, Area E 18 Police Capt. Joe Gillespie noted that, of the 11 Boston police districts, “E 18 had the third largest drop in crime.”

“A lot of the larcenies are by repeat offenders,” Gillespie added, noting some thefts at stores like the Dollar General and at the shopping plazas on American Legion Highway in Roslindale.

“I have been here for two and a half years,” he explained. “My experience has been that this is a very safe neighborhood. But for some reason, this is still not perceived as a safe community.”

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turb the peace.

“The first step is to approach them as good neighbors,” he said. “But they should not be throwing furniture.”

Tierney said she is not against the concept of group homes, as she currently lives across from a group home run by Vinfen.

“The people are kind and responsible,” she said. “The point here is that it can be done.”

Gretchen Van Ness, who co-chairs the FHNA’s zoning committee with Smith, said she would research what the zoning of the property is to see if a group home is allowed on the property, and other ways the conflicts can be resolved.

“My co-chair and I will look into what can be done about these near-constant disturbances at the group home at Metropolitan Ave. from the licensing and regulatory perspective,” said FHNA zoning committee co-chair Gretchen Van Ness. “Most group homes are operated in a responsible manner and coexist peacefully in their neighborhoods. This one clearly does not.”

She added that some of the issues involved may be an adequate amount of staff and resident support services.

“These are all very valid questions that need to be addressed,” Van Ness said. A year-

long debate about the Airbnb on Pond Street with the paved-over front lawn sparked discussion over the legal issues of Airbnbs.

“Well, they got rid of the lines for the parking spaces on the lawn,” said Smith.

The lawsuit is still pending in Boston around Airbnbs, such as how many days per year a unit can be rented out; whether a property owner has to be on site; how Airbnb income is reported; and how the properties are leased and identified.

“It is not the only one on Fairmount Hill,” Smith said. “One unit identified as Fairmount Hill got 78 hits. Some are identified as Readville and some as Milton. It’s kind of vague on purpose. But they are touting our Fairmount Hill as a direct hit.”

Another property issue that sparked debate was at 168 Dana Avenue.

“A one-family house is trying to become a two-family, and put an addition on the back,” according to Stephen Maguire, Hyde Park’s neighborhood liaison for City Councilor Tim McCarthy. “They are trying to legalize an illegal apartment.”

“Their lawyer was very forthcoming with us,” Smith said. “There are some measures that can be taken because the neighbors are adamantly against it.”



Pat Tierney (standing) reads from a letter from a resident disturbed by police activity at a group home at 985 Metropolitan Ave.

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There was one major crime incident reported by police on Sunday, November 25, the night of the Anderson Tree Lighting. Sergeant Daniel Mac Donald discussed the stabbing at River Street Mini Mart at 991 River Street convenience store at around 10 p.m. “A robbery was in the process of taking place,” Mac Donald said. “A man came in to buy cigarettes. He was trying to stop it when he was stabbed. The robber thought he worked there. Fortunately, he was brought to the hospital, and his wounds are not life threatening.”

On a cheerier note, the FHNA will be performing Christmas carols to entertain the residents at Blake Estates on Sunday, December 9 from 2 to 3 p.m. They will be joined this

year by the Blue Hills Youth Collaborative Youth Group.

“This year we should be better and louder,” Smith joked.

Member Rita Walsh also mentioned the FHNA’s successful daffodil planting in honor of long-time Hyde Park activist Barbara Baxter.

“If you go to where the canoe launch is, which was Barbara’s favorite place, you are going to see it explode with some 600 daffodils in the spring,” she said.

“Barbara was really a stalwart in Hyde Park, a great friend and neighbor,” Smith reflected.

Turning toward community history, in lieu of its monthly meeting, the FHNA will hold a holiday party at the historic

Everett Theatre on Fairmount Avenue on Wednesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. At that time, Jim LaFond-Lewis will present photographs of the remaining 12 homes of the “Original Twenty” founding fathers of Hyde Park, who were led by Alpheus P. Blake.

“Fairmount Hill was one of the first planned communities in the country,” Smith noted.

“We will toast to our forefathers and mothers,” said LaFond-Lewis, noting that there will be a wine and cheese reception as he displays his work and describes the homes.

“The ultimate plan is to provide these photographs to the library and have an exhibit with the Hyde Park Historical Society,” he added. “We are inviting all of Hyde Park to this event.”

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

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

*Kirby Boyce
West Roxbury*

O'MALLEY IGNORES CONSTITUENT?

To the Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

PARADE COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

*Thomas M. Donahue
The Roslindale Day
Parade Committee*

Last Time

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The Canale Family

"My brother made every last light blink," she said. "So when my father was ill with cancer in his last days of life, my brother turn the lights on and my dad smiled from ear-to-ear and said 'I can't believe they're all blinking, but it's beautiful.' H

Kenneth's daughter Courtney Canale said she grew up with the lightshow, and she said the modernization of the show and how it's grown throughout her life has always amazed her.

"Since my dad took over, he's done more of the electronic to light synchronization, and really made it what it is today," she said.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy said he grew up with the Canale family, as Kenneth Sr. was his baseball coach. He said it helped bring his own family closer together in later years.

"It's huge, you know my boys are 21 and 19 now and we've been going every year, especially when it's cold out and

you want to get them out of the house. It was just a great place to walk over and stand, or walk in the driveway and see what's new from year to year," he said.

Resident Diane McDonnell said she's been coming for about 20 years and said she absolutely loves it.

"It's absolutely gorgeous, and wonderful," she said. "They put 110 percent effort; they work very, very hard. It's a huge community event and people look forward to it every year."

Courtney Canale's soon-to-be inlaws Kelli and Jerry Begley said they think their incoming family members are "crazy."

"This is amazing, it's really awesome and Kenny has the patience of Jove. I don't know how he does this."

"Every year we come there's always been a new thing, like this year they changed the lights on the front tree and it's always nice to see the little kids get excited about it," Kelli said.

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2019 Volkswagen Jetta S

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

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

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

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

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