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## Spiritual leaders gather to plan interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration Food Drive Planned



Pastors Dexter Jenkins, Karen Ricketts, Fr. Charles Madi and Rev. Kenneth K. Smith are getting ready for Thanksgiving.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

**Mary Ellen Gammon**  
*Staff Reporter*

As November approaches, thoughts turn to giving thanks for the gifts people have in their lives.

But for a group of leaders of different faiths, their common goal was different: to bring food and comfort to others for Thanksgiving.

Karen Ricketts, a servant at the Family Life Fellowship Church, gathered a group of community religious leaders together on Oct. 26 to discuss the plans for the third annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Interfaith Service and Food Drive. It will be held at the Family Life Fellowship Church at 28 Arlington St. on Friday, Nov. 17

from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

"We usually have about 250 people attend the service," Ricketts said. "One of the goals is to collect nonperishable food items for the Hyde Park Food Pantry, which is located in the Hyde Park Community Center, along with an offering."

"The inspiration of the event came from Fr. Ronald Coyne, who is well known in the community," added Fr. Charles Madi, the associate pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish. "He did this in his previous parishes. He has always had what he calls 'parochial vigor.'"

Madi explained that Most Precious Blood is one of the

Celebration  
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## Keep Hyde Park Beautiful holds Costume Clean-Up



Yuka, Quiana, and Virginia Agbai plant daffodil bulbs in the Municipal parking lot in Hyde Park as Grayson Agbai walks off with the planting markers. The Keep Hyde Park Beautiful event drew around 25 volunteers.

Photo By Matt MacDonald

**Matt MacDonald**  
*Staff Reporter*

On Saturday morning, Oct. 28, Keep Hyde Park Beautiful held its Costume Clean-Up in and around the Cleary Square area.

With its base of opera-

tions set up on Harvard Avenue across the street from the library, the activity drew around 25 volunteers.

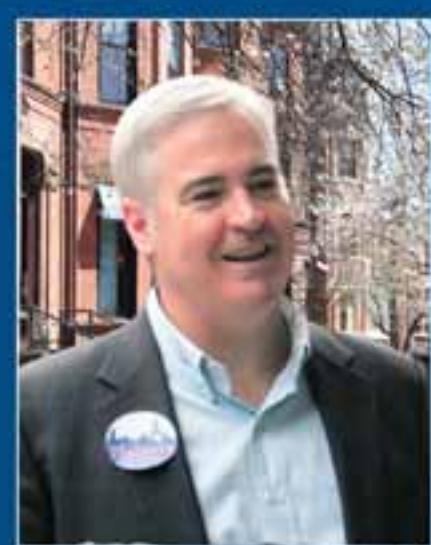
The operation was broken down into two parts, with one having volunteers planting daffodil bulbs in the buffer areas of the mu-

nicipal parking lot, and the other having them removing litter from the River Street area of the Square.

The parking lot planting featured families with

Clean-up

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## Boston's Heath Commission discusses public preparedness



Bob Vance spoke to the audience about the progress of the Switch Co-op. He also spoke briefly about people joining the steering committee for Hyde Park's 150th Anniversary.

PHOTO BY TRENESE FRANKLIN

**Trenese Franklin**  
Staff Reporter

Being informed and go-bag ready was atop of the agenda at the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting held on Oct. 25.

Nancy Smith, representing Boston's Public Health Commission, shared information on public preparedness and helpful methods that can reduce your risk and trauma in case of a natural disaster or emergency.

"We are here to talk about just preparing" Smith said. "I'd like to tell you people that you are in the right community, at the right time, with the right Mayor, that has everyone looking at all facets of every neighborhood. There's not one neighborhood that's left out."

She continued to explain that because there is a big over-

laying of climate change, the city has been focusing a lot of manpower and energy on trying to get templates out on evacuations.

The city's main focus is to make certain that all of Boston's residents are aware and informed on where to access official information before and during emergencies. Smith provided methods to help come up with an evacuation plan and information on what to pack in your emergency supply kits, which will help you be prepared and always have important supplies with you.

The emergency supply kits template highlighted five different kits you can make, which can be used for different places and situations. It breaks down the particular use for each kit and what you should put in it to help you prepare for a poten-

tial emergency or natural disaster.

One of the kits listed was a Grab-and-Go kit. Essentially, the go-kit is a bag that you grab if you have to leave home in a hurry. It has the things you cannot do without and that you can carry and use without help from someone else. A Home kit was also one of the bags listed that you can prepare in case of an emergency. This kit includes water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools, emergency supplies, and disability-specific items. It has all the things you would most likely need if you had to be on your own for days, either at home or in an evacuation shelter. The last three kits listed were a carry-on-you kit, bedside kit and a car kit, each used

**Preparedness**  
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## Senior Club News

### COMMUNITY SENIORS

The Community Seniors meet the second Tuesday of the month at St. John's parish hall, 4740 Washington St., West Roxbury, at 12:30 p.m. New members welcome to join. For more information, call Phyllis at 617-364-2280

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The villagers of Roslindale meet on the first Tuesday of the month in St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 4740 Washington St., West Roxbury. The social hour is from noon to 12:45 p.m. with refreshments. Our Dues are paid annually and are \$10.00 per member. All inquiries, please call our President Diane Grallo @ 617-323-8654 or Jean Parrelli @ 617-325-4695

### MIL-PAR

Our next Mil-Par Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2 and will be a 50/50 meeting. Tickets for the Christmas Party, which is scheduled for Dec. 7, will be sold at this meeting. Please call Sal Ferlito at 617-361-2845 if you are unable to come to the meeting so that he can order the appropriate number of lunches.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All of our meetings will be held at the Blue Hills Collaborative, previously known as St. Anne's School. We will continue having meetings there until the renovations are done at Saint Pius X Church and hall.

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# Editorial

## SAYING NO

Let's talk about drugs.

Headlines scream on a daily basis about the growing opioid crisis. Also, locally, complaints are multiplying about where to place now-legal marijuana dispensaries.

Both problems, and the conversations around them, signal a severe lack of foresight.

Start with opioids, a crisis that festered right under the noses of everyone.

For well-meaning but naïve middle-class warriors, these are the facts as they know them: the catalyst for the problem is the over-prescription of pain medications by doctors; pharmaceutical companies fueled the over-use; and taking away a ready supply of the opioid-based pills turns folks to heroin.

All of these statements are correct to some degree, but understate the problem in other ways.

The true cause is a combination of tragedy and stupidity.

Yes, there are those post-surgery addicts everyone focuses on. And there are those kids who pilfer pills from mom and dad and get addicted. Maybe, just maybe, all this scrutiny on prescriptions and doses will help alleviate the problem from that perspective. Maybe Washington's revival of "Just Say No" will help.

That, however, is the naïve view of the world among the comfortable denizen of suburbia. The truth: this problem goes back years, long before the current focus.

Kids in Southie have been killing themselves with heroin for well more than a decade.

Heroin, in neighborhoods where many cannot afford the health insurance and co-pays needed to get properly addicted via the current explanation of the crisis, is a popular street drug because it is easy to get and cheaper than beer. Many of the addicted don't start with pain pills that are hard-to-get and priced beyond their means by street dealers. They search out the deadly high that comes with smoking or injecting heroin and its variants.

Overdoses will continue to be common as dealers tamper with these deadly chemicals.

And yes, addiction is a disease, but we cannot forget that a reason teens and young adults are turning to opium-based drugs is stupidity: experimenting at parties and that sort of thing. It is a problem, perhaps one with psychological or sociological manifestations that must be dealt with somehow.

The real cause is a byproduct of ignorance and a kick-the-can-down-the-road mentality.

We have a tendency to think inner-city problems, and those in housing projects are isolated. They never are.

As for the furor about where to place medicinal marijuana dispensaries, we have a lot of sympathy for neighbors and abutters who oppose them.

Setting aside the pros and cons of marijuana legalization, these storefronts are a legitimate concern. The state, and city officials, should have predicted this and at least tried looking at zoning solutions and pre-determined parcels for where these businesses could be located.

There is no way to completely stem the controversy. Someone will always have an issue no matter where a dispensary goes. We have to wonder, however, if the angst could have been minimized.

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The Bulletin

# College Week for Hyde Park Students



*Back row left to right:* Teacher Andrea Williams, Students Aracelys Velazquez, Darnaia Caldwell, Franchesca Wright, Shaumba D. Robinson, Andrew Igbaro

*Front row left to right:* Student Jude-Michel Poisson, Teacher Katharine Currie, Students Joshua Randolph, Tyeisha Harkness

COURTESY PHOTO

Last week (Oct. 16 - 20) was "College Week" at Boston Renaissance Charter Public School in Hyde Park. College-readiness related speakers and themes dominated the week, from introducing younger students to the idea of attending college to having older students practice filling out college applications. Boston Renaissance begins talking about college readiness with students as young as four years old.

Sixth Grade teachers and students wore college shirts and sweatshirts to school on Oct. 20, capping Boston Renaissance Charter School's 2017 "College Week." Teachers throughout the school wore shirts that day honoring the colleges and universities they attended.

## Allergic to . . .

It was at my grandparents' house at 10 ½ Greenley Place that I learned about oregano from my paternal grandmother.

Side note, at that time the United States Post Office allowed fractional addresses, and since this was a pork-chop lot in Jamaica Plain, the fractional address made sense instead of a whole number, which leads to the question, why can't modern scanners/computers handle non-integer addresses?

Anyways, having received fresh, home-grown tomatoes from my godfather, who had moved to "distant" Struzzieri (now Lilac) Terrace in Roslindale, she said that I would enjoy sliced tomatoes even more so if oregano were sprinkled on them. And right she was.

Life has been good to me ever since. One of the many reasons is that I have not developed any allergy to this spice. My heart goes out to those who are allergic because the Food and Drug Administration has not imposed much on food distributors for content information about spices. Companies do not have to identify



### My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

spices; they can merely indicate on their packages "mixed spices," which usually occur at the end of the list of ingredients based on weight.

It should be noted, the FDA frowns on non-tangible items being listed with ingredients, such as love, care, gentleness, etc.

Thus, the FDA is not your best friend if you have certain allergies other than the eight principal ones. The FDA's Food and Cosmetic Information Center/Technical Assistance Net-

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work is mandated by The Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act to concern itself with only eight major food allergens: milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, soy, wheat, fish, and crustacean shellfish.

Capping the list at eight sort of makes sense, because the list could go on forever. But if one were allergic to, say apples, as one of my unfortunate colleagues at Dorchester's former Frank V. Thompson Middle School was, at least apples would be identified in a product's contents. But here's the rub: as a herb/spice, oregano does not have to be listed; it could be listed merely under "mixed spices."

It is noteworthy that the FDA does not force companies to list the spices, except for salt if it is used in food preparation. Perhaps such a listing of a spice array would reveal company secrets why a particular food tastes so good.

At the risk of sounding like a shill for Legal Seafood, I will mention that Legal goes to no small effort to help those with herb/spice allergies. When its chefs are notified that a customer has such an allergy, they go to great lengths so that no cross-contamination will occur. While Legal does not reveal its recipe for spicing foods, it wants to ensure that customers with allergens are safe in their restaurant.

Would the FDA took a page from Legal's (cook) book? Now, pass me a ripened tomato, a paring knife, and the oregano.



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## The Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation Walk for Hope against addiction



Costumed trick or treaters participating in the Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation's 2nd Annual Walk For Hope collect candy as they walk the path in front of the Martini Shell.

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**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Dennis Messing Memorial Foundation (DMMF) held its 2nd Annual Walk for Hope at the Martini Memorial Shell Park.

Hundreds of adults and children in their Halloween costumes attended on the bright, mild morning.

This year, the Walk for Hope focused on DMMF Kids, the portion of the Foundation dedicated to raising money for children who have lost a parent to an overdose, or who are part of a family financially struggling because of addiction.

In keeping with both the

theme and the season, the field in front of the Shell was turned into a pumpkin patch from which children could take their pick of the miniature sized offerings to be painted and decorated at a table that had been set up near the Shell or to be brought home as is. Face painting was also offered, as was pizza. A costume contest was also held.

Although the event catered to kids, a large number of adult "teams" also assembled and walked in memory of loved ones who have succumbed to opioids, bringing in pledged donations as they did.

The Foundation was established in 2015 in memory of Dennis Messing, who died of an overdose in April 2013. DMMF Kids was established in December of last year.

"I was basically just sick of my friends dying," Amy Busch said, holding her daughter near the raffles table while she gives some of the background of the club that she is president of. A close friend was struggling with addiction and she decided to do something about it.

"He needed help, so we started a GoFundMe and we got a couple thousand, and then Kim Messing, Dennis' wife, had raised some money in his name the year before and offered the rest of the check for his treatment," Busch said. "And that's how it became the Dennis Messing Memorial."

Since it was established, the DMMF has helped over 40 people to receive addiction treatment, working closely with both approved 12 step facilities and with those who apply for help through its website.

"We'll basically work with them and the facility," Busch said. "We don't just send them right into treatment. They have

to go to detox and do holding for 2-4 weeks, and then we work with them and they interview at whatever place we assign them to. Once we're all connected, we send the check directly to the facility."

As for DMMF Kids, Busch went into what it has accomplished so far.

"We sent two kids to camp last summer," she said. "We've helped with school supplies, clothes, things like that. So we're just trying to do what we can."

The DMMF officially became a public charity (501c3) in 2016 and is an all volunteer organization.

"All of the money goes directly to the kids and to the people that we're helping go to treatment," Busch said.

The original plan for the Walk for Hope was to go down Truman Parkway and back, but they ultimately decided to keep it in the park to make it more amenable for the kids.

Because of this, the Walk itself was largely symbolic, as the matching t-shirt clad teams made a few circuits around the circular path in front of the Shell.

Team Joey Hadiya, with 22 members made up of family and friends, was one of them. Jen Hadiya, the team leader and Joey's sister, described the process of team building and fund raising.

"I would send out the link for people to donate or to join my team, and then they would send the link out, and then people would click on it and donate," Jen Hadiya said.

She's waiting for her brother Richie to show up and is wearing one of the blue shirts that she had made with Joey's photo on

**Messing**  
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# Pilobolus visits the Renaissance to teach learning through movement



Pilobolus instructor Emily Kent leads a class in movement learning at the Renaissance Charter School. The class, which lasted about an hour, encouraged students to move, cooperate, and be creative.

COURTESY PHOTO

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday morning, Oct. 26, the Pilobolus Dance Company visited the Renaissance Charter School (1415 Hyde Park Ave.) to conduct a play movement workshop with one Grade 5 class of 20 students.

The workshop – taught by former Pilobolus company dancer Emily Kent – focuses not only on body movement, but also on teamwork and individual creativity.

This became evident at the beginning of the hour-long class – held in Renaissance Dance Teacher April Shepard Chniouli's mirrored and barred studio – when Kent, in a series of body movement exercises, encouraged students to try to achieve the same goals in a unique way.

This ranged from the relatively simple individual exercise of the students touching their heads or bringing an elbow to a partner's knee, to the complex and coordinated ways that teams would find to perform specified movements, such as moving across the room without using the soles of their feet.

Throughout, there was much excitement and laughter from the students as they cooperated to meet the different challenges presented, and much interest as they would watch each other to see how they would do things in a different way.

Kent described her play movement workshop in this way.

"For me, a Pilobolus class is successful if I've gotten everybody to move their bodies, if I've gotten them to work together, and I've gotten them to create something on their own."

At the end of the class, she asked students to gather around and describe what they had just experienced. Awesome, fabulous, exciting, creative, lovely were some given. And then,

"Blood pumping!"

"I don't think I've ever heard blood pumping before," Kent replied.

Chniouli – who was one of several observing the class – was thrilled to have Pilobolus visit.

"They're the people you learn about in terms of movement and avant-garde movement: how they pushed the whole field of dance forward."

Speaking of the projects that she was working on with her 5th graders, she spoke of the benefits of the workshop in approaching choreography differently.

"This will help them to do much better with collaboration later."

Kent described the reason why Pilobolus works so well for people who aren't necessarily dancers.

"You can create and work together in whatever capacity you can do that."

Kent has been with the dance company since 1999 and will often travel ahead of the performance group as it moves from town to town (it was performing at the Shubert last weekend) in order to offer these workshops in schools, and community centers.

In Boston, Pilobolus works closely with the Celebrity Series, which offers arts community programs in six neighborhoods of the city. It has been doing this for five years, from the Neighborhood Arts program – featuring local artists – to visiting artists such as Pilobolus.

Robin Baker, Senior Manager of Community Engagement for Celebrity Series, got at the essence of the workshop and the program as she and Kent moved on to Roslindale for their early afternoon stop.

"Everybody can be an artist. They might not be an artist on the scale of Yo Yo Ma or the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre, but everyone has the potential to be creative and to perform with joy and with other people. That's what makes us human."

  
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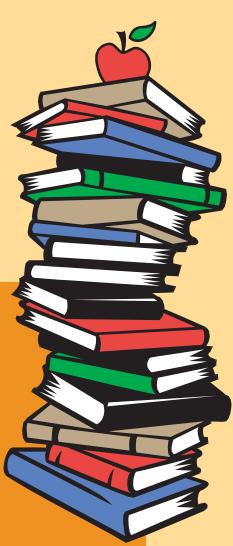
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9 a.m. – 9-year-olds; 10 a.m. – 10-year-olds; 11 a.m. – 11-year-olds; noon – 12-year-olds, 1 p.m. – 13-year-olds; 2 p.m. – 14-year-olds.

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### SAIN T ANNE'S LEGENDARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

On Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saint Anne's Parish, 20 Como Rd., Readville, will host its annual bazaar. This popular community event was revived two years ago. Saint Anne's, Saint Pius the 10th, and Most Precious Bloody parishes form the Blue Hills Catholic Collaborative. This year's highlights include awesome raffle prizes, cash, gift baskets galore, an over loaded White Elephant table, holiday novelties, books, toys, games, beautiful handmade items and of course FOOD. The bake table's homemade treats are always to die for. Lunch items will be available, along with popcorn and the world famous fried dough. At five o'clock a pasta dinner will be served followed by the raffle drawings. There will be fun activities for the youngsters and visits from a jolly guy in a red suit. Mark your calendars and

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### 44TH ANNUAL WILLIAM S. CONLEY THANKSGIVING DINNER

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### SANTA SCAMPER 5K ROAD RACE

Race Day Registration and Pre/Post Race Festivities Registration and pre/post race festivities at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St. in West Roxbury, just a block from the race start/finish. Our Race Day Logistics page will keep you up to date! Race Course Start/finish at Parkway Community YMCA. Rolling course thru the West Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. Chip timing

On Dec. 10, 2017 the 5K will start at 11 a.m. The Kids Run at 10:15 a.m.

The Parkway Running Club (PRC) of West Roxbury, MA has hosted an annual Santa Scamper 5k road race since 1994. This race raises money for the Boston Globe Santa Fund, a charity to support children of need in Massachusetts.

### DEUTSCHE ALtenHEIM HOLDS ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 4 as Deutsches Altenheim's annual Harvest Bazaar makes its return in time for the holiday season. The Bazaar, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2222 Centre St. in West Roxbury, is a fantastic way to kick off your holiday shopping. Explore the dazzling jewelry, handmade knit goods, creative raffles and delicious bake shop and try your luck at the White Elephant table. Traditional German and American fare will satisfy your lunchtime cravings. Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the Deutsches Altenheim Resident Activity Fund, offering Deutsches Altenheim residents a diverse selection of recreational programs.

### VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT DEUTSCHE ALtenHEIM

Deutsches Altenheim will hold its annual Veterans Day remembrance program on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Please join us at 2222 Centre St. in West Roxbury as we pay tribute to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

## WRFORP HARVEST BRUNCH

The West Roxbury Friend's of Rosie's Place invite you to its 25th Annual Harvest Brunch and Raffle on Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. This worthwhile fundraiser supports homeless and poor women, Rosie's Place Food Pantry, Roslindale Food Pantry and sends homeless and poor children to summer camp. It will be held at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. Gift certificates from some of your favorite local restaurants and shops will be raffled-off. Join the fun and connect with your friends and neighbors over brunch while helping out a beneficial cause. Admission is \$20.00. You may pay at the door, by check to WRFORP c/o O'Brien, 643 West Roxbury Pkwy, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or by credit card on our website [westroxburyfriendsrosiesplace.org](http://westroxburyfriendsrosiesplace.org). If you need additional information, please call 617-469-4199 and be sure to check out our Facebook page and like us at <https://www.facebook.com/WRFriendsRosies/>.

## HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 535 West Roxbury Parkway, Parish Hall Get a jump start on your Christmas shopping while having fun with family and friends. On Saturday, Nov. 11, Holy Name Parish School will be hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar featuring holiday shopping, photos with Santa Claus, plenty of great food items, raffle prize opportunities, fun children's activities and games, hair braiding, face painting, our annual Cake Walk, Basket Raffles and more. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase gifts from local businesses like Top it Off and Fabutique, as well as many talented crafters offering unique, homemade items. Proceeds from the day's event will go towards Holy Name Parish School. So bring the kids, tell a friend, drive a neighbor, stop by for an hour or join us for the entire day – it's sure to be a fun-filled event.

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Jordan Marsh: New England's Largest Store/ Renowned author and historian, Anthony Sammarco, talks about his book. Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Brighton Library at 40 Academy Hill Rd. Jordan Marsh opened in 1851. The store unveiled the novel concept of department shopping under one roof. It attracted shoppers by offering personal service with the adage that the customer is always right, easy credit, art

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# City Council to look at small cell towers for public input

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and voted to call for a hearing regarding the siting and installation of small-scale cell towers in the city's neighborhoods.

The hearing sponsor, At-Large City Councilor Mike Flaherty, said that he's been hearing many complaints from all of the city's neighborhoods, because he said there is not a good deal of communication between the public utilities and cell phone companies and the city in terms of placement for the small cell towers.

"They're termed small style cell towers, but there's nothing small about them," he said. "My phone has been lighting up from across the city as contractors continue to go out and just place them so people will go to work and they'll call and say what's going on with the light pole in front of my house, what's happening at the end of my corner with the streetlight and the comeback from work and there's this big giant bottom based light pole that's now in front of their house."

Flaherty said he wanted to

get more public discourse and input on the siting of these towers before they go in, as he said sometimes the plan and placement just doesn't make sense, at least to residents.

"I don't think they're being judicious on where to place them; in fact they're putting them outside of people's bedrooms with noise emanating, yet there might be a vacant lot or an area in the street where there's no home, where they should put it, but they continue to just plop these things down," he said. "Hopefully we can have an expedited hearing, because it's happening citywide."

Flaherty added that hopefully, they might be able to find a different model for the towers that could match with a neighborhood's aesthetic.

"There's a lack of awareness as to where they're going and what, if anything, the neighbors can do for the displeasing aesthetic features, find out what other types of models do they have – is this the base

model, the standard model that we're going to have eat throughout all of our neighborhoods or can we do something that is a little bit more consistent to the streetlights and street poles," he said. "There might even be a discussion we can have in respect to our fire pole boxes."

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley said he believes this to be a trend with these types of installations, and he does not want to see the public removed from the process.

"This is a very important issue and it's a quality of life issue," he said. "It's not only about aesthetics, noise emanation or obstruction, but it really seems to be another example of these public utilities... acting on the phrase, it's easier to ask forgiveness than permission. I think it's an important issue that we can get out in front of and where we can really exert some leadership. We're the closest to the folks on the streets, we see this each and every day."

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# Messing

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*In keeping with the fun activities at the DMMF Kids Walk For Hope, participants could get their faces painted, as well as their pumpkins. There was also a costume contest and pizza.*

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

year.

"I couldn't believe it: how many kids in that year – in Boston – died of an opiate overdose," he said. "It's just... Oh, God, it's awful."

Messing took a look around at the young adults who were still around.

"A lot of these kids that are here – these young girls and young guys – are in recovery," he said.

Towards the end of the event, all of the costumed children gathered onstage and marched around the circular path one more time, collecting treats at each bench as they went.

Kim Messing, who helped to finance that first DMMF patient with money raised from a golf tournament in her late husband's honor, watched as they go around.

"I didn't expect this," she said. "I really didn't know what it was all about. I knew it was for the kids, though. And I think it's a great idea."

Her time since Dennis' death has not been easy for her, but she has done a lot of spiritual work to help her cope.

"I don't look at death the way I did before," she said. "So, that's how I've been able to work through this whole thing."

She credited Busch with continuing to build up the Foundation while looking back on its beginning.

"They've helped a lot of people," Messing said. "As a matter of fact, the first person that (they sent to treatment) is still sober and very active in this Foundation. So it's just... It's amazing how many people they help."

For more information, visit [www.dmmfboston.org](http://www.dmmfboston.org).

## Deaths

### GALBATO

Vincent A. Of Fairhaven, formerly of Hyde Park, Oct. 29, age 93. Beloved husband of Eileen A. (Leahy) of 70 years. Devoted father of Daniel and his wife Karen of N. Easton, Vincent of Fairhaven, Brian of Florida, Debra Costello and her husband Daniel of Hyde Park, Lynda Galbato and her spouse Michelle of Abington and the late Eileen Galbato. Cherished brother of the late Carmella Zalewski and Clara Akusis. Loving "Papa" of 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Funeral from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak St., HYDE PARK, Friday morning at 9 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Most Precious Blood Church, Hyde Park, at 10. Visiting hours Thursday evening from 4 to 8. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at New Calvary Cemetery. Vinny was a former Grand Knight of Readville K of C and very active in Hyde Park Little League. Please, in lieu of flowers, all donations can be made to: [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org). For directions & guestbook, please visit: [thomasfuneralhomes.com](http://thomasfuneralhomes.com)

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### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never Known to Fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. —K.B.

### St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9<sup>th</sup> day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

*In gratitude for helping me,*  
—J.H.

### 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.

—D.J.

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## Clean-up *continued from page 1*

costumed children digging small holes, dropping bulbs in, and covering them up in the hopes of them sprouting and blooming in the spring.

One such work group was Silvia Rua and her teething daughter Laila, dressed as Max from *Where The Wild Things Are*, who sat comfortably on either side of a freshly spaded hole, taking their time on the bright, mild day.

Rua, having moved to Hyde Park from Jamaica Plain with her husband around three years ago, has been involved with Keep Hyde Park Beautiful since its inception. She was motivated by, among other things, the amount of litter and loitering on the state owned land next to her house and her surprise at the difference in city services between Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park.

"I don't think people littered any less (in Jamaica Plain), but it would get picked up a lot more quickly," she said.

She was also excited by the possibility of the group partnering with Keep Massachusetts Beautiful.

"When I met with Kathy (Horn) the first time, it was really exciting to hear that it wasn't just going to be a local group," Rua said.

Nearby, a family of four is moving a little more quickly, with Uka Agbai making holes, his 7-year-old daughter Virginia dropping bulbs, his 3-year-old son Grayson watering and his wife Quiana keeping an eye on everything.

Having bought a house in Hyde Park about a year ago, the Agbais were looking for ways to get involved in the community and attended their first KHPB meeting a month ago.

That community involvement, according to Quiana, includes Virginia and Grayson as well.

"Coming back with the kids and establishing permanent roots as homeowners, we're going



*Members of Keep Hyde Park Beautiful pose for a photo after completing the costume clean-up. Cathy Horn is third in from the left, wearing a KHPB t-shirt.*

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

to get the kids involved," said Quiana, who along with Uka attended college in Boston.

Made aware of the neighborhood by friends of Quiana, Uka was impressed by the neighborhood's commuter lines, local businesses and general dynamic.

"I wanted to be close to the city but not feel like I'm in the city," he said. "But we are part of the city, which is great."

Having planted anywhere from 60 to 100 bulbs, the Agbais lay down their tools, grab some doughnuts, and head off in the direction of the library.

A lone Harlequin slowly jingles up Central Avenue, picking trash with a stick and dropping it in her bag. Janet Smith and her husband have been involved with KHPB since the beginning.

"This one, we thought we could get some attention with the Halloween theme," she said.

Horn said.

Picking her way through the empty lot behind the library, Smith spoke of bigger plans.

"We'd like to try to get some different neighborhoods, too," she said. "Truman Highway and Cleary Square get a lot of attention, but if we can do some other neighborhoods, we can get some other people interested in participating."

Rounding back through the side alley between the library and the Fanfan Bakery back to Harvard Avenue and the sign up table, Kathy Horn – the President of Keep Hyde Park Beautiful – has a chuckle when informed of a squirrel running off with a planted bulb. Despite that small hitch, she is pleased with the turnout.

"We've had people stopping us who are not taking part, but have shown an interest in what we're doing,"

Horn said.

Speaking of upcoming plans for Keep Hyde Park Beautiful, she mentions an upcoming November meeting with the head of Keep Massachusetts Beautiful which may lead the way to fiscal sponsorship, an important development, since KHPB has taken no donations since its establishment.

"If they're our fiscal sponsor, they can collect donations on our behalf," Horn said.

She also expressed interest in sponsoring some events as part of Hyde Park's 150th Anniversary.

"We have no shortage of ideas, it's just trying to figure out how to prioritize what we want to do, and continuing to take suggestions from the community," Horn said.

To contact Keep Hyde Park Beautiful, go to its Facebook page or email nolitterhp@gmail.com.



*Sylvia Rua and her 14-month-old Laila, dressed as Max from Where The Wild Things Are, take a photo break while planting daffodil bulbs at the Costume Clean-Up.*

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD



## 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.*

**To the Doctor:** Why do I see so many import vehicles on the road versus the American brands? I cannot remember the last time I read a review of a GM car or truck in the newspaper. What is going on?

**From the Doctor:** Last week I drove into Boston to buy my wife a certified, pre-owned one-year-old import. On our way, we counted the brands of vehicles we saw on Route 93. I did see a lot of Jeeps – especially the Wrangler. As for Ford vehicles, the Explorer had a heavy presence. But, the majority of vehicles were Toyotas, Hondas, Nissans, Kias and Hyundais. For pickup trucks, Ford had the most, followed by GM and Dodge.

So, what happened to the Big 3 is simple: The white-collar, big paid executives made too much money and did not care about the buyers. I had personal experiences of poor quality vehicles and NO support from the Zone offices. This goes back to my first new car, which was a Corvette, that had engine failure and GM would not stand behind the internal engine crankshaft damage. What about the junk diesel engines or the failed power steering rack units, head gaskets and rotted brake lines on all the pickup trucks that were in the snowbelt? Ford had their problems with intake manifolds, cylinder heads and cylinder head bolts, broken spark plugs and spark plug threads on gas engines, and failing heater boxes. Next, were the diesel engines that failed and, in most cases, the cab of the truck had to come off for major service. Dodge had their own problems that were not as severe as GM and Ford, but Dodge did have a lot of heater box internal problems as well.

The Big 3 need to wake up if they want to continue to sell vehicles. Look at what Hyundai and KIA did. Fifteen years ago their cars were really bad, and today they are one of the best, with the best warranty in the industry. I would love to see the Big 3 make a comeback, however it would take a complete makeover, starting from the top. They need to listen to all their former buyers they turned their backs on and made them buy the import brands they have purchased year after year. Just ask people you work with or any friends what they drive and why. This is not rocket science, it is just helping the customer. I am sure the Big 3 still have a list of all the former buyers that had problems that were not solved. They should just send those people a nice big rebate check of \$8,000 to \$10,000 toward a new vehicle.

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*Janet Smith picks litter in the vacant lot behind the Hyde Park branch of the Boston Public Library.*

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Chair Hip Hop Leader Sam Figaro leads Fun Day participants in an epic rendition of the Village People's YMCA.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

## Senior Fall Fun Day at the Iora reaches out to the local community

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, Iora Primary Care held a Senior Fall Fun Day at its 912 River St. location. Promoted as a fun, music filled time at local community meetings throughout October, it lived up to its billing.

Walking down the hallway from the main entrance to the back right corner of the building, the familiar sounds of the Village People in the otherwise quiet facility served as a homing device and – once inside the function room – it rocked with a roomful of senior citizens seated in rows of folding chairs mirroring Health Coach Sam Figaro as they boisterously went through the arm semaphore of “YMCA.”

After continuing with Silento’s “Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)” and finishing with Taylor Swift’s “Shake It Off,” City Councilor Tim McCarthy – who had joined in on the shakes in the last song – went before the group to advocate for Iora and for the different city services available for seniors to take advantage of.

Most of the people who use the Iora are local – either from Hyde Park or Mattapan – and Eileen White is one of them. She’s close enough to walk over, although she chooses to drive instead.

She has been attending classes here since shortly after she retired at the end of 2015. It was a conscious decision on her part, spurred on by desire to do something with her newfound extra time.

“As a senior, you’re looking for things to do within your community.” She went on to describe the first class she took. The first time I came here, I think it was for a nutrition class.”

Since then, she has become a regular and rattled off a list of current classes she is participating in, as well as ones that she has taken in the past: from Healthy Hyde Park and Tai Chi classes, to the Walking Club that wrapped up on Monday, to the Chair Hip Hop and Drumming classes that she usually takes on Tuesday afternoons.

Community Development Leader Samantha Bennett talked a little bit about the classes and how they fit in with Iora’s role as a primary care provider for older adults.

“Chair Hip-Hop – like Eileen goes to – or Drumming class, or Walking Club, we really view those as extensions of our clinical model, so not only do we care really deeply about our patients, but we want to connect them with other community members just so they can socialize and do healthy activities with one another and create social bonds that will make them healthier.”

As Eileen stated at one point, “It’s good socially. You meet other seniors.”

There’s no fee for classes. As Bennett mentioned, “We really do view (visiting community members) as an extension of our clinical model.” A model broken down into what Bennett describes as the Three C’s: Coordinated Care, Compassionate Care, and Convenient Care.

As part of this model, each patient has not only a doctor, but a health coach assigned to them who helps them navigate the care system.

Sam Figaro – Chair Hip Hop Leader – is also a Health Coach, which involves dealing with, as he says, “anything and everything that keeps you healthy as a patient.”

Beyond that, talking about his part in the day’s festivities, he mentioned the biggest thing that he got out of it.

“Energy. Energy. I love it.”

As everyone heads out chatting and comparing gift baskets (Eileen Smith won one of two raffled off), many of them will be back again to enjoy more of what the Iora has to offer.

## Preparedness

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for a specific situation.

Smith provided bags, information handouts, and the emergency supply kit templates to those in attendance. One of the handouts listed all the sources for official information during emergencies. Smith implored audience members to sign up for ALERTBoston to receive emergency alerts from the city of Boston. The website is <http://www.cityofboston.gov/alertboston>. Also, you can visit CityofBoston.gov for important information about emergencies.

The Boston Health Commission is also preparing residents by providing an online course which will teach people best practices, tips, and resources so you can begin preparing as soon as possible. Please visit <https://delvalle.bphc.org/readysafehealthy> to take the course.

In other news, resident Joe Smith recapped on the plans for the property located on 65 Williams Ave. The developers want to put in two two-family condos, one in front of the other which has variances such as parking being in the front of the building and a shortage of sideage for the front building. He also reminded the group that the zoning code that they developed three years ago specifically states, no houses behind each other. He then opened the floor up for comments concerning the property.

There were some residents in the audience who were



BPHC official Nancy Smith said getting prepared early, before any emergency takes place is paramount.

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strongly opposed to the 65 Williams Ave. property being built because of the house being right behind another house. “If we allow this owner to proceed with building a house behind a house, we might open the flood gates for other homeowners to want to do the same,” one resident said.

While there were some residents who agreed, other residents welcomed the property being built because the current house located on the property now, is a blight to the neighborhood.

“We have a suburbanite who has been abusing this

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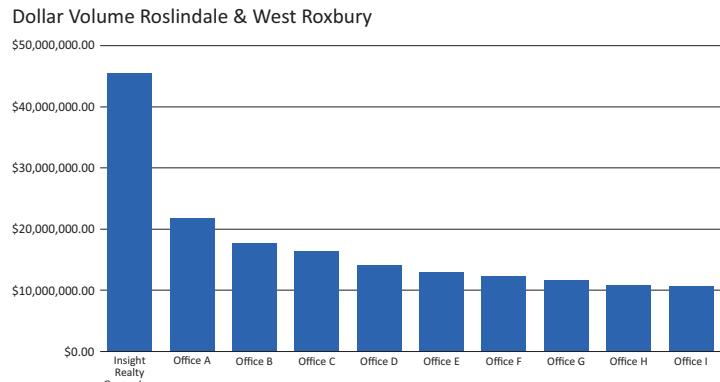
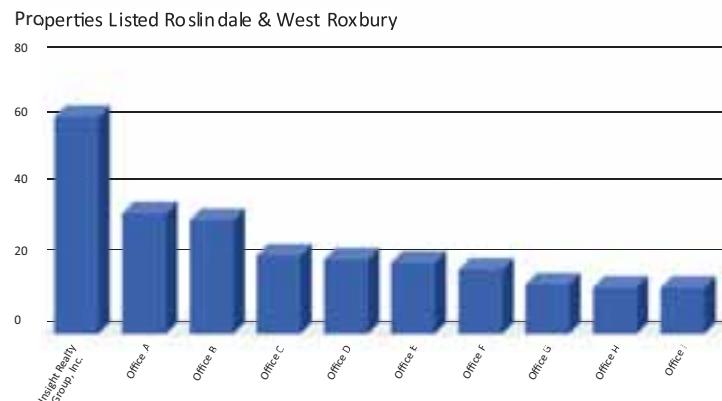
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