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## Cappy's Toys for Tots Extravaganza: new toys from old friends



Kathi Ryan Flynn (left) is photographed with Michelle Murphy, Wanda DeRoma, Patty Buckman, and Dianne Rowland at the Toys for Tots Extravaganza at Cappy's Tavern.

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**Matt MacDonald**

Staff Reporter

This past Saturday night, Dec. 16, Cappy's Tavern in Wolcott Square celebrated its 10th Annual Toys for Tots Extravaganza.

The Extravaganza, in addition to providing toys to deserving children, also serves as the big event of the year for Cappy's, an iconic Readville establishment owned by the Capobianco family for 80 years

come January.

Stepping through the front door at just before 8 p.m., Christmas music is playing and a friendly looking gray haired man carrying a big roll of carnival style tickets tears one off and hands it over.

"Hold onto your ticket," Ray Capobianco advises. "There's a raffle."

Capobianco, who came to help his father out with the fam-

**Toys for Tots**

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## Parents call for Moratorium on proposed school start times



Hundreds of Boston parents huddled into the Roche Center in West Roxbury for the first of 10 meetings regarding the change in start times for the Boston Public Schools

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

**Jeff Sullivan**

Staff Reporter

On Monday, the City of Boston and the Boston Public Schools (BPS) District held the first of 10 hearings with the public on the new school start time schedule. The meeting was held at the Roche Center in West Roxbury.

The consensus of the meeting was that changing school start times to, in some cases, a more than two-hour change from this year's start time, was a really bad idea. Exactly 150 residents piled into the community center, as that is its capac-

ity required by the Boston Fire Code. Later, several side rooms were utilized to let the overflow crowd in, but parents and residents were not happy with the fact that the BPS has underestimated the size of the crowd.

John Hamlin, Chief of Operations at the BPS, said the change in elementary school start times was put together by the district after several meetings with the public, but parents said those meetings were not all they could have been. It was pointed out that all the meetings were held at the Bruce C. Boiling Building and not out in the neighborhoods. One parent said she was incred-

ulous as to why the school changed the elementary school start times in the first place, since the aim of the change – which residents said was a good idea – was to have later start times for high school students.

Residents pointed out that while most, if not all, elementary school students need to take the yellow bus, high school students have the option to take the T or walk to school. Hamlin said it was a problem of logistics.

"The data actually shows that 25 percent of our high

**Start Times**

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## Cops for Kids with Cancer makes donation to local family

**Matt MacDonald**

Staff Reporter

On Friday morning, Dec. 8, a small, informal ceremony was held in the community room at the District E-18 police station, during which a \$5,000 check and some toys were presented to a local family whose 7-year-old daughter is currently battling cancer.

The money for the check was raised by Cops for Kids with Cancer, a charitable organization covering New England that was founded in Boston in 2002 and works in close collaboration with the Boston Police Department.

Cops for Kids' with Cancer Vice President Maura Flynn and Board Member John McManus (both Boston Police Dept. retirees) presented the check, along with Police Com-

missioner William B. Evans and Commander of E-18 Capt. Joseph Gillespie.

After the brief check presentation, some wrapped gifts were also given to the patient, Josmaly Valoy Nunez, and two siblings, after which the small group lingered to chat.

Commissioner Evans took a few moments to comment on the ceremony and what the donation hopes to achieve. His comments were positive, while being realistic enough to acknowledge Josmaly's – and her family's – situation.

"It's sad where a 7-year-old is battling cancer... (but) it's always nice to bring some joy... You know, give the family a \$5,000 check to help them... Any expenses they have, at least it will clear them up and

**Cops for Kids**

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## Historical Society Christmas Party revisits Christmas Shows past

**Matt MacDonald**

Staff Reporter

On Saturday afternoon in the Menino Room of the Library, the Hyde Park Historical Society gathered for its final meeting 2017, followed by its annual Christmas Party.

About 20 HPHS members were in attendance for what turned out to be an extensive recollection of its well-remembered Christmas Shows.

These shows – which ran annually over a period of about 30 years and were put on by Society members – were the brainchild of Claire Pauley.

Pauley, in fact, was the em-

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Claire Pauley leads members of the Hyde Park Historical Society in her own rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". At the meeting, she looked back at some of the Christmas shows she put on for 30 years.

PHOTO BY: MATT MACDONALD



# Blue Hills Collaborative Confirmation Class sing carols at Blake Estates

## District E-18 and Fairmount Neighborhood Assn. join in

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 10, the Fairmount Neighborhood Association (FHNA), the Blue Hills Collaborative Confirmation Class, and members of District E-18 brought some Christmas cheer to residents of the Blake Estates by putting on a half-hour concert.

The roughly 50 person group of carolers group stuck with the old time favorites, from “Joy to the World” to “O Come All Ye Faithful” to “White Christmas” to “Feliz Navidad” which were all well received by the relatively small group of residents in attendance.

This is the third Holiday Season that the FHNA and the Blue Hills Collaborative have visited the Blake Estates; the two groups eventually decided to combine their resources. Additionally, the Confirmation Class also provided light refreshments of soft drinks and Christmas cookies.

Aside from being chosen as a venue because of its appreciative residents, the Blake Estates was also chosen because of its piano, which Janet Smith capably played to help the carolers

along.

At the conclusion of the show, carolers and residents chatted for awhile, enjoying some of the refreshments, before eventually going their separate ways for the day.

Alyssa Sarkis, Confirmation Program Teacher and Readville resident, shared her thoughts on the performance of her 30-person group as part of the larger musical group and the community.

“Today was amazing... We want the kids to be part of the community and to build with the Hyde Park community. This is a great way for them to get involved and bring joy to people’s lives in other ways. I would say it was a great success,” Sarkis said.

Longtime Blake Estates resident Cindy Lass felt similarly about the show... perhaps for a similar reason left unsaid by others.

“I didn’t think I’d get through ‘Feliz Navidad,’” Lass aid.

She then shared a good natured exchange with Officer/Caroler Carol Morse and her son Matt about it and Mayor Marty Walsh.

Barbara Russo, who had been very enthusiastic during the show,



Members of the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Association teamed up with the Blue Hills Collaborative Confirmation Class and District E-18 police officers to sing Christmas carols to Blake Estates residents, many of whom joined in.

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was appreciative but expressed some disappointment.

“I just feel bad that more people didn’t come down,” she said.

Mary Parham “enjoyed watching the young men and ladies perform,” as did Pauline Mills and Lillian Monteiro, who were sitting together and seemed to consistently speak in unison.

“It put us in the spirit,” they said.

Annette Cheatham – in between name dropping a famous Celtic (“Bill Russell and I are very good friends. I’m 89, so you know I know.) – enjoyed what she saw and heard.

“This was great. I came last year. It was nice last year, too,” Cheatham said.

Pat Lombardi, however, seemed to encapsulate almost all of these sentiments – and the season – in her words.

“I had a great time, and I think it’s really great to be able to meet with such wonderful young people, and it tells me the future is bright. Through all the bad stuff you hear, this is something special,” she said.

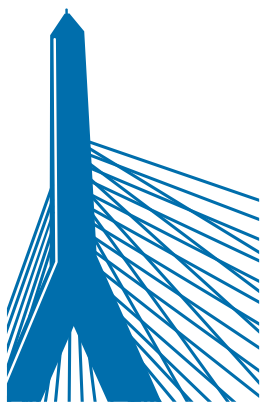
Sarkis, in her comments on collaborating with the FHNA and the BPD, could have also been speaking in broader terms when she said, “I think it was a great collaboration.”

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# Editorial

## REMEMBER JOY

Even in this, a season of joy, spreading good will to all men is a tall order.

We think specifically of the passing of Cardinal Bernard Law in Rome this week.

The fact he was in exile at the Vatican speaks volumes. He was both a local and global face of the Catholic Church's molestation scandal. He was the architect of a conspiracy that shuffled priestly child molesters parish-to-parish, one step ahead of the law and the word of mouth that might expose them.

As for forgiveness: Law's gambit was granting a workplace perk of deathbed confession, avoiding earthly punishment as much as possible.

The shame, beyond the pain of victims and public shaming of the Church, is that Law himself might otherwise be remembered differently. It is easy to forget his role in, and support of the civil rights movement. His efforts brought the Catholic Church to the forefront of the social justice effort. His efforts in the 1960s once again became vital during the South Boston busing crisis.

So yes, Law was a criminal, an accessory to evil acts and a destructive force that nearly bankrupted the archdiocese. But let's not allow his death to tear open old wounds, especially not during the holidays.

Many different faiths all celebrate this time of the year.

In truth, there is not a religion that hasn't dealt with a rogue character or scandal. Institutions are governed by people and people make mistakes. The tenets of faith are far more important than individual folly.

Christmas, and the seasons' other holy days, isn't about penance in quite the same way as the Easter season is. But as we celebrate family, friends, and hope a spirit of generosity and forgiveness permeates it all.

Grouse about the late cardinal or whatever other news and politics get under your skin. At the end of the day, however, let it all go. Focus on what is truly important and good for the soul. Simply put: have yourself a merry little Christmas.

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# A valid Christmas question

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*Why your joyous strains prolong?*

*What the gladsome tidings be*

*Which inspire your heav'nly song?*

There are lots of eternal questions that surface at this time of the year.

I don't mean the usual ones that rise any time during the year, such as how can there be anything outside our universe? Can a multi-verse be bigger than our universe? How high is the sky? Which came first, the chicken or the egg? How can a loving God permit such much evil in the world? Can God make a square circle?

And neither am I referring to the Santa Claus questions. Does he sleep with his beard above the blanket or underneath (as first probed in "Miracle on 34th Street?") How does he fit down the chimney? How does he enter homes without a chimney? How does he make so many stops in a single night, or the one

published (along with the insightful response) in The New York Sun by a curious Virginia O'Hanlon, is there a Santa Claus?

With lyrics composed in 1862 by James Chadwick, the hymn from which the above four lines are excerpted is known for its prolonged "Gloria" just preceding the Latin phrase "in excelsis Deo."

The questions so apropos at this time of year are taken from the carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High." The inquiry, addressed to field hands, succinctly poses, what's all the fuss about?

The answer to the inquiries is the same; it is all about a special occurrence centuries ago in today's war-torn Middle East that almost defies human belief.



My Kind of Town/  
Joe Galeota

If the human mind has difficulty wrapping itself around the concept of an omnipotent Creator, then to wrap the brain around a human image is more doable.

Sometimes sentences, such as the first one at the beginning of the excerpted first verse, do not need verbs to convey meaning. Truly, this interrogatory is one for the ages, past and future.

## Letters to the Editor

### BAG ISSUE A NON ISSUE

*To the Editor:*

Don't know if it's just me, but I don't see all the controversy over a plastic bag ban coming to a business near you. Why the Retailers Association of Massachusetts is opposed to it is beyond me. The prohibition applies to those single-use plastic shopping bags we see at all our supermarkets. This trade group apparently doesn't like the idea of forcing retailers to charge at least 5 cents for reusable bags covered by the new city ordinance.

I can tell you from firsthand knowledge while visiting Austin, Texas for the past several years, plastic bags like Boston's hardly scratches the surface of any draconian measures by supermarkets.

Whenever shopping down in Austin supermarkets, I always carry my own bags or buy a great, sturdy reusable bag for 25 cents. These bags can last up to five or six months. It is good for the environment and actually good for supermarkets and their customers.

Kudos go to the Boston City Council for passing this ban

unanimously and quickly. Mayor Walsh's concern over this 5 cent bag fee is not necessary. In Texas, the same outcry was heard before implementation, then once in force everyone saw no great change or hardship. The worst thing is forgetting to bring your own shopping bags. Spending 25 cents for a great reusable shopping bag is no big deal. If you forget to bring your own bags, you spend another quarter.

After a while, people don't even think about the ban as they get used to the new status quo. They never go to a retailer without a bag of their own.

Politicians opposed to this plastic bag ban need to stop scaring people and encourage folks to see it as something positive. No one is going to starve because they have no shopping bag.

Sal Giarratani  
Boston

### BAG ORDINANCE WILL ADD GREAT VALUE

*To the Editor:*

On my twice-daily dog walks I pick up street litter using the inevitable plastic bags that I find. The litter, including the bags, exists because there is no direct cost

attached to their consumption – people throw away what is free. It is for this reason that the Boston City Council plastic bag ordinance will add great value to our civic life through creating a cleaner and healthier environment and a more conscientious behavior towards disposing of trash. Contrary to what some claim, we already are paying for the plastic bags that stores dispense, the cost is hidden because it is included in the price of what we purchase. Contrary to the perennial paranoid conspiratorial thing of Mr. Shurtleff, the Boston City Council is not following the mandates of the United Nations in enacting this common sense measure, rather it is doing the right thing for improving the quality of our life. I do enjoy readings Hal's letters, however.

Alan Wright  
Roslindale

### ENJOY READING MR. GALEOTA'S COLUMNS

*To the Editor:*

I so look forward to reading Mr. Galeota's article in your weekly paper. I have been doing this for years. How he comes up with such interesting thoughts and subjects amazes me. I grew up in West Roxbury when there were Afternoon and Evening newspapers. Thank you so much for "The Bulletin." I pick up my copy at the Oak Square YMCA in Brighton.

Phil Paquet  
Boston

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Josmaly Valoy Nunez holds a \$5,000 check from Cops for Kids with Cancer. Her twin sister Josmely stands beside her. Pictured from left to right are District E-18 Capt. Joseph Gillespie, John McManus and Maura Flynn (of Cops for Kids with Cancer), Glenny (mom), Commissioner William Evans, Josmaly's infant brother, Jorge (dad), and Officer Yrene Castillo.

PHOTO BY: MATT MACDONALD

help them get through this difficult time and challenge," Evans said.

He went into more detail regarding the purpose of the money.

"This is pocket expenses: help them pay for rent, help them get those necessities that, sometimes, they don't have the money to get, so... it brings joy to us to help a family in need like this," Evans said.

Flynn and McManus were standing off to the side, taking everything in. Cops for Kids with Cancer is run and populated entirely by volunteers, raising money through donations and fundraisers.

"We started out giving \$500 to each family," McManus recalled, mentioning that early on, those funds were raised in can redemptions.

As time went on, however, it grew, with the State Police, and higher end fundraisers such as golf tournaments and motorcycle rallies ratcheting up the organizations charitable capabilities.

According to McManus, Cops for Kids with Cancer have children recommended to them

by police officers who go through their respective district stations. Social workers from Children's Hospital, Mass General, and Tufts Medical Center also recommend applicants.

Flynn gave an idea of how a typical month goes these days.

The Board of Directors – made up of retired police officers, doctors, and other civilians – meets on the first Tuesday of each month to vote on applications. Typically, if approved, the process takes about a month to complete.

Flynn said, "We try to do on an average six to eight of these donations a month. Each one is \$5,000, so it amounts to a lot of money."

This year, however – in the prior month – that number has gone up to 10.

"We just did this now because of Christmas. We want to do this fast," Flynn said.

She added that there are seven or eight kids in Josmaly's family, increasing the urgency in getting them the money.

Additionally, Cops for Kids with Cancer gives \$10,000 to each of their partner hospitals (Dana Farber, Mass General,

and Tufts) each year.

"That's strictly no research," Flynn clarified. "That's strictly for the kids – like, for toys – to make their stay more comfortable. It's the only time the money can be used."

To this point, Cops for Kids with Cancer has donated almost \$3 million.

Nearby, Josmaly, her twin sister, Josmely, and infant brother are getting ready to head back out into the day with their mom, Glenny, and dad Jorge.

They try to answer questions with the interpretation help of Officer Yrene Castillo. They're smiling, but their responses are very brief.

After Officer Castillo's relatively lengthy interpretation, she gets at the gist of their message.

"They don't know what to say. They're very grateful to the Boston Police Department," he said.

And so it was left at that, with Josmaly sharing a gimme five hand slap with the Commissioner.

For more information about Cops for Kids with Cancer, contact a contact [www.copsforkidswithcancer.org](http://www.copsforkidswithcancer.org).

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cee and – wearing an elf hat with pointy ears – was most of the entertainment as she brought up some of her favorite productions and skits, ranging from the fully dressed out "Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol"; to the imagination experiment of the Sober Somber Silent Symphony, for which Pauley would take people from the audience, rehearse them for four minutes, and then send them out to pantomime an orchestral performance.

Pauley also touched on one of her own characters: Madame Lozenge the Gypsy Fortune Teller, who would foretell Christmas 100 years in the future.

During her presentation, she chose to share a couple of Lozenge's prescient predictions – originally intended to be jokes when they were first made many years ago – with the group:

"Smoking will have to be done in the smokatorium attached to the house," and

"More than ever, the television will be the center of the home, and the telephone and television screen almost an entertainment in themselves."

Despite being 89 years old now and still recuperating from heart surgery, the former kindergarten teacher was still in charge, bringing members of the audience (some of whom had appeared in her big productions) to the front of the room for a rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" taken straight from her old classroom, complete with each of the twelve singers holding up their numbered picture as their gift was being sung through.

All of this built to the highlight of State Representative Angelo Scaccia donning a funny hat and picking up a toy drum (and lightly tapping it, saying at one point, "I'm going to get it right this time.") as Pauley sat at the edge of the front row of seats.

"You've got to be Jesus or I'm not playing for you."

"I'd rather be the Blessed Mother."

"Okay. Be the Blessed Mother."

A half dozen volunteers had by now picked up triangles and, when Pauley began to sing "The Little Drummer Boy" they began a procession around the room, with light, random dings.

Pa rum pum pum pum.

"Ding. Ding," Pauley politely but firmly corrected and repeated, until by the third time around the dings were in step and in time and everyone was singing along and smiling.

When HPHS President Michael King led the group in "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" in honor of Pauley's "bringing merriment into our hearts", the drum and triangles were perfect.

Ding. Ding.

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



# Wakefield / Washington offer assistance to Puerto Rico



Hyde Park resident and Wakefield-Washington Neighborhood Group President Marcia Kimm-Jackson recently traveled to Puerto Rico to offer relief to those still suffering from the destruction of a brutal hurricane season.

She, along with five others from the American Southwest and Puerto Rico itself, made the trek to the mountainous and remote communities of Naranjito, Comerio, and Bayamon.

Each of these towns are still without electricity more than three months after losing it, and Bayamon is the only one of the three with running water.

All three communities have been hard hit economically, with businesses, schools, and daycare centers closed, and the infrastructure badly damaged.

The group made the trip in association with the non-profit Ventaja, with the goal of distributing flashlights and necessities - donated by friends and well-wishers - to local residents in need.

During its four day stay (Dec. 15-Dec. 18) the six person group gave out more than 150 bags of food and toiletries.



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# Around the Neighborhoods

## CITYWIDE

### 28TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Dec. 21, at noon at the Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., (on the side of the State House) housed and un-housed people will gather to celebrate and memorialize those we have lost in the past year. The service will be held in music, prayer, candle lighting and stories as we read the names of our neighbors we have lost to the streets.

All faith traditions are encouraged to attend and faith leaders are asked to dress according to their tradition. The service will be followed by a light luncheon at 1 p.m. Community leaders, service providers and advocates are encouraged to be present. Also as the sunsets at 4:15 p.m., a group will be gathered with luminaries at Park St. Station. For more information please contact: Michael Bancewicz at Moxie12794@aol.com

### ALLSTON/BRIGHTON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion meets at the Brighton Branch Library on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. The featured selection for December 27th will be A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams Copies of the book are available at the library Everyone is invited and new members are welcome Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617)782-6032.

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## HYDE PARK

### CHESS AND CHECKERS WITH CHARLIE

On Saturday, Dec. 23 at 1 p.m. Children are welcome to come and learn to play chess or checkers with Charlie Cleary on Saturday afternoons. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hyde Park Branch Library. No registration required.

### STORY TIME WITH THE BOSTON BALLET

On Friday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Children and families are welcomed once a month to hear stories about a famous ballet or dancer. The story time is also supplemented with a movement experience that highlights major themes of the story. All story times are led by Boston Ballet faculty dance educators. This program is for children ages 2 and up. Younger children will need parental supervision. Located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library.

### PLAY AND LEARN BLOCK PARTY

On Saturday, Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. Come play, build, and learn together at a block party – library style. Playing with blocks provides opportunities

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## WEST ROXBURY/ ROSLINDALE

### PAJAMA STORY TIME

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### STYLIZED SNOWMAN ART WORKSHOP

On Thursday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. for children ages 5-12 please join us for the Stylized Snowman Art Workshop. Supplies are limited; registration is required. Artist Michele Brooks leads children in a winter art workshop. Located at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library.

### THE STRATFORD STREET UNITED CHURCH HOSTS A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Co Pastors Rev. Abigail A. Henrich and Rev. Enid Watson, along with music director Morgan Chalue, will lead a candlelit service of readings from the New Testament and traditional Christmas Carols. Although this service is traditional in form, the interpretation of readings have a new and modern twist. Everyone, from all religious backgrounds, are welcome to this service. West Roxbury, Sunday, Dec. 24 @ 4 p.m. After the service there will be a Christmas Eve party for everyone and anyone without a place to go on Christmas Eve. Children are especially welcome. <http://www.stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org> Stratford Street United Church 77 Stratford Street West Roxbury, MA 02132 617.323.4950 Stratford Street United Church is a progressive Christian Church whose roots are in the American Baptist and United Church of Christ traditions. They are committed to outreach to the community; the church houses, financially supports and runs the only food pantry in West Roxbury, Rose's Bounty. They are committed to social justice and a radically inclusive welcome to everyone regardless of gender orientation, socio-economic status, education, and or race.

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## Legals

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Estate of: **Fredrick M Connors** Suffolk Division  
Also Known As:  
Date of Death: **May 1, 2017**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lisa R. Connors of Stoughton, MA  
Brendan P. Connors of Stoughton, MA  
a Will has been admitted to informal probate  
Lisa R. Connors of Stoughton, MA  
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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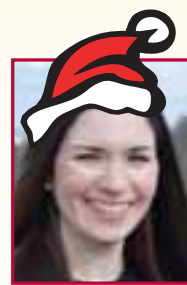
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*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

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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.*

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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.  
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## Deaths

**NICOLLETTA**  
Mildred (Peterson) Mildred (Peterson) Nicolletta, beloved wife of the late Raymond Nicolletta died Dec. 5, 2017 peacefully at home. She was the daughter of the late William Peterson and Edythe (Clements) Peterson of Hyde Park. She was predeceased by her siblings William, Verna, Edythe, Edna, Ruth and Lois. She is survived by her sister Shirley Kelley of Malden and her beloved niece Norma Robinshaw of Framingham and many other nieces and nephews and family members. She was a graduate of Cambridge High and Latin Class of 1954. She

and Ray were married for 33 wonderful years. Formerly employed by the Cambridge and Harvard Trust Co., finishing her career at the B.U. School of Dentistry as a bookkeeping supervisor. Burial was private and under the care of the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home of Wethersfield, Conn. There are no visiting hours. To extend online condolences, please visit [Farleysullivan.com](http://Farleysullivan.com).

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**TURNER**

Frederick Of Florida, formerly of Hyde Park, Dec. 4, age 80. Beloved husband of Annie (Jennings). Devoted father of Annie Turner of Scituate, Lisa

and her husband Brian of E. Bridgewater, Debbie Turner of Hanover and Cindy Turner of Hyde Park and the late Frederick. Cherished brother of Robert and his late wife Frances of Plymouth, Janice Melvin and her husband John of Hyde Park, Elaine Mirabito and her late husband Al of Hyde Park. Loving "Grampie" of John, James, Joseph and Jason. Visiting hours was held at the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak Street, Hyde Park, Mass. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Pius X Church, Milton. Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home

## 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

**GO-GO SENIORS**

Go-Go Seniors Meetings are on the First Tuesday's of every month. We are looking for new membership and our annual membership dues are

\$8.00. All are welcome. Meetings located at the Municipal Building on Hyde Park Avenue at noon in Hyde Park.

**Jan. 3:** Annual Christmas Party At Victory Grille in Dedham. Cost to be determined.

**Jan. 7-10:** Atlantic City, N.J., staying at the Tropicana Hotel. Any further information please contact Joanne 617-323-0071

**THE VILLAGERS**

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**

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our members!

Our next Mil-Par Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18 and will be a 50/50 meeting. Tickets for the St. Patrick's Day Party scheduled for March 15 th 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. Bingo is played after all meetings if you are interested. Our meetings will continue to be at the Blue Hills Collaborative Center until renovations are completed at St. Pius X Church Hall.

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Toys for Tots piled up in the back of Cappy's Tavern last Saturday night. With four more boxes in the basement, the Marines who come to get the toys bring a moving truck instead of a van.

PHOTO BY: MATT MACDONALD

ily business and stayed with it, introduces Kathi Ryan Flynn, former Cappy's bartender and creator of this event.

Her brother, retiring after 25 years in the Marines and sent to Toys for Tots, inspired her.

"I asked Ray, 'You want to do a toy drive?' and he said, 'Okay.'"

Until a few years ago, the drive used to start at noon and go through the night – with activities themed for kids (face painting, games, Santa Claus on a fire truck) happening during the day and then those themed for adults at night.

"But as Ray and I got older..."

"Wiser." Ray interjects.

"And wiser," Kathi repeats, "we figured we would do Breakfast with Santa the weekend before."

This has been the plan for the last three years, with Toys for Tots boxes set up in the back of the tavern the Wednesday before, to be picked up by the Marines on Monday.

At the back of the room in a cleared out booth space the result is clearly visible, with cardboard boxes marked with the eagle, globe, and anchor that surround a small Christmas tree overflowing with all kinds of toys: baby dolls and toy trucks, stuffed animals and space robots, footballs and light sabers, beginner snowboards and big wheels.

There are four more boxes downstairs. Over 2,000 toys so far, with all day Sunday still to go.

"We're one of the biggest pick-ups that they do, for a small, little tavern, you know," Kathi said, going on to explain that originally, the Marines came by as they normally would with a van but, after seeing the haul that was waiting for them, went back for a moving truck. "People love this. They're so generous here."

As Kathi says this, a woman

holding a full bag makes her way through the crowd by the bar toward the toy area.

"It's more or less just, I think, people coming together over the Holiday Season. My husband's from Dedham. A lot of these people are from Dedham, Hyde Park, Milton. I mean, they come from as far as the Cape for tonight. Duxbury. Plymouth is here. I mean, it's definitely a good feel night. People love it. It's definitely the event here," she said.

The woman in the crowd, Linda, has brought lots of toys. Born and raised in Hyde Park, both she and Kathi are originally from the Garfield Avenue projects, as she describes it, this night is "like a reunion."

And it does seem that way, with incoming guests making their way through the crowd and greeting friends with hugs and handshakes. Everyone seems to either be from Hyde Park and now living somewhere else or from somewhere else and now living in Hyde Park.

At one table with six ladies, including a mom and her two grown daughters gathered around, just about everybody is from Hyde Park, Roslindale, or Dedham, with one outlier in Billerica.

One, Michelle Murphy, has established a Toys for Tots tradition of her own, bringing the same gift for 10 years running.

"Knee hockey. I kind of go by what my kids like," she said.

When asked about her kids' continued devotion to the game after 10 years, she clarified.

"They're out of the knee hockey phase, but I just stuck with that," she said.

As the night wears on, the crowd maintains its size and festive vibe. After the last raffle ticket (for a Yeti cooler) is pulled at around 11 p.m., the soundtrack changes over and, when "Stayin' Alive," "Super Freak," and "Dancing Queen" play, people are dancing in the

front of the room.

Readville local Steven Verity, whose son is married to Ray's daughter, with grandchildren shared between them, stops by to comment on the toys.

"Isn't this incredible? It's a tremendous neighborhood event that has grown larger year by year," he said.

And for Kathi, her reaction to the Extravaganza sounds like a child's to Christmas morning.

"I won't sleep tonight because I get like... It's so overwhelming. I'll come down tomorrow morning, and Ray and I will go through everything," she said.

It's nearly quitting time and Nat King Cole's "The Christmas Song" serves as a late night fade.

The sunrise will arrive soon enough, and Kathi and Ray will take their inventory by the tree, to be delivered by Marines as de facto elves, and to bring some joy to another Christmas morning.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
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TO GL. c. 190B, §5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of: **Kayla B Armbrister** RESPONDENT  
Of: **Hyde Park, MA** (Person to be Protective/Minor)

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Dwayne R. Armbrister of Hyde Park, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Kayla B Armbrister** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

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

Date: November 24, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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

Date: November 24, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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**Ask The Doctor**

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

**2017 KIA Rio Hatchback**

What a surprise I had when I spent a week in this high level, affordable, front drive, 4-door hatchback. I did not know what to expect as I looked around this KIA Rio EX model (EX is the middle of the line-up). Open the door and there is plenty of room in both the front and the rear, accommodating short and tall drivers and passengers. Seats are firm and supportive, only missing seat heaters in all models. (Seat heaters are a must for winters in New England, at least for me.) This is a car that is small on the outside yet big on the inside. The hatchback makes for lots of room when the rear seats are folded down. Visibility is unrestricted from any angle. The dash layout has the driver in mind with a large multifunction touchscreen, steering hub controls, power mirrors, windows and door locks. The audio sound was excellent – it even had satellite radio. The outside body style looks very sleek and not boxy at all.

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



### Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association Season Opens 35th Season.

The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association (HPYBA) opened its 35th season on Saturday as the Craig Curran and Ray Foley divisions began a full slate of games at the Municipal Building and New Mission High School gyms, respectively.

Meanwhile, over 50 kids ages 6-9 filled the gym at the Ohrenberger School and the Instructional Division began its program. Division Coordinator Phil Paradis was delighted by the enthusiasm of both players and supportive parents. At both the New Mission and Municipal building gyms all participants observed a moment of silence in honor of Charles Cooks, a long time referee and coach who was beloved by players, fans, and his fellow volunteers. HPYBA Deputy Director Rodney DeLeaver announced to the assembled crowd that the 2017-2018 season was dedicated to Charlie.

HPYBA Director James Michel expressed thanks for the efforts of the many volunteers that make the program work by taking on administrative and coaching duties, along with the many

team sponsors that provide essential financial support, including:

Richard, Diane, and Casey Curran, Blue Hills Bank, Commonwealth Cooperative Bank, State Rep. Angelo Scaccia, District Attorney Dan Conley, Tierney Realty Group, Councilor Tim McCarthy, The DeLeaver Family, Olympic Pizza, Burke Insurance, The Lloyd Family, Councilor Michelle Wu, Councilor Ayanna Pressley, Cappy's Pizza, Cappy's Tavern, Corvo Properties, Central Paint & Supply, Dunkin Donuts, Kenney Cleaners, Minute Man Press of Hyde Park, River Grille and Ron's Gourmet Ice Cream

#### Curran Division Results

The Craig Curran division for 9 to 11-year-olds began the season with games featuring plenty of enthusiasm, which more than made up for a lack of organization. Teams have barely been finalized, and have had little practice time together, but the players and fans had fun, and all veteran observers know that the quality of play and teamwork will improve as the season goes on.

#### Sonics 22 – 3-Pointers 20

Two buddies from the coach-



ing tree of HPYBA leader Winston Lloyd found themselves squaring off as in the first Curran Division game of the season. In a tight one, Coach Danny Kalajian's Sonics prevailed behind the strong overall play of Amir Mollineau (12 points). Zekiah Cruz, Nathaniel and Shamilah Bodden all contributed key hoops, while Anicia Cruz and Troy Omoroghomwan led the defense. Coach Matt O'Neil's 3-Pointers showed balance, as Pierce Edouard (8) led the scoring, with help from Devaun Davis, Chandler Frederick, Chace Ross and Michael Williams. Destynee Everett provided a spark at both ends of the floor.

#### Royals 19 – Cowboys 16

The Royals built a big lead and then hung on as their leader Ryan Harrell (6) sat due to back spasms. Jonathan Hernandez and Diandre Figueroa scored 5 points each, as Gionni Centeio and Oscar Torres completed the scoring. Sean Lendaro (6) and Armani Andujar (4) lead the Pokes, with scoring help from Josiah Banks, Stuart Chaban-Griffith, and Carlos Feliciano.

#### Raptors 30 – Blue Devils 30

The Raptors jumped out to a big lead in the first half, paced by Timmy Trotman's (17) outburst in the man-to-man period. Barron Langston (11) was tough inside, while Jason Keidy hit a big shot late. Jaylen Ward and Marven Courtois hit the boards as Tatianna Trotman and Feliciano Tavares led the defense. Gersmani Rivera (9) made clutch plays down the stretch to bring the Blue Devils all the way back, getting great scoring help from Casey Idemudia (8) and Waldjeena Dangerville (6). Matthew Eveillard, Stephen Omere and Courtney Idemudia also put points on the board, while Keyona Raines and Joshua Simon played tough defense.

#### Foley Division Results

What a fantastic start to the 35th Annual season of the HPYBA. While our overall numbers are down, we are already seeing mid-season competitiveness amongst the teams after our first and only game of 2017. Coming into 2018 we will also begin the year long, City-wide celebration of Hyde Park's 150th year anniversary. We have incorporated the theme logo onto all of our team's game shirts and coaches shirts. The HPYBA, alumni, and current players are seeking ways to be included in the community's 150th year events.

This year also marks the first

time we have lost a current member of our coaching family with the loss of Charlie Cooks, coach, mentor, sponsor, referee, and all around good fella. We dedicate this, our 35th season to the memories and ideals that Charlie shared with the HPYBA. In brief, Charlie was a long time Hyde Park resident, a Viet Nam combat veteran, a retired Boston Fire Fighter, and a certified national wheel chair tournament referee, who spent his own money often to make trips to support his special causes. We will miss "Charlie", and will continue to extend his ideals of volunteerism and support of worthy causes.

We expect to be back in action with our return on Jan. 6, 2018. We hope this brief layoff will allow a few of our swing players to heal and mend to bring each team back to full and competition worthy strength.

#### Riot Squad 42 - 3 Pointers 36

This game started out looking like the other team had several secret practices, but in the end Coach Kregg's trio of players decided to open the floor and spread the defense. It looked like it might be overtime when super defender Devon Marshall made two key steals for baskets. Corey Cunniff, Justin and Jordan Elos spent all of their important time playing great defense. Isaiah Figueroa threw passes for baskets, and Kymani Fleurme made a few 3-point shots, and the team decided that they had a chance to win. Jeremy Gonzalez and Jovanny Martinez decided they would rebound and spread the floor. The kids were all trying to play the same position and bunching up in the same area, but once they spread out, it was lit.

Notwithstanding the best shot we've seen made in this league in many years, Anthony Consalvo's 180 degree reverse spinning basket had the crowd a buzz for over 5 minutes. Coach Winston, still recuperating, and coaching from the third row, tried to steer his charges in the right direction, but the swing of momentum had taken its toll. Alex and Chris Silice are just going to be trouble for their opponents all season long. With strong support from Nat Cozier, Max Velez, Alder Lara, Jaaziel Ramos, and second best kept secret Pierre Fortune, this team will be just fine and will take some games, especially close ones. This team is due one more player from the wait list, and it looks like they will add some points and poise by 2018.

#### Panthers 41 - 76'ers 30

Coach Rodney (substituting for Coach Norm) installed a simple motion offense with eight of 10 players present. Knowing that Jahiid Allen-Paisley and Tre Robinson were sharp enough to catch on with just a pre-game review, the very young "cats" played steady and well. Good play from the three point guards, and monster inside work from Malik Freeman and Nosa

Egoban just continued to improve throughout the game. New assistant Coach William Evans did a good job keeping Benjamin Pierre and Cameron Evans focused on the big picture. Juan Gonzalez and Marvin Egoban grabbed rebounds and passed, and at one point took four offensive boards in one play. Surprise offense from Dreamer Danglad and Jordan Crawford looks promising too.

Coach Corbin and his team will be the wiser by the end of January. Missing a feisty injured Patrick Moroney, and his best new player. The newest version of Danny McDonough made good decisions and shot the ball well. Big men Kahrie Langham and Andrew Hiliano played hard. JoJo Chalumeau and Joseph Jackson created confusion on defense. Abel Marrere-Lara and Henry Melkonian played even tougher defense and had some shots that they will shoot later this season. With a few more practices this team will get to work with their new players, and begin to work on the vaunted 76'ers defense, and that could mean real trouble for the rest of the league – sooner, rather than later.

#### Cowboys 37- Heat 30

Speaking of several secret sessions, Coach Jose just has to put three of his focused players on the court and the rest will fall into place. His open offense placing all players on the perimeter keeps fooling kids to forget to play the person cutting to the basket for four seasons now. Jose Zayas took control late with made foul shots and a few timely steals. The crowd fell in love with Quinn Martin, not the TV producer, who made one of everything, from one of everywhere, and he has handle to be the tallest kid on the court. Short staffed for the game Malachi Bodden and his buddy Kwest Deloney filled in well. Michael Pimentel played defense well. A. J. Grubbs played the role of strong arm enforcer, and even got some shots off too.

Coach Wright was missing his two best overall players, but his team fought the good fight. With just seven players ready to go Antonio Torres and Robert Gant gave up their offense to play full force defense all game long. Alex Wilkins and Freddy Johnson gave 100 percent effort in this hard fought game. Once down by large numbers late in the game, these kids came back to close the gap. Jovan Arroya and Kervens Charles played hard defense that helped lead to the smaller difference. A big 3-point shot by Sabastian McCuller really sparked the comeback, but a few late misses and some made foul shots hurt the chances of getting even on the score board. A few players were forced to play a new position this week, but once set into their roles, this team will be spoilers.

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# School Start Times *continued from page 1*

school students in the BPS receive yellow bus services," he said. "It's actually a significant portion of our high school student body that requires bus service, and takes up 20 percent of all students on buses in the BPS."

Hamlin said they currently have 600 buses making about 1,500 trips every morning, and that increasing the number of buses so that every student can get to school in the preferred 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. range would cost the district about \$100 million.

Regardless of the reasoning for the time changes, resident Sapna Padte said the lack of communication with parents combined with the inadequate room for the meeting itself was not a good sign to parents that BPS is on top of what parents face to get their children to school in the morning. She said that she feels

out for all of us. The 7:15 to 1:15 is a hit to us, but it is more of a hit you didn't take into account our ability to think on this."

*"With coaching, he'll now be home at 7:15 p.m., my son goes to bed at 6:30 p.m., he has a life expectancy of 15, do I really want my husband to never see my son?"*

**Resident Mary Jane Bernazzani**

Residents were also concerned with the apparent lack of common sense put into the process of figuring out the school start times, including parent Jill Maguire,

who said she has two children at the Haley School in Roslindale.

"My sixth grader is held to a standard of revising his work, proving a claim, and providing evidence and reasoning for his work," she said. "Where is your claim, evidence and reasoning that these changes are okay? The transfers you are about to see if this goes through, you will not be

so I can pick him up at 2:15 p.m., am I just not supposed to work?" she asked.

She said her husband also works as a BPS teacher and coach. She said if these new start and end times go into effect, he would not be able to see his son since he himself would be getting out later.

"With coaching, he'll now be home at 7:15 p.m., my son goes to bed at 6:30 p.m., he has a life expectancy of 15, do I really want my husband to never see my son?" she asked, visibly distraught.

Bernazzani then asked why the Boston Public Schools Special Education Parents Advisory Council was not consulted before these time changes, especially since her son's needs could not be met at any other school.

"We met with the Boston SPEDPAC before a School Committee meeting in November, but at that time we didn't know what the start times would be for specific schools," Hamlin said.

Doris Wu, a parent at the Irving School and the Bates School (at least 16 different schools were represented by parents at the meeting) said she feels the start time issue is actually a symptom of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's initiative to increase learning time by 40 minutes for all BPS schools.

"I love the BPS, however I think you guys are compounding the problem, you should take away the 40 minutes of extra learning time altogether," she said. "When I heard my son was going on the bus at 4:10 p.m., I was pissed... He's home by 4:45 p.m., I want him home by 4 p.m."

Resident Sherri Terrance, a parent of the JFK School, said she currently has a 5-year-old getting on the bus at 7:20 a.m., and she's not comfortable with her going any earlier, when it would be dark. She added that because of her work she has to pay for the after-school program at that school, and she's less than impressed with it.

"I had to fight last year because the after school program based in the school was horrific, the fees were out of the park. They changed it whenever they wanted to change, and I think the idea that we want students out of school before it's dark is great, but now they're getting to school in the dark," she said.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy, District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley, At-Large City Councilor Mike Flaherty, State Rep. Edward Coppinger and State Sen. Michael Rush all called for a moratorium on the plan to give residents and the district about a year to go through the process. At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu was in attendance for the meeting, but did not speak during the proceedings. She had said previously she would not vote for the BPS bud-



BPS Chief of Staff Rob Consalvo emceed the event along with BPS Chief of Operations John Hamlin.

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the BPS doesn't trust parents enough to make informed decisions on matters of school start times, which is why the district, in her opinion, didn't properly engage with residents in the surveys and community meetings leading up to the start time announcement, and she said she finds that lack of trust to be the most disturbing.

"Things like this turnout tonight, this happens because parents are engaged, but the Office of Engagement is the department that is paid to make this happen and that department's budget has been annihilated over the years, which is why you are scrambling to get these meetings done, and now you're behind the 8-ball," she said, also calling for a moratorium on the start times. "This type of feedback takes time and energy to listen to and absorb and digest; really, you're back-ending it and squeezing it in before school ends on Thursday. We know you're well-intentioned, I don't know anybody who gets into education who isn't well-intentioned, so take that time and opportunity to lay it

able to handle. Where is the care for our special needs students? They are the kids who need the most attention from you and you have paid them no regard whatsoever... You cannot solve this problem with a computer program."

Resident Mary Jane Bernazzani said one of her sons has severe special needs, and currently gets up at 5:45 a.m. every morning to catch the bus to the Henderson School in Dorchester because his morning routine is extensive. He needs a nurse to be on the premises at all times and a full-time paramedical staffer to be present with him at all times.

"If these changes go through, I'll be up at 4 a.m., and he'll be up at 4:45 so he can get everything accomplished to get him on the bus by 6:30 a.m., that's ridiculous," she said. "He needs one-to-one care, where is an after-school program for special needs?"

Bernazzani said she currently works part-time as a teacher in the BPS, after her full-time position became untenable.

"I get out early at lunch time



Residents confronted Boston Mayor Marty Walsh on Sunday before the meeting at the Washington and Grove Street Christmas Tree Lighting.

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# Call for artists announced for MLK and Coretta Scott King Memorial

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with the Boston Art Commission and MLK Boston, today released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an artist to create a memorial dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King in Boston.

"A memorial honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King will stand as a symbol of our commitment to fulfilling Dr. King's dream each and every day," said Mayor Walsh. "From their education in Boston, to Dr. King's time preaching at Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury, to his march to the Boston Common, the Kings' footprints left a remarkable impression on the City of Boston and its people. This memorial will be a great way to recognize their

influence on the City and to emphasize our continued effort to make Boston a place where all people have equal opportunities."

MLK Boston is a new non-profit organization partnering with the City of Boston to create a world-class memorial for Boston that highlights Coretta Scott King's and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s impact and connection to the City.

A key goal of the memorial is to serve as a call to action that compels the community to confront racial and economic inequality, discrimination, immigration and other relevant social justice issues.

"As someone who grew up in Boston, I was always aware of Dr. King's work and still look to his words for inspiration today," said entrepreneur and founder and co-chair of MLK Boston, Paul English.

"I am delighted to participate on a team from across the city to memorialize his work, and to think about what he would be working on if he were still with us."

MLK Boston is hosting a community meeting on Jan. 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Piemonte Room on the fifth floor of Boston City Hall, where the public will be invited to share their thoughts and ideas for the memorial.

The international RFQ is open to all artists, architects, landscape architects, or design teams with experience in public art, site responsive design, project management, and construction administration. Artists from the Boston area are encouraged to apply. The location of the memorial has not yet been determined.

The deadline to respond to the RFQ is

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 by midnight EST. The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee, and up to five artists will be invited to develop design proposals. Each of the five finalists will receive a \$5,000 stipend for developing design proposals.

"Using arts and culture as a vehicle for dialogue within city-wide conversations about race and class divisions in Boston was one of the goals identified in the Boston Creates cultural plan," said Julie Burros, Chief of Arts and Culture. "I can't think of a better way to advance this dialogue than to commemorate the person who serves as such an inspiration to so many of us as a champion of civil rights."

For more information on the project, visit the website here. [www.mlkboston.org](http://www.mlkboston.org)

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