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Special guests help celebrate the E-18 Kids Christmas Party



Much like Santa Claus, Mayor Marty Walsh braved the snow to pay a visit to the District E-18 Kids' Christmas Party at New Mission High School. In this photo, he's showing a page from "Twas the Night Before Christmas", which he later said he's been reading a lot of lately.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Saturday afternoon, during the first snowfall of the season, the sixth annual District E-18 Children's Christmas Party was held in gym of New Mission High School.

About 150 neighborhood kids turned up to see Santa Claus, sing Christmas carols, enjoy ice cream, collect gifts donated by Toys for Tots through the Police Athletic League (PAL) and, in gen-

eral terms, run around in the high childhood excitement of the season.

At one end of the basketball court, a large group of children was sitting on the floor in a crowded half circle around Santa Claus, as Officer Carol Morse called names from a list that she held in her hand.

Morse, standing next to Santa Claus, looks around and called out the name of Savannah Evans.

A little girl, with the help of her mom, confirms that it's her, raises her hand, and

picks her way through the crowd of kids to meet the Man in the Red Suit. She then collected her gift, handed to her by Morse, who received it from an elf, who received it from someone else tending to the gifts behind Santa's red backdrop.

"This is an awesome event for the kids," said Savannah's mom, Marsha. "They're so happy. Who doesn't love having a party with Santa Claus?"

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The Main Streets Explorer: ready to roll



Hyde Park Main Streets Program Coordinator Thien Simpson and Tour Conductor/Driver J.D. Moss fasten the Main Streets Express.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, Dec. 7, the Main Streets Explorer made its inaugural run, kicking off Thursday night pilot program that will continue on Dec. 14 and conclude on Dec. 21.

The shuttle, which is free of charge, connects Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury at their respective clock towers and takes an hour and a half to make its full circuit back to any given

stop.

The first departure of the day from the Hyde Park Clock Tower at River Street and Fairmount Avenue rolls out at 4 p.m., with the last arrival rolling in at that same location at 10 p.m.

In between those times, the Explorer winds its way through the main streets and back roads that link the three neighborhoods, pulling in at each destination long

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Historic change to the Boston City Council

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On Monday, the six women of the Boston City Council came together at the Suffolk University Theater for a conversation about the historic change in the council's makeup.

For the first time since the council was formed in 1909, six women of color are serving in the council. Before 2013, only 10 women had served in the council at all, and in 2009, At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley was the first woman of color to be elected to the body.

The six came together and discussed their views on the council, Boston politics and what it's like to work for the city for an audience of about 100 residents. They briefly touched on the historic moment, but they were all in agreement on one thing: it's time to get to work. "I think Megan Costello, the

Director of the Commission on Women's Advancement first coined the hashtag, which I use all the time, #WWGSD, Women Who Get Stuff Done," said At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George, with a slight pause at the word "stuff," which garnered a laugh from the audience. "I think we've demonstrated – first the two women in the council and then the four, and now the power of six – that women can get a lot of things done... We tend to skip the BS and get to work, and that's important. Not that men aren't that good at this, but I think we're especially talented because we don't have time to waste."

Newly-elected District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards said the council is now finally starting to look like the demographics of the city.

"It's so sad that we're sur-

Council

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Readville development main topic of HPNA meeting

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association gathered for its monthly meeting in the community room of the Area E-18 police station on Thursday evening, Dec. 7.

The meeting, which was attended by about 10 people, was moderated by HPNA Vice President Ralph Cotelleso. HPNA President Barbara Baxter was away.

The major topic of discussion during the half-hour session was an unofficial review

Readville

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The 36-70 Sprague St. development – and its recent IAG meeting – was a major topic of discussion at last week's Hyde Park Neighborhood Association meeting. In this photo, neighborhood Liaison Bryan Flynn (scally cap) addresses the group as Craig Martin (standing, plaid shirt) looks on and listens.

Photo By Matt MacDonald

Clare Avenue Neighborhood Watch discusses Arborway updates

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

The Clare Avenue Neighborhood Watch held their monthly meeting on Dec. 6 at 219 Huntington Ave.

The meeting opened with Boston Police Department District E-18 Officer Broderick reading the monthly police report for their area. There were two reports of breaking and entering, a report of a package being stolen from a home's front steps, zero auto thefts, zero robberies, and no drug incidents.

The hot topic for the meeting was updates on the Casey Arborway Project, which has been causing a lot of traffic and stress for commuters in Forest Hills over the past few years. Some people are hoping there will be a bridge built near Forest Hills Station, which will not happen, explained State Rep. Russell Holmes.

"Many people are still adamant that we rebuild the bridge, we are not going to build another bridge," stated Holmes. "No need to spend \$90 million on a bridge that will be knocked down in another 40 years."

By the end of this month, weather permitting, the street across from Forest

Hills Station will be shifted 40 feet.

"That is the final move that will happen with this construction. If we don't get snow between now and Dec. 31, that shift should be done by the end of the month," explained Holmes.

Landscaping the newly constructed roads (planting trees, bushes, flowers, etc. along the roads) will take another few months.

There are also plans to move the taxis at Forest Hills Station across the street, to prevent them from making U-turns when leaving the station.

The whole Casey Arborway project was initially estimated to cost \$74 million dollars, but now the cost is going to be closer to \$100 million, Holmes told the meeting. A new canopy will be built at Forest Hills Station, which will cost around \$11 million.

"Does this mean there will be an increase in bus fares?" Questioned one concerned community member.

Holmes replied that this will not impact the bus fares "in the near future."

Residents and advocates hope the new traffic pattern on the Arborway will help reduce congestion, as the area has been a minefield



State Rep. Russell Holmes spoke of the Casey Arborway Project at last week's Clare Avenue Neighborhood Watch meeting. He reiterated that another bridge will not be replacing the old one that was torn down near Forest Hills Station.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

for traffic, though Holmes pointed out it could have been worse.

"Most people thought the world was going to end with this Forest Hills project, but it didn't," Holmes joked. "It has taken a long time, but the process has been nowhere near as bad as I predicted."

The project replaced the Casey Overpass, a direct line of transit for cars going past Forest Hills in Jamaica Plain at the Jamaica Way. Residents were concerned that taking the bridge down and allowing traffic access

to Forest Hills would increase cut through traffic. The next Clare Avenue

Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place in March.



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Editorial

OPENING SALVOS

For many years, we have blamed various school leaders and mayors for the malaise of mediocrity Boston's schools are mired in.

Now, we have a new "bad guy" in the form of parents themselves.

When was the last time these "concerned" parents took to the streets to argue for more rigorous educational standards? Hard to recall, isn't it? Yet, propose earlier start times and the pitchforks come out like snow shovels

Yes, there are logistical challenges inherent in a plan by School Superintendent Tommy Chang and MIT to move back many elementary schools start times to as early as 7:15 a.m. next year, while giving high school kinds later start times.

As such, Chang has pledged to work with the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, the YMCA of Greater Boston, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and a number of other community-based organizations "to provide expanded before- and after-school care that will be custom-tailored to each individual school's needs" and "support parents and families impacted by the new start times."

"The district is committed to reinvesting a portion of the savings created by the new start and end times into expanding before- or after-school programming where needed," he wrote.

We may not be fully sold on all of the perceived benefits of the new schedules. Here is the reality, however. The City owes your children an education, not convenience. So, the new schedule complicates your work schedule? Well, what about those of us who do not have kids and yet inherited the responsibility of covering for your school-related comings and goings.

Reading through the many "tweets" on the plan, one uncovers self-serving attitudes. One commenter demanded specific answers from Mayor Marty Walsh ahead of the Patriots-Dolphins kick-off.

Yes, the plan seems ripe with logistical challenges. Most can be dealt with over time. Let's see the debate focus on why MIT offered BPS this particular recommendation and whether or not perceived merits ring true. The conversation must, however, be focused squarely on what is best for the kids, not what works best for parental schedules.

There are many reasonable debates that deserve an airing here. Let's move past the easy personal sniping that this conversation has engendered.

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Don't be upset over "upsot"

The Christmas carol favored by very young children in America is "Jingle Bells," notwithstanding that only a minute percent of them have ever travelled in a single-horse, uncovered sleigh.

Also, the carol contains a word that, taken out of context, few Americans would know its meaning.

Composed by James Perpont some 160 years ago, it was originally entitled "The One Horse Open Sleigh." It was supposed to have been first sung here in Boston. A few years later it was entitled "Jingle Bells." Later on, to accommodate children in church choirs, racy lyrics were removed.

It also has the status of being the first carol whose melody was played in outer space, this done by astronaut Wally Shirra. Just before Gemini 6 was scheduled to reenter the earth's atmosphere in December 1965, Shirra and his sidekick Thomas Stafford reported they had seen some sort of UFO with the latter's pilot wearing a red suit. It was then that ground control relaxed when hearing the strains of "Jingle Bells" being rendered on Shirra's harmonica.

From a grammatical view-



My Kind
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Joe Galeota

point the song is interesting. Commonly thought to be adjectival, thus modifying "sleigh," the word "jingle" is an imperative, both in the title and the verses. The sleigh driver is warned that the steed should have bells strapped to the harness to avoid collisions at blind intersections because in a snowstorm, moving sleighs made no noise as it passed over the snow. Nothing worse than being T-boned at an intersection, as I know from a recent vehicular version.

"Jingle Bells" is one of those

carols that do not refer to Christmas or Santa Claus. Played after Christmas, it has minimal appeal. The same can be said for Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow," and "Frosty the Snowman."

Back to "Jingle Bells." The word "upsot" is the past participle of "upset." Rarely used in English today, the word is used in the song only because its last syllable rhymes with "lot."

*A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side,
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank
And then we got upsot.*

In this sense the word means "overturned;" figuratively, it would mean "troubled."

But how many of us, if we were in a sleigh, be it a one-, two-, or three-horse sleigh, which flipped over even in soft snow, would jovially continue singing the rest of the carol? I doubt it. Upset about being upsot, we would want to see an orthopedic doctor right away.

Letters to the Editor

CLEAR UP THE FUZZY MATH

To the Editor:

As reported, the calculation for affordable housing units for the proposed development on the Willet Street Extension needs some clarification.

Twenty-nine units are proposed, and the City requires that 13 percent be affordable. The developer's representative from O'Neill and Associates stated that they plan two affordable units and a contribution to the city's off-site affordable housing construction fund.

Twenty-nine units times 13 percent actually equals 3.77 units of affordable housing, not two units and change. I believe that BPDA guidelines require a percentage this high on a development this large to be rounded up to four units.

That is a substantial difference that the developer should explain publicly and promptly. Affordable housing is widely acknowledged as one of the most important issues facing Boston and its

residents.

From the reporting, it sounds like the CAD Builders has done an adequate to good job planning and presenting this proposal. However, delivering on the full, legally-required affordable housing component and protecting the adjacent conservation land are crucial for this project to move ahead and be a neighbor in good standing in West Roxbury.

What Parkway residents have been very frustrated with over the past few years is the appearance of overly dense, poorly-designed, insider deals that flout zoning, affordable housing and conservation requirements despite overwhelming neighborhood opposition.

CAD Builders and O'Neill and Associates appear to have made a good start. Let's hope that they continue this effort with a prompt, clear and public explanation on this very important affordable housing calculation.

Tony LaCasse
Roslindale

LATINO COMMUNITY STANDS WITH TENANTS

To the Editor:

Thank you for your important coverage of the businesses and families facing displacement by City Realty in the JP/Rox area (in your article "City Life Supporting Evicted Businesses in Jamaica Plain," Nov. 30, 2017). It's really important that the truth of Boston's displacement crisis be told directly by the people it directly impacts, and your article helped give their voices a platform.

If City Realty Group successfully evicts El Embajador Dominican Restaurant and De Chain Auto Service at the end of the year, they would cause more than a dozen families a loss of income during the holiday season. We oppose these evictions, and we support these long-standing local businesses in staying where they are. Moreover, why would City Realty Group need to empty these storefronts, causing mass layoffs, right now? City Realty Group appears to have no plans to do anything with the property for at least many months. We don't need vacant storefronts and jobless families; we need a stable community with roots.

Local Latino business own-

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Parents unhappy with new start times



While high schoolers are looking at later start times, the new schedule is putting some of that burden on elementary school students.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Public School District announced last Wednesday on Dec. 6 that they would be creating a new schedule with the aim of creating later start times for high school students.

The issue, however, is that many elementary schools now start and release very early. About nine elementary schools now have their release times set at 1:15 p.m. Residents were not happy with this dramatic change. Boston resident Jane Miller started a petition that, at the time of publication, has 6,841 signatures to get the district to put a halt

to the new start times, which are set to begin in the 2018-19 school year. The petition can be found at <https://goo.gl/U252uZ>. Parents have stated they will go to the next school committee meeting to protest the new bell times.

BPS Superintendent Thomas Chang issued a statement on Tuesday addressing these concerns. Among other things, he said they would be working with local community groups to facilitate afterschool programming for children at the affected locations with such early release times.

“We are working with the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, the YMCA of Greater Boston,

the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and a number of community-based organizations to provide expanded before- and after-school care that will be custom-tailored to each individual school’s needs” he said in a statement. “This additional programming will be designed to support parents and families impacted by the new start times. The district is committed to reinvesting a portion of the savings created by the new start and end times into expanding before- or after-school programming where needed.”

Chang also released a schedule of community meetings regarding the start times, which can be found at bostonpublicschools.org/starttimes/meetings.

That solution may not work for every family. Chang’s statement did not say whether the costs of the after-school programming would be reduced for parents. West Roxbury resident Katherine Finucci said she recently stepped down from a high-paying job in the city to work closer to home with her family. She said she now works part-time hours at a significant reduction to her old salary, and her employment agreement set

in stone the hours she would be working. She originally negotiated to have those hours conform with the start and release time of the current year. For her children’s school, the Patrick Lyndon Elementary School, the hours currently are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Lyndon is now facing that 1:15 release time, and she said after school programming could cost her her job.

“It’s a push,” she said. “My employer wants me to maintain my current schedule despite the school hour change, so because of that I would have to send them to after-school care in order to work to my 3:30 p.m. hours... The cost of two kids in after-school care in effect equals my salary, so it makes no sense to enroll them in after-school. I might as well stay home and not work at all.”

Finucci said while she would find a way to make this work, she’s not all that pleased with the prospect of leaving the workforce. Finucci also pointed out that her son, who is 3 years old, would not be eligible for the after-school program as it is set up now, because it’s only available to children ages 5 and up (currently at the date of publication, this may also change).

Finucci also pointed out that the earlier release time means earlier pick up times. She said her daughter takes the yellow school bus for a 9:15 a.m. bell, meaning students in their seats in home room. The bus comes in at 8:45 a.m. The new time means the bell starts at 7:15, which means her bus is arriving at 7 a.m.

“That means her bus will potentially come in at 6:30 a.m. next year, and the thought of her standing out at the bus stop at this time of year when it’s pitch black at 6:30 a.m., I mean with my son I’m going to have a four-year-old at the bus stop a quarter mile from our house in pitch black waiting for the bus,” she said.

Resident Ronak Shah said he’s facing similar problems, as both he and his wife work and are looking at a family decision for one of them to leave the workforce. Shah said he actually works in a similar field at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as those who worked on the school scheduling algorithm. He said the algorithm was based around buses and transportation costs, which he said is fine, but the tolerance of change – the

Late Start

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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 Dec. 27 will be A Streetcar Named De-

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The Friends of the Brighton Branch Library and the Brighton Allston Histori-

cal Society invite you to this unique literary event. Monday, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.

HYDE PARK

PLAY AND LEARN BLOCK PARTY

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, 10 a.m. – noon. Come play, build, and learn together at a block party – library style. Playing with blocks provides opportunities to learn about math and science, pre-reading skills, social skills, and motor skills. Various building blocks will be available including wood blocks, magnetic blocks, KAPLA blocks, soft blocks, and baby blocks. No registration is required. Located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Boston Public Library 35 Harvard Ave., Hyde Park.

SEVENTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PUB CRAWL

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Hyde Park residents participate in City Year experience



Hyde Park residents Carla Acosta (left) and Bianca Diaz (right) pose in front of the City Year insignia. They are both in the middle of a year of public service with City Year AmeriCorps. They are both serving in the Boston Public Schools.

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

During this academic year, three Hyde Park residents – Carla Acosta, Bianca Diaz, and Samantha Michel – are serving as City Year Boston AmeriCorps members.

Working in close collaboration with the Boston Public Schools, City Year AmeriCorps maintains a significant presence in the school system, with 265 AmeriCorps members serving in 21 schools during the last academic year, and 289 members serving in 23 schools during this one.

The basic role of these City Year AmeriCorps members is to serve as tutors, mentors, and role models for students who have been determined by their teachers to be good candidates for this kind of support.

Now – approaching the traditional Holiday midway point of the school year – Acosta and Diaz found some time, during a recent day at City Year Headquarters (287 Columbus Ave.), to touch on some of their impressions so far.

Growing up in the city, they both also have a longstanding awareness and familiarity with the program.

Acosta, thinking back to her days as a BPS student, shared some of her impressions of the City Year members assigned to the schools that she attended from kindergarten until high school.

“We were aware that they were not like the teachers in the classroom. They were pretty much following the students, kind of like a support system... so a lot of kids became closer with City Year and

had the teachers for the learning.”

As a senior at Bridgewater State, Acosta was re-introduced to the program at a job fair and – seeing it as a way to positively build on her four years of college – applied and was accepted.

Diaz’s experience with City Year was a little different, with her involvement with it more community centered (it hadn’t fully changed its focus yet) than school based.

“I consider myself a City Year kid, not that I went to any schools that were officially affiliated with City Year. However, everything I did in terms of community involvement, community service, community outings with my parents, was always geared by City Year growing up.”

That experience was a highly positive one for Diaz.

“Throughout my life, I was like, I know City Year will be there for me when I need it or when I think I want to join.”

On schedule to graduate early from the University of Bridgeport and unsure of what she wanted to do next, Diaz reached out and – finding out about its emphasis on the schools – drew a conclusion.

“I was like, this is where I need to be in my life, and this is where I feel most aligned with.”

The experience has had its share of challenges for both of them: the typical post-college issues of adjusting to a more regimented lifestyle... and the more specialized ones associated with the line of work they’re now a part of.

Acosta – having spent some time thinking it over – speaks

slowly as she articulates the biggest shock of her new position at the Chittick Elementary, where she’s working with fourth graders:

“Mine would be the amount of emotional and mental concentration and devotion you have to put into the job and put into going in to the school every day, and then facing new obstacles in the ways of teaching the students.” She went on to add, “You really have to find your reason why you come each day and serve in the schools that you serve in.”

Diaz – working with tenth graders in English and History at Boston English – focused on something different, not necessarily shocking but eye opening: the lack of belief that students have in themselves.

Comparing her enthusiasm as a student with the lack of enthusiasm that she sees now in hers led her to a big question:

“What is this root thing within our education system that students are not happy at schools?”

Diaz nods in agreement as Acosta describes her own evolving City Year experience.

“It’s not so much, ‘Well, I’m here to fill up the gap year.’ It’s more to build my experience, build upon what I’ve been learning in school, and making sure that I’m leaving here giving back to the communities that I’ve served in, in communities that look like me because I feel like it’s my own responsibility to make sure that the students that look like me... have some sort of representation that can exceed past the environment... that they’re accustomed to.”

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

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Savannah runs over with her gift and in the emotional roller coaster that Christmas is, shifts from nearly out of control excitement to near tearful desperation when she has to wait a few seconds for permission to open it. Permission granted, she rips it open to find a Fairy Crown box to go with one she already has.

Evans’ son, Daniel, rushed over after his sister with a new Monopoly game.

Nearby, Madeline Porras is scanning the area, trying to keep track of her son, daughter, and two nephews, who are all moving in different directions.

“I think that this is a great thing that the Police Department does in the community,” Porras said. “My nephews, my son, they look up to cops. They say they want to be cops when they grow up so whenever they see one, it’s a great thing.”

After the kids gather in a circle, play pass-the-ball, and sing some Christmas carols, Santa Claus makes his exit, and another big name guest arrives to take a seat in the big chair.

Mayor Marty Walsh arrives toward the end of the party to read “’Twas the Night before Christmas” and, afterwards, quizzes his audience on the story, starting with the reindeer.

He points and asks questions with a staccato delivery, keeping things moving, like an auctioneer.

After receiving a cookie and a huge Christmas card signed by the kids, he has his picture taken with as many of them as come up to him with their parents.

Afterwards, Walsh talked a little about his experiences making visits like these during the Holidays.

“I try to hit as many of these as I can during the season,” he said. “People like to see the Mayor out here, and elected officials.”

A small boy walks up to Walsh, aggressively holding a badge hanging from a chain around his neck.

Walsh throws up his hands and recoils in mock horror, “Oh my God! You’re a police officer!”

They high-five and the little boy moves on.

“You know, I like to come out,” Walsh said. “It’s important. And, the kids, you know, it’s so funny. I see so many of them during the course of the year. They get excited.”

Officer Morse stands at the edge of the basketball court with Captain Joseph Gillespie. Both were instrumental in making this party happen.

“Everything worked out great,” she said. “You always worry that you’re not going to have enough kids.”

Captain Gillespie’s concern was focused more on getting the word out to the right people, which was done through flyers at the local schools and through word of mouth.

“You don’t want any kid not to have a present on Christmas,” he said.

Asked about the greatest reward, Morse looks around at what’s going on around her: a little boy spins a hula hoop, a tiny girl in a frilly dress pushes a toy shopping cart along (and tips it over), and exhausted parents stand nearby and sit in the stands. Her response is quick, good natured, and to the point.

“This,” she said.

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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.

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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 9th 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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Deaths

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maica Plain. Burial private. For guest book www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

MAHER
James E. "Jim" Died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Dec. 6, 2017. Son of the late John & Gertrude Maher. Devoted husband to Marie (Conley) for over 59 years. Loving father to Thomas and Jean both of Hyde Park and James of Wrentham. Proud, loving 'Papa' to Alyssa Maher of Quincy. Brother of Francis N. of Quincy and the late John, Phyllis Rielly Shehan and Barbara McGilacuddy. U.S. Army Veteran, Korea. Member of the

American Legion Post in Dedham for over 50 years. Former Chief of Security at Milton Academy, Milton. Second graduating class at Stonehill College, Easton and graduate of Boston College. Visiting Hours will be held at the Laughlin, Nichols & Pennacchio Funeral Home, 34 Oak St. (Cor. Oak & Maple St. - Cleary Sq.) HYDE PARK on Friday from 4 - 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. Interment with United States Army Military Honors will follow at Milton Cemetery. Relatives & Friends invited to attend. (Doorman, Parking). Laughlin, Nichols & Pennacchio

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, Mass. 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
Our next Mil-Par Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18 and will be a 50/50 meeting. If you haven't bought your tickets for the Christmas Party scheduled for December 10th, please call Peggy Lydon or Josie Pero. We will not have another meeting before the party and you don't want to miss this event.

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. Bingo is played after all meetings if you are interested.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
December 6, 2017
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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of the recent Impact Advisory Group (IAG) Meeting held on Nov. 27 regarding the 36-70 Sprague St. development.

This review, presented by Craig Martin (who also had a Letter to the Editor on the subject appear in that day's edition of the Bulletin), touched on some of his letter's complaints – particularly regarding the Boston Planning and Development Agency's concept of mitigation – while going further into some other ideas that were introduced at the meeting, and his own hopes for what the IAG could achieve.

Martin brought up, as an example, the potential effect the addition of 521 new residential units could have on the formula for admittance to the Roosevelt School, and the possible consequences of families leaving the neighborhood for the suburbs should their children not make the cut.

Martin related an exchange between him and Lance Campbell, Project Manager for the development.

"I want someone to come to one of these BRA meetings, somebody from the School Committee, to explain it, and the Project Manager's saying, 'Why don't you just email me that question, I'll get you the answer.' It's not only me that has the question... Why don't you bring a School Committee member to explain it to everybody?" Martin said.

Neighborhood Liaison Bryan Flynn, rather than going into a detailed response to Martin's questions and complaints, gave a general overview of the IAG process as it relates to the community at large.

"The IAG meeting is definitely welcome to the public, absolutely, but they're (the BPDA) supposed to do that and then they do a separate public meeting for the community," Flynn said.

Flynn also took it upon himself to make sure to give notification of the community meeting scheduled at this time for early January 2018. He also explained to Martin and everyone else that the community involvement continues through the entire process, rather than just at its conclusion.

Martin, however, returned to his earlier point of providing expert information to the IAG.

"My thing is, let's get all of the information before

that (community) meeting so that we have a knowledgeable citizenship that can ask the right questions," he said.

"I do agree that it should be collective, in terms of everybody asking the questions, but I feel that that meeting in early January is, if you have any questions, to definitely ask them then," Flynn responded.

He went to state that in the meantime, Project Manager Campbell was good about getting back to residents who contacted him with questions. This met with some pushback from Martin, which met with this response from Flynn.

"I'll see if I can have a conversation with the Project Manager," Flynn said.

In other business, there was some brief discussion regarding the meeting regarding Most Precious Blood's future, which was originally mentioned by a resident at the Fairmount Hill Neighborhood Watch meeting on Nov. 29 and subsequently reported in the Dec. 7 edition of the Bulletin.

In traffic business, concerns were presented to the Boston Police, of whom Capt. Joseph Gillespie, Sgt. Daniel MacDonald, and Officer Paul Broderick were present.

Cotelleso brought up the frequency of illegal right turns being made, in his observation, from Business Street onto River Street.

"It's not bad if there are no cars coming, but I don't know how many times I've been cut off by somebody who comes out on me," Cotelleso said. "What can be done to monitor it in the morning or evening?"

"We try to have officers out there," Sgt. MacDonald responded. "They don't get out there every day. We try to get them out there at least a couple of times a week, just so people know."

Officer Broderick delivered the police report for November.

The more major crimes reported included the Nov. 7 armed robbery of the B & E Convenience Store at 59 Fairmount Ave., in which approximately \$8,500 was taken from the safe.

Also, an investigation by the Drug Control Unit led to a warranted search of 8 Elm St. on Nov. 17 that seized a large amount of marijuana, cash, and other drug paraphernalia. The suspect was charged with possession

with the intent to distribute Class D marijuana.

Among the more unusual incidents that were reported was the Nov. 21 incident of a driver passing an Eversource crew and splashing them with an unknown liquid thrown from the vehicle. Based on the description given by the detail officer, the car was stopped near Wolcott Square.

According to Broderick, "the woman stated that she was anointing the people" with what turned out to be cranberry juice. Complaints will be sought against the woman for assault and battery.

Despite the relatively busy month, Capt. Gillespie had this to say about the local crime rate in response to a resident's question.

"It's still down 2 percent in Hyde Park," he said. "It has climbed a little bit in the city overall, but we're still down around here."

The next HPNA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

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prised by that, but then for the City Council to actually look like the city, I think that's what's great about 2017," she said.

Edwards said the main benefit, in her eyes at least, is the fact that she will neither be the only woman nor the only woman of color in her new job. She said she has worked through that kind of environment before, and she felt that the situation gave her a feeling out being an outsider.

"The difference I would feel immediately is that there are councilors who I can turn to immediately," she said. "Not that I wouldn't turn to my brothers on the City Council as well, but oftentimes you can be the only one – whether you're a woman or a person of color – in the room and here it feels so wonderful to know that that's something I'm not going to feel walking into most of the rooms... Here I'm just a voice, a brain, thoughts can come out of my mouth."

Newly-elected District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey agreed with Edwards, but added that women have always held positions of leadership throughout the city's life, but they may not have gotten the recognition they deserved. But the recognition does something else, it shows young girls and women that they can overcome whatever adversity faces them and become a leader, something she said she felt was not represented before.

"We just don't always see it," she said. "To see two sitting councilors here who have infants, that makes it possible for other women to say 'Yes, I can do this.'"

Janey added that they are now coalescing women as a voter bloc, both in the city and across the country, to make

women a political force.

"The movement before was just to vote, and now we see the movement is to run," she said. "That's so important, we've seen a lot of movement."

District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell will now be moving into the position of president at the City Council, and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu was asked during the night how she felt about the position. She said the idea of leadership when she was growing up was foreign to her, as it wasn't represented in the culture.

"I know when I was growing up I really never thought of myself as someone who could be a leader one day, because in my head it was the image of a tall man, standing in front of a room with a loud voice yelling at everyone and that wasn't me at any point," she said. "We are now hopefully making it possible for other people to imagine themselves to be in these seats... On the City council, people talk about government as this big complex bureaucracy, that it can be hard to change things and get things done, but it's really just about persistence... There's been no issue where either policy-wise or program-wise or personally between councilors we haven't been able to make some progress."

Campbell said she wants to follow much of Wu's current agenda, but that she wants to add components of equity in the mix. She said the first thing she wants to tackle in the council is the lack of technology.

"We do a lot of constituent work with Google Sheets, I can't believe we don't have a platform to do our work in



District 4 City Councilor
Andrea Campbell



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Lydia Edwards



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Ayanna Pressley

an efficient way, so that's my number one goal right now," she said. "As a district councilor, we're serving 70,000 constituents, and the fact that we have to use file cabinets and Google Sheets is ridiculous."

The panel was asked whether they felt the historic election of six women to the council was in fact a backlash from the election of U.S. President Donald Trump. Pressley said there will always be a national lens on local politics, but she still didn't like the fact that some of the media treats each of their elections like they're all "unicorns," as it undermines the work they put in and the voice of the electorate.

"I find those assertions offensive," she said. "When I ran for the Boston City Council for the first time in 2009,

I was the only woman running out of 15 candidates, and I think about five or six were people of color. People were saying then we were the beneficiaries of the post-Obama, post-racial wave... It's really about women who worked hard to earn the confidence and the votes of the electorate, and I think every single woman here put that on display."

Pressley said the shift in the voters is what got them to where they were today, but added they still have a lot of work to do to shift the needle further.

"Why are we here? It's not a big secret or surprise, we're here because we worked hard

and we're damn good, and we're no fluke and we're here to stay," she said to applause and cheers. "I have to give it up to the electorate, this is a shift being ushered in by them and we are all manifestations of that mandate... What was happening in my first run was there was a lot of analyses, 'can an African-American woman represent the city?' There was a lot of coded language, like 'will traditional voters turn out for Ayanna Pressley? We are not to be marginalized or stereotyped or pigeonholed, hopefully my election proved that the sky didn't fall in... We've all broken these double glass ceilings."

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Ask The Doctor

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From the Doctor: I personally have swapped out many vehicles (including Corvettes) with non-run-flat tires. I can tell you that the ride will be much softer, smoother and quieter. I recommend the change and when you select the tire you should buy a non-aggressive tread pattern tire. You do not need a performance rated tire unless you take the car to a track on a regular basis. You will think you are in a brand new Corvette within the first 1/2 mile of driving.

To the Doctor: What is the life expectancy of tire pressure monitors? I own a 2008 Ford Mustang and the TPM light is always on. The dealer and a tire shop said the batteries in the tires are bad and the cost of factory replacements will be just under \$500 installed. A friend said I can buy new TPMs on the internet for half the price of the dealer monitors. Do I have any other options?

From the Doctor: The life expectancy of tire pressure monitors (TPMs) are 5-8 years, depending on the driving conditions and temperatures. TPMs go to sleep when the car is parked and wake up when the car starts to move at 20-30 MPH and higher. The monitor sends a signal to the module in the car, which gives you the reading on the dash. The aftermarket monitors are less money but they sometimes need their own brand scan tool to program them to the vehicle. I have also found that some aftermarket TPMs have poor quality batteries that fail after two years. (The size of the TPM battery is the same as your watch or remote key fob.) The factory TPM prices have been lowered over the last year because of lost sales to the aftermarket brands. I like using the factory TPM units because they do work well.

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 and we will do our best to get your questions answered.



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Late Start

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maximum allowable change in start times – was handled poorly by the administration.

Shah said schools could face a schedule difference of two hours, as was the case for many of those nine schools facing 1:15 release times. He said the tolerance function should have been closer to an hour, and he said he understood there would be cost implications.

“Their outreach should have been an understanding of what everyone is willing to live with and treat us like adults and say this is the cost,” he said.

Shah said the apparent failure of this algorithm (or rather those who administrated the algorithm’s parameters) could create a lack of trust in the technology.

“It’s a generational loss to me, and I’m concerned that people will be skeptical of a technology that fails so robustly because the public policy implementations were so poor,” he said. “From what I read I found it a reasonable methodology to what they did, but I think they should have released an open source review of the method. They need to put a moratorium on the changes and spend a year letting people get used to it at the very least.”

Resident Geoff Morse said his family is also facing serious decisions because of the new bell times. He said they were able to get their children in a school close to home with good start times and managed to carve a schedule around those hours.

“We could drop our son off at 7:15 a.m. and pick him up from after care at 5:30 p.m., leaving him with BPS for over ten hours and costing us more for aftercare, or we could enter into the BPS lottery again and hope to get a different school with more suitable start times with no guarantee we’ll get any of our choices and none of these schools will be walking distance,” he said. “Or we could sell our house and move out of the city. Uproot our son from the community he’s become a part of and start over somewhere else.”

Resident Pamela Foster said she’s glad more teenagers would be able to sleep later for the new school start times, but said some research of her own from the National Sleep Foundation found issues.

“In the brief half hour of research, I learned that school age children – those between the ages of 6 and 13 – should be getting between nine and 11 hours of sleep each night; also, ‘insufficient sleep can impede learning, memory and educational achievement, as well as other health behaviors, including physical activity and dietary intake.’ For teenagers – those between the ages of 14 and 17 – the sleep range varies only slightly to eight to 10 hours of sleep each night, which interestingly enough, overlaps that of school age children by two hours” she said. “I feel it’s important to point out, too, that we both strongly support later start times for high school students, as the research clearly shows that teens function much better when they get more sleep. However, we feel that studies like this should be considered for students of all ages, not just high schoolers, when proposing start/end time shifts.”

For sports, BPS representative Daniel O’Brien said the later times for high school students will have a “minimum impact on athletics next year.”

For the full list of school bell times as they were originally presented, go to bostonpublicschools.org/Page/7017

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enough to give people an opportunity to discover it and possibly climb aboard before leaving for its next stop on either the hour or half-hour.

A collaboration between the three neighborhoods’ Main Streets programs and the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, the pilot is designed to give residents of Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury the opportunity to more easily visit and explore each other’s locales and businesses.

Leaving Logan Square at just after 4 p.m. Max Stearns, Program Director from the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, sits and chats pleasantly with the three passengers who, having been made aware of the explorer at a neighborhood meeting, have chosen to ride.

The three friends’ tentative plan is to hop off in Roslindale and do some shopping, hop back on when the bus returns an hour and a half later and continue to West Roxbury for dinner, and then, an hour and a half after that, make the final leg back home.

One of the passengers, Cheryl, explains the appeal as the Explorer approaches the Clock Tower at Birch Street and Belgrade Avenue.

“It seemed festive and with the stores and restaurants that were participating, it just seemed like a fun idea to get me in the Christmas spirit,” she said.

Birch Street is, indeed, just that: festive – lit up and decorated for its Christmas Market as people awkwardly carry large, angular packages towards the Birch Street Bistro, shops, and parked cars, and three seemingly impromptu carolers standing near the clock sustain a three part harmony.

At 4:30 p.m. the Explorer is on its way to the Clock Tower (and Christmas Tree) at Centre Street and Hastings.

Stearns is explaining what brought this pilot program about, describing his office’s research in “third spaces:” the areas encountered by city dwellers between work and home critical to their experiences.

“Boston, as a city of neighborhoods, has tons of amazing hubs all over, and this project was thinking about how might we connect some folks some more, how might we make it easier for residents in one neighborhood to go and explore a new one,” Stearns said. “Our Main Streets are a major priority for the Mayor. I think he sees them as hubs of the city’s economy”

Danielle Joseph, Executive Director of West Roxbury Main Streets, greets the shuttle from behind a folding table set up on the sidewalk. She’s holding her infant daughter, Laila, and offers cookies from Sugar Bakery.

In describing Main Streets’ motivation to participate in the pilot, Joseph

talks about the different activities going on in West Roxbury on Thursday night and her desire to get people out doing things.

“It’s just something that’s been in the works for a few years, and Max finally made it happen, and we’re really happy to be working together on it,” she said. “We just wanted a chance to highlight our district in a different way.”


On the 8:30 p.m. bus out of Hyde Park, the last of the night, Stearns gives an update. Although there weren’t too many riders, he relates different passengers’ statements with enthusiasm.


“We would never have seen any of this (part of the city) if we didn’t happen to get on,” Stearns said.


Adding to these statements, Stearns added that they get at the whole idea of exploration and the whole idea of the program. He summed up his take on the day, the Main Streets Explorer, and its future.

“I’m optimistic,” he said.

For information on the Main Streets Explorer, contact www.boston.gov/explore or call 617-308-9470.







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REASON FOR CHEER

While we may look forward to the holidays, many of us find gatherings of friends and family to be quite stressful. Seniors, in particular, might find that the holiday season brings an unwelcome reminder of those who are no longer present to share in the joy of playing the proud parent and grandparent. Others may wistfully recall past traditions that no longer take place. Whatever the mindset of the family elders, friends and relatives should pay particular attention to their emotional needs. Engaging in conversation that evokes the memory of days past may not only prove to be therapeutic for the older storyteller, but it may also help provide younger family members with a unique glimpse of their family heritage.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE **DOCKET No.SU12P1366EA**

Estate of: Philip E. Shakir **Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300**

Date of Death: 05/16/2012

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:
Robert Roth of West Roxbury, MA
requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/28/2017.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 16, 2017
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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*West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin,
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No.SU17P2528EA**

Estate of: Janice A. Reardon **Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300**

Date of Death: 10/04/2017

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by
Michael W. Reardon of Needham Heights, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Michael W. Reardon of Needham Heights, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 28, 2017
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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ers and families are beautifully and courageously speaking up for their place in the community; they should be lauded for that, not punished.

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*Alex Ponte-Capellan
JP/Rox Community Organizer*

ORDINANCE ADDS NOTHING OF VALUE

To the Editor:

Leave it to Boston's City Council, the same one that passes resolutions honoring the Chinese Communist Revolution, to unanimously pass an or-

dinance on plastic bags that will do absolutely nothing to address the non-issue of climate change, but will raise the grocery bill of every Bostonian, many of who have limited incomes or are on fixed incomes (City Council says yes to plastic bag ordinance Dec. 7, Bulletin). This ordinance is yet another example of the implementation of Agenda 21-rebranded Agenda 2030. And the Council's unanimous vote is evidence that the Green Mafia has enormous influence in our city.

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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No.SU17P1105EA**

Estate of: Marguerite Frances Marshall **Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA. 02114
617-788-8300**

Date of Death: January 20, 2017

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Personal Representative has been filed by:
Judith A Douglas of Kokomo, IN
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Judith A Douglas of Kokomo, IN
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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