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Thousands flocked to the Boston Common and Copley Plaza on New Year's Eve to celebrate the new year and try to keep dry while doing so. The soaking rain didn't seem to dampen spirits throughout the night.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Thousands ring in Boston New Year's

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Despite the rain on Dec. 31, thousands came out to Copley Square and the Boston Common to kick off 2023.

The day started with live entertainment all afternoon at Copley Square and a kick-off parade commenced at the urging of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.

"It's so nice to see everyone and I am so grateful for all the hard work that everyone has put in to making this a wonderful year and an even more wonderful year in 2023," she said. "This has been an amazing year and we've been able to bring back a lot of the pieces for this event that we haven't had in previous years due to the pandemic. The rain is not going to stop us; it just makes the lights shine even more. My job here is to say thank you for everything Boston, this is an amazing moment for our city and we have so much in front of us."

The night was emceed by NBC 10's Colton Bradford and Tevin Wooten.

"A year that's full of optimism and hope, it is on the way, I got a good feeling about it," Bradford said.

"I want to give a special shout out to all of you enduring the rainy conditions we have today, but Colton, we know it could have been a lot worse right?" Wooten said.

"We have kicked off the New Year in rain, in snow, in freezing tempera-

tures and there is nothing that can stop Boston from having a good night tonight," Colton said.

Resident and Boston Skating Club member Kristen Ervick said they had to move up the time of the skating show at the Boston Frog Pond before the ice could melt, but she said it was a good performance nonetheless.

"Once I had to skate in a show, I think it was New Year's as well, when right at the end it turned to rain, but this was like pouring the whole time," she said. "It was definitely better than I thought it would be and it was actually kind of fun. It was a little like, 'Okay, maybe I'm not going to do that jump,' or 'Maybe I'm going to go a little easier.' The hardest thing was the rain in my eyes."

Ervick said many who may never have skated as a child might be intimidated by the sport. She said she herself was a bit at first.

"I'm an adult skater and I started as an adult skater, and they picked me to do the adult skating exhibition," she said. "It's never too late to start. I was nervous, and once the rain started I thought, 'Whatever, just have fun.' And I did!"

Residents Philip and Denise George have come out to the event every year since their kids were of age.

"Even with a little bit of rain and watching the fireworks and the fire coming down on your heads, it was fantastic," Philip said. "We did also come out to see the ice sculptures, but

we couldn't find them."

The ice sculptures were out earlier in the day, but the freakishly warm 50 and 60 degree weather made short work of them.

"I didn't think they even bothered," Philip said with a laugh after hearing the news. "We were just talking about a few years ago where it was just freezing. It was definitely a different experience."

"But it's been a fantastic time," Denise said.

Resident Larry Manning said he came out with his friend Lemon to see what Boston had to offer on the warm night.

"We've been many times, and we're Bostonians and we thought it was something we should do," he said. "We're not sure if we're going to make it to the midnight fireworks. We think we're going to go back to Copley to see the bands."

Residents Bruce Short and Nancy Sullivan hadn't been to the celebration before, coming from Derry, New Hampshire.

"I thought the fireworks were definitely very good," Short said.

"We're definitely staying for the next show at midnight," Sullivan said.

Visitors Rainer and Kei said they haven't been to the fireworks before and were really impressed.

"I'd give it an A-, and the minus is just for the rain," Rainer said with a laugh. "It's kind of nice they have the early fireworks as well as the midnight fireworks."

Council pushes back on BPS Green New Deal

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council recently held a hearing on the proposed Boston Public School District (BPS) plan to consolidate six schools in the district, under what the city's administration has touted as the BPS Green New Deal.

The BPS Green New Deal was launched in May as an initiative to upgrade and modernize school buildings with a new focus on energy efficiency and upgrading facilities to modern standards. At the time, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced a \$2 billion plan for the school system to be upgraded or renovated in the next 10 years.

But now, parents and advocates – along with members of the Boston City Council – are calling out the plan, as it currently seeks to consolidate six schools rather than renovate or upgrade existing schools. The schools on the block are the Sumner and the Philbrick in Roslindale, the Clap and Russell in Dorchester, and the Shaw in Dorchester and the Taylor in Mattapan.

BPS advocate and member of the BuildBPS and BPS Green New Deal Coalitions Megan Wolf said that the Green New Deal is basically just a redress of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's proposed BuildBPS plan from almost a decade earlier.

She pointed to a 2014 report commissioned by the Walsh Administration and put together by McKenzie Associates. Wolf said the report detailed McKenzie's recommendations to not only close 40 schools but also not to use the word "closure" in any releases to the public. The report itself was only made public, Wolf said, because of repeated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the BPS from school advocates. She said despite the pledged \$1 billion in promised investments in BPS facilities, nothing really came of the 10-year plan.

"BuildBPS never produced a long-range facilities and educational plan, there was no timeline, no promised equity analysis, no impact analysis and even to this day, no financial reckoning of that \$1 billion," she said. "And, most importantly, there were no new buildings out of that plan, though a number of schools did close. So this is how we enter this round of facilities planning, mergers and the Green New Deal. This is the history that makes many of us skeptical, and makes many of us ask, is the Green New Deal nothing more than a rebranding of the long-term efforts to close schools?"

Wolf added that she is not inherently opposed to school closures, but said she doesn't think it should be the first resort.

Boston Education Justice Alliance Executive Director Ruby Reyes said BPS has

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JP Development in 2022 focuses on Washington Street

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

New housing on bustling Washington Street dominated the year 2022.

Mark Erlich of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and a Jamaica Plain resident, summed it up at the Nov. 2 ZBA meeting when he said, "There's an incredible expansion of multi-family housing on Washington Street."

Of the new housing in 2022, all but two had one thing in common: neighborhood opposition; the other two required no zoning variances so were spared the neighborhood process.

Here are some of the highlights.

The 3353 Washington St. residences, which began its process in April 2016, as reported by The Bulletin, are now well under construction with a steel first story and five wood-framed upper stories built.

The 44-unit building is being built by new owner Patrick Mahoney, who bought the fully-permitted project for \$5 million from Boston Community Ventures in January 2022.

The project was contentious with little neighborhood support and the subject of an unsuccessful abutters lawsuit.

Developed by City Realty and designed by EMBARC, the

\$7.8 million, four-story, 23-unit brick-veneer building is almost completed with the ground-floor commercial space nearly done.

City Realty bought the site with a pre Civil War-era, end-wall farm house on it in 2016 and while going through the neighborhood-BPDA and zoning process, decorated the abandoned house with bright portrait cartoon murals by Michael Baldini and Loey Lyfter.

Nicknamed "the graffiti house," it was razed in October 2020.

The world is quieter for Antonio Ferrera, who is building a two-and-a-half-story, twin gabled, wood-frame house with three condominiums at 194 Green St.

Ferrera razed a gabled, two-family pre-Civil War era house in September 2022 that the Boston Landmarks Commission deemed it was not significant enough to stop in its demolition delay process.

Designed by Stephen Souza of Souza Design, the long end of 194 Green St. has two distinctive, wide gables that face Greenley Place.

According to Ferrara, marketing of the three condominiums should start in six months.

The Pine Street Inn/Community Builders supportive and affordable housing development at 3368 Washington St. got underway on Dec. 13, 2021

after the developers received a \$3.8-million construction permit.

Excavation for the foundation began in May 2022. Two six-story elevator shafts are in place and steel framing is now well underway. RODE is the architect. In many ways the 202-unit building is a confrontation of the struggle in Boston to resolve homelessness.

Building on its own property (purchased in 1997), and with an experienced affordable housing partner in TCB, Pine Street will own and manage the largest supportive housing development for formerly homeless in Boston of 140 units; an additional 62 units will be set aside as permanent income-restricted housing. In many ways the Pine Street home is also a confrontation with Jamaica Plain's values.

The Monty Gold lawsuit has been well publicized, and has cost Pine Street/TCB \$10 million and a year's delay. Along with that were the lengthy and often contentious public meetings during the three well-attended BPDA Article 80 hearings.

Very few spoke in favor in public although the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) comments page had lengthy support mes-

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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.

—V.C.

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.

—V.C.

Novena to St. Clare

Ask St. Clare for three favours, 1 business, 2 impossible. Say nine Hail Marys for nine days, with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on the ninth day. Powerful novena. Say “May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, now and forever, throughout the whole world. Amen.” Your request will be granted, no matter how impossible it may seem.

—V.C.

MHC concerned about coyotes, carwash

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) met on Dec. 8 at the Home for Little Wanderers in Roslindale and discussed increased sightings of coyotes in the neighborhood.

Coyotes have been an increasing concern in the Greater Boston Metro area as well as the city proper, as the animals are becoming more urbanized and less frightened of humans. Members of the MHC pointed out that officials in Nahant have enlisted sharpshooters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reduce the local coyote population that has been harassing residents out with their pets.

“It seems like there’s a larger population this year,” said MHC Co-Chair Lisa Beatman.

“I hear them howling and barking right across the street,” said resident Tracy Anderson. “My Ring went off and I see four of them were right in front of my house fighting. The injured one ran right into my yard.”

Resident Lisa Terry said her big German Shepherd got into an altercation with coyotes at the St. Michael’s Cemetery. “Something bit him, but my dog is total ADHD,” she said. “He’ll go up to a coyote and want to play.”

Beatman said they would keep the issue at the forefront for the city in their neighborhood.

In other news, Beatman reported an improvement. She said while it’s a small step, it is a win over at the redesign of the ScrubaDub at 565 American Legion Hwy. The redesign was focused on reducing traffic on American Legion by increasing the number of lanes in the car wash’s lot entering the wash itself from one to three. Now, Beatman said, hopefully the traffic won’t be so backed up with vehicles waiting to use the wash.

“Hopefully that will make a huge difference on American Legion,” Beatman said.

The site will also feature an entrance-only on the north side to help reduce congestion. Beatman also said she and Co-Chair Rick Yoder lobbied heavily for reduced curb cuts on the site and got

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Virtual Public Meeting

990 American Legion Highway IAG Meeting | Hyde Park

January 17, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3jc0m8V
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Meeting ID: 160 564 8858



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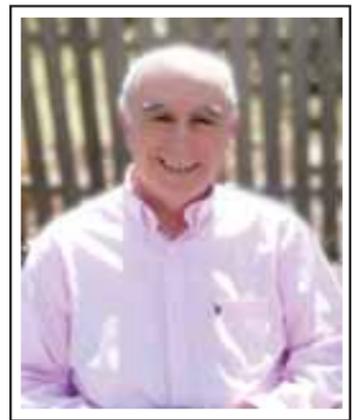
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A new name for January 6

The sixth day of the first month of the year around Boston used to have a special name: it had been called Little Christmas or the Feast of the Epiphany or the Feast of Three Kings. It’s the day — numerically the twelfth day after Christmas — when many cultures celebrate the arrival of the Magi from the East bringing gifts to the newborn babe by giving and opening gifts themselves. (Some churches now celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday falling between January 2 and January 8.) By January 6 of any year many Americans have taken down their Christmas lights and other seasonal decorations, as the stores look forward to the next upcoming day to purchase items, Valentine’s Day.



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Requiem, they also once formed part of the funeral Mass.)

Several years ago and from now on, January 6 has become sort of a “dies irae, dies illa”; it might also have another name because of its new meaning in a secular setting: the day of the insurrection when our democracy was imperiled. (The four Latin words, meaning “day of wrath,” constitute the opening of a Latin hymn on the Last Judgment; as a part of Mozart’s

From this time forward, some may call it “A Day of Mourning.” Others may take a page from that President Franklin Roosevelt’s description of December 7 and call it, “A Day of Infamy.” The goings-on of that memorable afternoon and evening, when the usually overly deferential Vice-President Mike Pence showed that he could not be intimidated, could also be called, to borrow a title from a Titanic-based movie, “A Night to Remember.”

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Residents rang in the New Year at 7 p.m. - midnight Irish time - and at midnight Eastern Standard at the West Roxbury Irish Social Club of Boston.

PHOTO BY GRETA GAFFIN

Irish Social Club celebrates the New Year

Greta Gaffin
Staff Reporter

The Irish Social Club in West Roxbury had its annual New Year's social on Dec. 31, with the ball drop being observed at both 7 pm, when it fell in Dublin, and at midnight Eastern Standard Time.

Richie Travers and his band provided music, as well as DJ Sean McCarthy.

The crowd was a mix between Irish immigrants and Irish-Americans. "It's one of my favorite places," said Lynn Burke, who is from West Roxbury, but "imported [her] husband from Galway".

Ann Brannelly, who is from Ireland, said she's been in West Roxbury for 20 years, and is "used to being here", which was a common sentiment among those who had immigrated. It was a largely older crowd, reflecting Boston's changing immigration patterns.

After having declined in the mid-20th century, immigration from Ireland to the United States picked back up dramatically in the 1980s and 1990s, as Ireland's economic prospects grew worse. But as the Irish economy grew better (the so-called Celtic Tiger), immigration dropped.

In 1980, there was nearly 200,000 people born in Ireland liv-

ing in the United States; in 2021, 118,000. This number did tick up slightly from 2019 to 2021, but not significantly. It should also be noted that estimates as to the number of undocumented Irish immigrants in the United States vary from 10,000 to 50,000, depending on the estimating organization.

The decline in immigration even hit the Irish Social Club, which closed in 2011 due to financial difficulties, and even then the primary difficulty cited was the lack of new members. It had only 300 members, down from a

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Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

DOCKET SU22P2816EA
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Aaron Bennett
Date of Death: 10/05/2022

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Thomas Bennett of Boston, MA and Sonya Bennett Williams of Hyde Park, MA Sharen Bennett of Hyde Park, 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:

Thomas Bennett of Boston, MA and Sonya Bennett Williams of Hyde Park, MA Sharen Bennett of Hyde Park, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration

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 **01/24/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: December 20, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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Docket No. SU22C0589CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

In the matter of **Rrezarta Hyseni**
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Rrezarta Hyseni of Allston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Rrezarta Agimi**

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: December 28, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Boston Bulletin 01/05/2023*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
DOCKET No. SU22P1118EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

Estate of: Aida Nieves

Date of Death: 04/16/2020

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

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WITNESS; Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 28, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin 1/5/2023*

peak of 15,000. The building was old and needed a significant amount of repairs. The organization, then run by Mary Mulvey Jacobson, even turned in its liquor license. It did re-open after much local outcry and a huge effort from Jacobson, the local community, and special act of the legislature for them to get a liquor license again. Liquor licenses are generally difficult to come by in Boston, since it's the only municipality in Massachusetts required to have a law passed every time it needs more liquor licenses. Other municipalities have their licenses tied to population increases. This makes them artificially scarce and therefore expensive.

Since then, the board has had a big turnover.
"Lots of newcomers on the

committee," said Vice President PJ Broderick, who is originally from Galway but has lived in West Roxbury for 30 years.

Club President Richie Gormley has invested a lot of time and effort into making it a place to go to again, especially by having the space be used for other local organizations, such as family-friendly Parkway in Motion. Family-friendliness was definitely also a big draw for the New Year's event, with lots of small children running around.

"Nice and early," said Brannelly.

Despite this, the future of the Irish Social Club is still on people's minds. Sean McCarthy expressed concerns about the future of the club.

"It's been a problem for 20 years. Young people don't want

to go out," he said. "They want to be at home on the Internet."

Some attendees were there from Walpole, because there's nothing like the Irish Social Club in the suburbs – the Norwood Irish Music Club no longer has their own building, and meeting in the Knights of Columbus hall means fewer events.

Younger Irish immigrants are more likely to be found at the Banshee in Dorchester, which plays Irish sports on their many televisions. Will they move out to West Roxbury and start attending the Irish Social Club instead? Time will tell.

Changing marriage patterns likely also play a role: in the past, young people would've gotten married in their 20s and want to live in a place with more space for a growing family. Today, the average age at first marriage in Massachusetts is 30, and in Ireland it's even higher at 35. West Roxbury, too, is much more expensive to buy a home in, putting up more barriers for immigrants and families starting out.

But some are more optimistic: West Roxbury resident Kevin Walsh said, "My daughter loves coming here."

The Irish Social Club will be hosting its annual Roscommon Dance on March 25. It will also be having two guest bands from Ireland perform in March, as well as having Irish dance lessons in April. The club also has social events every Sunday night.

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had a string of broken promises from the BPS administration and the city. She first pointed to the closure of the West Roxbury Educational Complex in 2019. The school was originally slated to be closed before that but activism from students and residents kept it open until, according to the district, the building was in such bad shape as to be actively unsafe. The complex was originally built in 1976.

"We were supposed to have an equity analysis on what happened to those young people affected by the closure and to this day we have not had anything," she said. "There was an autism strand program that was supposed to be moved to the Jeremiah Burke School, and we don't know

what happened to those young people. And that's just one example."

BPS and Shaw School Parent Brenda Ramsey said she has a child at the school and she is fearful for what harm a move to another school could cause. She said she has not always had the most stable housing, but the community her daughter has at the school has always been a comforting permanence that she now fears could be taken away.

"For my little one in second grade at the Shaw, this is the only school she has known," she said. "We are a family who has struggled with housing insecurity, and it's because of the Shaw that

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I can say that I'm in an apartment where my windows are being fixed. They are truly a community that one can dream of being a part of in education. I also work in education and in the district and I understand first-hand the state the district is in right now. I am so at ease when my kid gets on her bus to go the Shaw, and not many parents have that experience."

Ramsey said she is not pleased with the lack of consideration of parents during this process, and added that she felt actively disregarded by the district.

"It is extremely hard when I sit and hear folks from the district saying, 'We value parent voice,' but I spent nights prepping my daughter, who is seven to testify before the school committee," she said. "I listened to

the previous superintendent get on Zoom with our school community and say, 'I had no idea why all of these Shaw families were testifying at School Committee,' which to me was absolutely unacceptable. I think it speaks to how out of touch I feel BPS is and in some cases the City of Boston. Do not tell me to have a seat at the table and then pull the chair out from under me by making decisions that don't include my voice."

Sumner parent Rachel Young said she is one of several parents who repeatedly reached out to the BPS asking for more engagement with the community on these mergers, and was disappointed to say the least.

"Ever since we started our outreach efforts in July, we still

do not feel the BPS has successfully engaged out community in transparent and collaborative conversations," she said.

Young said the BPS Operations Division does not respond to the parent community in any kind of prompt way. She said the office has not at any point addressed the parent questions as to how the district got to the decision to merge the Philbrick and the Sumner Schools.

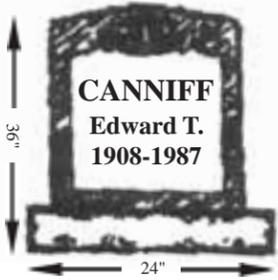
"This office cannot, and more frequently seems to choose not to, provide the facts and data that have led them to conclude a merger between our two schools is the most economical, the most equitable and the most logistically-prudent decision," she said.

The Council voted to keep the issue in committee and hold more hearings on the matter.

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Thomas of West Roxbury, December 29, 2022. Beloved husband of 63 years to Sheila (O'Neill). Devoted son of the late Charlotte and John Joseph Ashe. Loving father of Sheila Gill and her husband Ted of Stoughton, Kelly Adduci and her husband Jack of Squantum, Maura Griffin of Needham, Colleen Pink and her husband Andrew of Needham, Sean and his wife Nicole of Dunkirk, MD, Patrick of West Roxbury, Terrence and his wife Susan of West Roxbury, Kerri Varney and her husband Parris of Charleston, SC. Proud grandfather of Michael, Danielle and Christopher Gill, Ryan Adduci; Brenna, Erin, Megan and Devin Griffin, Haley and Kirsten Pink, Shane and Sarah Ashe, Brendan and Matthew Ashe, Parris Varney; and great-grandfather of Colton Gill. Brother of Joseph and Clare Ashe of Springfield and Charles and Fran Ashe of Framingham. Tom grew up in Roxbury and graduated from Boston State in 1958. He earned his master's in education from Boston State in 1964. He was a devoted Boston School teacher for 30 years. Tom also worked for Conrail for over 35 years. Tom loved traveling the world with his wife, Sheila, and son, Patrick. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Visitation in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa Church at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Charles River Center, 59 E Militia Heights Dr., Needham, MA 02492 or at charlesrivercenter.org For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

CRONIN

Beverly A. (Lavers) Age 80, of Roslindale, MA, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2022. Beloved wife of Richard Cronin for 57 years. Daughter of the late George and Mary Lavers. Devoted mother of Eileen Morahan and her hus-

band Richard of Weymouth, MA and Beverly Reardon and her husband Donald of Hollis, NH. Cherished "Grammy" of Courtney, Catie, Ryan, Syd, and Riley. Sister of James Lavers of Norwood and the late William Lavers and Joan Simons. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

DEMPSEY

Jane Frances (Cavanaugh) of Dedham, passed away December 29, 2022, at the German Home in West Roxbury. Devoted Mother of Christopher Dempsey and wife Lisa of Dexter, ME., Cheryl Maloney and the late Stephen Maloney of Dedham, MA., Jane Davis and husband Paul of Upton, MA., Mark Dempsey of Mansfield MA., Sean Dempsey and wife Donna of Canton MA., Predeceased by son Lawrence Dempsey and his surviving wife Nancy Dempsey of Norwood, MA. Jane devoted her life to her 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. She retired from Shawmut Bank of Needham in 1993 where she worked for many years. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home 456 High St. Dedham. Interment Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. In lieu of flowers donation may be made in Jane's memory to the German Centre of West Roxbury 2222 Centre St. West Roxbury, MA 02132. Arrangements by George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home.

FOSCALDO

Margaret S. "Peggy" (Giampapa), age 94, of Roslindale, died Friday, December 23, 2022, in the comfort of her own home. She was the cherished daughter of the late Angelina (San Giorgio) and Salvatore Giampapa of Sicily, Italy; the devoted wife of the late Charles Foscaldo. She was the loving mother of Robert and his wife Donna Foscaldo of

Hingham, and Carol Foscaldo of Orlando, FL; sister of the late Guy Giampapa of Walpole, MA, and the late Claire Moccia of Roslindale, MA. She is the loving grandmother of Ryan, Ashley, and Catherine; she is also the loving great-grandmother of Shea and Nelle Balaconis and Benedikt Foscaldo. Peggy was an avid church go-er and had a strong connection to Holy Name Parish. When not at home cooking, she could be found shopping at Roche Bros or running an errand to the local Post Office. Peggy enjoyed reading, cross-stitching, listening to Beethoven, and spending time with her loved ones. She was known as the "neighborhood watch" by those who lived close by. Those on Wellsmere Road will miss her dearly. Funeral from The Robert J Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at the Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Burial at Saint Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the American Heart Association. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

O'BRIEN

Mary E. (Walsh) on December 27, 2022, Mary Elizabeth (Walsh) O'Brien passed quietly into eternal life, while surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of 59 years of the late William P. O'Brien. She was a proud recipient of the penmanship award from the Archdiocese of Boston and a 1954 graduate of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School. Mary worked at John Hancock Company for 27 years. Following her retirement, she shifted focus to her true calling caring for her grandchildren. Although her illness stole her ability to speak, it could not take her charm or sense of humor. With an infectious laugh, Mary would light up the room. Quick with a joke and composing her own versions of nursery rhymes, she made it a point to make sure

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everyone felt welcome. A lifelong Roslindale resident, she was proud of all things Boston, especially her accent and her famous Irish Bread that was loved by all. A lifelong member of Sacred Heart, the Parish was the center of her faith and source of many friendships. Mary served in many roles and belonged to the Ladies' Sodality and the Sacred Heart Go-Go Seniors. Mary was a devoted mother of Bill (Lisa) of West Roxbury, Anne Marie of Roslindale, Paul (Diane Morrissey), Chris (Shelagh) of Milton and Michelle Davey (John) of Roslindale; loving grandmother of Billy (Elizabeth), Nora Kate, Jack, Ciara, Thomas, Bridget, Mairead, Braeden and Patrick. She also leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She is predeceased by her parents Michael and Delia Walsh; and brothers, Thomas, Dennis and Patrick. Funeral from the Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mary's name to Sacred Heart Church Memorial Fund, 169 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131. Special thanks to Eileen Galvez and the nurses at Old Colony Hospice. For directions and guestbook gormleyfuneral.com

SHEEHAN

Emily Kristen, 1983-2022, of Roslindale, formerly of Westwood, passed suddenly December 28, 2022 after a brief illness. She was the devoted longtime partner of Mike Persechini of Roslindale, and loving friend to his daughter Kaylee. Emily is the cherished daughter of David and Jeanne Sheehan of West Roxbury. Loving sister of Kathleen Viens and her husband Pete of Boothbay, ME and Joseph Sheehan and his wife Catherine of West

Roxbury; and an adoring aunt of their daughter Melanie Sheehan. Emily was predeceased by her grandparents, Helen Sheehan and Joseph Sheehan of West Roxbury and Westwood and Marie Clausen and Carl Clausen of Needham and Westwood. She is survived by her loving aunts, Jane Sheehan of Yarmouth formerly of Westwood and Mary Butler of Holland, MI. She will be missed by her family, loved ones, and many friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, January 3 in The Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Emily's name to the non-profit Raising a Reader, www.raisingareaderma.org. For complete obituary and guestbook, www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

STEARNS

Elaine J. (Ricci) of Readville, MA formerly of Roslindale, MA, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2022, at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Richard A. Stearns of 56 years. Devoted mother of Michelle and Janine. Loving Nana of Angelina, James and Jessica. Loving sister of James Ricci and wife Marie, Ralph Ricci and wife the late Antoinette, Albert Ricci Jr. and wife Marilyn and Paul Ricci. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Elaine was a talented artist. She was a member of the Hyde Park and Braintree Art Association. Elaine won a number of awards for her beautiful paintings. She worked for Jon Morris Company for several years. Elaine was a wonderful and loving

person who will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, courage, optimism, fierce determination and deep faith. She will be greatly missed! Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Online guestbook at gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

STEARNS

Richard A. of Readville, MA, formerly of Dorchester, MA, passed away peacefully on December 10, 2022, at the age of 80. Beloved husband of the late Elaine J. Stearns of 56 years. Devoted father of Michelle and Janine. Loving grandfather of Angelina, James, and Jessica. Loving brother of the late Stanley Stearns, and wife, Sarah, Robert Stearns, and Peggy; and former wife, the late Patricia Stearns and Marie Sanchez. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Richard worked for the MBTA on the red line, local 589, as a Foreman for many years. After an early retirement, he worked at Heritage on the Garden for 25 years at the front desk. Richard was a wonderful, kind, and loving man with a heart of gold who was referred to as Saint Richard. He will be greatly missed! Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Online guestbook at gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.



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 12/8/2022

Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **Docket No. SU22P2834EA**

Estate of: Peter H. Wysocki
Date of Death: October 13, 2022

Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner **David C. Wysocki of Hartland, VT**
a Will has been admitted to informal probate
David C. Wysocki of Hartland, VT
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve
without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE **Suffolk Division**

DOCKET No. SU22P2722EA

Estate of: Stella DiBella
Also Known As: Stella Mary DiBella
Date of Death: September 28, 2022

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner: **Francis N. DiBella of Roslindale, MA**
a Will has been admitted to informal probate
Francis N. DiBella of Roslindale, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR DOCKET No. SU22P2739EA FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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617-788-8300

Estate of: Karen Okland Wepsic
Also known as: Karen Wepsic
Date of Death: 10/15/2022

To all interested persons:
A **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Eric Wepsic of New York, NY
requesting that the Court enter a **formal Decree and Order** and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Eric Wepsic of New York, NY
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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 **01/20/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 29, 2022
Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR DOCKET No. SU22P0294EA FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Estate of: Richard Masiello
Date of Death: 03/16/2020

To all interested persons:
A **Petition for S/A - Formal Application of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by
Gerald A. Masiello of Bethany, DE
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Gerald A. Masiello of Bethany Beach, DE
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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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 **01/27/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 16, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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sages. But the opposition was there.

One Lourdes Avenue neighbor predicted it would be a “hellish dystopia.” Prominent were Union Avenue neighbors who successfully and behind the scenes reduced the development by 22 units.

Adjacent to Pine Street, at 21 Glen Road, Patrick McKenna of Glenshane V LLC of Brighton is avoiding the public process by building an as-of-right three-story, 14-unit apartment building with 21 parking spaces.

McKenna bought the vacant lot next to the Pine Street and began site clearing in December 2021. The building permit for the \$1.8 million building was issued in April 4, 2022.

The foundation is in place and the elevator shaft is built but work seemingly has stalled.

McKenna could not be reached for comment.

Jigar Patel of Hyde Park got zoning approval on Nov. 2, 2022 for 3409 Washington St. for his four-story, 28-unit apartment building. But it wasn’t easy: he and his architect RODE, and partner David Traggorth, went through 13 community meetings, the last one a month before the zoning board date.

Despite his commitment to six affordable units, two of which are at 30 percent area median income (AMI), Patel was confronted by Union Avenue neighbors with demands for reduced height and design changes. In addition, Patel will contribute \$105,000 to the city’s inclusionary development fund.

Alan Bedenfeld of Union Avenue led the opposition and he spoke up at the virtual zoning hearing. “I still have a number of concerns,” he went on. But zoning chair Erlich cut him off for being over the time limit and called for a vote which was unanimous.

Doyle’s development at 3484 Washington St. and 60 and 69 Williams St. is a combination of Jamaica Plain developer Watermark and Jamaica

Plain architect Elaine Scales.

Scales has designed three distinct buildings.

At Gartland and Washington Streets, she has designed a five-story, 16-unit brick-vener building with distinctive corner curtain wall windows. The ground floor will be built out for an as-yet-to-be determined grocer. Excavation for this building has begun.

Goodman will restore and upgrade the original Doyle’s building with a rooftop outdoor eating patio designed by Scales. Brassica Kitchen at Forest Hills will move into the remodeled Doyle’s.

The venerable bar was removed earlier in the fall for restoration. Scales has designed two wood-frame buildings at 60 and 69 Williams St., each one a unique design style; number 69 is three stories and will have tall, corner clerestory windows. Number 60 is a four-story, high veranda triple-decker style.

Watermark has partnered with JPND to create six affordable homeownership units at number 69 Williams. Foundations for 60 and 69 Williams will be poured soon and these two buildings built first.

Goodman began the process with two socially distanced, open-air meetings in the Doyle’s parking lot on Oct. 1 and Nov. 12, 2021. Congeniality melted as SNA contested first the affordability equation, alleging Watermark was out of compliance with Plan JP Rox guidelines, and then a much longer debate over scale and massing, particularly with 60 Williams St. which SNA consistently maintained violated the zoning code.

Neighborhood opposition was not unanimous, but debate went on for a year until the ZBA approved it on Jan. 18, 2022.

Erlich called the \$25 million project “an ambitious and comprehensive plan.”

Goodman told The Bulletin that he is waiting on the building permit.

Scales, who also designed 41, 32 and 34 Rossmore Rd., is

the architect of 97–99 Williams St. which is now fully built out with windows in place with the Scales trademark wide, bold cornice line. It was a long time coming.

Joseph Federico came to what would be the last open meeting of the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA) on Feb. 10, 2020 to propose a three-story, six-unit duplex triple decker on a vacant lot; he had already scaled it down from the original eight condominiums.

The SNA process was long, contentious and complicated with two abutters rolling out a raft of objections, mainly about trees and the driveway; even the mayor’s office stepped in to say the neighborhood was taking too long.

After one deferral, the zoning board approved the three-story, six-unit duplex triple-decker on April 21, 2021 that Federico first proposed on Feb. 20, 2020.

Some tall ideas have short lives on Washington Street.

Jumbo Capital of Quincy had big ideas for a six-story, 108-unit residence to replace the Acme Auto Body shop at 3430 Washington St. Designed by Dartagnan Brown of Embarc, the plans were presented to the SNA on Jan. 10, 2022. Seven months later it was dropped.

The affordable housing requirement, the limited density bonus, insufficient building height required and construction costs were given as reasons to The Bulletin by Jumbo’s attorney Joe Hanley.

There are changes at the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council too. Three housing committee chairs stepped down in 2022 and resigned from the council, Marvin Mathelier, Kevin Rainsford and Micah Sachs. This caused council chair Will Cohen in December to muse, “We’ve got to find out why people aren’t staying.”

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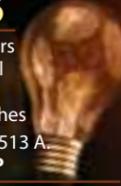
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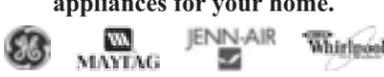
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