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Mayor Walsh signs historic wetlands ordinance



Mayor Walsh joined the Roslindale community recently to sign a wetlands ordinance inspired by local activists.

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh was joined by more than 100 environmental activists and residents from around the city at the entrance to the Roslindale wetlands on Mon. Dec. 23 as he signed the Local Wetlands Ordinance, giving the City greater authority to protect Boston from the impact of climate change and to preserve wetlands from being developed.

“For those who don’t think climate change is real, I don’t know what you’re thinking about,” Walsh joked as he opened his remarks. “This weekend it was 15 degrees, and today it’s like 60.” The Mayor thanked Boston City Councilor-At-Large Michelle Wu, who was in attendance, and District Six City Councilor Matt O’Malley, who both co-sponsored the ordinance.

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West Roxbury to host vigil for local mom, two children

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On Christmas Day, West Roxbury resident Erin Pascal, her daughter Allison and son Andrew were found at the bottom of the Renaissance Parking Garage around 2 p.m.

All three were rushed to a local hospital, and were pronounced dead. According to Suffolk District Attorney Rachel Rollins, the deaths appear to be a double-murder suicide.

“I have assigned one of the most experienced prosecutors in my office to lead the investigations into these deaths, as well as a Victim Witness Advocate to provide all of the support and services this family may need, now or at any point in the future,” Rollins said in a statement.

Local West Roxbury resi-



Erin Pascal

dents are holding a vigil for the family at the corner of Perham and Glenham Streets on Jan. 2 at 6:30 p.m. Candles will be provided.

These are now the third, fourth and fifth deaths this year at the hotel parking garage, as one person jumped off the building on Dec. 9 and, this past spring, Boston College student Alexander Urtula also jumped from the building at the alleged en-

Vigil

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Mary Mulvey Jacobson’s Families in Need spreads Christmas joy to 150 families



Dozens of volunteers came out to support the annual event, which brings much-needed, fully-stocked turkey dinners to residents who could use a holiday helping hand.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

About 40 volunteers gathered at Roche Bros. in West Roxbury on Dec. 23 to help deliver holiday meals to more than 150 families. The Mary Mulvey Jacobson’s Families in Need organization gathered a list of households in need of assistance to providing holiday dinners for their families, delivered by local volunteers, local organizations and the Boston Police Department (BPD) District E-5.

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State Sen. Michael Rush, above, was not found wanting for the annual delivery. Councilor Matt O’Malley and Rep. Edward Copping also helped out.

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Neither snow nor rain stops the ribbon cutting of Community Servings

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Governor Charlie Baker seemed to be in a good mood despite the snow, rain and gloom outside for the long anticipated ribbon cutting of the \$25 million food campus building of Community Servings at 179 Amory St.

“This is a classic example of a lot of cooks in the kitchen,” Baker said. “City, state and private sources, a lot of pieces together; this is so special... It’s where the healthcare system

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Community Servings CEO David Waters holds high the scissors after cutting the ribbon with Governor Baker and Mayor Walsh.

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Candles and spirits glow at fourth annual menorah lighting in Roslindale Village



Families from Roslindale and beyond came out to celebrate the season for the fourth annual Bring Your Own Menorah (BYOM) Menorah Lighting at Adams Park.

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Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

More than 70 people gathered in Adams Park in Roslindale to celebrate the first night of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah on Sun., Dec. 22 with a public celebration of faith and unity by lighting menorah candles.

This was the fourth annual event, organized by Rachel Nenner-Payton and her husband, Mark Payton. Both are members of the Temple Hillel B'Nai Torah in West Roxbury, which sponsored the event.

"It all started because of our son, Eli, who goes to the Sumner," Nenner-Payton said. "We were walking through the

Square, and he saw the tree lit up and said, 'Mama, doesn't anybody care that Hanukkah comes first this year? Shouldn't there be a menorah?'"

When she explained that there was no menorah, Eli told her, "That's not right."

At that point, Nenner-Payton discussed with Roslindale Village Main Street (RVMS) if any thought had been given to displaying a large public menorah. Although that hadn't been discussed before, after some research, it was learned that it would cost a few thousand dollars to purchase, plus electricity costs. Finding a place to store the menorah was another issue, as was the lateness of the season.

"We said, 'Well, what if we all brought our menorahs to the Square?'" Nenner-Payton recalled. "And that's how it was born."

She described Mark jokingly as "the brawn behind the operation."

Alia Hamada-Forrest, executive director of RVMS, said that over the years the organization has been supportive of the event, but that it is entirely volunteer driven.

"We've helped in the capacity of giving a small donation for food and snacks and help with the setup of the event with tables," she said in an interview beforehand. "But it's up to this tiny community to put on an amazing event. It's super meaningful and beautiful."

Rabbi Barbara Penzner, the temple's rabbi, led the candle lighting ceremony and prayer ritual at a group of tables sheltered by a tent. About 15 families reverently placed menorahs of metal, glass and clay on top and prepared to light the first candle of the eight-day celebration.

"Having the candle lighting in a public place in Roslindale

means a lot to the Jews who live in the Parkway," Penzner said. "At this time of year, when all of us are celebrating light, it's important to us to feel proud of our heritage and to share it with the residents of Roslindale and West Roxbury. We are one neighborhood, and we are one community with many different voices, and we welcome everyone to come see our lights on Hanukkah."

Penzner stressed to the crowd that it was an inclusive event before singing the three blessings.

"The thing about Hanukkah is that it's a holiday that reminds us how much we are all the same," Penzner continued, "and it also reminds us how special it is that we each have our own traditions and our own way of life and cultures. We can have both. It's really okay to be different because underneath, we're all the same."

She added that each holiday tradition uses light to reflect hope and dispel the darkness in the world and in our own lives.

After using the main candle, or shamash, to light the first candle of the main menorah, Penzner invited people to light their menorahs in a glowing display of smiles and cheers.

"Each of us is a shamash in a way," she said. "Each of us serves something bigger."

As the flames spread, Penzner led the group in singing traditional Jewish songs including, "O Hanukkah," "Eight Candles" and "Rock of Ages." Penzner delighted the children by singing variations of "I Have a Little Dreidel" with suggested audience words including "marshmallow" and "titanium."

"I have a little dreidel I made out of titanium, and when I went to spin it, it made me

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E-18 officers bring holiday joy to three Nott St. families

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

For three families who reside at the apartment complex at 11 Nott St., Christmas came a few days early and from an unlikely source – Hyde Park’s local police officers.

Area E-18’s community service office team, led by Capt. Joseph Gillespie, visited the development at noon on Sat., Dec. 21. Sgt. Daniel Keane stocked three plastic totes with all the fixings for a holiday meal: turkey, corn, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce and rolls as well as a bag of potatoes and a roasting pan for each.

Reinforcements came next, with large white bags decorated with red stripes and snowflakes. These community service officers must have seemed like blue-clad Santa’s elves to young Serena Baez, a student at the Hernandez Elementary School, as she looked stunned by their appearance.

“I told her we had to go downstairs,” Giselle Baez, her mom, said. “She was like, ‘Wait, what did I do?’”

The officers complimented her on her glow-in-the dark

necklace, and her nervousness quickly disappeared. She giggled and smiled at the huge bag in front of her, hugging her mom.

“I’ve lived here since they opened,” Jere Smith said as she introduced her son, Hezell to the officers. She moved to Knott St. in August.

“This is very important to me,” she said of the food and toys. “It actually means a lot because I’m a single mom, and I work to pay for all the bills and the clothes.”

The Hernandez family was surprised by the delivery. The grandmother came down to meet the team with her grandchildren.

“We wanted to do something to help out people who are less fortunate,” Gillespie said. “One of the things the officers all talk about in the station and are really concerned about during the season is taking care of people in our community, which is commendable.”

For example, he said, earlier that week, the police hosted a pizza party for 150 children at New Mission High School.

“It’s one of the ways the community can come together,” Gillespie added.



Hyde Park was not found wanting when a few families in the neighborhood needed some help. The District E-18 of the Boston Police Department fixed up full meals for those in need.

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Police officers also treated residents to a small party at the station, complete with a few Christmas gifts as well.

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New Year's resolutions (for others to abide by)

Many people enjoy making New Year's resolutions for themselves; other people like making them for others. I'm in the second category. Here are some:

* Deli workers: ask customers, "Is a little bit over OK?" when a pound of meat or cheese is requested and the scale shows an overage, say, 1.185 lbs. As of late, more deli workers seem to be padding (purposely? accidentally?) their departments' intake.

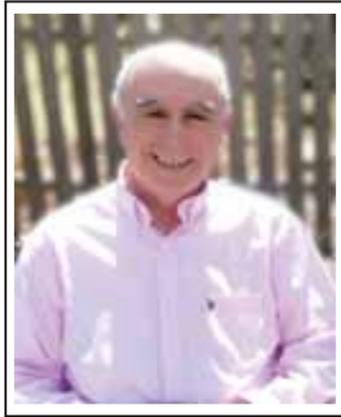
* Boston Public Schools: reallocate some of your bloated budget to care for student restrooms. While some of the terrible conditions might be ascribed to student vandalism, there is no justification for the repulsive Globe story accompanied by a photograph showing a sink right next to a urinal without a divider.

* City Council: do serious belt tightening on the city's runaway budget and rethink its 2% tax on the sale of two-million-dollar properties. Taxing the rich has a downside; just look at cities whose cores are vacant because of the departure of the affluent. Their exiting has caused the shuttering of restaurants, specialty stores, and theaters.

* In spite of the items that are wrong with BPS, it does have separate unions/associations for teachers and administrators, allowing the latter to write up under-performing teachers without fear of incurring "How could you do this to your union sister/brother?" The State Police and the Fire Department should follow BPS suit and have separate unions/associations for their superior officers and non-officers to allow less stressful chastising of under-performing personnel by higher-ups.

* The Greeks believed in moderation, as in everything in moderation. Perhaps Public Works should incorporate this as their trucks (and subcontractors' trucks) salt/plow and re-salt/plow and re-salt/plow the same streets over and over before, during, and after an insignificant winter storm.

* Age Strong Commission (previously and more precisely known as the Commission on Affairs of the Elderly): don't



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

run out of taxi vouchers for senior citizens. Avoid the shortfall by printing them well before the supply runs out. Under Menino and Flynn would this have happened?

* Boston Transportation Department: re-evaluate all the No Right Turn on Red signs. If visibility to the left is now better because a tree, Edison pole, or shed is no longer there, remove the No Right Turn on Red signage. As for all the 3- and 4-way STOP signs, please decide on which one street you want vehicular traffic to stop.

* Meter maids: visit outlying neighborhoods to keep parking motorists on the straight and narrow. You were so welcome (except by offenders) recently in West Roxbury writing all those tickets for egregious parking violations.

* MBTA and Robert Kraft: allow purple-line commuters to park free in your lots, thereby encouraging them to use public transportation; the loss in revenue will be partially offset by more riders.

* Mayor's Office: invoke fiscal belt-tightening for ALL city departments instead of merely raising taxes and usage fees, and maybe the city could have a huge amount of money left in the budget, as the State is now experiencing (enough to lower the sales tax). The Community Preservation Tax, appended to many taxpayers' real estate tax bills, should have been the last straw.

* Bulletin editors: don't let wise-guy columnists in the future dictate what others should make for their New Year's resolutions

FACTS COMPLETELY WRONG ON LANE REENGINEERING

To the Editor:

Here we go again - a letter written that completely misconstrues the reasons for improving safety on Centre Street. For Mr. Giarrantani to suggest that the life and health of pedestrians is not a worthwhile benefit of a traffic lane re-engineering

is the height of arrogance. He perpetuates the deflection of the real issue by claiming to not be against bicycle lanes and suggesting that motorized bicycles and scooters will cause havoc. The entire reason for the lane reduction proposal is that there is no way to make four travel lanes safe; the issue is and always has been about pedestrian safety. And, in fact, all the

damage that has been done on Centre Street to people and property has been caused by people driving cars. There is abundant and wide spread evidence from across the United States alone that lane reduction works for everyone - pedestrians, motorists, and businesses alike.

Alan Wright
Roslindale

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break my cranium," she laughed.

"Light One Candle" by Peter, Paul and Mary visibly moved the crowd, as it spoke of sacrifice, peace and justice.

"Don't let the light go out!" they chanted. "Let it shine through our love and our tears."

As people gathered around for hot chocolate and conversation, many discussed their reasons for participating in the celebration while children played in the snow.

"We were visiting family for the holidays, and we all came down, three generations," Ross Beane of Brooklyn, NY said. "Well, four if you count our dogs."

He said his mother-in-law, Deborah, learned of the event through Roslindale Village

Main Street.

"I grew up Jewish, but I don't feel like we do a lot of meeting in public, so this is an unusual event for me," Beane added. "We're all standing out in the middle of the square in the way that I think about Christmas carolers. It's really not an orthodox thing."

Ishita Sharma was walking through Roslindale when she stumbled into the event.

"I had no idea this is happening," she said. "I think it's great that everybody brought their own menorahs. It's awesome."

Amy and Ben Wolfson-Yelle were admiring the menorahs with their son, August.

"This is our second Hanukkah with August," Amy

said. "We came to be part of the Jewish community here. It was really sweet and beautiful community, and it's really nice to have all the light on this darkest day."

Hadiya Strasberg and her husband, Kevin Horne, attended for the first time with their son.

"It was great to see the community and feel the community, if you know what I mean," Strasberg said. "It's great to share it with our son and meet some old faces and new friends."

"It was a very open and inviting experience, particularly for people who don't celebrate the holiday," Horne added. "I celebrate it with my wife. It was more about just getting together and celebrating the mystery and tradition of Hanukkah."

Andy Lesser-Gonzalez volunteered with Nenner-Payton the first year, she said, but "since then, I just do back-up work."

She added that it is smaller than usual this year because of school vacation and people out of town.

Her son, Mateo Gonzalez, who is in the fifth grade, said he thought the event was fun.

"It was nice to come here to see the menorahs all lit up and celebrate with everyone," he said.

Hanukkah, also known as the "Festival of Lights," commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. During the temple rededication, a miracle occurred in which a one-day supply of sacred oil lasted for eight days, which is signified by a candle being lit each day.

Mayor Walsh Announces 2020 State of The City Address



Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 6 p.m.

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced he will deliver his annual State of the City address on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at Symphony Hall.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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Correction

In last week's Hyde Park Bulletin, the caption on the Page 3 read that neighbors had a problem with the Match School and proposed alterations to the school. The issues neighbors had were with a new development at 46 Poydras St., and had nothing to do with the school. We apologize for the error.



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Community Servings *continued from page 1*

needs to go; good nutrition serves as a preventative, a mechanism to getting better and staying better.”

Founded in 1989 by the American Jewish Congress, Community Servings began making from scratch and delivering to the door nutritious meals tailored to the health needs of the chronically ill, mainly those with HIV-Aids.

Located in Jamaica Plain at 18 Marbury Ter/ since 2007, the new three-story building is an addition to the older building; from inside the new and old buildings are seamless.

Once hidden on an obscure cul de sac, the new building, designed by Jacobs Engineering, now faces Amory Street with big picture windows and a connecting walk to Stonybrook T station.

The new building has four kitchens and an herb garden that will triple production of made-to-order meals now delivered statewide. The upper two stories include offices space and the health policy center.

Community Servings has a staff of 60 in the kitchen, food delivery services and nutrition departments.

Before the ceremony, the Governor with Mayor Marty

Walsh had a tour of the kitchens.

“I was in the kitchen,” Baker said. “They showed me how the meal is served. Fifteen different criteria for 98 different meals. Every one of those meals meets those criteria and those requirements. This is a service that can dramatically improve the quality of life

“This is a special day,” the Governor said again.

Peter Zane, capital campaign co chair, introduced the Secretary of Health and Human services, Marylou Scudders.

“She leads 12 agencies with 22,000 public servants that touch all lives,” he said.

Scudders too seemed to be in a good mood as rain and sleet rattled the tent.

“This is a typical New England day for a ribbon cutting,” she said looking out over rows of over 100 supporters, funders and volunteers.

“This new development will triple food production,” Scudders went on. “Food needs to be inviting and appetizing. It’s a psychic connection; it must be appealing to those on restricted diets.

“Community Servings will not disappoint the grant givers,” she said. “This is a huge transfer. It provides medically tai-

lored food, but also gives people a second chance for jobs.”

Mayor Walsh called Community Servings a “beacon of help.”

“I walked around the kitchen,” he said. “It’s pretty incredible. It compliments with job training. This is very important. The mission of the kitchen is to give people a second chance. Give them life skills. This is in the heart of our city.”

Community Servings provides meals prepared and cooked by men and women who have gone through the training program. Registered nutritionists for clients who have HIV-AIDS, cancer, kidney disease, diabetes, heart trouble and other illnesses oversee the diets. Ninety-four percent live in poverty. Five meals are delivered weekly that include lunch, dinner and snacks. Mayor Walsh also talked about the volunteers who serve Community Servings.

“About 50,000 volunteers a year,” he said. “Incredible dedication.” In the production kitchen, three co-eds from the University of Ohio-who drove to JP in a rented van- were making hundreds of Christmas cookies they were preparing to bake as The Bulletin walked in.

Next door in the original kitchen two men who had completed the job training course were cutting up a fat rib eye into thin slices for the grill. One said he had a good chance for a job. More than 80 percent of the graduates in 2018 went on to full time jobs.

The new building has a large learning kitchen on the ground floor near the entrance with up to date equipment and space for visiting chefs from local restaurants who lead hands-on food preparation classes.

Harvard Thompson is the manager of HIV Services at Codman Square Health Center.

“We’re very proud to be a partner with Community Servings,” he said. “The food program, the teaching kitchen help us serve one in ten people in Codman Square who face hunger, they face health problems, every day.”

David Waters is the CEO of Community Servings and has guided the organization for 20 years after starting as a volunteer. He could not waste an opportunity.

“We have \$11 million raised from the capital campaign,” he said. “Our goal is \$12 million but we’re short \$250,000, so do what you can.”

The capital campaign had over 40 donors, including \$800,000 from the Mass Dept.

of Agriculture; others included the City of Boston and the Low Income Investment Fund.

Waters said the reason people contributed was because of the mission of Community Servings.

“[They know] no one will be forgotten or left with an empty plate,” he said. “Food is community, the astonishing power of food. We’ve grown from 30 clients to a thousand. It saves money. Healthcare costs are reduced by 16 percent for good nutrition.”

“This building is special. It’s a trophy, it cares for our sick neighbors in need,” Waters said.

Board chair Karen Bressler, former CEO of AGAR, summed it up.

“This is truly a dream come true for us,” she said.

Waters held up the huge pair of scissors in celebration after the orange ribbon was cut and the doors opened.

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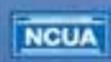
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Second Boston Common Master Plan open house announced

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Public Garden invite the public to the second Boston Common Master Plan Open House on January 15, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, 152 Arlington Street. The entrance for the meeting is located at the corner of Arlington Street and Marginal Road with an accessible entrance located to the right. Off-street parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Public transportation is available via Tufts Medical Center station on the Orange Line.

As “America’s First Public Park,” Boston Common is an oasis in downtown Boston and one of the most treasured green spaces in the world. The goal of the Master Plan is to create a Common that will serve the people of Boston and visitors alike while protecting this special place for decades to come.

During this open house, attendees will have the opportunity to hear an overview of the Boston Common Master Plan project and receive an update on the work that has been accomplished to date, hear a summary of the extensive public feedback that has been received, hear a discussion about user needs and infrastructure needs, consider initial concepts for improving the Common, and learn about next steps. Interpretation and translation services for this event are available at no cost by contacting Laura Cawley of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Laura.Cawley@boston.gov or by calling (617) 961-3013.

The Open House format will include a slideshow presentation, question and answer period, and an opportunity for active participation within small breakout groups. Park users, abutters, and other stakeholders are urged to attend this important open house as continued participation is needed in order to plan the brightest future for Boston Common.

Over the past several months, project proponents have been deeply engaged in a conversation about the future of Boston Common and the level of engagement has been significant: 4,340 people have completed an online user survey; nearly 1,200 people have engaged in constructive dialogue at 10 “Mini Common” pop-up events held in neighborhoods around the city; and 140 people attended the first Open House on October 29, 2019, to generously share their observations, hopes and aspirations for this amazing place.

Please note that the slideshow presentation will be made available on the project website at www.bostoncommonmasterplan.com where there is a link to take an important user survey that closes December 31.

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The District E-5 of the Boston Police Department, pictured above, helped to gather and deliver meals for the annual event.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

Volunteers put the meals together at Roche Bros. on Dec. 21, and delivered them on Dec. 23. “We gather a list [of families] together - it comes from the Area E-5 Police Station, Rose’s Bounty (the food pantry), Ethos (the senior advocacy group) and the Parkway YMCA,” said Director of the Parkway YMCA, Marion Kelly. “We then break the list up and distribute it to all the volunteers.”

The volunteers are then divided into travel groups and personally deliver the meals to two or three houses per group.

“This is our 19th year doing this,” remarked Kelly. “It’s great because all differ-

ent groups come together - you have elected officials, along with local groups, like the Kiwanis [Roslindale/West Roxbury Kiwanis Club], the Rotary [Rotary Club of West Roxbury/Roslindale], and a few local banks.”

The 40 volunteers included Parkway residents, staff from the Parkway YMCA, Roche Bros. staff, District E-5 Police Officers, and high school students. The holiday meals were provided to families in and around the Parkway area and beyond, as Hennigan has said they want to expand the reach of the event. He said they now deliver to West Roxbury, Roslindale, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain and Dedham.

Volunteer John Orthman traveled from Bellingham, MA to take part in the event. “I’ve done this for six or seven years now,” he stated. “I grew up in the Parkway area.”

This year, the Mary Mulvey Jacobson’s Families in Need program also “adopted” two families through the Parkway YMCA who needed assistance providing gifts for their families. “In addition to the food, they [the Mary Mulvey Jacobson’s Families in Need] sponsor families in the community that need toys for their kids,” stated Kelly. “The YMCA works with the families to identify what items they need for the holidays.”

State Senator Michael Rush participated in the event, as he and his staff have for years now.

“A Great Christmas Eve delivering food in the morning with the WRBPA, (State Rep.) Ed Coppinger and (District 6 City Councilor) Matt O’Malley, and then in the afternoon ringing the bells for

the Salvation Army at Roche Bros.,” he said in a tweet.

The Mary Mulvey Jacobson’s Families in Need organization is a non-profit that raises money to provide holiday meals to those in need in the West Roxbury and Roslindale communities. It was started over 25 years ago by Mary Mulvey Jacobson as a way to help those in the community who were struggling financially during the holiday season. The program started out by helping 10 to 20 families during the holiday season. Every November and December, Mary would put in a large amount of time and energy to ensure that the families were taken care of. Over the past few years, the organization has donated to hundreds of families with the help of over 100 volunteers.

Mary Mulvey Jacobson passed away in 2017, but her caring legacy lives on through the Families in Need organization. Mary Mulvey Jacobson’s Families in Need has become a wonderful holiday season tradition, helping people within and beyond the Parkway Community.

“After Mary Mulvey passed away two years ago, her family, myself, and other community residents wanted to keep it going because it was such a great event. We continued doing it the way Mary had done it,” stated President of the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association, Jim Hennigan, who helped coordinate the event. Hennigan has been involved with the organization for over 20 years.

The nonprofit organization is on Facebook page at “Mary Mulvey Jacobson’s Families in Need” <https://www.facebook.com/Mary-Mulvey-Jacobsons-Families-in-Need-1946268152292655>



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was in Copenhagen, but was represented by Wu and his chief of staff, William MacGregor. He also thanked all the community groups and advocates involved in bringing this policy to fruition.

“It’s a great way to cap off the year with another environmental milestone by working collectively with the City Council to get this passed,” Walsh said. “This Wetlands Ordinance, as all of you know, has been in the works for a long time. We’re excited to see it become a reality.”

The Wetlands Ordinance was passed unanimously by the City Council on Dec. 11 after an 18-month process. Wu introduced the ordinance last session. This session, she and O’Malley worked on crafting the language. “This ordinance gives the City greater power to protect the wetlands in the face of climate change,” Walsh continued. “It directs our Conservation Commission to consider future climate impacts like rising sea level in applications for new development, construction or any special events.

“Boston exists because of natural resources and our harbor,” Walsh said. “It was the foundation of our early economy, and it was the reason Boston grew into a major American city. It’s the reason generations of immigrants, including my parents, came here in search of opportunity. Our natural environment helped to shape our culture and our traditions, and we have the responsibility to protect that, not just as elected leaders but as citizens of this city.”

Wu, a Roslindale resident, echoed the Mayor’s sentiments.

“This piece of legislation is significant and important for three big reasons,” she said. “The first is that it recognizes that the power to affect an issue as big and as urgent as climate change really sits squarely at the municipal level. For all the national and international discussion, cities can act immediately, and Boston can always do more.”

Secondly, she said that, while construction is necessary, one of the best tools to protect the environment is “keeping the land the way that it is.”

“Every single City Council district has some parcels of land that will be impacted,” Wu said. “This Wetlands Ordinance will give them extra protection because they are urban wilds or marshes or some other form of natural resource area.”

Wu’s most important point was about climate justice, which was a strong factor in negotiations.

“What that means is that it’s a recognition that the impacts and the destructive forces of climate change are already dis-

proportionately affecting those who had the least to do with bringing about the harms and disproportionately bearing the burdens, including communities of color and low income residents,” she said. “And so when we move to put equity in the forefront we are lifting up everyone.”

Chris Cook, the City’s Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space, said it was important to hold the signing at one of Boston’s key wetlands areas where “we have this amazing legacy of Eliot and Olmstead” and where neighborhood activists have played a key role in contributing to the policy.

“At these small edges of our city are these urban wilds that provide incredible biodiversity and habitat and play a really important role in climate mitigation and adaptation,” he said. “And over the years, thousands of citizen volunteers have gathered together at different spaces, whether it’s with state government or with city government, to protect these urban wilds because they recognize that the value they play not only for our climate and for our environment but also for our quality of life in Boston. But with the increased pressures of a growing city, these areas can be under threat.”

“As a coastal city, Boston is extremely vulnerable to the threat of climate change with rising sea levels,” said O’Malley and Chairman of the Environment, Sustainability and Parks Committee, in a statement. “Policies such as this one ensure that we are protecting our current natural resource areas and local wetlands, while reducing impacts of global climate change.”

The ordinance allows the Conservation Commission to develop standards for construction projects in the floodplain to protect future residents from flooding. It also expressly directs the Commission to consider climate change, sea level rise, and climate resiliency in reviewing applications, and develop performance standards to ensure the City is adequately protected from those effects.

Flood Resilience Zones are an additional zoning layer that will be created through this ordinance. Construction plans for these buildings in Flood Resilience Zones now will be required to go through Conservation Commission review. The language of the zones will be consistent with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and 2070 Climate Ready Boston maps.

Walsh noted that the ordinance is stricter than statewide standards and will work in tandem with the city’s Climate Ready Boston plan to protect coastal and wetland areas from

deterioration and the impact of storms, floods and heatwaves.

Natural greenspace works to filter carbons from the air. The wetlands help to absorb rainwater and protect homes from flooding as well as maintain the natural habitat of local species.

The Roslindale Wetlands already has been feeling the effects of climate change, according to residents and advocates. The 9.5-acre urban wild is bordered by Weld, Walter and Coniston Streets and Robken Rd. Stormwater runoff flows from the Peters Hill neighborhood and into the basements of several homes. Houses can suffer from mold and structural damage from the water and become uninsurable.

One local area that will receive greater protection under the Wetlands Ordinance is 38 Stella Rd. A developer proposed building four, two-unit duplexes on the site, which is on a floodplain and is on land the City had previously designated as unbuildable.

The proposal was withdrawn earlier this month, after opposition from the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC) and the Friends of Allandale. Both groups contributed their advocacy efforts to the ordinance.

“I received more emails from one person than anyone else, and that was Frank O’Brien from the Friends of Allandale,” Walsh said.

“The Wetlands Protection and Climate Ordinance is a positive step forward in City of Boston efforts to address climate change and protect natural resources in all neighborhoods of the City,” the



At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu, left, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, center and Chief of Environment Chris Cook, right, at the signing.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

Friends of Allandale said in a press statement. “The measure reflects reasonable accommodation of all main concerns raised during steps of City Council review. The new law protects both coastal areas like Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston and, inland, like Roslindale Wetlands, Canterbury Brook, and the Neponset River in Mattapan and Dorchester.”

“I feel like this is a time to celebrate,” Mimi Turchinetz, a former District Five City Council candidate who advocated for environmental preservation, said. “This ordinance has been a long time in coming. The fact that it was passed unanimously by the City Council and signed so swiftly by the Mayor shows that it has universal support.”

“I think this was a great turnout,” said local activist

Stephen Smith. “The wetlands are an important issue. Look at New Orleans, that did not protect its wetlands.”

MHC co-chair Lisa Beatman, said she was happy that the equity lens was addressed.

“It’s so nice that they did the signing in the wetlands,” she said. “I was really pleased to hear Michelle Wu highlight the equity piece. There are so many woods and waterways in neighborhoods of color that are not being protected and need to be.”

She mentioned Canterbury Brook and the Neponset River as examples.

“This was great and long overdue,” neighbor George Marsh said. “I have been encouraging the City Councilors to work on this issue. It was a nice present for the holidays.”

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JOIN THE "L STREET BROWNIES" FOR THE ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY SWIM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at 12:00 PM, one of Boston's oldest traditions will continue with an estimated 600 people plunging into Boston Harbor for the annual "L Street Brownies" New Year's Day Swim. The swim is hosted by the L Street Brownies at the BCYF Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road in South Boston, "M" Street entrance. Due to the tide schedule, it will start at 12:00 PM. Other information you should know: * Doors open at 11:00 AM. and close at 1:00 PM.; * Participants should arrive dressed for the water as the men's and women's locker and shower rooms will not be available until after the swim; * Water shoes are suggested due to shells and rocks left by the tide; * Pets are not allowed, please leave your furry friends at home; * There is no need to pre-register. You will be asked to fill out a short form when you arrive; * Lifeguards will be on duty; * Participants must be age 16 and older. This event has taken place for over 100 years. The Brownies are the oldest "polar bear" club in America. The Brownies promote health, fun, and friendship. Each year, the swim is dedicated to past and recently deceased Brownies. Spectators are welcome and creative costumes are encouraged.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

School Vacation Week
(December 26 – January 4)
is approaching and what better

way to spend it than at Franklin Park Zoo

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo will offer free admission on January 14. Guests at Franklin Park Zoo are also invited to write messages of peace on the mural within the Tropical Forest Pavilion. - Ring in the Lunar New Year at Franklin Park Zoo! Guests will have the chance to make their own traditional Chinese Lantern and watch the Lion Dance Team perform, all on January 18.

CONSERVATORY LAB CHARTER SCHOOL PRESENTS: A WINTER SHOWCASE

On Saturday, January 11, 2020, Conservatory Lab Charter School's students will come together for the annual Winter Showcase, a day of musical learning and celebration. Students will put on three performances at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. at the Strand Theater, located at 543 Columbia Road in Dorchester.

The Winter Showcase is an opportunity for students to share their classroom experiences and passion for music with a broader audience. "At Conservatory Lab, music is a vehicle for learning how to work together and growing our students into artists, scholars, and leaders of the future. We are proud of their work and excited to celebrate their music and artistry. We would like to thank all of the Resident Artists, teachers, and staff for making this concert possible and for their dedication and commitment to our students' learning," said Nicole Mack, Principal.

Morning Concert: 10:00

a.m. Charlie Parker Orchestra, Fourth Grade Charles Mingus Orchestra, Fifth Grade Duke Ellington Orchestra, Sixth Grade

Middle Concert: 1:00 p.m. Celia Cruz Orchestra, First Grade Aretha Franklin Orchestra, Second Grade Esperanza Spalding Orchestra, Third Grade

Afternoon concert: 2:30 p.m. Nina Simone Singers, Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten Dudamel Orchestra, Seventh and Eighth Grade

Founded in 1999, Conservatory Lab Charter School aims to empower a diverse range of children as scholars, artists, and leaders through unique and rigorous academic and music education. The school also works to enrich the community in Dorchester and the Greater Boston area through performance, service, and education. Conservatory Lab holds the distinction of being the first public school in the U.S. to adopt the ensemble-focused music program El Sistema into its school day.

For more information about Conservatory Lab, please visit www.conservatorylab.org.

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ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617)782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am. The featured selection for January 29th at 11:15 am. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

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Two ESL conversation group meet at the Brighton Library. One on Monday afternoon at 12:30 pm; the other on Thursday evening at 6:15 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/ 40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032.

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Cadillac brought in their SUV line up, and there is a Cadillac for all sizes with the XT4, XT5, XT6, and Escalade.

GMC has their all-new line up, including the HD Denali pick up with 35,000 lb towing. The GMC Denali offers up to 5 camera, 2 trailer cameras, 1st time offered a 10 speed automatic in the diesel, optional build in block heater plug in the lower left front fender. Storage behind both rear seat backs. GMC also improved their SUV line up like Cadillac with 3 sizes.

Ford came in with the new Ranger Pickup that has grown to what the F150 used to be. Ram brought along their offerings and their version of a mid-size Pickup is the Jeep Gladiator. The Gladiator is not just a Wrangler stretched, it is actually a frame and rear suspension of its own.

The Ram pick up trucks have been updated over the years to be the very best yet. One of my favorite changes is the lowered suspension and new look.

The bottom line... buying a truck or SUV is the buyers choice. There are so many options for the buyer, a 2-year lease is an option so you do not get locked in for a 4-5 year loan payment. Remember, you can buy the vehicle at the end of the lease or release the vehicle again.

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Boston College donates cool \$1.1 mil to Allston / Brighton

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Boston College held its annual ceremony to celebrate funds totaling \$1.1 million to local Allston Brighton organizations last week as part of its Neighborhood and Community fund responsibilities.

BC Director of Communications and voice at most Allston and Brighton community meetings for BC, Thomas Keady, emceed the event.

“We have so many great partners in the city who work with us,” he said.

Keady said this most recent round of funds included 21 total recipients, seven for the neighborhood improvement fund (BCNIF) and 14 for the community improvement fund (BCCIF).

“Included in those grants are a major park renovation, additional BlueBike stations, engagement programs for seniors, youth sports programs, functioning public art in Main Street business districts, gateway beautification and education and community programs at the Boston Public Schools and Community Centers, just to name a few.”

He said \$1.1 million was distributed through the BCNIF grants and \$39,919 for the fall

cycle for the 2019 Community Improvement Fund.

Boston College President William Leahy said the great turnout for the event was an indication of how strong the bonds are between BC and Boston.

“When you think about all the activities that go on in a community like ours, it takes people to make things click and function,” he said. “We have engaged so many different groups and addressed a lot of issues, so we know how important partners are and that is what you provide for us, and those are the ways in which we help our community.”

Keady introduced outgoing District 9 City Councilor Mark Ciommo, who he said he first met working for the campaign of former Councilor Brian Honan.

“We support his decision to retire, but it’s such a tough decision for him to make because public service has been such a big part of his life,” he said.

Leahy said he felt Ciommo might have a few more years to dedicate to Allston and Brighton.

“He looks a little young for me to say ‘retirement,’” he said. “So I’m saying he’s just moving on to other things. In the community of BC, we say you

enter into the wisdom community at age 80, so I would say Mark has a long way to go before he’s in the wisdom community. However, he has served us in the Allston Brighton Community in a special way, in an effective way for so many years and it seemed appropriate today that we recognize him, thank him and also wish him well.”

Ciommo said he’s open to what he wants to do in the future.

“I am accepting any and all offers, because I am looking for a job,” he said with a laugh. “All kidding aside, this has been the greatest honor of my life to be able to represent the neighborhood I grew up in, the neighborhood that produced great leaders, great mentors and role models, and helped me become who I am and I try to replicate that to young people I’ve employed over the years, young people I come into contact with and also the seniors I work for at the Senior Center. I had worked there for 14 years before being elected.”

The BCNIF grants included \$60,000 for Allston Village Main Streets’ Lights Project, \$42,846 for Artists for Humanity and its Artistic Bike Racks, \$750,000 for improvements to the McKinney Playground,

\$106,250 for two new BlueBike Stations, \$100,000 for the Gateway Project at Brighton Marine, \$20,000 for the Allston Brighton CDC Bench Project and \$24,999 for the Gardner Pilot Academy Garden and School Grounds improvement project.

For the \$3,000 Community Grants, awardees included 2Life Communities - Brighton Community Mosaics Project, Allston Board of Trade - Holiday Village Lights Project, Allston Brighton Little League - Uniform and Equipment Expenses, Allston Brighton Youth Hockey Association - Youth Hockey Program, Baldwin Early Learn-

ing Pilot Academy - Baldwin Enrichment Programs, Brazilian Women’s Group - “Seja Contada”, Brighton Board of Trade - Brighton Holiday Lights, Charles River Conservancy - Conservancy Volunteers Program, Family Nurturing Center - Allston Brighton Diaper Pantry, Friendshipworks - Equipment, Jackson Mann School Council, Inc. - Reflection Garden, Presentation School Foundation Community - Enhancements, Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Center, Inc. - Senior Engagement Programs and The Women’s Table - A Table for All

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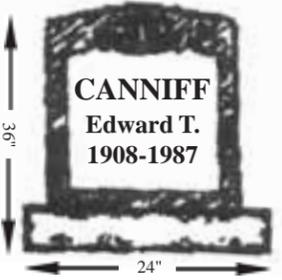
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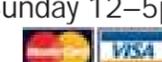
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Deaths

BROLIN



Virginia M. (D'Alessandro) of Norwood formerly of Dedham and Hyde Park, December 28, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John D. Brolin. Devoted mother of Cynthia M. Brolin of Norwood. Daughter of the late Pasquale and Mary D'Alessandro. A visitation will be held at the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home 456 High St. Dedham on Friday, January 3rd from 9-11am, followed by a Funeral Service at 11am, in the funeral home. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. Arrangements by George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, Dedham.

BROSNAN

Kathleen (Mitchell) Of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, December 21, 2019. Born in Galway, Ireland. Beloved wife of the late Maurice T. Brosnan. Loving mother of Theresa Brosnan-Johnson and her husband Kevin of Walpole, Mary Kilkelly and her husband Joseph of Dedham, Kevin P. Brosnan and his wife Irene of North Reading, Anne Brosnan of West Roxbury and the late Thomas Brosnan. Devoted grandmother of Nora, Kathleen, Sheila, Tara, Kevin M. and Courtney. Great-grandmother of Declan, Conor, and Delaney. Devoted daughter of the late Thomas and Sarah (Collins) Mitchell. Loving sister of Sarah Joyce, Frances O'Connor, Bridget Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Annie Courtney, Patrick Mitchell, Oliver Mitchell, and the late John, Michael, and Thomas J. Mitchell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 28 in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathleen's memory to Catholic T.V. www.catholic.tv or St. Anthony Shrine, stanthonyshrine.org Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600
www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

COSSETTE

Margaret A. "Peggy" (Keane) Of Roslindale, December 26, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Cossette. Loving mother of Ernie and his wife Michele of Carver, Johnny Cossette of Roslindale, Peggy Ann Bauer and her husband Walt of NJ, Karen Carson and her husband Jack of Norwood. Devoted grandmother of Kristy, Eric, Rachel, Kira, John and Sinead. Great-grandmother of Kathleen, Isabella, Charlie, Grayson, Finn, Matthew and Phoenix. Cousin of John and Val Clement. Sister of the late Mary Ahearn and Jackie Keane. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Peggy was a life member of the Catholic Daughters of America and the 49ers Club of Holy Trinity High School. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, December 30th in Sacred Heart Church. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery. Remembrances in memory of Peggy may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul c/o Sacred Heart Church, 169 Cummins Hwy., Roslindale, MA 02131. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600

KENNEY

Elizabeth H. (Hayes) Of Hyde Park, passed on December 23 at the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late William T. Kenney. Loving mother of William Kenney, Jr. of CA, Mary Ellen Kerins and her husband Brian of Hyde Park, Dianne Kenney of Hyde Park and the late Susan DeYesso. Cherished sister of Regina McLaughlin of Arlington and Sandra Howell of CA and four deceased siblings. Loving "Nana" of seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. A

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 28th at Most Precious Blood Church, Hyde Park. Interment at Fairview Cemetery. Elizabeth was the former owner of Kenney Cleaners in Hyde Park and was a devoted member of MilPar. For guestbook, please visit Thomasfuneralhomes.com

LECCE

Lucio Of West Roxbury, December 21, 2019. Beloved husband of Marie O'Riordan. Loving father of Rick Lecce and Gina Davis. Loving grandfather of Ricky, Michael and Gianni Lecce. Longtime cabinet maker, avid cyclist and devoted patron of local coffee shops with friends. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, December 27th in Holy Name Church. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

MABARDI

Dr. Edward "Doc" Of Belmont, passed peacefully December 21, 2019, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. Dear and devoted husband for sixty years of Zahie Mabardi. Beloved father of Marie Mabardi and her husband Krikor of Belmont, Diane Mabardi and her husband Peter Abdelmaseh of Belmont, Peter Mabardi of Cambridge, Mitchell Mabardi and his wife Katie Mabardi of Medford. Dear grandfather of Alex and Justin Aroyan, Ryan and Mia Mabardi. Loving brother of Selma Winstanley of Arlington, and the late Attorney Mitchell Mabardi. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He gave his family so much love, joy and happiness, he will be truly missed. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, December 26th at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge. Interment Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Edward's memory may be made to St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church stmaryorthodoxchurch.org Guestbook at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home 617-325-3600

MEDUGNO

Edward Anthony Of Roslindale, December 27, 2019. Beloved husband of Lucy (Marsoobian) Medugno. and devoted father of Donna L Medugno of Roslindale, Lori A Medugno of Chelmsford, Edward A, Medugno, Jr. and his wife Melissa of Westwood and James P, Medugno and his wife Jo Anna

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of Walpole. Loving grandfather of Anthony J Medugno. Brother of Frederick R Medugno of CA. and the late Vincent and Thomas Medugno, Susan Sullivan, and Mary DiGregorio. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, December 30th at Sacred Heart Lower Church, Roslindale. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Guestbook at www.josephrussofuneralhome.com

MURPHY

Catherine M. (Callahan) Of West Roxbury, December 27th in her 100th year. Formerly of Schull, Co. Cork, Ireland. Beloved wife of the late Cornelius J. Loving mother of Ann T. Murphy of West Roxbury and Jack J. Murphy of Southboro and the late Cathy M. Antoniotti and Mary T. Eagan. Sister of Frances Lucey of Ireland and predeceased by 9 brothers and sisters. Loving grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, December 31st in St. Theresa Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

For guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

PASCAL

Erin Emlock, 40, Allison Joyce Pascal, 4 and Andrew James Pascal, 1 Of West Roxbury, passed away on December 25th, 2019. The mother and children are survived by their devoted husband, and loving father, Adam Pascal. Funeral Service private. For guestbook, www.gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home. Wellesley 781-235-4100

TREMBLAY

Leo E. Of West Roxbury, December 21, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (Zaleski) Tremblay. Devoted father of Steven L. Tremblay and his wife Donna of Monroe, NY; Janet M. Pellowe of West Roxbury. Also survived by 4 grandchildren, 3 nephews and 2 nieces. Brother of the late Rudolph and Rita Haire. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, December 28th in St. Mary Church, Dedham. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, Chelmsford. Late Korean War Veteran US Army. For guestbook, gfdoherty.com George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500

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couragement of his girlfriend, Inyoung You.

Rollins said that mental health struggles come in all shapes and forms, and residents should try to be aware of their friends' and family's struggles, especially during the holidays.

"For a parent to come to a place in which they harm their children in this way, indicates that their mental health struggles were severe and in need of immediate support," she said. "Mental health issues are not specific to one type of individual. It has many faces. This Christmas Day tragedy demonstrates the urgency of addressing mental health, suicide and homicide. We have to do more to address these significant public health issues that impact all of us in Suffolk County. My office is committed fully to working with our partners to do so."

Rollins added that residents facing these feelings should reach out to a myriad of support networks.

"It is my duty to say this - if you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, there are services available to help you," Rollins said. "Please utilize this help. You can call or

text the Samaritans State-wide Hotline 877-870-HOPE (4673). Help is also available through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 800-273-TALK (8255); military veterans and their loved ones should press "1" for the Veterans Crisis Line. The Trevor Lifeline is available to help lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth and young adults at 866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386). If you believe that you or another individual is at immediate risk of harm, you can always call 911. Additional resources can be found through the Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Suicide."

First Night 2020

Boston's famed New Year's Eve celebration First Night will be kicking off in style this year to celebrate the coming of the new decade.

Most notably, the city will be ringing in the New Year with a huge fireworks celebration presented by the Mugar Foundation and the City of Boston. The tradition, which as been going on in Boston for more than 45 years, will start at the Boston Common for the first fireworks demonstration at 7 p.m. The first fireworks of 2020 will take place at Copley Square as part of the Copley Countdown Pyrotechnics and Light Show in Copley Square at midnight. There will also be the traditional Midnight Fireworks on the Boston Harbor as well.

Before the fireworks on Boston Common, the city is hosting the Frog Pond Skating Spectacular. Copley Square will also be hosting dozens of events throughout the day starting at noon, including Sweet Harmony, Elliot Wren, BAND Inc., Amber Ais, Morningbird, Jonah Bencal, Paco, Daniel Laurent, GreenLight Jazz Orchestra, Sons of Levin, Single By Sunday and more. At Copley Place Mall, the shows start at 1 p.m. with the Emancipation Proclamation Concert and the First Night Organ Concert at 4 p.m. There will also be multiple performances from the Puppet Showplace Theater throughout the day.

The Boston Public Library Johnson Room at Copley Square will be hosting a series of performances from Drumming About You, Improv Boston, Jesse McKellar, Neptune's Car, Dancing Buns Studios and the Responders throughout the afternoon. The McKim Room in the Boston Public Library at Copley Square will also have afternoon performances, from the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association in dance performances and arts and

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crafts and the Boston Sax Quartet. For a full list of performances and times, go to <https://www.firstnightboston.org/schedule/>.

New England band Deer Tick will be ringing in the New Year with two shows at the Sinclair in Cambridge on Dec. 30 and 31 respectively. If you're looking for a more upscale celebration, the Boston Marriott Newton on Commonwealth Avenue will be hosting its New Years Eve Ball all night.

The Brattle Theater in Harvard Square will be hosting Tom Waits' film Big Time at 7 p.m., along with a Marx Brothers Marathon throughout New Years Day. The Boston Children's Museum in South Boston will be hosting its annual Happy Noon Year celebration for young children starting at 10:30 a.m. with arts and crafts. They will be starting their ball drop countdown at 11:45 a.m.

Casa Cana in Allston will be hosting a Latin New Years Eve Party, filled with dancing, Djs, and local food. The party is scheduled from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. In the North End and Downtown Harbor, there will be a presentation of the annual New Year's Eve Ice Sculpture Stroll.

The Boston Harbor Hotel is also hosting a free tour of the hotel's collection of historic maps with Harvard Professor Alex Krieger at 12 p.m. Krieger helped to put the map collection together originally. Mr. Krieger is also a Principal at NBBJ, a design firm with offices in Boston and all over the world.

New Year's Eve will also be the last instance of the Blink! Light and Sound show at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. This year's Blink! features the signature holiday tree at Marketplace Center joined by all the trees and lights throughout the property. Musical performances run from 4:30 p.m. To 1 p.m. Daily until Jan. 1.



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Grateful thanks. —K.B.

St. Jude's Novena
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 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. —I.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.
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Hyde Park Youth Basketball week 2



The Hyde Park Youth Basketball Association (HPYBA) played a second week of its schedule before taking the holiday break the Ray Foley and Craig Curran divisions took to the court at the New Mission High School and Municipal Building gyms, respectively. HPYBA Deputy Director Winston Lloyd pointed out that the program is still accepting applications and creating await list for new players at both the Foley (ages 12-14) and Curran (9-11) levels. In addition new players can still join the Instructional Division (ages 6-9) when play resumes on January 4, 2020.

Foley Division Results

Darkside 49 – Hoyas37

The first half of this game was a back and forth battle, but with Jay Jackson (30) taking the reins in the second half, the Darkside were able to get another win. Helping Jay were Pierce Edouard and Marvin Egbon, both with assists and points of their own. The Hoyas put up a valiant effort with newcomer Quandell Brown leading the team in scoring with 15 points asHijiah Allen-Paisey also kept the momentum of the offense going with 9 points in her season debut. On defense it was Corey Cunniff and Timothy Trotman who were able to keep this game as close as it was. Both teams will have a week off to prepare for their next game. On January 4, 2020 the Darkside will take on the other undefeated team, the 3-Pointers, and the Hoyas look to get a win against the Cowboys.

3-Pointers 50 – Cowboys 38

Another impressive game

for Coach Winston and his 3-Pointers squad lead by veteran player Freddy Johnson who not only scored 25 points but also played spectacular defense. He was aided on the defensive side by Nathaniel Bodden and Nathan Bonaventure who hustled up and down the court all game long. However, they were met by the defense of Isaiah Figueroa and Chris Martinez who together accounted for the majority of the teams steals and blocked shots. After his blocked shots, Chris would then take the ball the other way leading his team with 24 points. He was assisted on the offensive side by Amir Mollineau who kept the ball moving and had 5 points of his own. The Cowboys will look to get a win in their next game against the Hoyas and the 3-Pointers hope to keep their momentum alive as they prepare to take on the Darkside.

Foley Division Standings

	W	L	T
Darkside	2	0	0
3-Pointers	2	0	0
Cowboys	0	2	0
Hoyas	0	2	0

Curran Division Results

3-Pointers 35 - 18 Raptors

The Treys are up to their usual tricks again keeping this game out of reach from the Raptors from the start. Every player on the 3-Pointers touched the ball, and every player that touched the ball scored. The team was led by Oscar Torres (17) and Desmond Monterio (8). However, as we all know defense is also a key part of the game. With MJ Bruneau and Austin Consalvo as guards, it made penetrating the arc difficult for the Raptors. That being said, Feliciano Tavares was able to drive to the hoop for 12 points and first-year player Zhira Watkins

scored her first points of the season. Both of these teams will break for the holidays and when they return the 3-Pointers will prepare to take on the Blue Devils and the Raptors look for a win against the Sonics.

Blue Devils 28 - 20 Sonics

This game was a back and forth battle throughout with the Blue Devils down at half by 5 points. It wasn't until Chandler Frederick turned on the jets that the Blue Devils began to come together as a team. With 16 second half points Chandler led his team in scoring for the game. He was aided by Jadon Omoruyi (8) on offense as well as Yamil Araujo and Alex Calixte who made the left side of the defense nearly impossible to get by. For the Sonics it was Dailon Long who pulled in rebound after rebound to get players like Quinton Avevor (7), Gideon Egbon (6), and RitchmaekExantus (5) their points. Even with this great defensive effort and distribution of points, the Sonics were not able to keep that 5 point lead in the second half. After our break the Blue Devils look to stay atop the leaderboard as they face the 3-Pointers and the Sonics will regroup and strategize how to get a win against the Raptors.

Curran Division Standings

	W	L	T
Blue Devils	2	0	0
3-Pointers	2	0	0
Raptors	0	2	0
Sonics	0	2	0



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Boston development not stopping



The developers at 1717-1725 Hyde Park Ave. haven't thrown in the towel on their project just yet, despite hitting a few snags at the BPDA.

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Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston development boom isn't over yet, and there are several public meetings either scheduled or on the horizon for the neighborhoods of the city.

In West Roxbury, CAD Builders LLC has purchased two abandoned buildings on Centre Street at Park Street and has intimated that the company wants to bulldoze both the residential properties and the former Rockland Trust. Traditionally, CAD Builders has had a strict single-family home portfolio, including the 29 single-family homes it has currently received approval for with former Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Project Manager Christopher Tracy.

No word yet on exactly what CAD has in mind for the properties.

In Hyde Park, the controversial project at 1717-1725 Hyde Park Ave. right near the Father Hart Bridge has been tabled by the BPDA presumably because of objections from residents and rare public testimony from State Rep. Angelo Scaccia. Residents have stated that the 285-unit, 300,000-plus square foot project would cause too much traffic for the neighborhood, especially at the dual bottle-necks of the Father Hart Bridge and the Sprague Street Bridge. However, the BPDA Board did approve the 247-unit building at 36-40 Sprague St. with at least less opposition from elected officials.

In South Boston, the 15 Necco St. development meeting for General Electric's new headquarters is set for Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at 300 A St. The original meeting for the HQ development was set for Dec. 2 but was canceled due to weather. The project encompasses GE's proposal for a new building consisting of over 300,000 gross

square feet on 2.7 acres in the Fort Point neighborhood. This project has been reduced from consisting of both 15 Necco St. and 5 Necco St. because of changes to plans by GE., and is called 15 Necco now to avoid confusion. The 12-story building will have active ground floor uses, such as restaurant spaces, but because of its proximity to public transit, it is not slated to have any parking spaces.

In Brighton, proponents for the project at 100 Lincoln St. will be hosting a public meeting on Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brighton Marine Health Center. The project proposes 32 homeownership units in about 43,000 square feet of building. The five-story building will have 27 parking spaces even though it is 1,500 feet from the Boston Landing Commuter Rail Station.

In Allston, The Western Avenue Corridor Study continues on Jan. 6 at the Harvard Innovation Lab on 125 Western Ave. at 6 p.m. The idea is to lay out the feasibility of improvements and potential public benefits for future projects to participate in to the neighborhood.

The controversial Roxbury Prep High School has shown no indications that the school intends to stop or rework its plan for a high school at 361 Belgrade Ave. The last round of public comments was Aug. 13, but the project is still listed as "Under Review" by the BPDA. The project calls for a high school of 49,520 gross square feet for about 530 students. The plan was put in motion because school representatives say it's been problematic to have two locations for one high school with no cafeteria, theater or gymnasium facilities.

Residents opposed to the school say the area is already too congested, despite commuter rail and public transit being available. Residents have also pointed out that there is a school at the West Roxbury Education Com-

plex (WR High School) that is currently being renovated and could be a location for the Roxbury Prep School. Representatives from Roxbury Prep have repeatedly stated that the Boston Public School Department is unwilling to sell any land already used for district schools to a charter school.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **NO19D1034DR**
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Adrien Lagrenade vs. Huguette Henriquez
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Adrien Lagrenade, 640 North Main Street, Apt. 113, Randolph, MA 02368.** your answer, if any, on or before **02/23/2020.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

December 19, 2019

Patrick W. McDermott, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 01/02/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19P2828GD**
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Winston L. Curry
Of: Roslindale, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA**

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Winston L. Curry** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

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Walsh, advocates, go to State House for affordable housing reform

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Boston Mayor Marty Walsh joined with District 1 City Councilor and former Boston Home Center Director Lydia Edwards to testify before the Massachusetts Statehouse recently on Inclusionary Development and Linkage Fees.

The testimony was to promote the Home-Rule Petition approved by the City Council and Signed by Walsh in September, entitled "An Act to Further Leverage Commercial Development to Build Housing, Create Jobs, and Preserve Inclusionary Development," now called House Bill No. 4115. The petition, if enacted into law, would first allow the city to change its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) to require affordable housing, or IDP units, in as of right projects. Currently, a project with 10 or more units or requesting zoning variances would have to have 13 percent of its units be affordable under IDP standards or make an in-kind contribution to the IDP fund, which is used to build affordable housing in the city.

For Linkage, which is funding provided for affordable housing and job training by large commercial projects, the petition would allow the city to adjust its rates of required affordable housing for new projects year-to-year and be more aligned with the city's ever changing real estate market.

Allston Brighton State Rep. Kevin Honan chaired the Joint Committee on Housing meeting last week at which Walsh testified.

"We are at a crisis point in the City of Boston and we are in a crisis point in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," he said. "The legislation that I'm about to testify on has no impact at all on the borders outside the City of Boston, it's strictly a bill that deals just with the City of Boston, with the

ability to use linkage and IDP to continue to be able to provide affordable housing and protect what we have in our city."

Walsh then pointed to the back of the room, where dozens of housing advocates stood in support of the bill. He pointed out that many of those advocates have been fighting for better housing since he was elected in the State House in 1996.

"We're going through an incredible opportunity right now in the City of Boston, an incredible building boom," he said. "We're still experiencing it and I don't see it slowing down, at least not for 2020, and maybe into 2021. We've seen a lot of growth and gain in our city, but what we have not seen – and we talk about this a lot, and I know you do too here at the legislature – income inequality has not shrunk, it's grown."

Walsh pointed out that Boston has been pushing for more affordable housing as much as it can, but the affordability issue spans farther than the city and the Greater Boston Metro area, and this would help to ease the housing crisis across the Commonwealth.

"The opportunities for people to live in the City of Boston have not increased, it's decreased and the issues and impacts that we have and the stress we feel throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the lack of affordable housing is something that is a major concern," he said. "Until other cities and towns step up and help us with this, Boston is going to continue to build affordable homes, Boston's going to continue to support our tenants and our communities, so I'm asking for support in this legislation."

Edwards pointed out that the city council voted unanimously to pass the home-rule petition and feels that the city should have more control over how it deals with its housing stock and development.

"It modernizes Boston's authority relative to residential and commercial development," she said. "This is more than just a housing bill, this legislation advances civil rights and fair housing while making our local development processes more effective, accountable and ultimately ore affordable for Bostonians."

Co Chair of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC) and the Director of the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corpora-

tion Donna Brown spoke in favor of the bill, both for her home CDC and MACDC.

"MACDC represents 20 CDCs across the city, and in Boston we've collectively built more than 8,000 affordable homes in the city, and our members are governed locally by residents in each neighborhood who serve on the boards of each CDC," she said. "CDCs in Boston are dedicated to long-term affordability, high quality property management and robust resident service."

Brown pointed out that Boston is a national leader in affordable housing, with over one third of its rental stock dedicated to affordable housing, but the current market can make that still unobtainable for many.

"According to the 2018 update to the Boston 2030 Housing Plan, 22 percent of Boston's households are currently paying more than half their income on housing, because of the strong demand for housing," she said. "In my neighborhood of South Boston, we've seen unprecedented growth and the resulting increases in rents that have led to the displacements of families and seniors, which is why we fully support this home-rule petition."

Resident Ralph Shirley, a graduate of the Building Pathways Job Training Program and a member of the Plumbers Union Local 12, said without the funds from the city's linkage program, he would have never had the opportunity he did to lift himself from his situation.

"I'm here today on behalf of the Trade Unions and Massachusetts AFL CYO, and I'm here to share why job training matters," he said. "I grew up in Grove Hall, and am married with three children. Before Building Pathways, I had suffered some hardship, and was only making about \$12 an hour. It was tough to make ends meet, it was tough to keep oil in the tank during the wintertime."

Shirley said he was able to acquire the necessary skills through the Pathways Program, and in the Plumbers Local 12, he said he has been able to provide a better life for his family.

"My whole family has healthcare, I'm sure you guys know how important that is with little kids," he said. "We can afford a home and we believe in good jobs and good homes for everybody. Pathways and the Unions have changed so many lives, and have saved so many lives."

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