Mayor Walsh signs historic wetlands ordinance

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

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.

West Roxbury to host vigil for local mom, two children

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 residents 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.

Neither snow nor rain stops the ribbon cutting of Community Servings

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

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 Temple,” Nenner-Payton said. “We were walking through the neighborhood, and prepared to light the first candle of the eight-day celebration, and discovered there be a menorah?”

At that point, Nenner-Payton discussed with her, “That’s not right.”

When she explained that there was no menorah, Eli told her, “That’s not right.”

“At this time of year, when all of us are celebrating light, it’s important to us to feel proud of our heritage, 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 menorah candles. “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.”

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

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

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 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.
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break my cranium,” she laughed.

“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 orthogonal 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 Addy 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. “It 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, “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 one day supply of sacred oil lasted for eight days, which is signified by a candle being lit each day.

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.

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 delusion 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

Editor's note: We are not responsible for information in correspondence.

Mayor Walsh Announces 2020 State of the City Address

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

STATE OF THE CITY

Boston Symphony Hall

301 Massachusetts Ave.
Boston, MA 02116

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.
WHERE: Symphony Hall 301 Massachusetts Ave.
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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 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 huge two-year project,” Scudders went on. “Food needs to go; good nutrition needs to go; good nutrition serves as a preventative, a mechanism to getting better and staying better.”

“I walked around the kitchen,” he said. “It’s pretty incredible. It complies 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 helps 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.
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” meetings that have been held in community centers, churches, and other venues. Nearly 200 volunteers have completed an online user survey; nearly 1,200 people have engaged in constructive dialogue at 10 “Mini Common” meetings that have been held in community centers, churches, and other venues. Nearly 200 volunteers have engaged in constructive dialogue at 10 “Mini Common” meetings that have been held in community centers, churches, and other venues.

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.

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-S 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.

“Todd and I are at the heart of the Thanksgiving tradition in the community,” stated Kelly. “It’s great because all different 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. 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 Orman 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 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.

“Aafter 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 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 of the 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 our climate and our community from the effects of climate change,” Walsh continued. “It directs our Conservation Commission to consider future climate impacts like rising sea levels and elevations for new development, construction or any special events. “Boston exists because of nature and we need to protect it. This ordinance is a step in the right direction.” 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 why we need to protect it, 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 performance 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 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 carbon from the air. The wetlands help to absorb runnawater 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 wetland is bordered by Weld, Walter and Conston Streets and 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 uninhabitable. 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 this plan 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.”

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, Canterbur Fry 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 Councilor and currently a candidate 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 turnover,” 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 Beatin, said she was happy that the equity lens was adored. “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.”
**Around the Neighborhood**

**CITY**

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

Dear Members,

Join us 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 Columbus 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.
- * Pets are not allowed, please leave your furry friends at home; * Pets are not allowed, please leave your furry friends at home;
- * There is no need to pre-register; * Pets are not allowed, please leave your furry friends at home;
- * Shells and rocks left by the tide; * Wa-
- * Participants must be age 16 and older. This event has taken place at 11:00 AM, one of Boston's oldest traditions will continue with an estimated 600 people planning to take the plunge starting Friday, November 20th, 2020 at 12:00 PM, one of Boston's oldest traditions will continue with an estimated 600 people planning to take the plunge starting Friday, November 20th, 2020 at 11:00 AM. and close at 1:00 PM. Other information you should know:

- * Bring the Bulletin when you arrive; * Bring the Bulletin when you arrive;
- * For more information and to registration, visit www.BayStateSkiingSchool.org or call Bay State Skiing School (781)808-4800. Gift certificates available.
- * Call for an appointment and ask for a librarian. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032.

**ALLSTON / BRIGHTON**

**PROGRAMS AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY**

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032.

**E.S.L. CONVERSATION GROUPS**

For more information or to register contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglora@ethocare.org

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**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. Families 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 Columbus 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 form a group,” said Nicole Mack, Principal. **Morning Concert:** 10:00 a.m. Charlie Parker Orchestra, Fourth Grade Charles Mingus Orchesta, Fifth Grade Duke Ellington Orchesta, Sixth Grade

**CLASSES AT BOSTON AREA ICE RINKS**

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This past November was the month of Pickup trucks and SUV's at Automation in Middleboro. The competition in the Pickup and SUV market is what the car market was 10 years ago.

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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.

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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 Ready, 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 (BC CIF).

“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 though the BCNIF grants and $39,919 for the fall cycle to 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 Humanitarian and its Artistic Bike Racks, $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 Youth Hockey Association - Youth Hockey Program, Baldwin Early Learning 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, Friendshipbigworks - Equipment, Jackson Mann School Council, Inc. - Reflection Garden, Presenification 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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Deaths

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 28 at St. Theresa of Avila Church, in the late Josephine. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul or St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Edward Anthony O’Keefe

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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 holiday season.

“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 Statewide 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-TEREVOR (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.”

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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.

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, Elliott Wren, BAND Inc., Amherst Air, Morningbird, Jonah Bencal, Poco, Daniel Laurent, GreenLight Jazz Orchestra, Sons of Levin, Single By Sunday and more. At Copley Place Mall, the shows start at 7 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.

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

Foley Division Results

Darkside 49 – Hoyas 37

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 new-comer Quandell Brown leading the team in scoring with 15 points as Hijiah Allen-Paisey also kept the momentum of the offense going with 9 points in her season debut. On defense it was Corey Cunniff and Timo thy 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 undeated team, the 3- Pointers, and the Hoyas look to get a win against the Cowboys.

3-Pointers 50 – Cowboys 38

Another impressive game to 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 restricted the team on the court all game long. However, they were met by the defense of Isaiah Figueroa and Chris Martinez who together ac-counted 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 mo- mentum alive as they prepare to take on the Darkside.

Foley Division Standings

W L T

Darkside 2 0 0

Cowboys 2 0 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 Montero (8). However, as we all know defense is also a key part of the game. With MJ Bruneau and Austin Covello as guards, it made penetrating the arc difficult for the Raptors. That being said, Feliciano Paez 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 was a game and 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 Jaden Omoruyi (8) on offense as well as Yamil Araujo and Alex Calinse who made the left side of the defense nearly impos-sible to get by. For the Sonics it was Daion Long who pulled in rebounds after rebound to get players like Quinton Aveyor (7), Gideon Egbon (6), and RitchmaekExantus (5) points even. With this great defensive effort and distribu-tion 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 regroup and strategize how to get a win against the Raptors.

Curran Division Standings

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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 throughout New Years Day. The Boston Children’s Museum in South Boston will be hosting its annual Happy Noon Year cele-bration 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, DJ, 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 to-gether originally. Mr. Krieger is also a Principal at NBBJ, a de-sign firm with offices in Boston and all over the world.

Next up will 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. Musi-cal performances run from 4:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Daily until Jan. 1. 

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Hyde Park Youth Basketball week 2
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 build a multi-residential project encompassing GE’s proposed single-family homes portfolio, including the 29 single-family homes it has currently received approval for.

In Hyde Park, the controversial project at 1717-1725 Hyde Park Ave. has been tabled by the BPDA presumably because of objections from residents and rare public testimony from State Rep. Angelo Scaccia.

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 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 home-ownership units in about 43,000 square feet of building. The five-story building will have 27 parking spaces even though it is 1,500 square feet from the Boston Landmark 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 Complex (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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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Adrian Lagrange, 669 North Main Street, Apt. 123, Randolph, MA 02368 your answer, if any, on or before 02/25/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to hear the action and adjudicate it. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Winnas, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
December 19, 2019
Pamela W. McInerny, Register of Probate
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Docket No. N01H01826GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PERSUASIVE TO 700 H.C. c. 1908, s. 33-34

In the matter of: Winston L. Curry
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The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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

The testimony was to promote the Home-Run Petition approved by the City Council and Signed with Walsh in September, entitled “An Act to Further Leverage Commercial Development to Build Housing, Create Jobs, and Preserve Inclusively Developmental Inclusion,” now called House Bill 4115. The petition, if enacted into law, would first allow the city to change its city to its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) to require affordable housing, or IDP units, in an units of any projects with 10 or more units or requests zoning variances would have to include 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 changing real estate market.

Alston 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 of the City of Boston, it’s strictly a bi-state deal is with the City of Boston, with the ability to use linkage and IDP to continue 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 then pointed out that many of those advocates have been fighting for better housing since he was elected in the State House in 1994.

“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 what our city needs is we have 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 can, but the affordability issue is even more pressing 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 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.

“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 more affordable for Bostonians.”

Chair of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC) and the Director of the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corpora
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 membres are governed 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 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 link age program, he would have never had the opportunity to dig 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 winter.”

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.

“I am so grateful to have this healthcare, I’m sure you guys know how important that is with little kids,” he said. “We can afford our healthcare in Massachusetts because of the work 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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