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WRSA Safety meeting gets heated

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Safety Association (WRSA), formed in June, held a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Irish Social Club attended by more than 350 residents.

Founder Steve Morris and member Tim Sullivan went over not only the group's plan to make Centre Street safer for pedestrians, but also why they believe a road diet – proposed by the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) in June after February recommendations from a team at Northeastern University – would not work.

Interim BTD Commissioner Greg Rooney was in attendance and said he took over as commissioner in May of this year,

in between both meetings.

“So I came on board as this process was already underway,” he said.

Rooney said since then he's been listening to community concerns regarding the proposed road diet, which would reduce the lanes on Centre Street from four travel lanes to two travel lanes, a turning lane and two bicycle lanes from Spring Street to the West Roxbury Rotary. The plan calls for the loss of 16 parking spaces.

Morris said many residents felt this plan was thrust upon them at the June meeting at Holy Name and they didn't really have a say.

“I'll come right out and say it, it's a stupid idea,” he said. “We felt like there was a whole level of conversation that was going on not involving the bulk of the West



Hundreds of residents packed into the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury to discuss an alternative to the proposed road diet for Centre Street.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Roxbury residents and businesses, and that's why we formed the WRSA.”

WRSA members said they are wary of reducing the number of lanes because they don't believe it will improve safety for pedestrians and will kill local businesses. Sullivan pointed out that many delivery drivers won't be able to park to make deliveries, while at the same time newly-appointed Boston Police Depart-

ment District E-5 Captain Darrin Greeley said they will be increasing enforcement to reduce double-parked food delivery drivers. He also added they will be increasing enforcement when it comes to drivers going through crosswalks when pedestrians are trying to cross.

Sullivan, who grew up in Newport, Rhode Island, said he has seen what road diets that were tried both there and in

Providence have done. He pointed out that a recent road diet in Providence was retracted after residents complained. Sullivan also pointed to a recent Los Angeles Daily News opinion piece that showed after 17 months of a road diet on Venice Boulevard, 21 businesses closed during

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Community hopes for three-way intersection at Centre and Walter

Walter Street

Traffic Signal Concept 1



Residents and advocates feel this configuration of the Walter Street Centre Street intersection is the best compromise for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The intersection between Centre Street and Walter Street on the Roslindale, Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury border lines has been a nightmare for residents for decades.

As early as 2006, residents have advocated for traffic safety measures to be put in place at the inter-

section, as accidents and collisions are alarmingly common there. For instance, a 2015 Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) report stated that between 2009 and 2013, the intersection of Centre and the VFW Parkway had 11 reported crashes with a reported crash rate of .18 percent (crashes per million vehicles entering the intersection). The inter-

section of Allandale Street and Centre had a few more, with 20 reported crashes and a percentage of .24, but Walter and Centre had 39 reported crashes with a rate of .47 percent.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, about 40 residents from the area came out for an informal meeting on the inter-

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President Larissa Castro, standing, spoke regarding the proposed recreational marijuana facility for the VFW.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

WRCIA withdraws marijuana support

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association (WRCIA) voted on Mon., Nov. 18 on two motions regarding two separate proposed cannabis dispensaries at 1524 VFW Parkway at its monthly meeting, attended by about 20 members.

The first was a unanimous vote to withdraw a previous letter of non-opposition for Beacon Compassion, Inc. WRCIA

had voted not to oppose this proposal two years ago because the company originally proposed a medicinal marijuana shop. The condition of their approval was that it only allow medical distribution.

“However, it has recently come to light that Beacon would also like to go recreational, and there have been some things in the news about it,” president Larissa Castro

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MHC discusses recent shootings, development proposal

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

More than 50 people attended the Mount Hope Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHC), to address recent shootings where people were killed and a proposed property conversion to include a basement dwelling on Thurs., Nov. 14 at the Home for Little Wanderers.

E-18 Community Service Officer Matt Conley reported that on Tues., Nov. 1, a person was shot and killed at 35 Paine St. at 10:40 p.m.

On Oct. 31, at about 2:04 p.m., a man was shot near the One Stop Auto Repair & Sales at 581 American Legion Hwy., and pronounced dead at a local hospital, according to the police report provided by Conley. During the investigation, the next day, the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) closed the shop for improper storage of motor vehicle fluids.

According to the BPD website, two adult males appeared to have suffered gunshot wounds. While one succumbed to his injuries, the other man's wounds appeared to be non-life threatening.

E-18 Sgt. Daniel Keane

said that the auto shop was not involved in the shooting. He also said that the two shooting deaths are being investigated by the homicide unit. It does not appear at this time that the two incidents are related.

"To ease some fears, I can say they were targeted individuals, but in a random area," Keane said. "It just happened to happen here, but we can't tie it to anything in particular to the neighborhood."

In a situation like that, the homicide unit takes over the investigation, he added.

Another issue the group discussed was that motorists have been continuing to make illegal U-turns at Paine and Canterbury Streets, as well as driving the wrong way on Paine St.

Patricia Grenier said she was almost hit by a U-Haul truck making an illegal left turn and U-turn as she was coming from Cummins Hwy to the McDonald's near the gas station on American Legion.

"There is enough space that one of those jersey barriers or cement blocks could be placed there to extend that island, and people on Mt. Hope can still go straight across to

the other side," she explained. Joe Coppinger, the Roslindale liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, said that this was an issue that the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) should address, and that he would bring it to their attention.

He added that the jersey barriers on Neponset Ave. are there for about a year as a "trial run" to see how effective they are.

Rep. Russell Holmes has said that he has been working on the Neponset Ave. issue for several years. When there is a traffic issue, he said the best thing to do is report it to 311.

"Always safety has to trump convenience," MHC co-chair Lisa Beatman said. "American Legion Hwy. is the eighth most dangerous street in the city. We as a community are working together with the Transportation Department to strongly advocate for things that will make it better for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers."

Beatman stressed that the area is "generally a low crime neighborhood, which we enjoy very much." But because

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"I've never been this homesick before"

When I recently heard for the first time the song referenced in the title above, it seemed to be an appropriate Thanksgiving song. Perhaps it was about somebody pining to come back to our New England, or being less provincial about it, maybe the song addressed the feelings of somebody wishing to go back to Indiana or Virginia, where they experienced happy childhood memories.



My Kind
of Town/
Joe Galeota

New England, as well as Massachusetts and Boston, all have had songs written about them in which the singer wants to return. Cheryl Wheeler's "When Falls Comes to New England" captures our six states in the best possible light, both literally and figuratively. Since 1967 the Bee Gees' "Massachusetts" has spoken highly of our Commonwealth. The Drop Kick Murphys' paean about shipping up to Boston has endeared themselves to countless Boston sports fans.

Back to the "homesick" song. At first listen I pictured somebody missing a Norman Rockwell-type of Thanksgiving dinner, with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and young children all in attendance as a large, scrumptious-looking turkey is presented to eager, smiling family members. Perhaps the singer was a homesick soldier deployed in the fragile Middle East or a homesick someone who, having moved to New York to experience the Big Apple, had to work the night before Thanksgiving and well as the day after, if not the day itself.

But this is not the case with the song: it's not secular. Read/listen to the words in the first few lines and try to detect the double-meanings.

*There's a light in the window, the table's spread in splendor
Someone's standing by the open door
I can see the crystal river, Lord I must be near forever
Lord, I've never been this homesick before
Let's see the bright light shine, it's just about home time
And I can see my Father standing at the door
This world's been a wilderness, I'm ready for deliverance
Oh Lord, I've never been this homesick before.
I can see the family gather, sweet faces stand so familiar*

See the double meanings? That the song is not a secular song but really a religious hymn occurs with the first subtle giveaway when "father" that is spelled with a capital "F." But the lines are so misleading that it could characterize a lonesome person yearning to be at your Thanksgiving table, until the clincher is reached: "I'm ready for deliverance." Preceding this clincher, there are clues that the song could be religious—the "crystal river," "near forever," and "ready for deliverance."

May you have all your loved ones with you this Thanksgiving; may there be no one close to you expressing homesickness at this time of year.

GALEOTA CAN'T CHANGE HISTORY

To the Editor:

Please tell Joe Galeota that he cannot change the date of Halloween. The word means "Holy Evening". It is the eve of All Saints Day. Next he will try to change the date of Christmas Eve.

Joan D'Arcy Sheridan
Needham

SAY NO TO THE ROAD DIET

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the recent Letter to the Editor "Facts support a road diet" by Jason Bylsma. The opinion of Mr. Bylsma is based on his beliefs as a bike lobbyist and climate change activist. His claims of myths being spread are unfounded. Let's visit some of these.

Traffic diversion to side streets: BTM themselves at every meeting have said no study has been done regarding traffic being diverted to side streets. Anybody who uses Waze will say something different. I was just in JP this morning and Waze took me thru a residential side street to avoid a 5 minute back up on Centre St. When traffic backs up on a main street, GPS devices will divert traffic to side streets. This is a fact. These streets are more likely to have young children playing on them and they will be put into harm's way more often.

Rush hour delays: Road diets (per the BTM) will add traffic delays during both rush hours. This is not including sitting behind a bus that you can no longer pass because of one single lane or people double parking to drop somebody off or pick up.

Emergency vehicle delays: There are articles published from other communities that contradict this notion that Emergency vehicles will not be delayed. It has been shown that Emergency vehicles can get backed up and delayed on an implemented road diet street.

Loss of Business: There are also many examples online regarding local businesses suffering from the implementation of road diets in their communities. The opposition will not address these examples.

Mr. Bylsma asks you to visit WR Main Streets website for more info. This is all Pro Road Diet propaganda. WRMS is for this road diet even though 85% + of local businesses are dead against it and the majority of residents also oppose this. This is saddening that a local main street chapter can go against the super majority of residents and businesses.

The bike lobby and climate change activists collected 350 WR resident signatures in over a month for this road diet and the anti-road diet side collected over 2000 signatures in 4 days and that number is still climbing. It is the same 8 people that are pushing this agenda and speaking for WR and they have not been adding any new voices. The anti-road diet side has grown and has added 100s of new voices weekly and that list is growing each day.

The local WR bike chapter has also said on Boston bike lobby sites that WR is prime for many more protected bike routes. They will not stop with Centre St. And 85% of these people pushing this are from outside WR and have been welcomed into this vibrant community only to turn their backs on neighbors and local business to satisfy their own need for bike lanes.

Other related facts they will not discuss.

16-21 parking spots lost out of 221. They will add loading zones for deliveries throughout Centre St and during these peak hours in the am/pm a rough estimate is another 30 spots up and down Centre for a total of 46-51 total spots out of 221. They only mention 16 in their talking points.

This stretch of road currently has 7 bus stops for our seniors, children and residents and this number will be reduced to 4/5, making this very vulnerable group walk even further.

The city has said many times that they do not have answers for snow removal, only during smaller storms. That's not encouraging, this is NE after all.

WR Walks (local Facebook page) only speaks for themselves and the small amount of members they have. They are also Climate change activists and want to ban cars.

They actually did a walk audit recently to figure out traffic and walking patterns in WR. Only 5 people attended and this happened to be on a SUNDAY at 1:00pm. The least traveled time of the week and the least amount of cars parking in the area.

The WR Walks Editor actually posted something recently about the Jamaica Way being dangerous and needs protected bike lanes. Yes, he actually said the Jamaica Way, which already has the widest sidewalks in the city for bikes and walkers.

Ken Gillis
Proud Lifelong
WR resident

PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE MAN BEHIND THE SCREEN

To the Editor:

Sal, I had to go back again and reread the letters and found that the shifty principal was deployed by the respondent who mischaracterized yours, mine and their words, twisting them to discredit all of our opinions, however, my "missive" was derived from facts reported by printed and televised media.

This climate argument has some validity but ignores the improvements and gains made by our country, while China and India are allowed, by the Paris Accord, to continue adding rather than halting growth of, or better yet reducing their contributions. Having gardened and bicycled for over fifty years, I still have a 1973 Phillips in the garage; stop trying to shove this crap down my throat.

The reason you can't walk or bike safely in the city of Boston is because drivers DO NOT OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS because there is NO ENFORCEMENT. The Bulletin can go back through my letters which mostly go unprinted, and I'm sure I've written a dozen times about drivers running red lights and I know it happens all over the city. I see at least one red light being run almost everytime I go from home to Roache's and sometimes twice.

I've seen the red light run while the daycare kids were in the crosswalk and watched 4 cars and a bus run the red light at the Corrib while the crossing signal chirped away. So, until the traffic laws are enforced and solar powered red flashing pedestrian crossing signs are installed at every crosswalk, stick your road diet.

I bring up gardening because it's totally dependent on climate, and one thing I know is it's different every year. I

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said.

At the September meeting, representatives from Finbarr Therapeutics gave a presentation for a recreational marijuana dispensary. According to the information presented at the last meeting, the dispensary would employ between 18 and 25 people, with about a dozen per shift. Representatives said that background checks would be extensive, and they intend to employ local residents. The facility would be for adult use only and have a heightened security system.

“We’d like to give this group (Finbarr) a letter of non-opposition,” Castro told the members. “Then we can invite Beacon back to give another presentation.”

Past president Marty Keogh asked if Finbarr reached out to other groups, as the WRCIA had requested. Castro said that Finbarr contacted the Bellevue Hill Improvement Association (BHIA) and the trailer park group. BHIA president Ginny Gass was present at the meeting and confirmed that Finbarr reached out to her.

The members voted, with one abstention, to approve the letter of non-opposition to Finbarr.

The organization had considered a medicinal shop the lesser of two evils in the past. By approving a medicinal facility, it would effectively block another neighborhood dispensary. Mari-

juana dispensaries and cultivation facilities cannot be located within a one-half mile radius of each other, among other stipulations.

However, Castro noted that the community has changed since the initial vote, and Beacon’s proposal has languished.

“The community of West Roxbury was one of the districts that voted that they didn’t want the recreational (marijuana), but that was a couple of years ago,” Castro said. “We have quite a few new people in the community.”

Also, recreational cannabis facilities are required to give three percent of their profits back to the community, which would reap a huge benefit for the neighborhood.

“I have five kids,” she said. “I want a group that will come in and give money to sports activities and recreation centers and keeping kids off drugs. I don’t necessarily want a medical shop that is going to go out of business or lie to us and then suddenly go recreational, and then we have no say where the money goes.”

Castro said Finbarr has been transparent in its approach, and she also wanted it to be the same way by keeping the other groups apprised of the situation.

In return, Gass gave an update on recent developments with her group’s opposition to the proposed Roxbury Prep charter school location at 361 Belgrade

Ave., which has led to legal recourse.

“We’ve been against this project for about three years,” she said. “Everything is in limbo right now. But our group continues to look into this situation because it’s a big issue for everybody in West Roxbury.”

Although she could not state it publicly, Gass said the BHIA discovered new information which has prompted the group to file an intervention with the state.

“The state has not responded to us, so we filed an intervention with the City, and the City has not responded to us. So in the next little while, we will be taking Uncommon Schools (which runs Roxbury Prep) to court to get them to stop planning this school.”

Before the meeting, Castro and vice president Kerry Castor offered a moment of silence in memory of the group’s founders, Lawrence and Joseph Boran. Joseph passed away on Oct. 30.

Castro also wanted to alert the public of the group’s new email address. It is WRCIAofficial@yahoo.com. She is in the process of changing the group’s Facebook page, as a former member has not relinquished control of it and was making disparaging comments about people in the community and public officials.

“It’s an old member who was writing with a moniker,” Castor said. “Somebody was using our handle, and now we can’t get rid of it.”

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that time. The opinion piece also states that traffic collisions actually went up after the road diet.

Morris went through the WRSA's plan for increased pedestrian safety, which included an audit for all of Centre Street's intersections. He said some intersections, like LaGrange and Centre, were fine and did not need safety improvements – in the group's common sense and non expert opinion – and intersections like Greaton Road/ Esther Road and Temple and

Centre need more work.

The biggest improvement Morris advocated for was the installation of ground-level flashing lights and flashing signs at selected crosswalks that activate with a button on certain intersections and the installation of a button-triggered stop light specifically for pedestrians at certain intersections. He said right now, traffic will slow down at a crosswalk but not necessarily stop. The first car will roll through, he says, while the second or third

might stop, which slows down traffic all over. He said adding a stop light for pedestrians will give more consistent information to drivers as to when they should stop and should increase overall traffic flow.

Many residents spoke in support of these new plans from the WRSA. Rooney said they would be looking at the plans over the coming months and will be hosting a meeting most likely in January to present one or possibly two or three new safety plans for Centre Street.

"I don't want anybody to be under the illusion that the city cares about safety," said resident John Curry. "They care about reducing the carbon footprint and

they want to eliminate car traffic in the city... My thing is if they're going to do this, then start making the bicycles responsible like they do with auto driving. We talk about four or five bikes going up Centre and I see a lot more, but they don't stop for red lights, if they do stop they go when they're not supposed to, they cut cars off and they ride down the sidewalk and hit people. So let's start enforcing the law."

"With every drop of gas I pay for these roads, bicyclists don't pay for the roads," said resident Dennis Keeley. "I think the message needs to be that these are our roads."

Resident Andrew Pedia

said he supported the road diet, to minority applause from other residents in the room (and many groans of derision from others). He said he supports making Centre Street safer and that as a resident, he believes both sides can come together to do that. He said he does not believe the proposed improvements from the WRSA the flashing crosswalk lights at least) would solve the problem of sight lines, like when the right lane vehicle stops for a pedestrian and cars in the left lane can't see that pedestrian.

"I would also say that this does not have to be an 'us against them' kind of scenario," he said. "I happen to ride bikes, but I also happen to drive. My wife is a teacher and she drives to work daily and we drive to the grocery store, we drive all over the place. This is not us against them. You could also point the finger at me and say 'I am the bike lobby.' We're people, we're just advocating for things like safety and if you put your best ideas forward then we'll put ours forward too, but we're all West Roxbury residents. This is not a big brother bike lobby happening. We're people, we're residents, I'm a dad, I'm a husband and I'm a brother and I'm a son. We're not just bikers."

Morris pointed out that on demand stop lights would address that sight line issue, but did not speak on the other kinds of crosswalks the WRSA advocated for.

70th Birthday Remembrance Gloria Rice-Stuart

11-27-49 • Passau, Germany



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of the two shooting incidents, two members from the Boston Public Health Commission came to address the group.

“When we think about public health, we really think it impacts every aspect of a person’s health, including driving and safety and transportation and being safe when you’re walking,” Mark Scott said.

He praised the Boston Trauma Response Team, which was on the scene during both shootings.

“It was a very sad scene,” Scott said of the night shooting. “The victim’s brothers came.”

He added that the trauma team contacted the local faith communities where the victim lived as well.

“The City is trying to organize itself better in hopes that if we help the people who are impacted by violence that it will prevent it from happening in the first place,” Scott said.

Another major issue was a presentation on the change of occupancy of the one-family house at 822 Canterbury St. by renovating the basement and converting it into an apartment.

Attorney Kevin Cloutier

gave a presentation for the owner, Edwin Solano.

“This project is much smaller in scale than what you’re used to, but it still merits the community’s feedback and consideration and thoughts,” he said. “What we’re asking to do is to renovate an existing single-family home. The reason we’re going through this process is because we are trying to convert the basement space into a dwelling unit, and the City forbids that.”

He said that there were some concerns about the property before Solano purchased it two years ago. Since that time, he has renovated the home and rented it to his cousin. He hopes that if the basement unit is approved, he can rent it to his daughter, who will be graduating from college.

They are seeking variances because the zoning code in that area prohibits two-family dwellings as well as basement apartments.

“This is a pretty diverse area when it comes to zoning,” Cloutier said, pointing out that nearby properties are in two-family zoning districts, and there are two- and three-family houses close to the site.

“The only thing we’re adding is one small head house area over an existing bulkhead.”

After two previous abutters meetings, Solano removed the fence that surrounded the property. He also plans to add plantings.

“Even if it gets approved, the project will ultimately have to go before the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for a design review,” Cloutier said.

MHC co-chair Rick Yoder said he personally opposed the project. Instead of it being a two-bedroom, kitchen and bathroom in the basement, he suggested using part of the first floor as a portion of the new unit.

“Mr. Solano has already really gone into that home and made some nice interior renovations,” Cloutier said. “To do what Rick’s asking would really disrupt that. There are parts of the City where people are going to spend a lot of money to rent a basement apartment.”

“There’s a reason why it’s forbidden,” Yoder replied. “It’s that you don’t have any windows that look out onto anything. It will set a precedent in Roslindale.”

He added that you have to have eight square feet of windows for every 100 square feet of open space.

Gavin Driscoll, an architect from Lighthouse Architecture in Dorchester, said that the new plans for the building meet the light and air requirements.

Other residents said they were also concerned about setting a precedent, as well as

the heating unit being in the basement.

“I hear precedent a lot,” Cloutier said. “But every project needs to stand on its own merit.”

He said it was analogous to the City’s additional dwelling unit (ADU) proposal. However, an ADU has to be owner occupied and cannot have any expansion to the building.



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Around the Neighborhood

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BOSTON LODGE OF ELKS TO HOLD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR SENIORS

The Boston Lodge of Elks will again for the 46th year in a row be holding their Annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for Seniors.

The event will be held on Thanksgiving Day November 28th. A complete turkey dinner will be served to area seniors. Doors open at 11 00am and the dinner will be served at 12 00noon. No reservations are needed.

If anyone has any questions please call dinner chairman Andy Schell at 857-719-4938. There is no charge for this event.

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COPLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 2

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and The Friends of Copley Square welcome the holidays with the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting on Monday, December 2, starting at 5 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided by Drake's Cakes, HP Hood LLC, and attendees are invited to stop by the Fios Treat Truck to enjoy baked goods compliments of Verizon Fios. The Fairmont Copley Plaza will host a family reception immediately following for all in attendance. The reception will include cookie decorating, photos with Santa and treats from the Fairmont Copley Plaza.

For more information, call (617) 635-4505 or go to www.boston.gov/parks.

MAYOR WALSH LIGHTS COLUMBUS PARK TRELLIS NOVEMBER 25

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the 17th annual lighting of the park's signature trellis on Monday, November 25, beginning at 5 p.m.

Located at 110 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's historic waterfront, Christopher Columbus Park will be transformed into a beautiful holiday display when the park's 260 feet of trellis are illuminated with 50,000 blue lights along with 14 decorated trees near Tia's, the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, and throughout the park.

For more information on the Trellis Lighting, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park at www.foccp.org or the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at www.boston.gov/parks.

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO EVENTS

- Celebrate World Ant Eater Day on November 23

- Walk off that holiday food at Franklin Park Zoo for a special Day After Thanksgiving celebration on November 29

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 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am. The featured selection for November 27th will be *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS - Don't know how to surf? Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for a librarian. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032.

ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS - 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.

AUTHOR TALK BY ROBERT CUCCOZO - 6:30 pm. Nov 25. "Road to San Donato" is an adventurous travel memoir of an American father and son tracing their Italian heri-

tage by bicycle. With only the bare essentials on their backs, author Robert Cocuzzo and his 64 year old father, Stephen, embark on a torturous 425-mile ride from Florence, Italy, to San Donato Val di Comino, an ancient village hidden in the Apennine mountains from which their family emigrated a hundred years earlier. After getting lost, beaten down and very nearly stranded, when they finally reach the village the Cocuzzos discover so much more than their own family story. Reception by the Friends of the library 6p.m. onward. Harvard Coop will sell the books and can accept cash, cards and checks. Everyone is invited and all are welcome!

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS - A slide lecture with Anthony Sammarco. On Monday December 16th at 6:30 pm. Renowned historian, Anthony Sammarco will speak on how Christmas has been celebrated since the Puritans settled in Boston in 1630. From the wassail and greens used in bedeck houses in the 18th century we travel to the 19th century Victorian extravaganzas of old Saint Nicholas, huge decorated trees and lavish gift giving-all in the name of Christmas.... the birth of Jesus Christ in a stable in Bethlehem. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brighton Branch Library.

JAMAICA PLAIN

ANNA'S PALS NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE AND LIGHT

Friday November 29th at Jamaica Pond will begin with The Double Burn, a 5k around the pond. Burn your Thanksgiving calories, then burn a candle in remembrance of a lost loved one. The race begins at 2:30 with the Lighting at 4:30. The events are rain or shine. We hope to see you there! FREE T-SHIRT ON RACE DAY

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FRIDAY NIGHT FILM AT THEODORE PARKER CHURCH

November 22: Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities A haven for Black intellectuals, artists, and revolutionaries. A path of promise toward the American dream. Black college and universities have educated the architects of freedom movements and cultivated leaders in every field.

Doors open 6:30 pm, film starts 7:00 pm. Free, with popcorn and drinks provided. The church is located at the corner of Centre and Corey streets, West Roxbury. More information: Claire@barker.net.

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The not so small Mini Countryman Plug In

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The car seats 4 with comfort, even the rear seat area is easy to enter and exit, the rear door is hatch back in design and automatic. The interior design has changed slightly with different switches and locations. There are basic toggle style switches for some, even the start switch is a toggle light lever. The seats are very supportive and fronts are heated. The outside styling is pure Mini, open either front door and the name Mini glows on the ground below the front doors from a built in light. There is even a sun visor on the drivers header liner area to help keep out the sun glare.

The 15 liter 3 cylinder turbo does not have the 3 cylinder sound or vibration that is common on 3 cylinder engines. The 1.5 liter pumps out 134 horse power and the electric motor adds another 87 horse power. The e-drive button allows 3 different driving mode. The transition of the gas engine and electric engine power is seamless. Power was way above my expectations, as was the ride seat position clear vision etc. I did drive 25 plus miles on electric power and again the car seemed to be gliding down the road with no engine or outside. This Mini was outfitted with options. The base Countryman starts out at \$36,900.00 destination \$850.00. The option package, of the PHEV sport edition is \$2,900.00 includes power folding mirrors, power tail gate, panorama roof, heated front seats, Mini excitement package, dual climate controls, led fog light, cornering lights and led head lights, Harman/Kardon premium audio system, touch screen navigation package \$1700.00 includes multiple electronics, JWC appearance package \$2,000.00, includes 18 inch JCW wheels, leather steering wheels, rear spoiler, John Cooper Works aero kit, head liner in Anthracite, PHEV special edition \$1,125.00. Total price as tested \$45,750.00. Bottom line is this is a fun to drive sport sedan for both young and old.

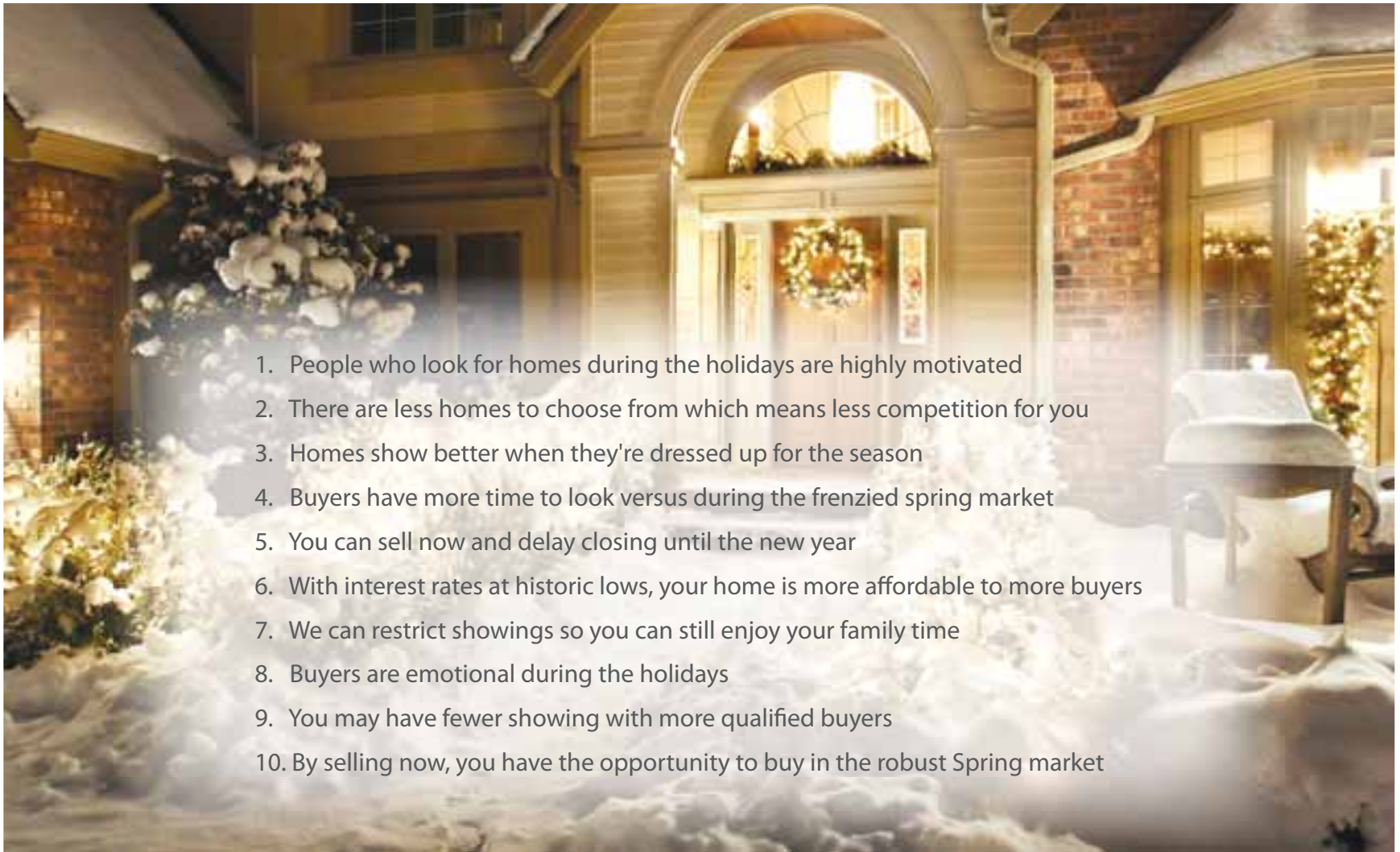
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This year's West Roxbury Holiday Market in the Hastings Lot (1891 Centre St) will be held on Friday, December 6th from 5-8pm.

The Holiday Market is scheduled in alignment with the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour and tree lighting ceremonies. For the 24th year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to families across Boston.

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* Race day registration: 9:15am – 10:45am at the Irish Social Club. Directions here.

* Race starts at 11am at the Bellevue Street side of the Parkway Community YMCA * See the list of pre-registered runners. (note that this list is delayed for paper registrations)

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Dozens of residents from multiple neighborhood and advocacy groups in Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury and Roslindale came to hear from local activists about the intersection's future.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

section. According to Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Association member Celeste Walker, a company has been selected during DCR's request for proposal (RFP) process on Nov. 5.

"We have heard they awarded the contract but we don't know to whom," she said. "The design report, according to the RFP, is due no later than June 2020 and the construction is estimated to be completed by Nov. 15, 2021."

Walker said DCR will be hosting meetings with the design company and residents later in the year, but since DCR has already, in its 2015 report mentioned above, outlined three possible redesigns of the intersection, residents felt they should get a jump start on the process, so that the company won't be dictating options to them.

In 2015 DCR released several ideas for a replace-

ment intersection. One was a rotary that the agency's own engineers felt would not improve traffic congestion or bicycle accommodation. The next concept, called Traffic Signal Concept 1, would put a basic three-way intersection with a traffic signal and signalized crosswalks at the intersection. The lanes would increase to three lanes in each direction of travel on Centre Street, with a left turning lane, a middle one-way only lane and a right turn or straight lane on the right.

The Traffic Signal Concept 2 was basically the same, except on how Centre intersects with Walter Street. This concept would have a right turn only lane from Centre to Walter heading toward the Jamaica Way, a single left turn only lane for Walter going to Centre heading toward the VFW and two right turn only lanes on Walter going to Centre toward the Jamaica Way.

Residents did not like the second option, as it would exacerbate one of the current problems with the intersection during rush hour, in that Walter Street cars will inch out and nose out to integrate with traffic on Centre, creating more opportunities for crashes.

"For this intersection, the report indicated that there were no pedestrians and the reason there are no pedestrians is because it is an extraordinary unsafe place to walk," said Rozzie Bikes and WalkUP Roslindale representative Alan Wright. "I am a completely healthy and strong man who makes cars stop in crosswalks for me and I will not do that in this area because I know I will get hit and hurt. So you can imagine how a frail person or someone with small children feels."

Wright said regardless of

the plan, he wants to see wider sidewalks in the area and a commitment from DCR to plow the sidewalks.

"What happens now is the plow contractor crews throw the snow on the sidewalk and it freezes in place for the next two or three months," he said, with choruses of "skating rink" echoing from the audience.

Residents were concerned that while a timeline has been released by the DCR, there has not been a solid plan of action released. Sophia Snow representative Sherrand Hamilton pointed out that they were promised construction would be completed by 2020, not started then.

"It's very annoying," she said.

Boston Transportation Department (BTD) Planner Charlotte Fleetwood said she agreed with residents' assessments of the viability of Traffic Signal Concept 1.

"I think a variation of option 1 looks really good from a pedestrian perspective especially," she said.

Cyclist advocates Jeffrey Ferris and Sarah Freeman both said they wanted to make sure DCR was keeping in mind the possibility of a protected bike lane for this area.

"There is a need for improved separated bike lanes along the whole of the Centre Street Corridor because it's just not fun riding next to cars on that painted bike lane," agreed West Roxbury Bikes member Ben Witherall. "As soon as we fix this corridor people are going to see biking as a viable option."

Wright, Witherall and others encouraged residents to attend the Nov. 21 DCR meeting regarding the Arborway Parkways Improvement Project at the Faulkner Hospital, Huvos Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 1153 Centre St., at 6:30 p.m. to both advocate for bike and pedestrian safety and ask for a definitive date on a meeting with DCR regarding Centre and Walter.

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know that nature wants a balance and America is one of the few countries working hard to improve its environment through conservation and science. So send Greta to China, India, Russia and Italy as I've heard they all still use coal as a primary energy source.

As for the face of a changing demographic in West Roxbury, please don't try to tell me about MY neighborhood because if you can't afford a second car you probably can't afford West Roxbury. And again, an observation, the residences at 1789 are only 25% sold and Oak Grove, next to Home Depot, they're still flying a For Rent flag and I don't understand why because these units are easily affordable units, or am I thinking of 20th century pricing.

And if I recall, the 20th century was full of bikes so what was old is new again. So Sal, as Kenny says, keep up the good fight, because it's your opinion and the constitution promises you the right to express it!!!

*Kirby Boyce
West Roxbury*

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My excitement for the job and tackling the work that lays ahead of us has only grown in my 9 years on the body. Thank you again for the support and I look forward to working with you and for you in the term ahead.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call me directly at 617-635-4220 (office) or 617-935-9752.

*All my best,
Matt O'Malley*

Children's Jewish Activity Program Holds Hanukkah Event

The Shalom Children Activity Program (SCAP), a year-long program sponsored by a collaborative partnership of South Shore synagogues and Jewish organizations, will hold its next event, "Hanukkah Craft, Activity & Splash Party," on Sunday, December 15, 2:00-6:00 PM, at the Weymouth Club, 75 Finnell Drive, Weymouth.

Families with children up to age 8 who are looking for fun, social, engaging activities infused by Jewish values and experiences are invited to a "Round Robin" of Hanukkah crafts, games and activities, and enjoy mouth-watering latkes, applesauce, donuts and chocolate gelt (coins). Top it all off with an hour of fun in the Weymouth Club indoor splash pad and pool, with lifeguards on duty. Let us know if you have any food allergies, and bring your own bathing suits and towels.

The schedule: The program is free and begins at 2:00 PM with check-in. At 2:15, Hanukkah activities, games, crafts, latkes, donuts and more! 4:15-5:15, swimming and splash pad. Depart Weymouth Club by 6:00.

This event is for families with children up to

8 years old (siblings welcome), and is FREE, but registration is required. For directions, visit www.weymouthclub.com/about-2/hours-and-directions/. This event has a maximum of 50 children, with priority by date of registration. Registration for this event is at our website at www.shalomcap.com.

For questions or concerns, contact: shalomchildrenactivityprogram@gmail.com.

For parents looking for some kind of Jewish family connection, SCAP's programs and events are a way to experience, create, and celebrate together while meeting other families living in your area. No-cost once-a-month programs take place through June 2020 from South Boston to the South Shore, and participants are welcome to come to one or all.

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it is today. Organizer Andy Schell has been putting the event together for decades now, and during that time has partnered with Agewell Ethos to deliver more than 300 meals to local seniors throughout Boston. No reservations are needed. If anyone has any questions or if you wish to volunteer during the holiday season please call dinner chairman Schell at 857 719 4938. There is no charge for this event.

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CATALDO



Anna (Graceffa) Longtime resident of West Roxbury and West Palm Beach, FL, passed away on November 14, 2019. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul Cataldo. Loving mother of Paul Cataldo and his wife Cindy of Middleboro, Elissa McCarthy of West Roxbury, Anna Moore and her late husband Gerard of Norwell and the late Maryanne Cataldo. Devoted grandmother of Elissa, Maxie and Rose Cataldo, William and Kristen McCarthy and Alison and Siobhan Moore. Anna's most cherished moments were spending quality time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Gianna Forget and Stella Cevoli. Sister of Capt. Joseph Graceffa (Ret.) of Chula Vista, CA, Gloria Ratti of Quincy, MA, the late Philip, Anthony, Louis, Angelo Graceffa, Maria LaGrega, Rose Callinan and Suzanne Moussalli. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph's Cemetery, 990 LaGrange St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. For directions and guestbook, pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

DI MODICA

Dorothy M. (Carmichael) Of Largo, Florida, died on November 4, 2019 at home after a long illness. She was 83 years old. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of James and Mary (Desmond) Carmichael, she moved to Florida in 1973 to escape the New England winters. She enjoyed reading, long walks, spending time with family and going to Las Vegas. She was married to the late N. Frank DiModica for 52 years and is survived by her son, Charles DiModica of Largo, Florida, her daughter, Mary DiModica-Kulju of Hampton, New Hampshire, her granddaugh-

ters, Charliisa DiModica and Charae DiModica, both of Largo, Florida, grandsons Donavan McDonald and Cortez Pryor-DiModica, of Pinellas County, her sister-in-law Louise Carmichael of West Roxbury, Massachusetts and several nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed. Visiting Hours: Per her and the family's wishes, no services are planned and the burial will be private.

DOUGLAS-BERNAZZANI

Christopher Scott, Beloved son, brother, father, boyfriend, friend and talented mechanic - died peacefully in his home on Monday, November 11, 2019 in Roslindale. He was 47 years old. Christopher was born on March 13, 1972 in St. Margaret's Hospital in Boston. He was passionate about cars and racing. He had a great love for animals and had a one of a kind laugh. That kind of laugh that will make anyone smile. He is survived by his loving parents, M. Pat and Gerard Bernazzani of Sandwich, his siblings, Matthew and his wife Lauren Bernazzani of Holbrook, Edward and his wife Megan Bernazzani of West Roxbury, Rebecca Bernazzani of Norwood, and Jaclyn Bernazzani of Lincoln, RI, his children, Eric, Christine, Robert, Katelyn and Despina Douglas, his partner Jocelyn Jdey, uncle Steven and his wife Annette Douglas of Weymouth, aunt Deborah and her husband Jonathan Szymit of Haverhill, uncle Robert Michaels of Sandwich, and his grandmother Betty Michaels of Sandwich. Chris is survived by a large loving family of many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Federation for Children with Special Needs, 529 Main Street, Suite 1M3, Boston, MA 02129, www.fcsn.org

HILLY

James A. on November 11, of Portland, ME, formerly of Roslindale, MA. Son of the late William F. and Eleanor Hughes Hilly. Brother of Ellen, Daniel and Richard Hilly and the late William and Gerard. Brother-in-law of Robert Strossi. Uncle to five nieces and three nephews, one grandniece and one grandnephew; special friend of the Lloyd family. Former executive director of Portland's Regional Transportation Program (RTP), a former commissioner of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Compensation Commission, and a longtime board member and two term president of the Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine. Funeral from the Crosby Funeral Home at 1803 Centre Street,

WEST ROXBURY. Burial in the family plot in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree, MA. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600.

HOGAN

Matilda M. (Smolinsky) of West Roxbury, November 13, 2019, age 102. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Hogan Sr. Devoted mother of Jeanne M. Foley and her husband John of Norwood and the late Edward J. Hogan Jr. Loving grandmother of Jeanine Neilson and Sean Foley. Great-grandmother of Edward and Matthew Neilson, John and Mikayla Foley, and Joshua Shea. Great-great-grandmother of Kaiden, Edward Jr., and Dylan Nielson. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by 8 brothers and sisters. Funeral from the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Online guestbook and directions at pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000.

KILROY

John Brendan passed peacefully, on August 23, 2019, in Denver, CO. Jack is survived by his devoted wife Lynn (Morris) and his four children Ann (Kilroy) Kerrigan of Denver, CO, Brendan of Philadelphia, PA, Tara of Denver, CO and Paul currently of Columbus, OH. Jack is also survived by seven grandchildren. John B. was preceded in death by his parents, James J. and Delia A. (McGuire) Kilroy. He was born on July 4, 1942, along with his twin Francis X. of Burlington, MA. John was one of six children; his other siblings were James J. of Norwood, MA (deceased), William P. of Canton, MA, Mary T. of Westport, MA, and Thomas M. of Jamaica Plain, MA. John had a successful career in business. His final position was VP of finance at Conair. After, John traveled the world and retired in County Mayo, Ireland. Although John's body was dedicated to science, we believe his soul is in heaven. Johnny, we hardly knew ye! May you rest in peace. John was remembered with a Memorial Mass that was held Saturday, November 16 at St. Gerard Majella Church in Canton, MA.

McCORMACK

Mary L. "Mae" (McGuinn) Age 89, of Roslindale, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on November 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late

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—P.A.D.

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Mark C. McCormack. Devoted mother of Mark S. McCormack of Roslindale, Patricia Nutile and her husband Peter of Lynnfield, Mary McCormack and her husband Mohammad Miri of Newburyport, Joan McCormack and her husband Brian Zudeck of Amesbury, and John McCormack and his wife Elizabeth of Scituate. Loving sister of Ann Sweeney and Bridie McGowan of Ireland and the late John McGuinn of England and Martin McGuinn of Ireland. Also survived by seven loving grandchildren, Lauren, Jacqueline and her husband Derrick, Peter, Darius, Soraya, Kaitlyn and Meghan, and one great-grandchild, Lucas. Funeral from Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mae's honor to the Faulkner Hospital, Mass General Hospital or Sacred Heart Church. For directions and guestbook, www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

McGONAGLE



Francis W. Age 91. Lifelong resident of Jamaica Plain, November 12, 2019. Beloved son of the late James and Cecelia (McGonagle) McGonagle of Donegal, Ireland. Devoted husband of the late Mary Rita (O'Connor) McGonagle. Loving father of Maryfran Hughes and her husband John of Jamaica Plain, Paul McGonagle of Roslindale, and Ed McGonagle and his wife Liz of Dedham. Cherished grandfather of Timothy, Brian, Meghan, and Brendan Hughes, Amy Fielding, Colleen, Michael, Matthew, and Michelle McGonagle and 12 great-grandchildren. Brother of the late John, Joseph, James, Edward, and Hugh "Dan" McGonagle, Catherine Gaynor, Anna Walsh, and Theresa Russell. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Longtime employee of N.E. Telephone/Verizon. Member of the IBEW Local 103, Knights of Columbus Council 1308, Roslindale. Francis was an avid Boston Sports fan. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Francis' memory to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 97 South St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For directions and guestbook, pemmurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

O'SULLIVAN

Lillian T. (Sullivan) of Roslindale, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2019. She was 92 years old. Born in Somerville, MA on August 21, 1927, the daughter of the late John and Delia (Garrity) Sullivan. She was raised in Castlereagh, County Roscommon, Ireland. Lillian returned to the States when she was 17 years old. She retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Department of Public Welfare after 20 years of service. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph C. O'Sullivan. Loving mother of J. Kevin O'Sullivan and his late wife Maureen of Jamaica Plain; Marion T. O'Sullivan of Norwood; Joseph C. O'Sullivan and his wife Maria of Norwood; Thomas M. O'Sullivan of Roslindale; Joan McKeon and her late husband David of Norwood and the late Timothy "Teddy" O'Sullivan. Cherished grandmother of Kyle and his wife Lindsay O'Sullivan of Walpole and their son Joseph Patrick, Kelly O'Sullivan of Roslindale and Kevin O'Sullivan of the North End. Sister of Marian Sullivan, SSND of Townsend, MD, Joan Sullivan of Norwood and Mary Prior of Roslindale. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins here and in Ireland. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to visit with the family on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington Street, West Roxbury. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 o'clock. Interment Mount Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lillian's memory may be made to Boston Catholic Television c/o Bishop Robert P. Reed, P.O. Box 9196, 34 Chestnut Street, Watertown, MA 02471 or at CatholicTV.org For guestbook, please visit GormleyFuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

PAPPAS



Rose (Karys) Age 91, of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas Pappas. Devoted mother of Pamela Pappas Clarkin and her husband Michael of Newington, NH, Valerie Erdekian and her husband James of Wayland, John P. Pappas and his wife Cathryn of West Roxbury, and Peter C. Pappas of West Roxbury. Loving grandmother of Alexandra, Elena, Nicole, Olivia, and Nicholas. She was the sister of Helen Karys of West Roxbury, the late Chris Karys, and Arthur Karys. Aunt of April, Christine, John (deceased), Lisa and Franklin, all of California, and godmother of Philip Dariotis of Swampscott.

Rose is also survived by many other nieces, nephews and cousins. Rose was raised in Boston by her parents, the late John C. and Vasiliki (Tsami) Karys who immigrated to the United States from Greece. She grew up in Roxbury and Roslindale before moving to West Roxbury, where she raised her family. She will always be remembered for her kindness, humor, and, above all else, the unconditional love she had for her family. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment at Forest Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rose's memory to The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 162 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445. For directions and guestbook, pemmurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

PUOPOLO



Charlotte Margaret (Knadler), of West Roxbury, Massachusetts November 6, 2019 at 97. God's finest work, returned to him, and to the dotting attention of her friend and husband Dominic. Mourned, missed, loved and adored by sons Dominic, James, John and Paul, and all who benefitted by her company, grace, humor and humility. The kindest of hearts, the simplest of people, the most resilient of souls. Private family burial occurred at Mount Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury. Requiesscat in pace, sweet Charlotte. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons, West Roxbury .

RIHBANY

Sally E. of West Roxbury, November 12, 2019. Loving daughter of the late Elias and Nazha (Neder). Dear sister of the late Nacha Rihbany Baida, Simon E. Rihbany, Carin Rihbany, Nazira Rihbany and Helen Rihbany. Sally is survived by several loving nieces, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. Funeral from the KfouryFuneral.com, Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, West Roxbury, 617-325-3600. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sally's memory may be made to the 21st Century Endowment Fund of St.

George Antiochian Orthodox Church. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury.

WARSHAW

Sybil F. (Gleckman) Age 95, of Roslindale, formerly of Brookline and Milford, on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Beloved wife and best friend of the late David L. Warsaw. Cherished mother of Roberta Warsaw, Alan Monchick, and Dr. James Warsaw and his wife Michele. Adoring grandmother of Lauren, Rachel, Degory,

and Sunday. Great-grandmother of Ethan and Troy. Dear sister of Beryl Geller. Devoted daughter of the late Jacob and Rose (Snell) Gleckman, formerly of New Bedford. Services were held at the Dana Chapel, Adath Jeshurun Cemetery, 350 Grove St., West Roxbury on Monday, November 18. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Hadassah Northeast, 1320 Centre St., Newton Centre, MA 02459. Levine Chapels, Brookline 617-277-8300 www.levinechapel.com

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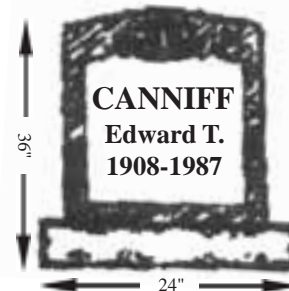
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