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This could become a regular scene at Birch Street, as business owners and advocates are pushing to close the street off from vehicular traffic for good.

FILE PHOTO

Roslindale looking to close Birch Street

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Roslindale Village Main Streets (RVMS) announced that it has partnered with A Better City and the businesses on Birch Street to look into closing the L connection of the street (connecting Corinth Street and Belgrade Avenue) off to vehicular traffic, possibly permanently.

The groups sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) last week to try to find a company to help them design the street as a pedestrian

walkway and courtyard, much like the area behind Birch Street that currently houses Sophia's Grotto.

RVMS Executive Director Alia Hamada Forrest said the idea came from the local businesses after dozens of events closed down the street temporarily.

"It's definitely something we've been planning on researching more," she said. "We put out that RFQ for architectural firms to do that research, as RVMS wouldn't be able to because we don't really have the skill set for surveying that part of Birch Street."

Forrest said the idea is feasible, since Birch Street is what is known as a redundant street and doesn't serve a traffic purpose.

"It's like a street that goes nowhere," she said. "It's not really needed to go where you need to go and it's just really a parking lot now. If we're able to utilize the Commuter Rail Parking Lot, it would fulfill that purpose. They've lowered it to \$2 on the weekends, which is cheaper than it used to be and I know the

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After decades of teaching art at Sacred Heart in Roslindale, Williams is moving up to the airwaves.

COURTESY PHOTO

Rozzie native Glenn Williams takes on role at BNN

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Cofounder of the Roslindale Arts Alliance and former teacher at Sacred Heart School, Glenn Williams is taking on a new role at the Boston Neighborhood Network.

Williams is now heading the group's new radio station, for which they are sharing airtime with Lasell College from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. every night at WBCA 102.9 FM.

"It's right in the middle of the dial, so we're in a good

spot," he said. "I'm basically running the station. I'm in charge of all the programming and policy, and I make sure it gets done and out there on the air."

Williams said he's not alone. He is working with a team to bring people into the station. He said he wants to promote what BNN is for the city's neighborhoods and what it can do for residents and nonprofits.

"What we have to do is re-

Director Williams
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Anna's Pals host casino night fundraiser at St. Theresa's

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Anna's Pals, the charity named for Boston resident Anna Jerome, held its first Casino Night Fundraiser at the St. Theresa School Gymnasium on Saturday to help raise funds for childhood cancer research and programs to improve the quality of life for hospitalized children and their families.

The group has worked with the Jimmy Fund in the past, and hosts its own lu-

minary night at the Jamaica Pond every year. Anna Jerome was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Leukemia when she was just 14. As a testament to her spirit, she initially declined a Make a Wish Foundation offer.

"It looks very good and we're very excited and I'm happy to raise awareness for what we're trying to do," said Kris Jerome, Anna's mother. "Every year we hold a candle lighting around Jamaica Pond. We've done that for four years and we thought we'd branch out to a Casino

Night."

Jerome said a friend gave her the idea, and she said she thought it was a perfect way to get people out of the house in the cold winter months.

"A friend of mine said you should do a casino night, it will bring in a lot of people and I said why not?" she said. "January, there's not a lot going on, people want to get out of the house and the weather seems to have cooperated, so it's worked out great."

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Hundreds came out to support the Jerome family on Saturday during a casino night fundraiser.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN



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RE: Proposed Charter High School at 361 Belgrade Ave.

(former site of Clay Chevrolet & NTB/ Bellevue Commuter Rail stop)

On January 8, 2019, Roxbury Prep filed an application with the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) to build a charter high school at 361 Belgrade Ave. There is another BPDA Public Meeting to discuss this project.

DATES: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE: Our Lady of the Annunciation Church
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WRMS welcomes new executive director to the neighborhood

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

West Roxbury Main Streets (WRMS) announced recently that Jacob Robinson has taken the helm of the organization from Danielle Jacobson to ring in the new year.

Robinson previously worked in the group's Marketing Committee and has been living in Roslindale for the last nine years. He said they moved from Salem, Massachusetts and Washington D.C., but that he's originally from Indianapolis.

"It was quite a culture shock, but I was ready because I had been in D.C. For a few years building my certification for the U.S. Green Building Council," he said. "I first got involved in West Roxbury through the Parkway Running Club, volunteering with the Walter's Run and have done the Corrib 5K and things like that."

Robinson said he also used to work for the Environmental Defense Fund and CERES, which is a big environmental advocacy organization. "That

programming and partnership work experience, I feel, is a really applicable skill set for an organization like WRMS."

"Certainly, where it makes sense I think there could be some avenues where I can ap-

ply some of that knowledge of sustainable issues to the type of work we're doing here in West Roxbury, but first and foremost my priorities are the businesses and making sure they're all well supported and that we're creat-

ing a vibrant Main Streets."

West Roxbury's Main Streets District runs from Spring Street and the VFW to Centre Street and the West

WRMS

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Jacob Robinson will be taking the helm at the West Roxbury Main Streets for 2019.

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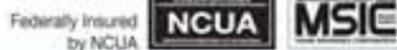
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Editorial

CHAMPIONS

Boston's sports teams certainly make things easy for us. It is an admitted cliché that newspaper writers will use local teams as fodder, especially in the days leading up to a championship game, and in the aftermath of hoisting a trophy.

Most newspapers, in most cities, get away with it because their teams are infrequently in championship mode. The odds speak against dynasties and perpetual winning streaks.

Not here in Boston, though. Here we are blessed with clockwork appearances by the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl and less-frequent, but no less impressive, World Series runs by the Red Sox. Added into the mix are the Bruins and Celtics teams that are frequently on the threshold of being champion caliber.

We have previously remarked about the good tidings that envelop this region when our teams rise to elite status. For a brief stretch of time, we all have something in common and hopes are aligned.

We should backtrack a little. The cheering is not exactly universal. There are, of course, blockheads (often found hosting or calling into radio shows) who take joy in being naysayers and contrarians. In other parts of the country this is understandable. Sports dynasties are almost always despised beyond their home turf. Those local folks rooting against the Patriots on Sunday are little more than troublemakers. Ignore them; lest they drag you down.

What we cannot ignore is how fortunate we are to live in this region at this time in sporting history. Aside from the New York Yankees and L.A. Lakers, few cities have ever had such dominance in even one sport, much less with multiple teams.

This winning streak will not last forever. All good things come to an end. Tom Brady will, sooner or later, retire. New coaches will come and go with various degrees of success. It all serves as a valuable lesson that philosophers and theologians have tried to pound into our thick skulls over the centuries: enjoy the good things in life while you can.

The Patriots, whether they win or lose on Sunday, are ambassadors of this message. Enjoy the ride for as long as you can.

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Ban lets others roll on

Having just watched the 1977 movie "Smokey and the Bandit," I could not help but side with Burt Reynolds and his many truck driver friends against Jackie Gleason's Sheriff Buford T. Justice. But I have to admit that I was delighted with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's ban against 18-wheelers and buses using the New York Thruway and other interstates within NY during a recent snowstorm.

Nothing personal against long-haulers, but nothing ties up traffic more quickly than a jackknifed trailer truck or an overturned bus, frequently thwarting any and all traffic from continuing on. Governor Cuomo was not necessarily pointing fingers at the teamsters because frequently they are the ones who, having been cut-off by car-driving motorists, brake suddenly to avoid collision: in case of a jackknife or a bus rollover, the governor merely wanted traffic to continue on during the storm without waiting for extra state police, ambulances, and special wreckers to arrive to assist the rig/bus or without waiting for the damaged semi to be offloaded.

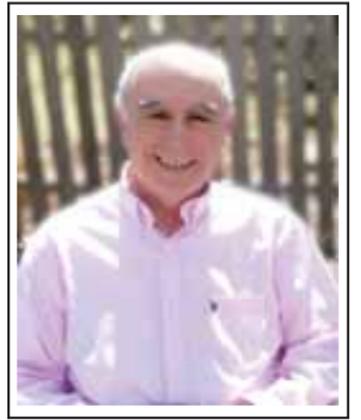
Decades of having to drive

on highways in snowstorms lead me to think that half the yahoos who continue on at normal speeds are car drivers while the other half are 18-wheel drivers and (non-school) bus drivers. Needless to say, it is the second half who inflict the most fear when they go roaring by in blinding snow.

I realize that truck drivers for companies such as Hunt, UPS, and FedEx have schedules to meet established by greedy corporate honchos and that independent drivers make money only when they are on the road, but the general driving public suffers when one of their vehicles, involved in a crash, incur the need for the road to be closed for hours, thereby allowing many state police and service vehicles to do their work.

Governor Cuomo's prohibition against semis undoubtedly caused the local communities to be none too happy about seeing the huge vehicles lumbering through their town near the interstates when the ban was in effect.

We New Englanders are not used to have our major highways closed, such as the Blizzard of '78 accomplished with Route 128 (was it I-95 then?).



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

But western states have huge gates that bar all vehicles from certain sections of their highways during major storms; moreover, they impose the need for truck to have chains already attached.

So maybe, just maybe, Governor Baker should consider for future reference this accident-preventing ban imposed by his fellow governor: if it is going to allow doctors to be on time for necessary surgery and harried adults to come to needy ailing parents, it's worth a try the next time a northeaster barrels in during the winter months.

Letters to the Editor

WEST ROXBURY HIGH A GREAT LOCATION FOR ROXBURY PREP

To the Editor:

I completely agree with the idea that Stephen Smith had about the Roxbury Prep Charter School location that he wrote in the January 3, 2019 edition of the paper and the letter of Joseph Coffey in the January 10, 2019 edition of the paper. Since the city is closing the West Roxbury High School, that would be a perfect location for the proposed Roxbury Prep Charter School. There would be no traffic or parking issues and it will be housed on land that is large enough and suitable to accommodate for the size school they need. They can then have their entire school together as they had planned. Problem solved!

The proposed plan, even at a reduced capacity is still going to be too large for the site at 361 Belgrade Avenue and will still have a very large impact on our neighborhood when it comes to traffic and parking. I am not sure

why they would want to reduce their project to almost half the size when the project was initiated to be able to accommodate the entire school to begin with, since it is split up into several locations currently. The West Roxbury High School site seems to be a great solution.

Nancy Geourntas
Roslindale

EVERYONE'S OPINION THEIR OWN

To the Editor:

As I read last week's Bulletin, I came across a letter to the editor that wasn't so much supporting the plastic bag ban inside the city of Boston as it was knocking another letter writer who opposes the plastic bag ban.

I personally support the plastic bag ban and have been for a number of years after seeing it work firsthand in the City of Austin in Texas. I like recycling when I go supermarket shopping. Many people in Austin opposed the idea of bringing or buying bags to go shopping for all the same reasons

why most people oppose this ban. It is seen as an inconvenience or needless.

Plastic bag bans should not be about whether or not you are a liberal of conservative or whether you wear a MAGA cap or not. Why do we let ideology get into our shopping carts. It's just about not wasting and throwing our plastic bags to the wind. It is none of that.

I recycle for the obvious reasons. We throw away too much too fast. Personally, I miss those plastic bags I used to save for my cat's poop but I've already found a substitute so no big deal.

I am no big fan of Hal Shurtleff but I do read all his stuff. We shouldn't be afraid to read all kinds of opinions. However, I don't think Alan Wright's letter is right too. You don't have to pounce on opinions. You don't have to attack others to prove your point.

Everyone has a right to their opinions but keep it all civil. Name-calling is pretty dumb. I use recycled reusable bags because I want to. It has nothing to do with anything else.

When I go shopping the last two people I am thinking about is Hal or Alan. It's just about me, my groceries and the bag they're in.

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Jerome said they hired professional charity casino workers for the night. A ticket would buy a set amount of "fund money" to play the games, which included poker, Black Jack, roulette and other staples of a casino. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh stopped by as well to help spread the wealth.

Anna's brother, William Jerome said he thought she would have loved the event and the cause in her name, and he was glad to see residents come out to his and Anna's former school for the event.

"We all went to this school, we've worked here too and they're really helpful and they let us use the gym and we all live in West Roxbury too," he said. "It feels pretty good to see everyone here."

Jerome said the idea for the event was definitely a good one, as one hour into the event more than 50 people had already arrived.

"We're always looking for different and fun ways to fundraise, and everyone likes this kind of thing and we've done a lot of other events too," he said. "We just do whatever we can and come up with new ideas."

Residents Sean and Andrea McKenna said they

came out to support their friends.

"We have a daughter who played here at St. Theresa's and I coached Kris' daughter Emily in softball," said Sean. "It's probably one of the great things about West Roxbury, we always come together and support one another."

Residents George Kehayias and Mike Adgate echoed this sentiment, saying West Roxbury is a community that gets its neighbors through tough times.

"We've known the family for years and our kids have gone to school together," said Kehayias. "Kris Jerome is very committed to raising money for kids with cancer and Anna's Pals. She's very dedicated, and a lot of people show up for it."

"I mean you're in the best neighborhood possible, the best neighborhood in the neighborhood," said Adgate. "Anything to help out."

Resident Megan Cronin said she's known the family for 20 years, and they are a great reflection of the neighborhood.

"I knew Anna for almost her whole life, so any event they have I'm there to support the cause," she said. "I think this is a great idea, I mean people like to gamble

and have a good time."

Resident Matt Wosney said he and his family try to hit all the events for Anna's Pals.

"We try to hit them all, and it's always great, everyone comes together and every year everything gets a little bigger and bigger," he said. "It's really nice."

Resident Fred Gerevosi said this was his first time coming out for the fundraiser.

"I don't think you can help but come out to give," he said. "We're about 850 feet up the street, and we just walked in, and it looks awesome."

The group is already preparing for its second annual golf tournament at the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park for Monday, June 24. Spots sold out for last year's first tournament.



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ally strongly inform people about what we're doing and why we're here," he said. "I think we have improved our programming and people have to go to the station and enjoy what they see."

Williams had been on the board at BNN for the last 22 years before taking this position and he said it was a very tough decision to leave Sacred Heart.

"I didn't seek this out, it kind of came to me," he said. "Man, I got to tell you, I miss those kids already, it was one of the most difficult things I've done because, as the art teacher, you're not teaching just the fourth grade and then they going away. There are kids who graduated last year and are graduating this year that I've had since preschool. When I told the school I was leaving, I went to every classroom and explained to them why I was leaving. They were asking a lot of questions and

got a little mad at times but they said they understood. They all know I'm a musician and that I did this TV show. If I was leaving to manage Target I don't think they would have understood."

Williams said the station does a good job on some of its programs, but it can be difficult.

"I think a lot of people miss some of the great things we do. It's kind of like, 'Oh, a friend of mine is going to be on TV or the radio so I'm definitely going to tune into that,' so they miss a lot of everything else," he said. "Our branding is so important. We're going to be getting the truck out to do community events too. We're just going to spill out a bunch of guys with cameras and microphones and cover the events."

Williams said he is looking for any nonprofit to come in. He is willing to give them airtime.

"I'm going to be connecting with every Main Streets director to convince them as best I can that they need to come in or send in a file of 15 minutes of what's going on in their neighborhoods, and we promise to play it two or three times," he said.

Williams said he's offering any nonprofit an opportunity to come in to the studio and get airtime.

"For a couple of hundred dollars they can have a weekly show and talk about their mission, where they're failing and where they're succeeding and what they're offering the community," he said.

Williams said he started on Dec. 30 of 2018, and he's hitting the ground running.

"I'm starting with people I know right now and I'm fortunate to know people in the Boston Public Schools who will respond to me," he said. "I feel like let's get the Charles Sumner or the Washington Irving or any of these high schools and middle schools who want to do a 'What's Up' with the school kind of show and we can do it where they just send us the audio and it gets on the radio."

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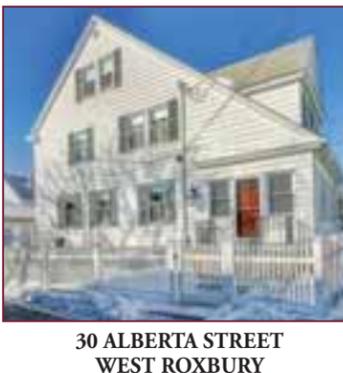
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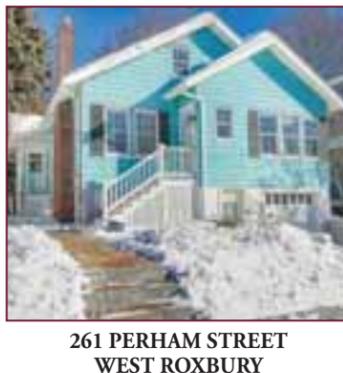
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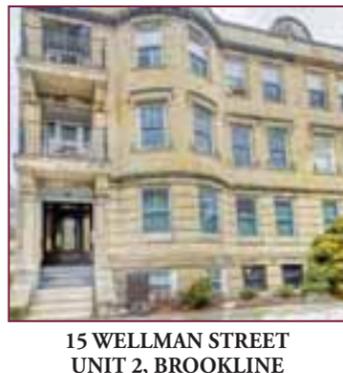
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former Roslindale Liaison of the Office Neighborhood Service was working with the T to get the parking lot free during the weekend. That would increase parking for people who need it, and there's also the free

municipal lot."

Boston Cheese Cellar owner Adam Shutes said the businesses in the area had been talking about making this permanent change in December of 2017, and the tools with which to make it a reality

came about somewhat serendipitously.

"I run cheese-making classes and it was a stroke of sheer blind luck that (former Massachusetts Gov.) Deval Patrick and his daughter came to one of those classes," he said. "At the end, I said to him 'if you mind me asking, we've had a chat with busi-

nesses on trying to close Birch Street, who would we talk to?' He was a lovely guy throughout the whole evening and he said he knew exactly who to put me in touch with, and that was John Barros."

Barros serves in Boston as the Chief of Economic Development, and with his help, Shutes said he, RVMS and the other businesses in the Birch area worked with Jacob Wessel, the Director of City Hall to Go and a driving force behind the Newbury Street closures over the past few summers. Shutes said he feels if they can set the right tone, there's no reason why Birch Street couldn't become a pedestrian courtyard with live music, food trucks, temporary vendors or any other amenity that would fit.

The concept of the closed street would be to increase foot traffic in the square, which Forrest said is what the businesses have been saying they need. She said the businesses on Birch Street have been spearheading this initiative.

"We're not here to say we think this would be great for businesses, they came to us asking us how to do this," she said.

Forrest said the architectural design firm eventually chosen for the project will have to show exactly how the street could be closed. She said they are looking to replicate the courtyard by Sophia's Grotto.

"It's really almost an extension of that courtyard, which is

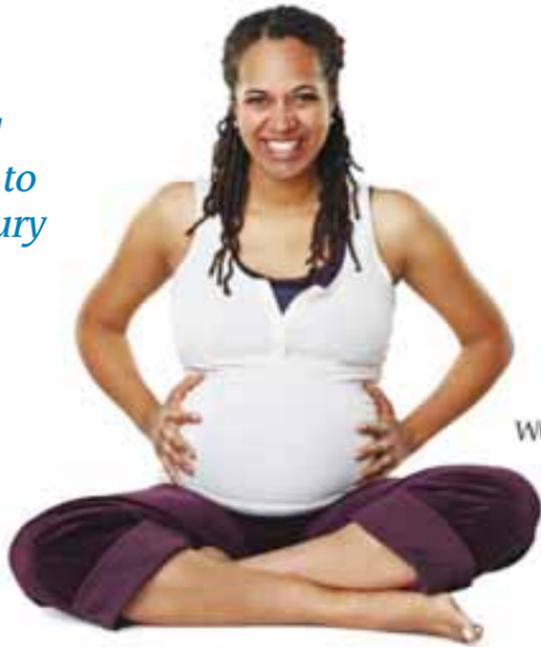
something that Roslindale is known for," she said. "That little enclave behind the Cheese Cellar is very European and unique to the neighborhood, and that Birch Street Extension of the courtyard is what might be really attractive to businesses. Shutes said the week after Easter Sunday they're going to have a week-long closure where it will be a stripped-down version of the full closure, to see what happens. He said he's pretty confident it will be a success. He said when he first opened discussions with the city he had started taking traffic counts of the parking on Birch, which is about 10 to 12 spaces. He said the street is dangerous for anyone who uses it, as its small nature can make for cramped parking conditions.

"There are accidents there pretty much every other day," he said. "It's a cut-through, so people just circle through looking for spots. They drive on the wrong side and we thought, you know it's just a road to nowhere. It's really an opportunity to bring folks to this side of the business district... There's been a lot of events already, closing the street temporarily for the Holiday Market, Open Birch in the Summer and the Fall Fest. They were part of our plan and RVMS to look at punch points and find out if people would like it."

For more information on the RFQ and what the businesses are looking for in an architect, go to abettercity.org/assets/images/RFQ_Birch_St_ABC.pdf

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More voices on school food

Sarah Curless
Staff Reporter

At the third BOSFoodLove Coalition meeting on Monday, December 17, five high schoolers from a science class at Fenway High School voiced their opinion on school food after doing a project on school meals for their class.

The Fenway students were in the process of completing a project on school food for their class and came to give their opinions. Through their project, they learned about the USDA requirements for school meals, such as the calorie, sugar, and salt limits, and they were surprised to discover how stringent these standards are. They also discovered their own calorie and nutrient needs based on age, weight, level of physical activity, and gender from other online nutrition programs. They also found, however, that the meals did not always match their personal requirements. The students mentioned feeling hungry after eating their meals, and upset that they were not able to get more food for meals that they enjoyed.

There was also another high school student from the Henderson Inclusion School. He mentioned the food being undercooked and not appetizing. The two groups from com-

pletely different high schools tended to agree on most aspects of the food, including that it was often undercooked or overcooked in their cafeteria kitchens, that the meals were much too small for high school students, and that they would be willing to try cuisines from different cultures in order to learn about them, as long as there were some options for students who did not want to eat the food or who had some dietary restrictions. They claimed that there was a limited variety of the food in a given week, and the science teacher noted that he wished that there were more parent choice in menu offerings for young students, such as his children.

It was interesting to see the overlap between the two schools. They are both cafeteria schools, and both groups agreed that the food improved drastically after transitioning from a satellite school to a cafeteria school. However, the meals could still be more culturally relevant and prepared better.

It would be very interesting to hear from more students from schools with the new My Way Cafe model from the Shah Family Foundation that is new in East Boston, Roxbury, and soon to be in Dorchester.

We are excited to soon be

doing more meetings within existing school groups, such as parent councils, as well as surveying busy family members and students about school food and the cafeteria.

We hope that we will get yet more feedback on food options, and connect with far more community members this way. We will be doing these meetings at the Maurice

J. Tobin School in Mission Hill, the Mario Umana Academy in East Boston, Thomas J. Kenny School in Ashmont, and other schools who want to participate.



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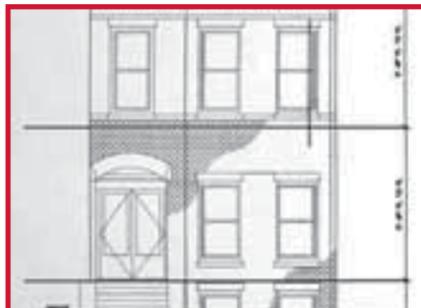
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William of West Roxbury, formerly of Newton, January 21, 2019, surrounded by his loving family and friends, following a long and brave battle with cancer. Devoted and loving husband of Linda (Nashawaty). Loving father of Lisa Lessard and her husband William of Franklin, Mark Bourgeois and his wife Laurie of Quincy, and Scott Bourgeois and his wife Sylvia of Brookline, NH. Cherished grandfather of Ryan, Justin and Jonathan Lessard, Nicholas and Liam Bourgeois, and Olivia, Ethan, Christian, Hunter and Austin Bourgeois. Dear brother of Marcia Butler of Brockton (and her late husband Ernest) and Gary Bourgeois and his wife Sheilah Wallen of Toronto. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (at the corner of Centre St.), WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in William's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or to the Mass General Cancer Center, 55 Fruit Center, Boston, MA 02114. Proud Veteran of the US Air Force. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Guestbook and other information at www.KfouryFuneral.com. Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

CRONIN
Eileen C. (Reagan) Of Acton, ME., formerly of Roslindale and Jamaica Plain, passed away on January 17, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Cronin. Devoted mother of Robert J. Cronin Jr. of Milford, Daniel Cronin and Michael Cronin, both of CT, Steven Cronin and his wife Sarah of Shrewsbury, and Eileen Cronin of Clinton. Loving grandmother of Bobby, Brandon, Brett, Bradley, Elaine, Daniel, Mary, Erin, and Sean and great-grandmother of Blake and Taliya. Dear sister of Daniel Reagan, Timothy Reagan, Jane Bernyk, Laura Isberg, and the late Charles "Chickie" Reagan, and MaryEllen Goldberg. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Volunteer EMT for the town of Acton, ME. Longtime member of the Wilson Lake Association. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Eileen's memory to Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114. For directions and guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com

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DAVIS
Patricia L. Age 72, of Roslindale, after a lengthy illness passed away on January 23, 2019. Born in Boston, she was a graduate of Jamaica Plain High School and Lemuel Shattuck School of Nursing. Patricia worked as a LPN for many years. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Barbara (Martin) Davis. Devoted mother of John Desmond, Michael Desmond, James Desmond, and Kelly (Desmond) McDonald and her fiancé Daniel Farnkoff. Loving grandmother of 5, Starr, Trisha, Maddie, Isabella, and Desmond. Sister of Joseph (Marilyn) Davis, John (Donna) Davis, Frank (Teri) Davis, James (Kathy) Davis, Elizabeth (Dan) Rafferty, Barbara (late Robert) Bernard, Tom (Rose) Davis, Cathy (late Joe) Isbitsky, Suzy (late Gerry) Keenan, Ann (Paul) Beck, Charles (Rose) Musto and the late Mary and (Ray) Turilli. Aunt and great-aunt to many, many, nieces and nephews. Late member of Misfits Bowling League. She enjoyed plants, gardening, her unicorn collection and her dog Scruffy. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Patricia's memory to the Lupus Foundation 40 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Directions & guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

FASANELLO
John Thomas Age 71, passed peacefully on January 19, 2019, at his home in Roslindale, MA. John was born in Boston on August 8, 1947, to Joseph and Mary Fasanello. John spent his career of more than 40 years working for the Boston Department of Public Works, where he retired with the rank of Supervisor. During his retirement he enjoyed gardening, traveling to Florida with his wife, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joyce Ann Fasanello, his children John, Ryan, and Patricia & her husband Ari Vruho. He is beloved "Nonno" to his five grandchildren Renee, Llarz, & Nora Vruho, and Emily & Lily Fasanello. Funeral from the Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, MA. Interment at New Calvary Cemetery, 800 Harvard St.

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FIUMARA
Nancy A. Of Roslindale, formerly of Boston's North End, passed away on January 22, 2019, in her 100th year. Beloved daughter of the late John and Grace (Costa) Fiumara. Loving sister of the late Joseph J. Fiumara, Nicholas J. Fiumara M.D., Mary Fiumara, Angelo J. Fiumara Esq., and Agnes M. Fiumara. Dear aunt of Grace A. Pacheco, Grace M. Janek and her husband Bruce, Sylvia-Jean Bergeron and her husband Jacques. Also survived by many great-nieces and nephews. Former Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Sears Roebuck and Company. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Needham. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's memory to Sacred Heart Church 169 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131. For directions and guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

GROGAN
Edward of Weymouth, formerly of Mission Hill, January 23, 2019. Loving son of the late Walter and June (Waldron) Grogan. Devoted brother of Joseph F. Grogan and his wife Lucy of Nevada, Pauline Hogan and her husband Doug of Billerica, David Grogan of Quincy, and the late George, James, Kevin, Diane and Walter. He was the cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. Interment Mount Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory may be made to the MSPCA-Angell Medical Center, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130, (mspca.org) For directions and guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

HOYT
Raymond E. "Ray" of Roslindale, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2019, at the age of 93. He was the loving husband of 47 years of the late Frances (Robar) Hoyt and the devoted father of Elaine Moses of Roslindale, Russell Hoyt and his wife Maria of Walpole, Randall Hoyt and his wife Joanne

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of Hudson NH, Robert Hoyt and his wife Molly of Concord, and the late Brother Raymond Hoyt of Westwood. He was the proud grandfather of Michelle Moses, Christopher Moses, Laura Esposito, Richard Hoyt, Christopher Hoyt, Cela Hoyt, and the late Russell Patrick Hoyt. He was also the indulgent great-grandfather of Aiden Withers and Samantha, Alexandra, and Raegan Moses. Ray was born in Lowell, the son of the late Bridget (Whelan) and Edward Hoyt, and was brother to Marion Katz and Mary Madden, and the late Dorothy Palmer, Eileen Kaskeski, Barbara Comeau, Ruth Hoyt, David Hoyt, and Edward Hoyt. He graduated from Roslindale High School in 1942 and joined the Marines at age 17, serving honorably in the Pacific Theater throughout WWII. After completing his service, he joined the MBTA, where he was an award winning transit operator for 38 years. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the ALS Association, 685 Canton St., Suite 103, Norwood, MA, 02062. Services and interment will be private. For obituary and guestbook, please visit website. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

JORDAN

Anna I. "Nancy" Of Roslindale, January 24, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late John J. and Katherine Jordan. Loving sister of the late Catherine Skelly. Cousin of Larry and his wife Barbara Donnelly and Richard Donnelly of Arlington. Devoted friend of Kay McDonough and family of Braintree. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Remembrances in memory of Nancy may be made to St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

MacCURTAIN

Mary "Molly" (Connolly) Of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester, January 23, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Pearse J. MacCurtain. Loving mother of Claire Sullivan and her husband John of Roslindale, John MacCurtain and his wife Jane of Reading, Chief of Boston Fire Dept. (Ret) Kevin P. MacCurtain and his wife Maureen of Hanover, Robert MacCurtain and his wife Judith of Milton, Thomas MacCurtain and his wife Gail of Norwell, and Elizabeth Kearney and her husband Michael of Foxboro. Devoted grandmother of 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Sister

of the late Bridget Agnes Fennelly-Bowes and Kay Gencola. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home 2055 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY. Interment Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Carroll Center for the Blind, 770 Centre St., Newton MA 02458. For directions and guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

SEMEDO

Robert L. Passed away in Port Charlotte, FL on January 19, 2019, for funeral arrangements go to lawlerfuneralhome.com/obituaries.html Complete notice to follow.

STRATIS

Thomas "Tommy the Greek" A longtime resident of Roslindale, passed away on Friday, January 18, 2019 after a long illness. Loving son of the late Charles and Christina (Rautenberg) Stratis. Devoted brother of the late James Stratis. He is survived and will be missed by his closest family - nephews, Charles Stratis and James Stratis, and niece Andrea (DeMarzio) Stratis. He is also survived by many cousins and friends. Late in life, Tommy reconnected with his longtime friend, John Kelly, and through their bantering and laughter over many shared meals, they were able to enjoy recalling the stories of their youth. Tommy had a remarkable gift of living life to the fullest. A proud Greek-American and talented chef, he owned and operated three restaurants in the Downtown Boston area throughout his career, as well as one in Mytelene Greece. Tommy's love for travel led him to Egypt, the Middle East and throughout Europe. His talent as a chef was unsurpassed. His creativity and flair for entertaining led to many a wonderful meal with family and friends and his culinary skills will be greatly missed. As someone who loved to purchase daily scratch tickets, the Massachusetts State Lottery and the corner store will most certainly see a drop in revenue! Funeral from the O'Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester Street, SOUTH BOSTON Thursday, Jan. 24th from 4-7 pm. Funeral Service in St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale on Friday, Jan. 25th at 11am. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain. Relatives and friends are invited to attend all services.

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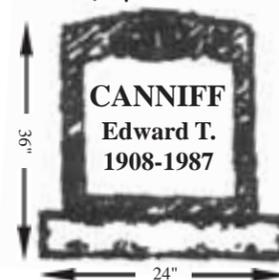
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LETTER WAS FULL OF MISINFORMATION

To the Editor:

I wish to express my thanks to your paper for publishing Mr. Wright's letter "Regarding The Lift the Bag Ban Letter." Mr. Wright gave us an excellent example of a written version of the Orwellian "Two Minutes Hate." His letter is full of fallacious reasoning, misinformation, economic ignorance, and contradiction.

1. Fallacy of insufficient sample: He writes that "every environmentally concerned" citizen must support the plastic bag ban. I know plenty of people who are environmentally concerned but don't support the plastic bag ban since they know the facts which I presented in my earlier letter.

2. Red Herring and "Ad Hominem": He claims that since I am a member of The John Birch Society, I must be a liar and a purveyor of misinformation. I believe that the Society is made up of some of the finest men and women I know. They are honest, generous, support good stewardship of the land, and love the United States. I am also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a U.S. Army veteran. By the way, the JBS was started in Belmont, MA-not Concord. I am open about my affiliations, and always have been.

3. Misinformation and historical ignorance: He writes that the mission of The JBS was in the "same vein as Joe McCarthy-to spread disinformation and fear about the supposed spread of communism." Here Mr. Wright displays his abysmal ignorance of history. In 1958, communism was spreading all over the world-China, Russia, Eastern Europe, North Vietnam, and a year later, Cuba murdering millions of

people in its wake. Love him or hate him, Joe McCarthy was vindicated in 1995 with the publication of the "Venona Secrets" which thoroughly documents Soviet espionage activities in the United States. Mr. Wright probably never heard of this book or if he did, he cannot let facts get in the way of his bias, and narrow-minded ideological bigotry.

4. Misinformation and historical ignorance: Agenda 21 is no theory. It is being implemented in communities all over the nation. Readers can simply go to YouTube and look for a video of Nancy Pelosi promoting Agenda 21 or do a search for "Towards a Sustainable America" which was published at the direction of Present Bill Clinton. and available as a free download. Since its widespread exposure, Agenda 21 has been re-branded Agenda 2030. Boston's version is called Vision Boston 2030. Mr. Wright appears to support it wholeheartedly. Whether he knows it or not, he is simply following the recommendation of J Gary Lawrence who urged supporters of Agenda 21 to use be deceptive and use terms like "smart growth, and sustainable development." Mr. Lawrence's report "The Future of Local Agenda 21 in the New Millennium" is available as a free download."

5. Misinformation: My letter listed facts about plastic bags. Mr. Wright may not like the facts since they conflict with his narrative, but they are facts, nevertheless.

6. Red Herring and misinformation: Mr. Wright insists that the Koch Brothers fund the Heartland Institute; therefore, its information cannot be accurate. In another forum, I ad-

dressed the issue of the Koch Brothers and Heartland. In 2012, the Koch Brothers gave a one-time \$25,000 to the Heartland earmarked for fighting Obamacare and have not donated one dime since. But Mr. Wright deliberately misleads the readers with this red herring fallacy. If he is so worried about foundation support, he should investigate groups that get money from George Soros' foundation, Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation just to mention a few.

7. Economic ignorance: Mr. Wright refers to the cost of a plastic bag which he continues to refer to as "single use" as "hidden" implying that retailers are hiding the cost of the bag. The price of any good includes the wages the employer pays, the cost of heat, rent, property taxes, shipping, etc. These are known as overhead. These are not hidden, and anyone with a basic understanding of economics would know that.

8. Contradiction: Mr. Wright concludes his letter suggesting that people ignore me while earlier in the letter, he suggests that people write letters against me and my view.

Mr. Wright's letter is an attempt to silence those who dare oppose his agenda. I have news for him: his vitriol, and hatred has only motivated me to work harder, and has brought me some new friends and allies. I took an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution when I was 17 years of age, and that oath will be upheld to the day I die. I will not let the likes of Mr. Wright bully me or silence me. Apart from the years I spent in the U.S. Army, I have lived in Boston all my life and have always enjoyed the friendship and respect of my liberal neighbors. Readers who would like information on the information mentioned

above or a free copy of the U.S. Constitution, are welcomed to contact me:

camconstitution1@gmail.com
Hal Shurtleff
West Roxbury

SOMEONE NEEDS TO ADDRESS WEST ROXBURY HIGH IDEA

To the Editor:

I'm wondering if there has been a response to the suggestion proposed by Stephen Smith in the January 3, Letter to the Editor, and repeated by Joseph Coffey in the same section of the paper, on January 10th?

It seems a shame to scale down the proposed enrollment for Roxbury Prep, if there is a student need, and a viable alternative location (West Roxbury High Academy).

Mr. Coffey mentions that the two West Roxbury High academies are closing for repairs. Is the intention of the Boston Public Schools to reopen them or leave them shuttered?

Are the repairs needed so extensive that it wouldn't be worthwhile for Roxbury Prep to take on that challenge?

The playing fields at the VFW site were recently renovated. This would give Roxbury Prep students a location for sports- something that the Belgrade Ave. site can not include.

I am unable to attend the January 30th Public Meeting but will be there for the February 13th meeting. In the meantime, could someone with some knowledge of the VFW site provide some answers?

Joan Halpert
West Roxbury

RESIDENTS ARE THE ONLY ONES LISTENING

To the Editor:

If the Roxbury Prep development team, consisting of the charter school board, its out-of-state management, their real estate intermediary, the City Hall lobbyist attorneys and political PR assistants actually believe their latest proposal satisfies residents' fundamental concerns regarding the proposed high school at 361 Belgrade, they're wrong.

Neighbors are asking "It's back again?" Yes, the charter school is back with a plan appearing to show a smaller building and less students. They would like elected officials and decision makers to believe this proposal means they have listened to neighborhood concerns. They haven't.

A smaller building does not address neighborhood concerns - much less benefit students - but does reduce City oversight and limit residents' participation. Specifically, 361 Belgrade now just qualifies for "small project" review, meaning less classroom and activity space, less design requirements to ensure neighborhood compatibility and a lot less resident participation. The project advisory group is eliminated - which

the school could voluntarily establish if it truly values community feedback. This proposal is worse, not better, than the half-dozen others floated out over the last three years.

Unlike the developers it is we, the residents, who have been watching and listening all this time.

We've listened as the charter made unsupported claims while misrepresenting resident concerns. Tellingly, it has refused to provide specifics about the selection process ending up with 361 Belgrade - while simultaneously insisting this is the only suitable site for a high school - and without documented assessment of overall school facility needs for students and families in Roslindale, West Roxbury or city-wide.

Like the site selection claims, the enrollment numbers do not add up on close examination. The charter says 361 Belgrade will house 560 students. Yet their middle school has over 700 students. Are they intending to cut middle school enrolment to shoe-horn the remainder into an undersized facility? They pledge to keep seats open for neighborhood students (by lottery). But how many "open seats" will actually exist at this ever-smaller incredible shrinking high school? Residents listen but do not hear plausible answers.

All students whether public, private or charter, deserve excellent schools with adequate classrooms and indoor/outdoor activity spaces. As the latest moving target proposal shows, the charter continues to negotiate away the interests of students - not to address neighborhood concerns - but to minimize city review and residents' participation.

When all is said and done, the charter seeks to privatize what should be a public process. At 361 Belgrade, the school wants all the benefits of a charter but none of the responsibilities. It presents itself as an educational organization that cares only about students. But the charter's approach - shrinking school space, using money which should go to education to hire lobbyists and PR people, misrepresenting neighborhood concerns, withholding documents - all while minimizing city review and residents' participation - suggests that 361 Belgrade isn't really about education after all. The more the charter seeks to push this project though, the more 361 seems just another private real estate deal.

Neighbors, students and families alike all deserve better.

Michael Levesque
West Roxbury



Ask The Doctor

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

2019 Lexus NX 300 AWD

SUVs are the craze of today. They come in all brands and sizes, with multiple engines types as well. This week I had an extremely comfortable, powerful, and smooth riding Lexus NX 300 - a mid-size SUV that seats four with comfort and five in a pinch. Power comes from a very smooth and quiet 2-liter, turbo-charged engine via a 6-speed automatic. The gearing in the 6-speed automatic allows for much more power to the ground and ideal engine torque at any speed. There are multiple transmission mode settings, as well as safety and alert systems, eight air bags, an 8-speaker high output audio system, 4.2-inch touchscreen, and 8-way powered driver and passenger seats. And yes, it does have optional heated front seating.

The NX 300 has a low seat height, making it easy to get in and out of the vehicle, from both front and rear seats, which is very important to us short people. It drives and handles more like a car than an SUV. It has a few popular options, such as auto-dimming rearview mirror with Homelink® system: \$125; luxury package with 18-inch wheels and tires, linear black wood interior trim, heated steering wheel, heated and ventilated front seating, rain-sensing wipers, LED daytime running lights, tilt wheel and more for \$4,705; navigation package includes remote touch interface and 10-speaker premium sound system: \$1,800; power rear door with kick sensor: \$550. Base price: \$37,365 plus destination fee: \$995. Total MSRP with options: \$45,560. EPA: 22 city, 28 highway MPG on this AWD, FWD has the same rating. Base FWD price starts at \$35,985.

The front grille design is very modern looking while allowing a lot of air flow to cool the engine in hot climate conditions. The bottom line: this is a very refined SUV that has all the quality of the Lexus brand for under \$50,000.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

City elections could have early voting this year

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met with officials on Monday to go over the possibility of implementing an early voting system for the 2019 municipal election.

Boston currently offers early voting for state and federal election years, as it is required to do after a 2014 state law, but does not offer early voting in off years for municipal elections. District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim said he wants to change that with a home-rule petition to the State House this year.

“This is something we think we can and should expand in municipal elections,” said Zakim. “We experience the challenges we have when it comes to turnout and participation in any election but particularly in municipal elections, particularly in our non mayoral years, and because we’ve found in other elections, whether it was the state general election this past November or the presidential in 2016, providing more opportunities for eligible residents to cast their votes in-

creases turnout.”

This provision would be only for November elections and not for any primaries or preliminary elections.

Zakim said the bill came about after conversations he had with Cambridge officials, who were able to implement a similar program. Election Department Commissioner Dion Irish said they are looking at 11 days of early voting ending the Friday before the Tuesday Election Day.

“Every day during the week we typically offer early voting here at City Hall, and the last go around we had a Tuesday, Thursday schedule where we were out in the neighborhoods in different parts of the city,” he said. “On Saturdays and Sunday, we were in every council district, and we had one location in each district... It worked really well, early voting weekend this year we had about 8,000 people vote. I think a lot of the challenges we have are things not visible to the public, just back channel things and how we process things.”

Irish said he estimates the cost of the new early voting to be about \$380,000.

“That’s based on our projection on what it would cost in 2019, and for city elections we actually do our own printing so there’s a difference in the cost,” he said. “For state elections, they print the ballots for us.”

Irish said over time there would be an opportunity to decrease those costs from the \$380,000, mainly because of the upfront nature of the advertising required to let people know they can vote early. He said once that is established as common practice, the costs will go down significantly. He also said that obtaining equipment for the early voting has decreased costs over time in early voting in other elections.

District 9 City Councilor Mark Ciommo asked if there has been an increase in voter turnout during the 2016 and 2018 elections, so that they could get an idea as to what increases they could expect to see in voter turnout, but Irish pointed out that early voting does not always have such a clear cut effect.

“In 2016, about 17 percent of the overall vote was early
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Roxbury Parkway. Robinson said he’s been trying to acquaint himself both with the businesses and the district.

“I’ve been starting to walk the corridor and I plan to do a lot more of that, since this is just my fourth week on the job right now,” he said.

The WRMS annual meeting is already set for Feb. 28 at 6:30 at West on Centre, and Robinson said he’ll be happy to introduce himself to the neighborhood there.

“We are working on our priorities for the next couple of months and at the annual meeting we’ll basically be sharing some of what we’ve come up with in terms of priorities, but also we’ll be inviting ideas and hoping to engage the community to get involved with us. It’s an opportunity to get involved with all the communities WRMS works with and the events we put on and even an opportunity to join the Board.”

Robinson said he’s been updated on the Imagine West Roxbury Report started a few years ago and said he wants to update the district mainly to make it more walkable and enjoyable for residents.

“We’ll be really focused on the design aesthetic of the district and continuing to support

a diverse and vibrant mix of businesses through technical assistance, as well as some of our partnerships with the city and other groups,” he said. “We’re also going to continue to host our signature events including the Taste of West Roxbury, and the date for that is set for May 16, on a Thursday. We’ll start to get the Taste Committee together very soon and look for participation from the community if people are interested in volunteering. I’ve also started looking at Celebrate Centre in September and the Holiday Market in December, but we’ll be looking at adding new events throughout the year.”

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vote, and in 2018 just about 13 percent of the overall vote was early vote," he said. "The research I've done with folks who have looked at early voting throughout the country indicates there is no clear proof that you can tie early voting to an increase in turnout and it's more difficult to do that because when you consider the universe of voters changes over time. In 2016, for example, we had many more voters than we did in the years prior to that. We had more than 400,000 voters, so when you have more voters added to that rolls... The way we've always approached it is to make sure that we're making it as convenient as possible."

Chair of the Issues Committee for Progressive Massachusetts Jonathan Cohn said he felt the benefits for early voting were clear.

"As the Brennan Center for Justice notes, early voting means reduced stress on the voting system on election day, shorter lines on Election Day, improved poll worker performance, early identification and correction of errors for voting system glitches and increased voter satisfaction," he said.

Cohn and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley both discussed the possibility of introducing no-fault absentee voting, for which a person can send in a ballot whether or not they are out of the municipality they are voting in. Cohn said many other states offer this measure, but Irish said it would require another home-rule petition to pass the state legislature.

Cohn also pointed out that Boston needs to start reprecincting its voting locations, as the city is undergoing a large increase in population. Many residents can find it difficult to get to their polling locations.

Irish said if the bill passes the State House, they would begin looking at a schedule of neighborhoods for early voting in 40 locations.

"Ultimately we're going to put together a draft and put it out for community feedback and elected official feedback and from there we'd go on to a final schedule," he said. "For 2018, we began putting out drafts in February."

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SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18P2693PM**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Leah Faysa **RESPONDENT**
Of: Hyde Park, MA **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
John G Faye of Randolph, MA
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Leah Faysa** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/14/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
January 2, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR **DOCKET No. SU17P2294EA1**
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of: Jean Dikens St. Jilus **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

Date of Death: 09/12/2015

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
Farva St. Jilus of Manchester, NH
Requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that
Perry Gang, Esq. of Needham, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/21/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
January 23, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18P2692PM**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Betty Yirdaw **RESPONDENT**
Of: Hyde Park, MA **(Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
John G. S. Faye of Randolph, MA
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Betty Yirdaw** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/05/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
January 22, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU17D2234DR**

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Manny Jean Paul vs. Elcie Jean Paul
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Manny Jean Paul, 35 Grew Hill Rd., Roslindale, MA 02131** your answer, if any, on or before **03/07/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
January 14, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19W0013**

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Faith Darby
vs.
Michael Darby

To the above named Defendant:
The Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Faith Darby seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity filed on 12/10/2018
You are required to serve upon: Faith Darby. Whose Address is 291 Cummins Highway #2, Roslindale, MA 02131 on or before March 7, 2019.
If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 01/09/2019.
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18D2465DR**

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Geovanny Rafael Perdomo vs. Elizabeth Ruth Rodriguez Perdomo
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Geovanny Rafael Perdomo, 4 Glenway St. #1, Boston, MA 02121** your answer, if any, on or before **02/14/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
January 7, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK DIVISION **DOCKET NO. SU18P2122GD**

NOTICE AND ORDER
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of **Gerson Adonay Leon Rivera** of Brighton, MA
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

- Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **10/01/2018** by **Rena Rivera – Alvarado of Allston, MA** will be held **02/13/2019 08:30 AM** Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at **24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 – 3rd Flr Probation.**
- Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
- Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor
- Counsel for the Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
- Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
December 14, 2018
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Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood Hosts Complimentary Events

Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood, a memory care assisted living community located at 140 University Avenue, will host the following free events in February.

Caregiver Support Group: Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. — Family caregivers are invited to take

a break and receive expert advice from dementia care professionals who understand their unique challenges. Dinner will be served; caregivers' loved ones with memory loss are invited to dine with Bridges® by EPOCH residents at 5:30 p.m. (RSVPs are

required.) Caregiver support groups are held at Bridges® by EPOCH on the first Thursday of each month.

Lunch & Learn: "Normal Aging vs. Memory Loss": Feb. 26 at 12 p.m.; Presented by Alicia Seaver, Vice President of Memory Care Operations &

Certified Memory Impairment Specialist; Location: Walpole Council on Aging at 50 South Street — When is forgetfulness something more? If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or unusual behavioral changes, join de-

mentia expert Alicia Seaver at the Walpole Council on Aging for lunch and learn how the warning signs of dementia differ from the effects of normal aging.

For more information or to RSVP for an event, call 781-251-6630.

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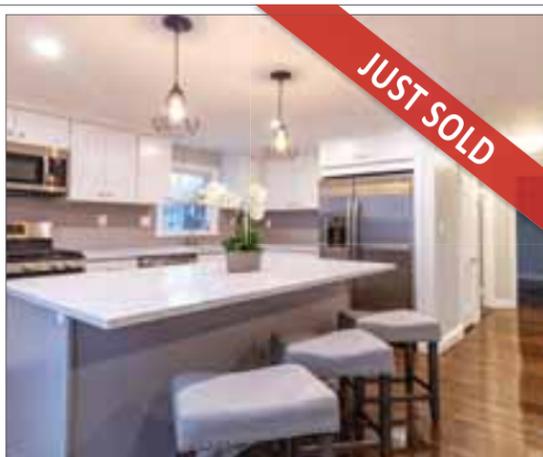
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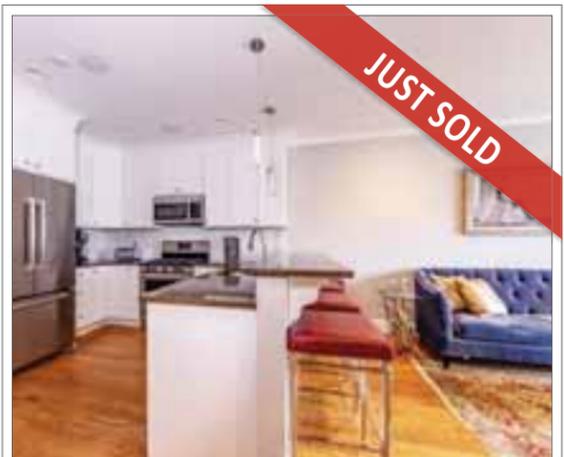
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