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About 40 residents came to hear about the traffic updates for the project on 1507 VFW, and voiced their preference for a net zero carbon building.

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Residents want net zero carbon on 1507 VFW

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, about 40 residents came to the Elks Hall in West Roxbury for the third public meeting on the proposed 1507 VFW project.

The main point of the meeting was for Howard Stein Hudson Traffic Engineer Brian Beisel to respond to concerns from residents concerning traffic issues. However, several residents brought up new concerns regarding energy efficiency and carbon emissions. Residents want the new building to reduce as much carbon as it produces.

“As you may know, the mayor has pledged by 2050 that the city is going to be carbon-neutral,” said West Roxbury Saves Energy member Rickie

Harvey. “To have any chance of doing this, every new building has to be net zero carbon, because if it’s not built that way, it’s going to have to be retrofitted, which is going to cost a lot more. This is a perfect project to be net zero and set an awesome example for the city... This is a huge project that can be net zero, and I know your mechanical engineers are excellent and they can absolutely build a net zero carbon building here.”

Developer for the project John Noone said this project is simply too big to do that, coming in at 351,000 square feet with 387 parking spaces and 258 housing units.

“When you start talking about net zero carbon, it works very well for

1507 VFW

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Wallpaper City will be a bit taller in a few months, as the owner just got approval for two new floors.

COURTESY PHOTO

Apartments approved for Roslindale’s Wallpaper City

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals met last week and approved a plan to add two floors with four housing units each at Wallpaper City on 3-7 Poplar St. in Roslindale.

The building, owned by Russell Flynn, will have two new floors added on top of it. While not every building can handle such a plan, a similar action was taken on Redd’s in Rozzie (now closed) on 4257 Washington St. by landlord Vinny Marino.

The ZBA stated they have zoning violations with the project, including the floor-to-area ratio (FAR) being excessive, rear yard insufficiency and not enough off street parking. The required FAR in the area, which is Community Commercial 2, is 2.0. The proposed FAR is 2.7. The rear yard zoning re-

quirement is 10’. Currently, there is only five feet, which is an already existing condition.

There is no off-street parking for the building currently or in the new plan. Flynn said the building is extremely close to the commuter line and adjacent to numerous bus stops, which is why they did not include any.

The two new floors will add about 8,000 square feet in total to the structure and provide six one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units. The plan is to also add four private roof decks accessible to the four top units only, through a hatch in each top-floor unit.

Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Roslindale Representative Joe Coppinger said his office, as well as WalkUP Roslindale and Roslindale Village Main Streets, supported the project.

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Be a Santa to a Senior hosting gift wrapping event

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Be a Santa to a Senior is returning to the Sophia Snow House in West Roxbury this Dec. 11 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help seniors in need experience the Christmas spirit.

The program, started by Home Instead Senior Care, was designed to help seniors find joy in the holiday spirit many take for granted. Community Service Representative Laurie Blake said the seniors fall into one of two criteria for the program but, sadly, she said if they’re in one criteria, they are usually in both.

“I work with the different communities who provide me with a wish list of seniors who fall into the criteria of not having the monetary means to celebrate the holidays or not have a family to celebrate the holidays with,” she said.

The program works with several organizations that host a wish list tree. On every tree there is an ornament with a wish list item one can take home, buy and bring back unwrapped.

“I hang the ornaments on the trees and people like you or me can go in and pick up an ornament, purchase a

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Members of the Sophia Snow House in West Roxbury will once again be hosting a Christmas Wrapping party for seniors in need.

FILE PHOTO

Bay State Rail Museum hosts annual Holiday Open House

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Bay State Rail Museum (BSRM) hosted its annual Holiday Open House over the weekend to the delight of hundreds, both young and old.

The mountainous room on South Street in Roslindale is open twice a year to the public, as it is a private club for model rail road enthusiasts. Residents of all ages come every year to see the setup, as the members will tell anyone who asks, that changes all the time.

Originally, the club started in 1968 on the other side of the Roslindale Village near the Greek International Food Market. According to member Jeremy Hartwell, the group bought the current building at 760 South St. almost by accident. He said they were facing eviction from the landlord who wanted to retire and sell the building, but they ended up buying the building themselves. Member Mal Sockol said they have been retooling the building every since.

“Around 1980 we bought this building when Roslindale Square was highly-depressed,” he said. “Most of

the buildings were empty, and most folks didn’t want to come here. They bought this building for what today you couldn’t buy a garage for, believe me.”

Sockol said the renovations were tough, but as miniature architects, they just enlarged their building skills.

“This place was all chopped up; we took down the walls and rebuilt the place and redid almost everything,” he said. “Then we started working on the railroad.”

Sockol said they now rely on tenants to fund the museum’s work, and they have never had an easier time.

“We secured the tenants, they paid rent and that money allowed us to continue to renovate the building,” he said. “We started off with building the O scale, then the N scale and the HO scale, and we are stilling essentially finishing up. We’ve been working on that since the very early 1980s until now. About 99 percent of the work is done by our members.”

Sockol said he first got involved with model trains when he was a very young child.

“Like most hobbies, we all began our interest in model



Hundreds strolled through the Bay State Rail Museum this Christmas' exhibition to the public over the weekend. The museum is only open to the public twice a year.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

trains when we were very young,” he said. “I received a Lionel Train set when I was nine years old and I have been interested in small trains ever since. In the following years I’ve developed an interest in railroading, both the contemporary and historical railroads. But I’ve always maintained an interest in model trains.”

Residents Joe and Chelsey Wold said this was their first time attending and they were incredulous at the layout.

“The attention to detail

with the geology and all the old cars and the little people and everything is just an amazing job,” Joe Wold said.

Resident Nate Harris said he and his family came last year.

“My son loves trains and we live in Roslindale and we really wanted to support this opportunity and it’s fun to get to see it,” he said. “The kids really love it. It’s unbelievable, I mean my grandfather gave me an old Lionel Train set so I’ve always been just fascinated, especially with the

setup of the landscape.

Residents Jemma, Myles and Brynn Will said they love the sheer number of tracks and trains spanning the room.

“We used to live within walking distance, but we actually moved to Westwood and my son wanted to come back,” Jemma said. “It’s awesome; it’s really cool to look at.”

“I want to work here,” Myles said. “I kind of like the gauges and this big set up.”

“I like that purple train,” said Brynn, pointing to a diesel commuter rail train.



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The proponents for 920 American Legion Highway will be going back to the neighborhood in the coming months.

COURTESY PHOTO

Development heating up in the Parkway once again

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Parkway has been no stranger to development in the last few years of Boston's development boom, but lately there has been somewhat of a

lull in projects submitted.

While 1789 Centre St., 100 Weld St. and 1235 VFW Pkwy. are all entering their final construction stages, several other projects are back in the works for the neighborhood, one being the 1507

VFW Pkwy. development proposed near the Boston Trailer Park. For the full story, go to page 1.

Also coming up is a proposed project at 15 Catherine

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He added there was a community process held as well. District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy and At-Large City Councilors Michelle Wu, Michael Flaherty and Annissa Essaibi-George said, through representatives, that they all supported the project.

"I'm also an abutter as a property owner and a business owner and I'm in full support," said Anthony Giordano, Chairman of RVMS Board of Directors. "I am opening a cafe at the corner of Cornith Street."

The Marino project originally caused some controversy when he planned to add two stories to the former location of Tony's Meat Market and Redd's in Rozzie. Residents, along with Anthony Benedictus and his family felt that the addition could hurt the Meat Market's Business, despite no impact on the hours of said business. Since Flynne is the owner and proprietor of both the business and the building, no such conflict is apparent.

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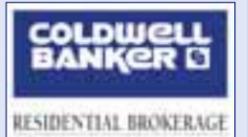
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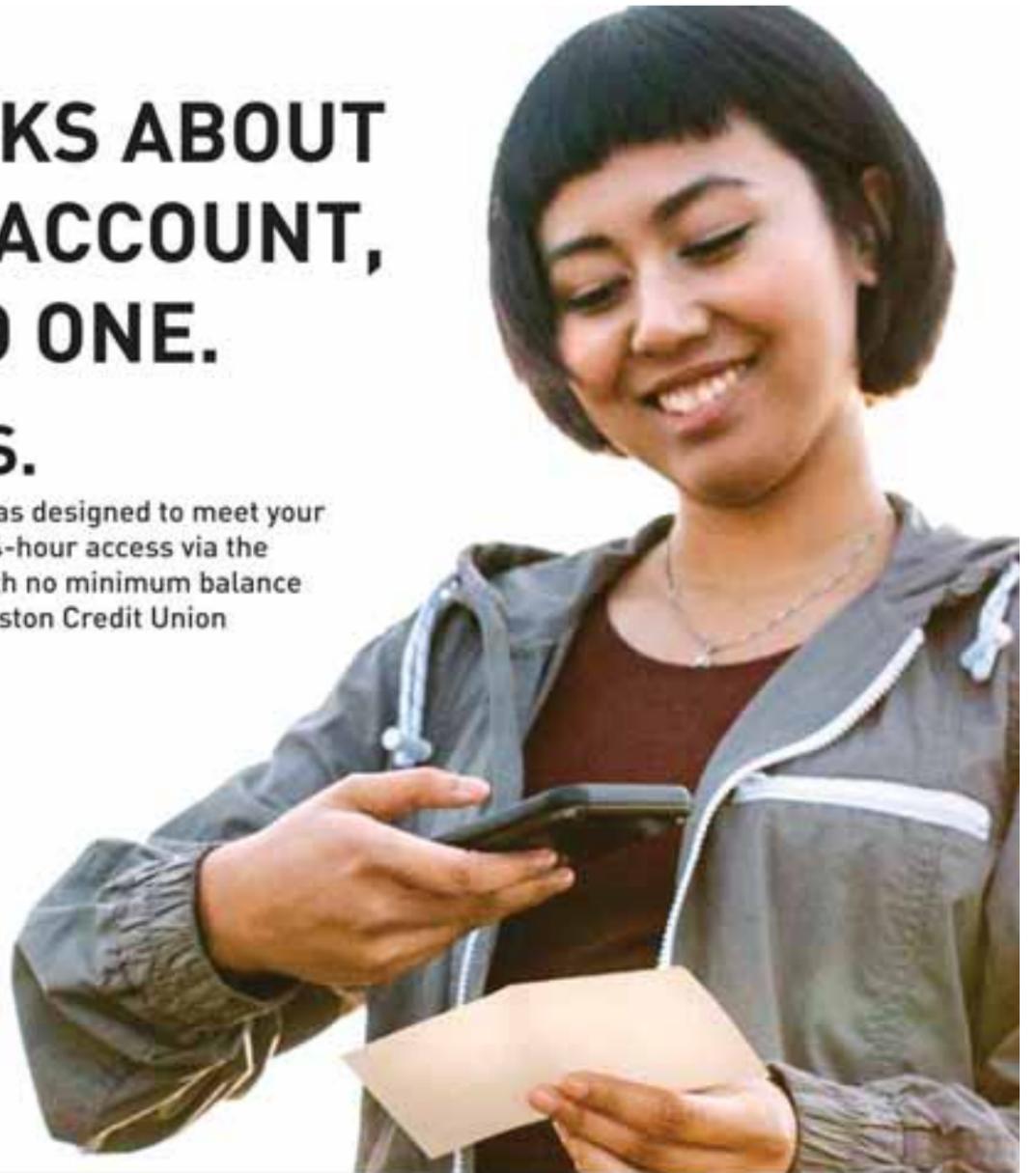
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Editorial

PUT DOWN THE LAPTOP AND GO LOCAL

An interesting statistic emerged from recent online shopping ventures on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, two unofficial seasonal holidays that cater to those thinking \$5 off an item marked up by \$20 is somehow a deal.

Research commissioned by the National Retail Federation estimated that 165 million people made purchases either online or in stores over the Thanksgiving weekend, roughly 174 million fewer who did so during the same time frame last year.

But wait, isn't the economy chugging along brilliantly, so much so that the Federal Reserve is planning to continue hiking interest rates and inching us to higher inflation?

The shopping stats show that maybe times are not as good for average Americans compared to bonus-fueled Wall-Streeters. The unfortunate reality is that job security remains an ever-present uncertainty for most. Likewise, much-touted wage increases and tax reductions are a drop in the bucket for most households.

With all this in mind, and well-aware of the economic backdrop, we still feel compelled to suggest more shopping, not less. The key to the recommendation is not what to buy, but where to shop.

Oh sure, there are bargains to be had online and at big box retailers. But more good can be accomplished by shifting those holiday spending dollars to local businesses.

Recently, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh celebrated Small Business Saturday and launched what is dubbed the "5onMain" campaign, a seasonal initiative for small businesses in Boston. It encourages residents to shop local this holiday season.

The spotlight is intended to shine on Boston's more than 40,000 small businesses, and 20 Boston Main Streets districts. Those businesses generate approximately \$15 billion in annual revenue and approximately 170,000 jobs, representing roughly 44 percent of employment and 37 percent of revenues for the city's private, for-profit businesses.

The Roslindale Village Main Street holiday tree lighting in Adams Park was among the stops chosen during the Mayor's announcement.

The 5onMain initiative is a challenge to shoppers to support local businesses at least five times this holiday season. Participants pledge support either by purchasing gifts, dining out, or participating in local holiday events in Boston Main Streets districts, "which will help drive traffic to local businesses and boost local business economy," the City says, hyping use of the social media hashtag "#5onMain."

Ok, maybe you won't be the into the whole hashtag suggestion. But patronizing neighborhood businesses certainly can't be too much to ask. These are friends and neighbors who deserve to be thriving, not struggling, as they provide local jobs, municipal funding and, best of all, unique and high-quality gifts you might not find anywhere else.

Just one caveat: the initiative shouldn't be a Christmas seasonal call to wallets. Just as food pantries and shelters need and rely upon food donations all year (not just on holidays), it would be nice to see local business support extend to the entire year.

In March 2016, Boston officials launched the City's first-ever Small Business Plan. It tasked the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, other city departments and external partners "to make Boston's small business economy thrive, enhance neighborhood vibrancy, and foster economic and social inclusion and equity."

That may be a mouthful, but the intent is laudable. For the City to prosper we can't think of economic growth just in terms of how many high-priced high rises are built. Enhancing the local business community, street-by-street, is an investment that will truly pay dividends.

Goodbye to a hurtful name

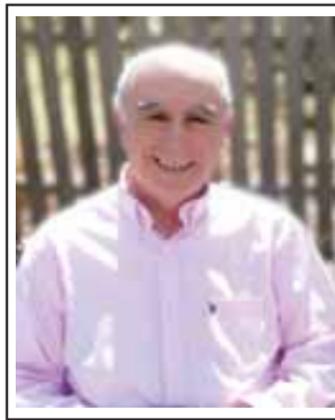
The Thanksgiving leftovers were still in the fridge when a photograph was published showing demolition in the Seaport District to accommodate a new high-rise condominium in the Seaport District.

I recall fond memories of that section of the city, before the real estate market there became red-hot. Jimmy's Harborside and Anthony Athanas' Pier 4 come quickly to mind. I'm not sure about the existence of other restaurants/bars in the past, but the place that offered very informal dining was Santoro's, a sub shop, just over the Northern Avenue Bridge. During my days of driving for Town Taxi, Santoro's offered easy parking and great subs, plus an occasion to stretch one's legs at with a harbor view, an ocean breeze, and a salty (?) aroma.

The demolition project recently taking place involved Atlantic Beer Garden and The Whiskey Priest.

The name of the latter was always revolting to me. The owners and workers there may have been wonderful people but the title of their place of employment was offensive.

Taken from Graham



My Kind
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Greene's 1940 novel "The Power and the Glory," the phrase refers to an unnamed priest on the run from Mexican authorities after a state governor has ordered the military to dismantle all vestiges of Catholicism. As churches are burned and all medals and crosses are banned, the penalty for disobedience is death. As some of his colleagues have capitulated in their beliefs, the unnamed priest, with a flaw bordering on addiction, travels in secret presiding at Mass and hearing confessions under

cover of darkness. In spite of his drinking, the deeply flawed protagonist certainly has redeeming qualities that posit him as a person to be admired, but was this the aim of the bar owners on Northern Avenue when they named their gin joint?

Nowadays "whiskey priest" refers not to a type of hero but to a cleric with a drinking problem.

Would the title for the bar have passed muster in the licensing department of City Hall and the rest of Boston if it were "The Vodka Rabbi," "The Drunken Minister," "The Tipsy Nun," "The Inebriated Reverend," or "The Bourbon-Swilling Imam"? What would the feeling be if the bar's title contained the word "intoxicated" or one of its synonyms preceding an ethnic or racial group?

There is a feeling today that political correctness has gone overboard, and in many quarters it has, especially on college campuses. While free speech is a hallmark of the American republic, it's too bad that hurtful speech is not reined by a public who, aware of the need for civility, declines to spend their money at locations whose name is offensive.

Letters to the Editor

ONE RESIDENTS MUSINGS

To the Editor:

I received my Nazi Winter Weather Guide and it's everything I expect from city management. We seniors have received orders to have sidewalks shoveled within three hours and if not, our neighbors should call and report our failure to comply so we can be properly punished. I guess I lose because it takes me three hours to get up, shower and have breakfast nowadays.

Being handicapped, I understand their plight. However, in forty years I've yet to see a wheelchair go down either side of my street, but I have seen kids on tricycles outpace their parent and listened to their parent yelling for them to stop at the corner. Perhaps it's because the ramps invite them out onto the street whereas the curbs were once an obstacle to this benign threat.

And speaking of children, I've recently heard that schools are to be shut down and torn down which I say, based on the results I see, why not. However,

being a compassionate person, if West Roxbury High is to be torn down a plan should exist to build an education complex on the property with the skating rink, Millennium Park and the waterfront being incorporated into the plan. Do not even think about disturbing the Swan Pond!

And, instead of trying to put ten pounds of Roxbury Prep into a five pound bag, include this facility in the overall Education complex which can provide an integrated educational, athletic, including water sports activities as well as traditional field sports, and hands on environmental experience with a stunning view of the city.

How can we afford it? Well, based on the fact that a half million dollars was spent on pot in one day at two locations, I think there might be an opportunity there, as well as the billion sitting in the state's back pocket. The one problem I see is I'm betting backroom negotiations are going on with developers, Harvard and anyone else with deep pockets for this prime property which should be dedicated

to the youth of Boston as well as surrounding cities and towns.

Also, I want to congratulate Billy Gross and say that I was impressed when I saw two traffic stops on LaGrange St. just after he took the job, but I think my pleasure will be short lived as just last night when the bird chirped inviting people to cross over to the Corrib we watched at least six vehicles run the red light during the pedestrian signal with the bus bringing up the rear. This is definitely a sucker bet for the blind, and I know we have at least one down the block here.

I was very pleased to hear Billy criticize the ACLU. Speaking as an American, they don't speak for me or my civil liberties. I think they're all commies and socialists who are ready to put my life at more risk than need be. Billy, I wish you luck with the homicide rate, 52 and counting, which I fully expect to increase with the number of illegal's coming, but I know you're expected to protect them from the laws of these United States. It seems death is now a fixture in all sanctuary cities; Chicago, LA, Detroit, NY, Orlando and now my hometown, Boston.

Since I'm sure you wish I would, I'll close with Lizzy's reelection, which was the dark side of the midterms as was Nancy Pelosi becoming speaker

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City looks to make corporate incentives public

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

In the wake of losing Amazon to New York and Virginia, the Boston City Council held a hearing last week to discuss the process of incentive negotiation the city currently takes part in. The main incentives a municipal government can offer are property tax breaks.

The council wants to try to increase transparency in the process and make these proceedings public. This presents a problem, as revealing one's hand during a negotiation can tip the balance in an applicant's favor.

"What I'm interested in learning is when we give tax breaks to a company, what benefits are Boston residents getting in return?" said District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn. "Certainly jobs are a big one, but what other services are they providing to people in need, our immigrant community, working on public health initiatives, public education? So, I'd like to learn more specifically what programs companies are providing."

Even the first item on Flynn's list, jobs, is sometimes difficult to quantify. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker and General Electric famously worked out a deal in 2016 for \$25 million in property tax incentives to the company in exchange for 800 jobs and promising to donate \$50 million to local interests like the Boston Public Schools and community health centers. The company has already donated \$20 million in its first two years to fight the opioid epidemic and improve STEM education in the city but, according to the Boston Globe, the city is still waiting for the 800 jobs.

Commissioner of the Assessing Department Gayle Willett pointed to a recent New York Times article that asked if New York and Virginia overpaid for the privilege of housing Amazon's headquarters.

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lion in tax credits, rebates and other incentives to attract Amazon," she said. "That figure doesn't include what could amount to hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure spending, worker training, and other government assistance. Boston is extremely lucky to be in an environment where the scale of subsidies offered by New York, Chicago, and Denver are not necessary."

Chief of Economic Development John Barros pointed out that the city's municipal income comes largely from property taxes, and "eroding the tax base" with too many incentives is obviously harmful. Coupled with the fact that more than half of Boston's land is owned by nonprofits that don't have to pay taxes, he said this is a serious concern.

"Growing the tax base and growing jobs and increasing economic activity are at the heart of our incentive strategy," he said.

The city's current agreements can be found online at boston.gov/departments/assessing/tax-agreements. They are categorized as Chapter 121A agreements, 121B agreements and tax incentive financing (TIF) and special tax assessments (STA). Chapter 121A and 121B agreements are basically tax breaks for development companies

looking to redevelop blighted land.

At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said he was concerned about past agreements that have been broken or changed when a company has threatened to leave. He said he wants the agreements made by those companies to be upheld regardless of whether or not they leave, and he said he doesn't want the city to be held hostage by such threats.

Barros said the current economic climate for the city is such that if one company leaves, his office is not too concerned about finding a replacement.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss names of companies, but there was one company most recently that threatened to leave unless we could give them a tax break to make the deal work," he said. "We looked at the tax break and we looked at the deal, and we just didn't feel like that was true.... We never make a deal because we think they're going to leave."

Good Jobs First Executive Director Greg LeRoy said increasing transparency on any project they want to initiate and the disclosure of the outcome of awards to the city and the business owner is good, but wants to see it expand a

bit further. He said since the public has a hand in lowering the company's overhead, residents should have access to the result of the tax breaks in an annual report.

"There should be a snapshot every year of the progress of the deal in terms of actual jobs created, actual wages paid or actual dollars invested," he said.

LeRoy said Boston has not done a great job as far as they see it in terms of disclosure to date. LeRoy said his research website gave Boston a "Goose Egg" rating in its report card study, mainly because of the fact that Boston does not release its TIF agreements.

Resident Martin Roetter pointed out that transparency in and of itself is not an end, but a means to be able to negotiate deals that benefit corporations and Boston. He said that when he is working for companies as a consultant around the world helping them determine the best place to put their companies interests, tax breaks can make a difference, but they, in his experience, have not been a deciding factor in the majority of cases.

"The available labor force and infrastructure in the area are what drive those corporate decisions," he said.

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Applications now available for Seniors Save Heating Program

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 - Mayor Martin J. Walsh today joined Glenn and Anita McLaughlin at their Mattapan home to announce that applications are now available for Seniors Save, a program that grants \$3,500 to eligible residents to use towards upgrades to their heating systems. Since the program's launch in August 2016, 134 heating systems have been replaced in homes all across the city.

"We want to make sure our seniors can stay warm and safe this winter," said Mayor Walsh. "Seniors living on fixed incomes face real challenges to afford improvements to their homes, even more with completely replacing their heating systems. I'm proud that our Home Center is able provide additional resources to Boston seniors who may need emergency repairs this winter."

Applications for the Seniors Save program are available on

the Department of Neighborhood Development's website, or by contacting one of the Boston Home Center's partner senior agencies. To qualify, residents must be at least 60 years old, own and live in a one-to-four family home in Boston, be up-to-date on property tax and Boston Water and Sewer Commission payments, and have a household income at no more than 80 percent of Area Median Income, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Glenn and Anita McLaughlin worked with the Seniors Save program to replace their coal-converted heating system, dating back to 1878, which required them to carry water buckets to the attic for proper operation. The Boston Home Center helped provide a contractor, SJH Mechanical, to install a new, high-efficiency heating and hot water system which will significantly



The Seniors Save Heating Program has helped many seniors replace their heating systems and save some serious money in heat every winter.

cantly reduce the family's heating costs and their maintenance requirements.

"I feel thankful and blessed for having the opportunity to be a part of Seniors Save and want to thank Mayor Walsh for this

program," said Anita McLaughlin. "I encourage others to apply so they can also get a new heating system."

Eligible homeowners will receive a \$3,500 grant towards upgrades to their heating sys-

tems. Any additional funding is available in the form of a zero percent interest deferred loan, which will only be payable on

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Heating

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City accepting proposals for Play Around the Snowy City competition

The City of Boston is accepting proposals for Play Around the Snowy City, a design competition that seeks ideas for playful, temporary design installations and events throughout Boston this winter. This competition is an initiative of the Public Space Invitational (PSI), a program from the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics (MONUM) that seeks to make Boston's public spaces more intuitive and beautiful. Proposals are due on December 13, 2018.

In partnership with the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, MONUM is releasing a call for proposals for innovative projects that make Boston's public spaces more fun and inviting during the coldest season of the year. Projects could provide inclusive performances, interactive play, or civic art that incorporates winter elements. Additionally, applicants will be encouraged to submit projects that reduce stress, build lifelong learning skills, and support responsive relationships. Two projects will be selected. Each project must be temporary, implemented by early February 2019, and meet a budget of \$5,000.

Play Around the Snowy City builds on MONUM's past work on play. Last summer, in partnership with Boston Public Schools, MONUM selected four school bus stops for a playful redesign in East Boston, Roxbury, Roslindale, and Dorchester. The four winning designs, selected by a jury that included Playworks, the Mayor's Education Cabinet, the Mayor's Office of Resilience and Racial Equity, parents, and community advocates, use play to foster learning, connectedness, positive engagement, and exercise in an everyday setting.

The Public Space Invitational started in 2014 with the aim of making Boston's public spaces more welcoming. It has resulted in a wide-variety of projects, including a portable reading room for neighborhoods and green spaces, a tidal vibraphone on the Congress Street bridge, the activation of the mezzanine of Boston City Hall with brightly colored skateboard tape, a poem/photography series from Boston's Poet Laureate at the Mattapan Branch Library, and a project that completely reimagines street furniture.

Applications for Play Around the Snowy City are due by December 13, 2018.

Parkway Development

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St. in Roslindale to construct five townhouses. A neighborhood abutters meeting at 6 Cummins Hwy., at the Roslindale Community Center was originally scheduled for Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m., but has been postponed. The meeting, when rescheduled, will be covered here.

Up in the air at the time of publication is the 920 American Legion Hwy. development, the proponents for which last held a meeting in June on the project. The proposal calls for 59 units comprising 63,460 sq feet and will be able to, according to developers, reduce stormwater runoff in the area that has been known to stream down into the western, downhill neighborhoods. The stormwater issue originally came up when the Stop and Shop was constructed on the hill above the 920 American Legion site and the downhill neighborhoods. Residents said that flooding was a regular occurrence until some better drainage was sorted out, and many were extremely concerned that the loss of too much soil from the construction of this development could once again lead to flooding.

Residents said despite the fact that this project is significantly smaller than the last one proposed for the site, they are still concerned about traffic and parking. For several other apartment complexes in the area, many residents have forgone paying for the spots in those buildings' garages to park on the street, leaving little for residents.

At the time of publication, no meeting has yet been scheduled for this project on the Boston Planning and Development Agency's web site.

Also on American Legion, the Home for Little Wanderers is still working on its proposed redevelopment, which calls for tearing down the current building at 780 American Legion Hwy. and replace it with housing. The Home's offices would be moved to what now contains the northern parking lot.

The new housing would include about 100 units of residential rental and condominium units to pay for the renovation. The new building would also include 30 low-to-moderate-income units for families and recipients of a program for the HLW that houses and coaches young

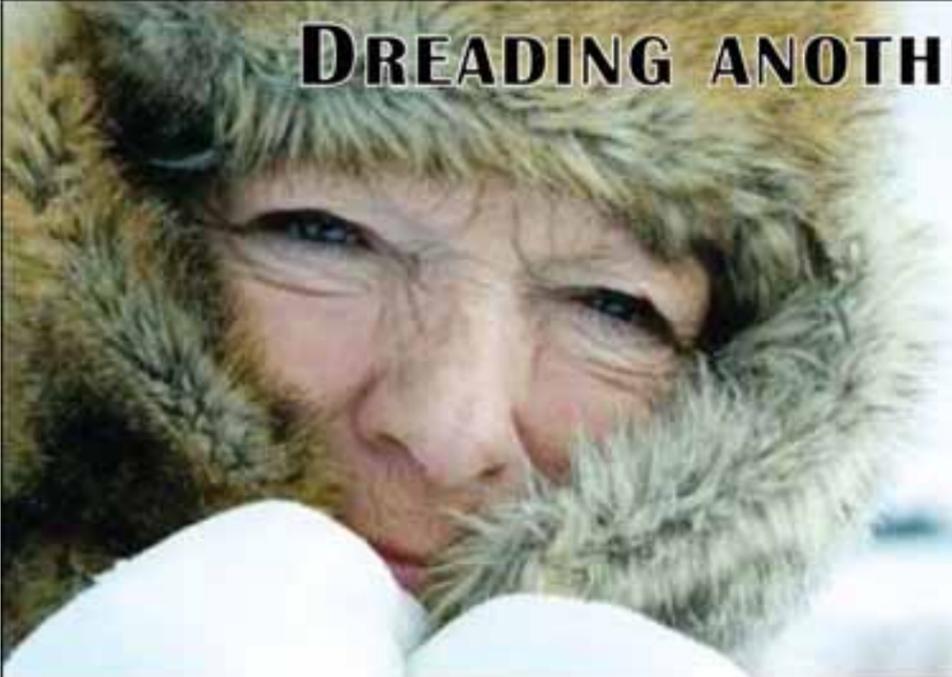
adults from the foster care program that have aged-out.

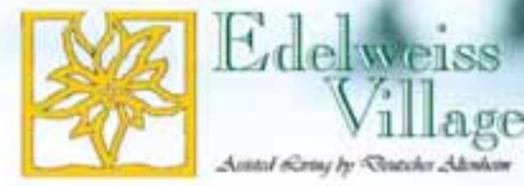
Still not scheduled, but still hotly-debated, is the proposed Roxbury Prep. High School at 361 Belgrade Ave. The proposed project would put a large, 800-plus student high school at the site of the current Clay Auto. As of publication, no meetings have been scheduled through the Boston Planning and Development Agency, despite the fact a letter of intent was filed earlier in the year.

The new school is a three-story academic facility including a classroom wing, cafeteria, gymnasium, administrative and storage space, second-level outdoor pedestrian courtyard, and approximately 66 on-site parking spaces, with 20 surface spaces and 46 spaces in a below-grade parking garage. Residents are concerned about the influx of traffic the new school could cause.

The proposed and highly-contested 425 Baker St. proposal has not yet started construction, and there is not yet word on whether the developer will even start demolishing the current site of the Armstrong Labs.

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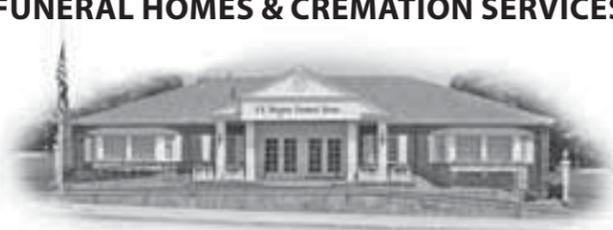
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Second-ever WR XMass Tree Lighting huge success



Hundreds came out on Friday, Nov. 30, for the second-annual Hastings Street Lot Christmas Tree Lighting. Last year, the community came together to set up the first tree lighting, as before the community stood in the street to light the Wreath at the Roche Center across the street. Now, a winter market, the Mayor's Trolley Tour and dozens of local shops line the Hastings Street Lot to bring holiday cheer to the neighborhood.

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single-family homes and smaller projects that have received heavy subsidies or projects where an energy company will providing renewable energy onsite," Noone said.

Noone brought up the example of a housing complex in Salt Lake City, where a new \$16 million, 112-unit apartment building went up.

"The utility company basically constructed a solar farm for those 100 units," Noone said. "We've submitted our (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) LEED checklist and goals for the property. The last project we constructed was the West Square (1,300 units) in South Boston, and it was a similar size, the same design team, architect and engineers and that project attained a 99 out of a 100 on the Energy Star rating."

West Roxbury Aide to District 6 City Councilor Shannon Murphy said in light of the Councilor's recent initiative to incentivize new construction to be carbon net zero, the Council is definitely for this project to be net zero.

For the transportation portion of the meeting, Transportation Engineer Brian Beisel explained the project is looking to make a lane change on the VFW, at the intersection of Spring Street. The problem is that the left turn lane heading northbound is too short. He said they can reduce congestion significantly.

"Basically, the existing pavement markings are forcing that left turn lane to be shorter than it needs to be," he said. Instead of the lanes being somewhat straight, we're able to bend them out and create a longer left turn lane."

Beisel said that won't be the only money they will be contributing, as part of an agreement with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) includes working on other issues to be determined later. He said the BTD doesn't draft these agreements until the Boston Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) approves a project, since it would be planning for something that may or may not happen.

"There is a fee associated with that agreement, which

hasn't been determined," he said. "It's usually roughly a dollar a square foot, which is about \$300,000 that we would have to pay the city... Pavement striping does not cost six figures so there's definitely some extra money."

Beisel and Noone also pointed out that the state has allocated about \$1 million for road improvements at that intersection, but the construction of said improvements will most likely not start until 2023, as the planning portion is just starting.

Dedham Planning Board member Jessica Porter reiterated Dedham Board of Selectman Brendan Keogh's request from the last meeting to come to the town to present the plan, as the intersection of Spring and VFW is so close to the bordering town.

"My colleagues would be happy to host you," she said.

Resident Karen Bishop said she feels for the people of Dedham, since the congestion in West Roxbury on the VFW is so bad she believes many other drivers go into Dedham to avoid it, further congesting the town.

"I'm causing issues for my neighbors here," she said.

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—Maryanne West



The Boston City Council will once again be looking at the transportation practices of the Boston Public Schools District.

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Council wants to talk transportation once again with BPS

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

At last week's Boston City Council meeting, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards called for a hearing to review transportation within the Boston Public Schools District.

"This motion is prompted by a conversation I had because some parents were particularly concerned about their children having access to a bus and other parents who had concerns that

their kids were getting kicked off," she said.

Edwards said that in discussing this particular problem, she determined that many residents in her district were facing some unique traffic challenges and she was wondering if the BPS Transportation Department was taking these into account. She also pointed out that traffic issues can hold up students or make them have to wake up earlier and earlier to get to school on time.

At-Large City Councilor

Michelle Wu said the problems with transportation compound seemingly small issues for students into much bigger ones. She said students who are late for school get a tardy demerit, which means they have to stay for detention, which means they miss their extra-curricular activities or their after school jobs, which can have ripple effects in those students' lives and future careers.

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gift and bring it back," Blake said.

Then seniors and young volunteers from other communities come together to wrap the gifts, which Blake said is a great example of communities coming together.

"It's like an awesome vibe, it's what Christmas should be about," she said. "It's really about seniors feeling empowered and compassionate about giving back to somebody in their own age bracket and, for the kids who are delivering the gifts, they feel so good about what they're doing because they're seeing smiles on recipients' faces... They realize that it's not about who is getting the iPhone X, it really brings out the true Christmas spirit. It's a great thing to watch evolve."

Then, after the gift wrapping is completed, Blake gathers the volunteers and the intended recipients for a holiday party. She said the coming together of the two groups is fun to watch.

"We have holidays parties where I invite the group, Need to Lead, which is a collection of high school and

college students out of Norwood who dress up as elves and go to these facilities and distribute the gifts," she said. "It's really eye opening for them when they see somebody get excited about getting socks and are thrilled to have them come and visit with them for a few minutes. I think the groups of students who have been involved get a lot out of it. I've had students call me year after year to ask me if they could be involved in the program. A couple of years back I had so many student volunteers I had to cut my list."

Blake added students come from all over to help out.

"I had a King Philip High School (Wrentham) student whose grandmother lives at one of our facilities and, I mean how do you say no?" she said. "It's just an awesome thing. Last year we distributed about 350 gifts and, this year, we're looking at around the same."

I have so many people that just come out of the woodwork who have heard about this program and want to contribute. This year, Sandborn Glass wanted to take a tree

and ornaments to tree and purchase gifts as a company. They're also participating in the gift-wrapping party, and it's really neat to see the community come together and be a part of it. It's what the spirit of Christmas really should be."

There will also be a gift-wrapping party at the Norwood Senior Center on Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. The actual gift distribution will take place at the Charlwell House Nursing Home in Norwood on Dec. 19, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and at the Ellis Nursing Home in Norwood on Dec. 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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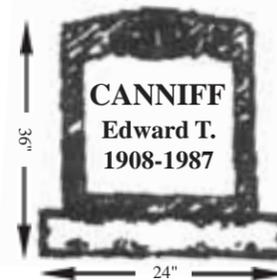
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“It’s really about an economic situation that is exacerbated by our public transportation system being unreliable, and the city needing to now figure out how to plug those gaps,” she said.

Wu said she had a grad student fellow looking at how students get to school and the impacts transportation has on the

lives of about 300 students, and the report detailing that should be out by this week.

“I hope to file that at the next council meeting,” she said. “The findings just add data to what we all hear across every neighborhood and every district that transportation, how much it costs, how unreliable it is, is a major stressor, particularly for

students who are trying not just to get to school, but to after school programs or to jobs that their families need.”

Wu said the report will have several recommendations including changing the schools’ M7 policy which allows a student to ride the MBTA for free to school if they live more than two miles from the school, or

advocating for the MBTA for certain changes to bus routes.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy said his districts are impacted mostly because of the singular location of the Readville Bus Yard, which he said is the biggest bus storage yard in the city. He said it adds serious traffic issues to Hyde Park and the surrounding area for seemingly no good reason.

“When you talk about buses going from East Boston

and to East Boston, they’re coming from Readville. It still makes no sense to me why 300-plus buses roll through Hyde Park, Rozzie, Mattapan to get throughout the rest of the system. As someone who used to run operations, it makes absolutely no sense and I still haven’t gotten a great answer as to why all the buses remain in the furthestmost southern tip of Boston to travel throughout.”

DEATHS

PHELAN

Paul Vincent 91 years old of Plymouth, formerly of Falmouth, MA and Naples, FL died on Monday, November 26, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Mary (Blood) Phelan for 65 years. Born in West Roxbury on April 14, 1927. He is a graduate of Boston English High School and Boston College, class of 1951. Paul served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He worked in the manufacturing engineering field for multiple companies. In addition to his wife, Paul is survived by his children, Marychristine Sopel and her fiance Ernest Jenness of Chelmsford; Joanne Phelan of Hanover; Denise Muise and her husband Gary of Chelmsford; Paul Phelan and his wife Carin of Norwalk, CT; Charles Phelan and his wife Mary

of Waukesha, WI; Virginia Murphy and her husband Mark of Holliston, Joyce Phelan of Dartmouth. Devoted grandpa of James, Katie, Sean, Michael, Emily, Maddy, Jay, Alexis, and Devan. He is also the great-grandfather of Amelia and Shiloh. Survived by his sister-in-law, Ann Blood and many nieces and nephews. He is pre-deceased by his parents Charles and Agnes, brothers Charles and John, sisters Mary and Agnes. Funeral from the Lawler Funeral Home in WEST ROXBURY. Burial in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, MacArthur Blvd, Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home www.lawlerfuneralhome.com 617-323-5600

from the Giragosian Funeral Home, WATERTOWN. Interment Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Holy Trinity Armenian Church. For directions, guestbook and to light a candle in his memory, visit giragosianfuneralhome.com. Giragosian Funeral Home, Inc. 617-924-0606

WALSH

Rita A. (Norton) Of West Roxbury, November 27, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John Walsh and Patrick McLaughlin. Devoted and loving mother of Edward McLaughlin of Revere, Francis McLaughlin of West Roxbury and the late James McLaughlin. Cherished sister of Mary J. Norton and June Pappas both of West Roxbury and the late Henry, Joseph, Eileen and Francis. Rita is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Theresa of Avilla Chapel at 10 o’clock. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours Monday from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Interment New Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rita’s memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 or at jimmyfund.org. For directions and guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

SEFERIAN

Edward Of Roslindale on November 29 at the age of 80. He was the husband of the late Miriam Beckham Seferian. Devoted companion of Noemi Zakarian. Son of the late Hripsime and Jack Seferian. Loving father of Debra (Ken) Francis, Lisa Seferian, Vickie Seferian, Nicole (Mike) Vickery, Kristina (Jack) O’Connell and the late Edward Seferian Jr. Grandfather to several adored grandchildren. Dear brother to Anna Seferian Glover and the late George, Sarkis & Peter Seferian. Godfather to Scott Glover. He was also a beloved uncle and step-father. He was the former owner of Symphony Motor Garage in Dorchester and a member of the Elks and the Dedham Civic Pride Committee. Funeral



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USPS shipping deadlines

The holidays seem so far away, but they’ll be here before you know it. With that in mind, the U.S. Postal Service has the mailing deadlines for the expected delivery of cards and gifts to your loved ones this holiday season. 2018 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines for expected delivery by Dec. 25 to Air/Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office/Diplomatic Post Office and domestic addresses*:

- * Dec. 4 – APO/FPO/DPO (ZIP Code 093 only) Priority Mail® and First-Class Mail®
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. SU18C0523CA

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

In the Matter of: Marie Emmanuella Bernard
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Marie Emmanuella Bernard of Roxbury, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Emmanuela Bernard

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of December 13, 2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: November 1, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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and, sad but funny, Mad Max being in charge of finance and shifty getting intelligence. The bright side is that she doesn't speak for forty percent of Mass voters and after Nancy takes your crumbs away again, we might finally get rid of them all next time. Let them eat crumbs while they still have them.

When politicians and reporters describe half of a nation's citizens as deplorable and dishonestly claim honors and valor to advance themselves, I know who is really assailing democracy.

*Kirby Boyce
West Roxbury*

O'MALLEY IGNORES CONSTITUENT?

To the Editor:

Last week, I posted some pictures of banners that informed people about the persecution of Christians in various countries around the world on the Facebook page of City Councilor Matt O'Malley, and asked if he would help me get these displayed in Boston's City Hall. Within a short time, the pictures were deleted, and no reply was received. I also E-mailed his office, and did not receive a reply. This is hard to understand. I think that he would be more than happy to help inform people about the persecution Christians are suffering in countries like Mexico, The Sudan, Egypt, China, North Korea, and many more.

Last summer, the city sponsored, and Matt supported, a display of 50 pictures of Muslims at city hall to educate and discourage acts of harassment against those of the Muslim faith. His support was commendable. But why is he afraid to help with the viewing of banners that bring awareness of the vicious persecution Christians are experiencing? Has Boston become an ideological closed shop where only the "politically correct" get a reply? Have conservative Christians become second or third-class citizens in this new Boston?

Has the term "Irish Need Not Apply" now become "Conservative Christians Need Not Apply"? Is he afraid of sponsoring something that exposes the treatment that Christians receive in communist and Muslim countries?

I am a constituent of his, a lifelong resident of Boston, and a U.S. Army veteran. I think I deserve a reply. I am sure that he has read the book "Profiles in Courage." by John F. Kennedy. It would be nice if he showed some himself. Readers who would like to see pictures of the banners are encouraged to visit the web site of Save the Persecuted Christians:

<https://savethepersecutedchristians.org/>
*Hal Shurtleff
West Roxbury*

PARADE COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS

To the Editor:

The Roslindale Day Parade Committee would like to thank all who contributed to the success of our recent 43rd Annual Parade, starting with Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the many City of Boston agencies whose coordinated efforts ensured the Parade proceeded smoothly. We congratulate and thank our Grand Marshals, the families of John Morgan and Jack Lynch, owners of the Pleasant Café, celebrating its 80th Anniversary.

We thank our lead vehicle sponsor, Steve Judge, owner of Delfino and 753 South Restaurants, for his generous support. Thanks to our float sponsors Boston Duck Tours, Dunkin' Donuts – Couto Management Group LLC, Hebrew Senior Life Communities, and TCB - The Cooperative Bank; community float co-sponsors Brigham Health - Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, MSPCA – Angell Animal Medical Center, Paul Lymneo's Insurance Agency, Roche Brothers Supermarkets, and Tremont Credit Union; performing unit co-sponsors Blue Hills Bank, Boston Paws, Dental Associates Roslindale, Roslindale Self Storage, Sebastian's Barber Shop and Salon, Stop & Shop, Target Roslindale, The Village Market, and Trethewey Bros., Inc.; "Support Our Local Merchants" float sponsors Ace Auto and Plate Glass, Akiki and Sons, Balanced Rock Investment Advisors, Centre Cuts Salon and Spa, City of Boston Credit Union, Corrib Pub and Restaurant, Energy Credit Union, Fred DeRoma and Son, Inc., Gerardo's Foreign Cars, Insight Realty Group, JFit 360o, Krupa Insurance, Moreno Auto Collision, Patch Realty Group, Sophia's Grotto, The Pet Cabaret, Tremont Credit Union, Vogt Realty Group, Wallpaper City, Waves Car Wash, and William J. Gormley Funeral Home

We credit the sponsors of tables to our Spring Dinner and Dance, including Pleasant Café, AJT Supplies, Inc., ABCD South Side Head Start, Bender Hatch Insurance, Inc., Boston City Councilor At Large Michelle Wu, Boston's Forgotten Felines, Centre Cuts Salon and Spa, City of Boston Credit Union, Dorchester Day Parade Committee, East Boston Savings Bank, Greater Roslindale Medical and Dental Center, Little Blessings Daycare & Preschool / Trinity Lutheran Church, Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association, Resources for Human Development, Roslindale / West Roxbury Kiwanis Club, Roslindale Village Main Street, Sacred Heart Parish, Sebastian's Barber Shop and Salon, Sons of Italy Roslindale and Parkway Rotary Club of West Roxbury / Roslindale, State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, Sullivan's Pharmacy and Medical Supply, TCB - The Cooperative Bank,

The American Legion – John Comer, The DiSangro Family, and Tony's Market. Thanks very much to all of those who attended or bought tickets for this event, along with all who supported our Silent Auction with donations or bids.

Congratulations to Maureen Shaughnessy, the winner of this year's Mayor of Roslindale Contest, along with runner up Denise Harrington. Special thanks to BNN parade producer Dave Palomares and his crew, announcers Alex and Nancy Geourntas, interviewer Glenn Williams, and our photographer John Murphy. We offer our deep gratitude to City Year Boston, and the staff of AJT Supplies, Inc. for their volunteer support on Parade Day. Thanks to RCN and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission for providing the ice cream and water for our Fallon Field events after the parade.

Most importantly, the Committee profusely thanks all the parade participants for their efforts in organizing marching contingents, building beautiful floats, and creating nice signs and displays. We also are very grateful to the hundreds of people who lined the streets to watch this cherished community event.

Please visit www.roslindaleparade.com for a full list of credits, photographs, a link to our Parade video, other news, or to make a donation. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6th, 2019 for our 44th Annual Roslindale Day Parade. For more information, please call (617) 327-4886, write to P.O. Box 324, Roslindale, MA 02131-0003, or e-mail to info@roslindaleparade.com. The Parade Committee wishes all a very happy holiday season and a most successful New Year in 2019.

*Thomas M. Donahue
The Roslindale Day
Parade Committee*

Around the Neighborhood

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CHEFS' TABLE SERIES

Airing week of December 2. <https://vimeo.com/112518867>
Feast of the Seven Fishes with Chef Victor Paone - Part I Chef Victor Paone demonstrates to a LIVE audience how to make four of the seven fish dishes in Part 1 of Feast of the Seven Fishes. Feast of the Seven Fishes in a traditional Italian feast celebrated on Christmas Eve. In this segment, Chef Victor along with co-host Joe Murphy explains the ingredients and methods to make these dishes: crab cake, shrimp scampi, baccala salad and linguini with clam sauce. Co-host Carol O'Connor visits John-Paul Kaminga, wine manager of Blanchard's Wines & Spirits to find out which wines would pair well with these four fish dishes. Chef's Tip of the week, Steve LaCount, chef/owner of Chiara Bistro in Westwood discusses knife and cut safety. Steve shows us how to safely cut root vegetable, such as carrots and parsnips. This is a must watch for the home cooks and for those learning how to improve their knife-cutting skills. The Chefs' Table Series® is produced by the 501(c)3 non-profit Chefs Table Foundation whose mission is to support U.S. Veterans and underprivileged young adults in need with a culinary arts education. For more information about Chefs Table Foundation and The Chefs' Table Series® TV show, please visit www.chefstablefoundation.org. If you are interested in attending a live taping and dinner, contact co-host/chef Joe Murphy at 617-645-9043

WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE CAREER FAIR IN ROSLINDALE

On Thursday, December 6, the City of Boston invites residents to participate in a Neighborhood Career Fair in Roslindale, offering participants the opportunity to explore employment opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with participating employers and find career opportunities in many areas, including municipal government and the private sector. The job fair is being hosted by the City's Office of Diversity.

WHEN: Thursday, December 6, 2018 @ 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm.
WHERE: Roslindale Community Center, 6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – A COMMUNITY SING

Featuring The Sly Voxes, Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. at The Roxbury Latin School, Rousmaniere Hall, 101 St. Theresa Avenue, West Roxbury

Bring your score or borrow one of ours! Roxbury Latin's tenth annual Messiah Sing-In features professional soloists and a special concert by The Sly Voxes, performing songs of the season. Admission and parking are free, and a reception will follow for all guests. Join us for this beloved holiday tradition!

ANIMAL TALKS AT STRATFORD STREET CHURCH

The next session of "Animal Talks" will take place on Sunday December 9, 5 pm at the Stratford Street United Church, 77 Stratford St. West Roxbury. Topics to be discussed are "The Role of Guilt in Pet Grief and Mourning" and "Channels for Animal Communication" Animal Talks are monthly parlor meditations and conversations conducted by Kaleel Sakakeeny, Credentialed Pet Grief Counselor, about the animals we love and remember.



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 Volkswagen Jetta S

Volkswagen has had some problems over the last couple of years and I think that has made them a better car company. I have had a few different VW models to test drive and this 2019 Jetta S is another example of the direction VW is going. There have been many TV ads on the new VW cars — all fun commercials aimed at younger buyers. Our tester, a front drive Jetta S, is powered by a small turbo-charged, 1.4 liter, 4-cylinder engine via an 8-speed automatic transmission with multiple modes, including a sport mode. The engine produces 147 horsepower yet feels more like 190 due to the turbo and gear ratio. It feels and handles very good, especially over bumps and broken pavement. One thing I missed was the push-to-start button. To start the car, you actually have to insert the key into an ignition switch and turn it.

If you want a 6-speed manual transmission, the S model does offer it. I like the shiftable 8-speed automatic, especially in traffic. Today's automatic transmissions are shiftable and fun to drive. Steering hub controls, shift paddles or shifting from the shifter makes gear changing easy.

The seating is firm and supportive. There is room for four adults and plenty of trunk space. Automatic LED lights are very clear and light up the road ahead. The standard audio system has both good sound and reception, even on the A/M band. Gas mileage ranges from 30 city to 40 highway, depending on how you drive. The base Jetta S 6-speed starts at \$18,545; the automatic is \$19,345 (destination fee: \$850).

VW is trying very hard to win back buyer trust by offering great prices on great cars. The warranty has also been extended to 6 years/72,000 miles. I cannot call this Jetta S an entry level, because it is a lot more than that with its German engineering and high quality materials. A couple of things I would have liked on my test vehicle was the cold weather package option that includes heated seats and steering wheel along with heated windshield washer nozzles, available on SE models and a remote car starter, also available.

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.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU18P2333EA

Estate of: Gim Kwai Tom
 Also Know as: Gim T. Tom, Gim Tom Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon St.
 Boston, MA 02114
 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by:

Edward P. Tom of Brighton, MA
 requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of Adjudication of Intestacy & Determination of Heirs and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 12/26/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: November 20, 2018
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE DOCKET No.SU18P1700EA

Estate of: Peter Joseph Greene Suffolk Division
 Also Known As: Peter J. Greene
 Date of Death: November 19, 2017

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner: Peter Greene of New Cannan, CT
 a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Peter Greene of New Cannan, CT
 has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DOCKET No.SU17P1061EA

Estate of: Carol L. Ellicock Suffolk Probate and Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street
 Boston, MA 02114
 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 11/15/2015

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:

Requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/13/2018. 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 this return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: November 29, 2018
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/6/18

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION TO RENDER DOCKET No.SU13P1294EA

Estate of: Theresa E Roberts Suffolk Probate & Family Court
 24 New Chardon St.
 Boston, MA 02114
 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 04/27/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Kristie Anne Welch of Auburn, MA
 requesting that the Court enter an Order that
Hazel A Donald of Saint Louis, MO

Render an account

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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 on or before: 10:00A.M. on 12/26/2018 followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date (see G.L.c. 190B, § 1-401 (d)-(e)). If no written appearance and objection is filed by the return date, the court shall issue to you an Order of Render by mail. Thereafter, the court shall schedule a hearing and allow or disallow the Petition.

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

Date: November 26, 2018
 Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL DOCKET No.SU05P2489EP1

Estate of: Catherine A. Ryan Suffolk Probate & Family Court
 24 New Chardon St.
 Boston, MA 02114
 617-788-8300

Date of Death: 08/03/2005

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Patricia A. Ryan of Dorchester, MA
 requesting that

Jean M. Ryan of Hyde Park, MA

Be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

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 on or before: 10:00A.M. on 12/24/2018. This day 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.

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

Date: November 26, 2018
 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. SU11P2136GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: **Carlos Gloss-Porzio** RESPONDENT
Of: Hyde Park, MA Alleged Incapacitated Person

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Eugene Gloss of Hyde Park, MA / Steven Porzio of Hyde Park, MA
 In the above captioned matter alleging that **Carlos Gloss-Porzio** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Eugene Gloss of Hyde Park, MA / Steven Porzio of Hyde Park, MA
 (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

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 **12/20/2018**. 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 said Court

Date: November 19, 2018
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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the sale of the property, a refinance or transfer of the title. Once a senior citizen submits an application, BHC construction specialists will work with the homeowner on the scope of the project, and will help select a contractor from the BHC's pre-approved, licensed and insured contractor list. A BHC construction specialist will then oversee the work from start to finish.

At the event, Mayor Walsh reminded seniors to replace their aging heating systems with new, energy-efficient systems that will significantly lower their risks of heating emergencies during the winter and also reduce their energy bills, enabling them to expand their budgets for other necessities.

"I love the Seniors Save program. We see people every day in our office that have trouble making ends meet and this program can really make a difference," said Emily Shea, Commissioner of Affairs of the Elderly. "I encourage all eligible senior homeowners to take advantage of this great opportunity."

Senior Saves is part of Mayor Walsh's ongoing commitment to ensuring older residents in Boston have the support they need to age comfortably in Boston. Earlier this month, he signed an ordinance passed by the Boston City Council which will provide assistance to older homeowners in Boston. With the passage of this ordinance, the City of Boston will opt into Massachusetts General Law Ch. 60 §62A, which gives municipalities the ability to offer payment agreements to older homeowners who are behind on their tax payments.

To learn more about Seniors Save and to apply for the program, please call (617) 635-HOME or visit the Boston Home Center website.

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