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Members of the WRCIA remembered their former leader and friend Olivia Waishek on Monday night.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

WRCIA honors Waishek, discusses concerns

Mary Ellen Gambon Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association (WRCIA) met Monday night at St. Stephen's Church on Washington Street to discuss crime and traffic concerns.

But most importantly, it sought to remember its longtime leader, Olivia Waishek, who recently passed away.

Waishek, the former president of the WRCIA for many years and a member

for more than two decades, succumbed to a long battle with cancer on Nov. 19. She was also the head of the City of Boston's Planning Board with the late Mayor Thomas M. Menino, working for the restoration of Chinatown and served as the Zoning Commissioner. In addition, Waishek was a leader in the Syrian Lebanese Women's Club of Greater Boston. She tackled such local issues as the Gardner Street landfill and worked toward the creation of

WRCIA

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Local businesses say they've been affected by construction at the intersection of Centre and Weld

Centre Street businesses hit with traffic, and losses

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

Traffic has been plaguing Centre Street at the Weld Street intersection for decades as it makes its way through to the Arborway and Jamaica Pond Way, but these past few months have been much harder for the local businesses and commuters.

National Grid and the city have been working on the site since October to replace a gas main situated in the middle of the street and, according to National Grid Representative Robert Kievra, the company

has a permit to continue work until February.

Kievra said the issue that's been slowing them down the most is that the road is situated in a high-traffic area and they cannot work past a certain time to avoid worsening rush hour traffic. He added that the waning daylight also keeps them from working too late, as lighting a trench in the middle of the road is hazardous to the work-

Regardless of these holdups, Kievra said they're working as hard as they can to reduce the impact on commuters and local businesses, and have recently applied for and been awarded a new work permit to allow them to start earlier than before. The new permit allows them to work from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"National Grid has completed about 75 percent of the main replacement that involves installing about 1,050 feet of new pipe from Hewlett to Weld Streets," he said. "We expect to have the pipe installation completed in January with reconnections running into February... We have tried

Construction

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Main Streets Explorer: ready to roll

Matthew MacDonald

Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, Dec. 7, the Main Streets Explorer made its inaugural run, kicking off Thursday night pilot program that will continue on Dec. 14 and conclude on Dec. 21.

The shuttle, which is free of charge, connects Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury at their respective clock towers and takes an hour and a half to make its full circuit back to any given stop.

Clock Tower at River Street and Fairmount Avenue rolls out at 4 p.m., with the last arrival rolling in at that same location at 10 p.m.

In between those times, the Explorer winds its way through the main streets and back roads that link the three neighborhoods, pulling in at each destination long enough to give people an opportunity to discover it and possibly climb aboard before leaving for its next stop on either the hour or half-hour.

A collaboration between The first departure of the three neighborhoods'

the day from the Hyde Park Main Streets programs and the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, the pilot is designed to give residents of Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury the opportunity to more easily visit and explore each other's locales and businesses.

Leaving Logan Square at just after 4 p.m. Max Stearns, Program Director from the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, sits and chats pleasantly with the three passengers who, having been made aware of the

Explorer

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West Roxbury Main Streets Executive Director Danielle Joseph smiles for the camera while manning the information and refreshments table at the Main Streets Explorer's Centre Street/Hastings Street stop. Her daughter Laila snuggles up, keeping warm.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD



by Gregory Karr, CEO and Deborah L. McPhee, Comm. Relations

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While we may look forward to the holidays, many of us find gatherings of friends participating in the celebrations, then and family to be quite stressful. Seniors, bring the celebrations to them. Traditions in particular, might find that the holiday change as we age and you can create new season brings an unwelcome reminder of traditions with your aging loved one this those who are no longer present to share holiday season. Seniors will find a spirit in the joy of playing the proud parent and of community that embraces the realigrandparent. Others may wistfully recall ties of aging while promoting the joys of past traditions that no longer take place. living at DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM. Whatever the mindset of the family el- Please call to schedule a consultation and ders, friends and relatives should pay partour of our senior community at 2222 ticular attention to their emotional needs. Centre Street, West Roxbury. "Ask about Engaging in conversation that evokes the our Schrafft Pavilion for Alzheimer/Dememory of days past may not only prove mentia Care and Edelweiss Village." to be therapeutic for the older storyteller, P.S. The holiday season may be a good but it may also help provide younger time to begin an outline of the family family members with a unique glimpse of tree, with help from older relatives' intheir family heritage.

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to minimize any impact on parking with the understanding that the main replacement is basically occurring in the middle of the street."

Kievra said getting everyone back on the grid will take some time, as the gas main has to have all the businesses and residents connected again. He said the pipe was decades old and was in disrepair.

"It's an old pipe. I don't have the age, but it's an old pipe and a main replacement and you end up taking up some work on both sides of the street unfortunately," he said.

Business owners in the area are saying, however, that the workers from Feeney Construction are taking up valuable parking spots during the work hours. Harry's Breakfast owner Ron Foley said the lack of spaces has become a severe detriment on his business.

"I mean, November is usually the busiest month of the year here," he said. "It's been bad, and December is not looking much better. The problem is this; I know they've got to do the work out there. I've talked to the supervisor from National Grid, they have a work permit from I think 9:30 [a.m.] to 3:30 [p.m.] and they block off the parking."

Foley pointed down Centre Street towards West Roxbury and said before, when they were working further down the street, the entirety of side street parking there was blocked off and that hurt the businesses there.

"It was blocked off for the whole month of November from Insight Realty all the way to the side of the street from 7 a.m., which is when I open, and all the way down the street until 3 p.m. I close up at 2 p.m.," he said. "Even though they didn't start work until 9 a.m., they said they couldn't let people park over there. That was my complaint; they're working from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., they take an hour to open and close the hole, and I understand that, but I don't get why they can't work throughout the night. They said the permits they have won't go past 3 p.m."

Joanne Libby, owner of West Roxbury Barbers, said it's been a nightmare for walkin customers, as the construction workers and police detail have been taking up the parking. She pointed to several vehicles directly in front of her business and said they've been taken for at least a month.

"That red car right there, that's one of the Feeney Brothers' construction workers, and this truck is the detail cop right there," she said. "I used to be up on Centre Street, Spring Street and I had a parking lot. I never had to deal with parking like I do now. They leave

around 2:30 p.m. sometimes; they're trying to get this done and I understand that... I start at 11 a.m. and they're gone by 2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m., I work by appointment. If I had to rely on walk-in people, I'd be hosed."

Jose Cupul, owner of Yucatan Tacos, said the use of the spots have really hurt his business as well.

"We've been suffering for five or six weeks," he said. "They keep parking and using these spots, the police officers park here, so nobody can park here all day."

Cupul said he wouldn't be as mad if he felt the work was getting done as fast as possible.

"You don't see them working, you see them on the phone in their cars," he said. "You know, if you see them working, who cares? It has to get done and I understand that, but we've been suffering here, not even half the sales of what we usually get, and all the businesses are suffering. I mean we get back up at night, but Harry's is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m."

Cupul said he usually goes away for the holiday season to visit family and friends.

"I would have gone sooner if I had known this was going to happen," he said.

Representatives from the city were contacted for this story but did not respond before the Bulletin's deadline.



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Hundreds came out on Sunday for the annual Walter's Run, and a lucky few were in range to give St. Nick a high-five as he cheered on the runners.

PHOTO BY JEFF SILLIVAN

Walter's Run not slowed by snow

Jeff Sullivan Staff Reporter

The 24th annual Walter's Run went off without a hitch on Sunday, despite concerns about the weather.

While it was supposed to snow Sunday morning, hundreds of residents came out anyway to be pleasantly surprised by the sunny, if cold, morning weather.

"Let's hear it for Parkway Running Club (PRC) everybody, who puts this together every year," said avid runner and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley. "My name is Matt O'Malley and I'm proud to be your city councilor, and today as a constituent service I'm going to run really slowly so you'll all have much better times!"

O'Malley said the race was dedicated several years ago to former PRC member Walter Burgess, and he said he couldn't think of a better way to honor the man.

"I just want to acknowledge

as I have done every year, Walter Burgess was a friend of mine, a friend of many of ours, he was an incredible athlete and an incredible runner, really a part of the social fabric of the PRC. We lost him about 14 years ago and this race is really a way to encapsulate his memory," he said. "He was an amazing man and this is an amazing tribute that is going to help other young scholars and young athletes alike."

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Elks Hosting Community Blood Drive

The Boston Elks Lodge #10 at 248 Spring St. is hosting a community blood drive on Friday, Dec. 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by State Sen. Mike Rush, State Rep. Ed Coppinger, District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley, State Rep. Angelo Scaccia and District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy. Please Call 1-800 Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: WRoxElks to schedule an appointment.



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Editorial

OPENING SALVOS

For many years, we have blamed various school leaders and mayors for the malaise of mediocrity Boston's schools are mired in.

Now, we have a new "bad guy" in the form of parents themselves.

When was the last time these "concerned" parents took to the streets to argue for more rigorous educational standards? Hard to recall, isn't it? Yet, propose earlier start times and the pitchforks come out like snow shovels

Yes, there are logistical challenges inherent in a plan by School Superintendent Tommy Chang and MIT to move back many elementary schools start times to as early as 7:15 a.m. next year, while giving high school kinds later start times.

As such, Chang has pledged to work with the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, the YMCA of Greater Boston, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and a number of other community-based organizations "to provide expanded before- and after-school care that will be custom-tailored to each individual school's needs" and "support parents and families impacted by the new start times."

"The district is committed to reinvesting a portion of the savings created by the new start and end times into expanding before- or after-school programming where needed," he

We may not be fully sold on all of the perceived benefits of the new schedules. Here is the reality, however. The City owes your children an education, not convenience. So, the new schedule complicates your work schedule? Well, what about those of us who do not have kids and yet inherited the responsibility of covering for your school-related comings

Reading through the many "tweets" on the plan, one uncovers self-serving attitudes. One commenter demanded specific answers from Mayor Marty Walsh ahead of the Patriots-Dolphins kick-off.

Yes, the plan seems ripe with logistical challenges. Most can be dealt with over time. Let's see the debate focus on why MIT offered BPS this particular recommendation and whether or not perceived merits ring true. The conversation must, however, be focused squarely on what is best for the kids, not what works best for parental schedules.

There are many reasonable debates that deserve an airing here. Let's move past the easy personal sniping that this conversation has engendered.



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Don't be upset over "upsot"

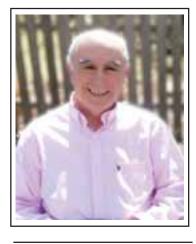
The Christmas carol favored by very young children in America is "Jingle Bells," notwithstanding that only a minute percent of them have ever travelled in a single-horse, uncovered sleigh.

Also, the carol contains a word that, taken out of context, few Americans would know its meaning.

Composed by James Perpont some 160 years ago, it was originally entitled "The One Horse Open Sleigh." It was supposed to have been first sung here in Boston. A few years later it was entitled "Jingle Bells." Later on, to accommodate children in church choirs, racy lyrics were removed.

It also has the status of being the first carol whose melody was played in outer space, this done by astronaut Wally Shirra. Just before Gemini 6 was scheduled to reenter the earth's atmosphere in December 1965, Shirra and his sidekick Thomas Stafford reported they had seen some sort of UFO with the latter's pilot wearing a red suit. It was then that ground control relaxed when hearing the strains of "Jingle Bells" being rendered on Shirra's harmonica.

From a grammatical view-



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point the song is interesting. Commonly thought to be adjectival, thus modifying "sleigh," the word "jingle" is an imperative, both in the title and the verses. The sleigh driver is warned that the steed should have bells strapped to the harness to avoid collisions at blind intersections because in a snowstorm, moving sleighs made no noise as it passed over the snow. Nothing worse than being Tboned at an intersection, as I know from a recent vehicular

"Jingle Bells" is one of those

carols that do not refer to Christmas or Santa Claus. Played after Christmas, it has minimal appeal. The same can be said for Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow," and "Frosty the Snowman."

Back to "Jingle Bells." The word "upsot" is the past participle of "upset." Rarely used in English today, the word is used in the song only because its last syllable rhymes with "lot."

A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride And soon, Miss Fanny Bright Was seated by my side, The horse was lean and lank Misfortune seemed his lot He got into a drifted bank And then we got upsot.

In this sense the word means "overturned;" figuratively, it would mean "troubled."

But how many of us, if we were in a sleigh, be it a one-, two-, or three-horse sleigh, which flipped over even in soft snow, would jovially continue singing the rest of the carol? I doubt it. Upset about being upsot, we would want to see an orthopedic doctor right away.

Letters to the Editor

CLEAR UP THE FUZZY MATH

To the Editor:

As reported, the calculation for affordable housing units for the proposed development on the Willet Street Extension needs some clarification.

Twenty-nine units are proposed, and the City requires that 13 percent be affordable. The developer's representative from O'Neill and Associates stated that they plan two affordable units and a contribution to the city's off-site affordable housing construction

Twenty-nine units times 13 percent actually equals 3.77 units of affordable housing, not two units and change. I believe that BPDA guidelines require a percentage this high on a development this large to be rounded up to four units.

That is a substantial difference that the developer should explain publicly and promptly. Affordable housing is widely acknowledged as one of the most important issues facing Boston and its residents.

From the reporting, it

sounds like the CAD Builders has done an adequate to good job planning and presenting this proposal. However, delivering on the full, legally-required affordable housing component and protecting the adjacent conservation land are crucial for this project to move ahead and be a neighbor in good standing in West

What Parkway residents have been very frustrated with over the past few years is the appearance of overly dense, poorly-designed, insider deals that flout zoning, affordable housing and conservation requirements despite overwhelming neighborhood oppo-

CAD Builders and O'Neill and Associates appear to have made a good start. Let's hope that they continue this effort with a prompt, clear and public explanation on this very important affordable housing calculation.

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LATINO COMMUNITY STANDS WITH **TENANTS**

To the Editor:

Thank you for your important coverage of the businesses and families facing displacement by City Realty in the JP/Rox area (in your article "City Life Supporting Evicted Businesses in Jamaica Plain," Nov. 30, 2017). It's really important that the truth of Boston's displacement crisis be told directly by the people it directly impacts, and your article helped give their voices a platform.

If City Realty Group successfully evicts El Embajador Dominican Restaurant and De Chain Auto Service at the end of the year, they would cause more than a dozen families a loss of income during the holiday season. We oppose these evictions, and we support these long-standing local businesses in staying where they are. Moreover, why would City Realty Group need to empty these storefronts, causing mass layoffs, right now? City Realty Group appears to have no plans to do anything with the property for at least many months. We don't need vacant storefronts and jobless families; we need a stable community with roots.

Local Latino business owners and families are beau-Letters

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Birch Street Market rakes in the cheer

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Birch Street Holiday Market lit up the streets in Roslindale on Thursday to the delight of hundreds of residents.

The market was put on by the Roslindale Village Main Streets (RVMS) in conjunction with the Boston Emerald Society and several local businesses in Roslindale Square. Residents perused through the shops and stalls and drank hot cider and chocolate while local musicians and carolers sang and danced.

Resident and emcee Glenn Williams said he's always ready

to help out Roslindale whenever he can, and that he was particularly excited about some of the music on site for the market.

"This is one of the things I love to do every time they do it, you know?" he said. "Anything that has to do with a tree lighting or the holidays, it's always fun to make sure that I get involved in it. You get to meet everybody in the neighborhood. People really come out for these kinds of things and inside it's packed, of course, and the finest artisans and craft people are in the audience tonight and that makes it really cool."

Williams said he was espe-



Roslindale was out in full force on Thursday for the second annual Birch Street Holiday Market. Residents in attendance were treated to carols, live bands, hot food and warming drinks as they shopped around the Square.

cially excited for the music, as he is a known Beatle maniac.

"The band that's playing later on I'm really, really excited about, the Rock n' Roll Jammers. They were just doing the sound check and they were doing Beatle songs, and the girl was playing an old Paul McCartney Hofner Bass, so I'm

going to really enjoy that," he said.

Resident Audra Karp said the event was a great time and she's been able to get some presents for the upcoming holiday.

"It seems great, I've gotten free food, the cider is good and my kids are having a lot of fun," she said. PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

Resident Sarah Cohen said they missed last year's market, but would definitely be coming back next year.

"I would come again definitely, I'm always up for new experiences," she said. "We were away for a year, so we

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explorer at a neighborhood meeting, have chosen to ride.

The three friends' tentative plan is to hop off in Roslindale and do some shopping, hop back on when the bus returns an hour and a half later and continue to West Roxbury for dinner, and then, an hour and a half after that, make the final leg back home.

One of the passengers, Cheryl, explains the appeal as the Explorer approaches the Clock Tower at Birch Street and Belgrade Avenue.

"It seemed festive and with the stores and restau-

rants that were participating, it just seemed like a fun idea to get me in the Christmas spirit," she said.

Birch Street is, indeed, just that: festive – lit up and decorated for its Christmas Market as people awkwardly carry large, angular packages towards the Birch Street Bistro, shops, and parked cars, and three seemingly impromptu carolers standing near the clock sustain a three part harmony.

At 4:30 p.m. the Explorer is on its way to the Clock Tower (and Christmas Tree) at Centre Street and Hastings.

Stearns is explaining what brought this pilot program about, describing his office's research in "third spaces:" the areas encountered by city dwellers between work and home critical to their experiences.

"Boston, as a city of neighborhoods, has tons of amazing hubs all over, and this project was thinking about how might we connect some folks some more, how might we make it easier for residents in one neighborhood to go and explore a new one," Stearns said. "Our Main Streets are a major priority for the Mayor. I think he sees them as hubs of the city's economy"

Danielle Joseph, Executive Director of West

Roxbury Main Streets, greets the shuttle from behind a folding table set up on the sidewalk. She's holding her infant daughter, Laila, and offers cookies from Sugar Bakery.

In describing Main Streets' motivation to participate in the pilot, Joseph talks about the different activities going on in West Roxbury on Thursday night and her desire to get people out doing things.

"It's just something that's been in the works for a few years, and Max finally made it happen, and we're really happy to be working together on it," she said. "We just wanted a chance to highlight our district in a different way."

On the 8:30 p.m. bus out of Hyde Park, the last of the night, Stearns gives an update. Although there weren't too many riders, he relates different passengers' statements with enthusiasm.

"We would never have seen any of this (part of the city) if we didn't happen to get on," Stearns said.

Adding to these statements, Stearns added that they get at the whole idea of exploration and the whole idea of the program. He summed up his take on the day, the Main Streets Explorer, and its future.

"I'm optimistic," he said. For information on the Main Streets Explorer, contact www.boston.gov/explore or call 617-308-9470.



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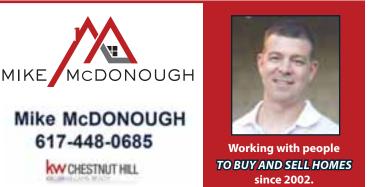


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Waishek was honored at the beginning of the meeting with a moment of silence, called by co-vice presidents Tom Halliday and Marty Keough.

"We could see a change in the West Roxbury community because of her efforts," noted Halliday, commenting that the WRCIA is the oldest civic association in West Roxbury. "She took on a lot of issues head on. Hopefully, we can see continued success."

In honor of Waishek, the WRCIA discussed the possibility of seeing if the "6,000 square-foot rule" for housing lottage be named in Waishek's honor with Jack Duggan, West Roxbury's Office of Neighborhood Services representative, and Shannon Murphy from Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley's office, respectively. Both were in attendance, along with Ann Cushing from Sen. Mike Rush's office. Both said they would bring the idea back to Mayor Martin J. Walsh and O'Malley.

After the comments on Waishek, BPD's Officer Roche discussed the recent crimes in the area. While most were package and car thefts, the most severe was the death investigation at 34 Temple St. of a 40-year-old male victim of undetermined traumatic injuries. The investigation is ongoing. The assailant was a 39-year-old man who will be arraigned in West Roxbury District Court, according to the BPD website.

In addition, a man claimed he was stabbed in the calf with a knife at 221 Grove St. by a man dressed in black at 5:20 p.m. one evening, who kept walking. However, Roche said he doubted the veracity of the claim because the alleged assailant did not complete the task.

"Who knows how much truth is there," noted Roche.

One robbery he verified that was on newscasts was the theft at Prestige Gas on Dec. 7

"It was on the news that night and recorded," Roche noted.

Roche stressed that, especially during the holiday season, people should be careful to lock their cars and not leave wallets and other items inside.

"There were a few larcenies, and almost all were in
cars," he noted. "People are
going into unlocked cars. If
they see wallets, they'll smash
the windows. In homes, if you
leave laptops or purses visible, they'll take them. They
have these punch things that
will just smash the windows.
The best way to prevent things
is to not leave them out. They
are easy pickings."

Other highly desired items are airbags and tires, especially from Hondas and Toyotas, Roche said.

"They'll take the whole wheel to get them," noted Jan Palmieri. "It can cost \$1,000 to get the wheel replaced."

Packages are also stolen during the holiday season. The best way to prevent this, Roche said is to have companies like Amazon ship them to lockers at the 7-Eleven or Stop & Shop. Alternatively, companies should ship them to friends who are home during the day or to your job.

Traffic, crosswalk and stop sign concerns were of heightened concern for the 20 people who attended the meeting. These were addressed to Tracy Litthcut of the Boston Transportation Department, who answered questions and took several resident complaints.

Speeding on VFW Parkway and Washington Street



Olivia Waishek

were of paramount concern, especially with the bad weather approaching. Side street speeding and lack of stop signs was also noted.

"We did research, and West Roxbury probably has the most number of stop signs in the city than any other neighborhood," noted Litthcut.

"But all on the other side of the neighborhood," retorted Palmieri.

"Jack (Duggan) came up with the idea of doing a walkthrough of the neighborhood if you aren't happy or if your requests are denied," Litthcut replied. "You can thank him for that."

He added that, in addition, the BTD can eventually do traffic studies to help with pedestrian safety and speeding issues.

"What's the most dangerous stretch of road in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," challenged one resident. "Washington Street at VFW Parkway at St. John Chrysostom's Parish. I have done a study, and there have been 13 deaths in 1.1 miles since 1970."

On a brighter note, Duggan announced the local Christmas tree lighting sponsored by Mayor Walsh and the Washington-Grove Business Association. It will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the corner of Washington and Grove streets in the parking lot of Royal Auto Tops, 5181 Washington St.

"Each kid will get a gift,

and there will be refreshments served," Duggan said. "It will be a really nice event."

Duggan also announced a local initiative connecting the three local Main Streets initiatives during the holiday season.

"It's called the Main Streets Explorer," he said. "It will run on Thursdays, the 14th and the 21st with a trolley tout connecting Hyde Park Main Street, Roslindale Village Main Street, and West Roxbury Main Streets. You can pick up the trolley at the clock towers there. Some of the restaurants there will be offering discounted meals."

The other major issue was the recently issued plastic bag ordinance by Councilors O'Malley and City Council President Michelle Wu, noted Murphy.

"This would ban the single-use, thin plastic bags," she explained. "There would be a 5-cent fee if plastic bags were used."

There was concern among some residents over the size of some of the large paper bags being used currently by Roche Bros.

"They are hard to manage," one resident said. "The handle ones are too big."

"We are trying to make sure that people get reusable bags," Murphy explained. "We know that five cents a bag can be a burden for some people. We are not getting rid of all plastic bags, just the thin ones. The amount of money that the taxpayers pay to get rid of them is factored into the cost. It's astronomical."

She also noted studies to the damage to marine life because of the bags washing onshore as one of the detriments to the bags. Another is the emission of greenhouse gas.

Murphy said the ordinance won't go into effect "for another year." Brookline, Cambridge, Somerville and Framingham are four of the 59 Massachusetts cities and towns that already have such an ordinance, she said.

Duggan noted that Walsh still must review the ordinance before it goes into effect

Cushing from Rush's office stressed that there will be a blood drive sponsored by the Red Cross on Friday, Dec. 15. Officials including Rush, Rep. Ed Coppinger, Rep. Angelo Scaccia, City Councilor Tim McCarthy and O'Malley will be participating. It will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boston Lodge of Elks #10 at 248 Spring St.

"It is a top-notch program," she stressed. "We'd like to get as much support as possible."

After the meeting, members gathered to reflect on Waishek's contributions to the WRCIA, West Roxbury and their lives.

"I first met Olivia when I joined the West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association in 1995," Judith Halper said. "She was a knowledgeable and capable president who led our association for many years. She really cared about the neighborhood and kept up on current events."

"Olivia was a real live wire, and conversations with her were always interesting," continued another resident. "She could always spot a fake. Her passion was infectious. She helped me to form my opinion of the community. She will be very much missed."

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 8, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church at 7 p.m. Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month, barring holidays and snow. At the next meeting, one of the topics to be debated will be the recently announced change in BPS school start times.



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WR Firefighters host holiday party for families



Dozens of residents celebrated with Santa and the members of Ladder 30/Engine 25 House of the Boston Fire Department. Residents were treated to food, fun, games and of course, presents. Resident Frank Sullivan donned the red coat for this event and many others this year, as he has for the past 30 years in the community.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN



Despite the weather prediction of snow, hundreds still came out for the race.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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a wink, nod and air horn from Santa Claus, and more than 400 runners took to the streets of West Roxbury. Later, participants convalesced at the Irish Social Club for a bit to relax with food provided by the PRC.

Resident and kids fun run coordinator Paul Adams said he's been in the PRC for six years, and doesn't regret it at all, even though he has to wear a penguin costume.

"I'm part of the PRC, so I

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The day race went off with actually direct the children's race and the penguin has become sort of the mascot for the race," he said. "So usually they chase me around, but this year they ran to me and ran back. The club's been putting on the race for about 20 years, and I joined the club about six years ago looking for new friends and companions and found a good group of people."

Resident Dave Daggett said he just wanted to get back in shape in the winter months when running isn't always an easy exercise.

"I'm trying to get back in shape and races are a good motivator," he said. "I haven't done this race before, so that's fun when you do a race for the first time, it's a new experience. I'm just glad it wasn't snowed out."

Resident Chris Consalvo said his sister got him to join the race, but he's happy to support it, as it raises funds for the Globe Santa, Parkway YMCA and running scholarships for underprivileged youth.

"I just moved back to West Roxbury a year ago, so my sister who lives in West Roxbury was doing it, so I decided to come out to get me moving and out of the house," he said.

Resident Sean Arby said he also was happy to support the

"I'm part of the PRC, and I first got involved when my fiancee joined," he said. "This is my third year, and it's a great run and a great cause."

Resident Emily Adams said she it is a great community event and she wanted to get her children involved in running early so they grow up with good habits.

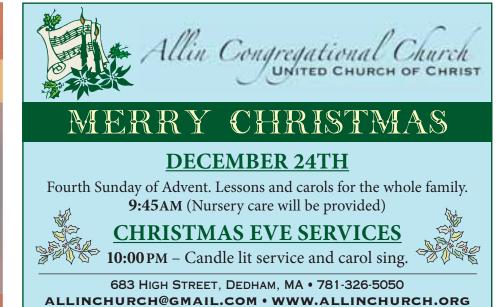
"I have done this before one other year and my kids ran the race this morning. It was really our motivation to get out here to get them out running," she said.

Resident Kristen McSwain said she also came out to support her children through the Kilmer Joyce School Running Club.

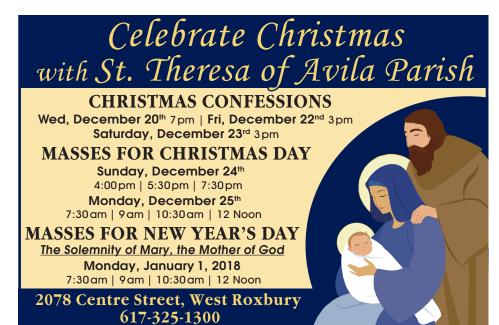
"I came out because the Kilmer Running Club is here today," she said. "I haven't been before and I think it's great, we've had a good time so far, it doesn't matter that it's snowy and sloppy."





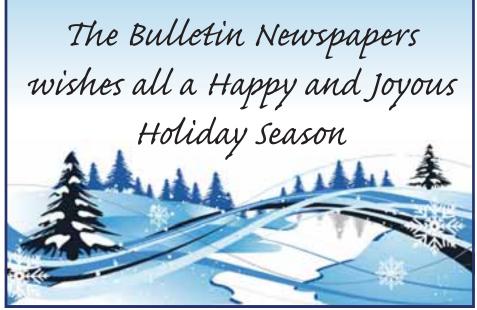














DEATHS

BUCKLEY

Dorothy J. (Carr) Of West Roxbury, Dec. 4, 2017. Beloved wife of the late James T. Buckley. Loving mother of Timothy Buckley and his wife Lynn of Hudson, Ohio; James "Jay" Buckley of Madison, N.H.; Jane Bilodeau and her husband John of Walpole; and John Buckley and his wife Susan of Walpole. Cherished grandmother of John, James, Peter, Timmy, Anna, Sarah, Melissa, John, Jacqueline, and Natalie. She is also survived by her dear brothers John Carr of Charlotte, N.C.; James Carr of Palmetto, Fla.; and her brother-in-law, Paul Buckley of Walpole. Daughter of the late Melvin G. Carr and Dorothy Quincy Carr; sister of the late Edward Q. Carr, Barbara Carr Smith, and Melvin G. Carr, Jr., Ensign U.S.N.R. Naval Aviator. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home 2055 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was held in St. Theresa Church. Interment was held at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to Boston Catholic Television; Catholic TV-PO Box 9196, 34 Chestnut St. Watertown, MA 02471 or www.catholictv.org/donate.



DiCENSO



Irma (Susi) Longtime resident of Roslindale, formerly of Sulmona, Italy passed away on Dec. 6, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Ostilio DiCenso. Devoted mother of Grace Federico and her husband Nino of Westwood. Loving grandmother of William, Joseph, Lori, and Kristen Federico and great-grandmother of Luca and Chase Federico. Sister of Flora Ventresca of Somerville and the late Pat and Anthony Susi. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Longtime parishioner and member of the Ladies' Sodality at Holy Name Parish. Funeral was from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was held in Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Interment was at St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Irma's memory to Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

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Paul V. Of Westwood, formerly of Dedham, December 12. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth A. (Gordon) Eldridge. Devoted father of Mary E. Cafarella and her husband Phillip of Leominster. Grandfather of Alex and Kimberley Cafarella. Paul was an avid soccer and photography enthusiast. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons, Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, Friday at 9:30 a.m. Followed by a Funeral Mass in Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church, Newton Upper Falls, at 10:30. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Visiting hours Thursday 5-8. Interment private. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in Paul's memory to the charity of your choice. For directions & guestbook. www.gfdoherty.com. George F. Doherty & Sons. Dedham 781 326-0500

FIORE

Edward A. Passed away Nov. 3 in Panorama City, Calif., (formerly Roslindale). Son of Cecilia Fiore and the late Louis Fiore. Brother of Carolyn Slade, Frances Pongonis and Joseph Fiore, brother-in-law of William Slade and Gerald Pongonis. Uncle of William and Michael Slade, Christine Miller, Jeffrey, Steven and Mark Pongonis and 10 great-nephews and nieces and many cousins. Graveside service was held at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. Celebration of Ed's Life was held at the Elks Lodge, 248 Spring St. West Roxbury. Donations to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham MA 01701.

FLEMING

Alexander Fourmond "Sandy" 68, of Roslindale, died on Dec. 4, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born in New Haven, Conn. to Lt. Col. Theodore B. Fleming, Jr. and Therese (Fourmond) Fleming, who

met in Paris in 1944. Sandy graduated from Grosse Pointe University School in Michigan in 1968 and earned his BA from the University of Michigan in 1972. He taught Jr High School for 5 years before enrolling in Suffolk University Law School. He was admitted to the Mass. Bar in 1980. Sandy held various legal and administrative positions for the Commonwealth over a 25-year career including Deputy General Counsel for Litigation for the Department of Social Services, Executive Director of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission, and Executive Director of the Board of Registration in Medicine from 1990 to 1999. He was a proud public servant and patriot. Sandy loved ice skating, Boston and Detroit sports teams, gardening, sailing, and the company of close friends and extended family. A devoted husband and father, Sandy is survived by his wife of 30 years, Karla, and his son, Sandy, Jr., as well as his two brothers, Theodore Fleming, III of Royal Oak, Mich., and Peter Fleming, of Naples, Fla. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center or the Hospice of the Good Shepherd will be grate-

Deaths

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Around the Neighborhood

CITYWIDE

MAIN STREETS EXPLORER

Jump on a free shuttle and visit Main Streets in Hyde Park, Roslindale Village, and West Roxbury. The Main Streets Explorer is a pilot program. We're offering a shuttle on Dec. 14, and 21 between three Main Street Districts: Hyde Park, Roslindale Village, and West Roxbury.

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tends to Hyde Park, Roslindale Village, and West Roxbury Boston, MA 02136, 02131, 02132. If you have any questions please contact act newurbanmechanics@boston.gov or call 617-635-0044

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On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., there will be an Advent

Penance Service for all Catholics in the West Roxbury and Roslindale area at St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury. All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. This evening will include readings, songs and the sacrament itself.

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Posada will actually be in the morning this year on Dec. 16, but residents are expected to turn out in droves.

Posada Navidena running strong for ninth year

Jeff Sullivan

Staff Reporter

The ninth annual Posada Navidena traditional tour will once again grace Roslindale Village with song, dance and revelers on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

The tradition for organizers Lucy Galvan and Alejandro Rodriguez goes back much further, but they first started it as a neighborhood event when they opened El Chapo in the square in 2008. Galvan said they began the neighborhood version for their friends and family when they moved to Boston from the Southwest.

"I can't even keep track of how many years, I'm pretty sure we're going on the ninth year and you know it's special because my kids and the neighborhood kids get to see a multicultural tradition and get at least a taste of how people in other countries celebrate the holidays," Galvan said.

Galvan said in Mexico and most of Latin America and now parts of California and the Southwest, it's a like a nine-day traditional celebration prior to

missed the first one, but this is

teer Martha Echan said she took

up a station for the event be-

cause it was a good time and it

got residents into the business

district, which is always look-

on the Design Committee for

RVMS, so this is one of my

ways of volunteering beyond

that," she said. "I think this is

great. It brings a lot of people

"I live in Roslindale and I'm

ing to up its profile.

Resident and RVMS volun-

definitely a great time."

Christmas. She said that where she grew up, it was usually just a neighborhood thing or was organized by the local churches, but she felt she should bring it to her newer home of Roslindale.

During the tour, Mary and Joseph go around the community and get "turned away" by participants (turned away meaning, in this instance, given small gifts for the couple, the as yet unborn baby Jesus and the crowd of followers behind Joseph and Mary). Every year in Roslindale Square, the crowd gets bigger and bigger and Galvan said she still can't really believe it.

"I think everyone is excited, and I think it's just become an event of Rosalinda for the holidays," she said. "Everyone expects it and is excited, I'm really grateful for the library in terms of supporting it."

She added that the sight of the children and families taking part in the Posada really makes her heart glow.

"My favorite part is seeing so many families and their kids come out and carol around the village with lights and such. I think that's very special and seeing a live mariachi band, you don't get to see it every day,"

Galvan said the cooperation of the Roslindale Branch Library and the advocacy group Friends of the Roslindale Library has been indispensable.

"The big thing for me is the recognition for the Friends of the Roslindale Library because if it wasn't for them, it wouldn't happen. A mariachi band is not cheap and what I would say if you're still looking for a nonprofit to donate and you want to keep it in the community, the Friends does so much for cultural programs. They're my priority at least," she said.

Galvan said next year they may run into some issues with the upcoming renovation of the Roslindale library, as it will be closed during construction. She said the tradition will continue regardless, maybe just at another venue.

"We will probably move it to the community center or the substation but it is really early to think about that," she said. To advertise, call the Bulletin

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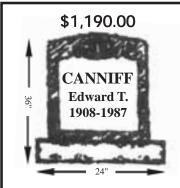


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the things that are going on in the Square."

Residents Nina Lalicata-White and Julie Green said the night was a great time for all, and really helped to strengthen the neighborhood.

"I think it's great, it gets people together and it's a great family event and it's great for the kids," she said.

Green added if you live in a neighborhood like Roslindale, you generally come out for the

out and gets them familiar with community.

"Of course we came out, it's Roslindale we live here!" said Green.

Resident Bernadette Giles said she's happy to see the neighborhood grow as a place for families.

"I was just saying Roslindale has become a family-oriented neighborhood," she said. "We all got a couple of Christmas gifts, and we're making our way out to the Whoopie Pie Wagon."

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

Date: November 16, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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That the bonds of matrimony which heretofore existed between the parties be dissolved and that the Plaintiff be granted an absolute divorce from the Defendant. That the Court determine the marital and divisible property of the parties and make an equitable distribution of said property and grant an unequal distribution in favor of the Plaintiff pursuant to N.C.G.S. §50-20 et. seq.; That the Court make an interim distribution that the marital home is Plaintiff's sole property and that the Defendant be instructed to take steps necessary to have her name removed from the deed; That the Court order Defendant to pay Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees; That the costs of this action be taxed to Defendant; That the Court grants such other relief to the Plaintiff as the Court may deem just and proper. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than January 14, 2018 and upon failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 30th day of November, 2017. Nicholas Dowgul Felton Banks, PLLC 7406 Chapel Hill Rd., Suite H

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No.SU17P2528EA

Estate of: Janice A. Reardon **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Date of Death: 10/04/2017 Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Michael W. Reardon of Needham Heights, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Michael W. Reardon of Needham Heights, MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 01/02/2018. 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.

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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 28, 2017 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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tifully and courageously speaking up for their place in the community; they should be lauded for that, not punished.

We'd also like to clarify what we understand to have happened with negotiations between the 26-year-old restaurant and City Realty Group. City Realty group verbally committed to three things: 1) not to evict City Realty, calling it a "landmark" business, 2) to relocate El Embajador to a new location, and 3) to make sure that the new location was occupancy-ready. Once those commitments began to break down and were not put in writing, the business owners became understandably concerned for their future, and eventually engaged with our supportive community.

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Alex Ponte-Capellan JP/Rox Community Organizer

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do absolutely nothing to address the non-issue of climate change, but will raise the grocery bill of every Bostonian, many of who have limited incomes or are on fixed incomes (City Council says yes to plastic bag ordinance Dec. 7, Bulletin). This ordinance is yet another example of the implementation of Agenda 21rebranded Agenda 2030. And the Council's unanimous vote is evidence that the Green Mafia has enormous influence in

> Hal Shurtleff West Roxbury

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fully received. Visiting hours was held in the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A memorial service followed.

MURPHY

our city.

Paula D. Of Roslindale, Dec. 3, 2017.Beloved daughter of the late George and Catherine (McCusker) Murphy, sister of Eileen (Murphy) Carlson and her husband William of Milton, devoted aunt of Laura (Carlson) Tierney and her husband James of Bethesda, Md., Clare, Donald and Dane Carlson of Milton, Valerie Carlson of Providence, R.I. and Joy Carlson of Boston, great aunt of Ava Catherine Tierney. Formerly a kindergarten teacher in the Boston Public Schools, an associate with ACOPY/ICON in Westwood and a broker for Caldwell Banker of West Roxbury. Paula was a pivotal presence in the lives of her nieces and nephews, and her love of life and dry wit were a constant source of joy for them all. Paula loved the fine artsmuseums, ballet, theatre and music, and at the same time, she was always on top of all things current and political. She was admired for her willingness to start over-from teaching to business to real estate. She was a strong role model in a male-dominated world. Her family and friends will miss her every day. A funeral service was held in The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers donations in Paula's memory may be made to Oxfam America or Habitat for Hua n i t y www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET No.SU17P1105EA

No phone

calls please

Estate of: Marguerite Frances Marshall

Date of Death: January 20, 2017

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA. 02114 617-788-8300

To all interested persons:

Petition for Formal Probate of Personal Representative has been filed by: Judith A Douglas of Kokomo, IN

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Judith A Douglas of Kokomo, IN

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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

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