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## Couple looking to open cannabis R&D Site



The new business license will allow the owners of 612 Hyde Park Ave. to start working on new products.

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**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Mattapan husband and wife team Leah and Sieh Samura are looking to open up a research and development office at 612 Hyde Park Ave. in Roslindale for cannabis product creation and testing.

The site, a small blue building sandwiched in between an auto shop and a residential building, would be essentially for cooking and producing products, and they said no growing or selling of product would be allowed under the license they are seeking.

“It’s a real small facility, so we look forward to working with the community and making products,” said Leah.

The couple were able to use a business accelerator grant from Sira Naturals to get their first product off the ground, and are working with the company, formerly out of Milford Massachusetts, to get this facility operating to begin creating products such as infused salves and lotions. Their first product, Purient Bedroom Cannabis, hit the shelves two weeks ago and Sira Naturals

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## WR resident running Boston Marathon

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

West Roxbury resident Dina Vargo said she’s run six marathons in the past, but the real big one has eluded her for years, that is, until now.

“I’ve only done some mid-sized cities and it’s been a fun way to see different places, but I think everyone wants to do Boston, it’s like the feather in the cap of all marathoners,” she said. “I mean it’s the historic marathon and you have to do Boston, every runner has to. For me, the timing was finally right and so here we are.”

Vargo is running to raise funds for Metro Housing Boston, a company working on the ground to raise money for residents in need of affordable housing. The nonprofit was founded in 1983 and works to

keep people housed in the Greater Boston Area. It has raised millions for preventative services and representation of residents, and has had a team every year since 2006. Those teams have raised a combined \$431,000 in 13 years, and Vargo said she wanted to do her part.

“I wanted to run the marathon for them because I know how important it is,” she said. “I work in the affordable housing industry myself, but not on the deep grassroots level they do, so for me it was a natural connection. If I was going to run for a charity, I was going to run for Metro Housing Boston.”

Vargo said after training and running six marathons, that part of the deal at least isn’t so difficult anymore.

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## Corrib Pub hosts annual Mike Rush St. Patrick's Breakfast



The Corrib Pub in West Roxbury celebrated the season a bit early with State Sen. Michael Rush at his annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast on Sunday to the delight of hundreds. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley were on hand. The pub will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day party on March 17 and will be serving corn beef and cabbage starting on Thursday.

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## New police captain addresses speeding, safety concerns at WRCIA meeting

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

About a dozen West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association (WRCIA) members discussed their continuing concerns about speeding and pedestrian safety with Area E 5's new police captain, Therese Kozmiski, at the meeting on Monday, March 11 at St. Stephen's Church.

“I’ve always been on the street, and I’ve worked in almost every precinct,” said Kozmiski, a Brighton native. “I’ve always worked in a district, so I know the challenges of working in a neighborhood.”

One of Kozmiski’s priorities is getting new speed limit signs posted along Washington Street in the Grove Street area approaching Dedham.

“I have been working with the Transportation Department to get better signage,” she said. “I have ideas about getting the solar ones like you see in suburban communities. They are



CSO Ed Roach gives the police report. WRCIA co-president Marty Keough observes.

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really, really good.”

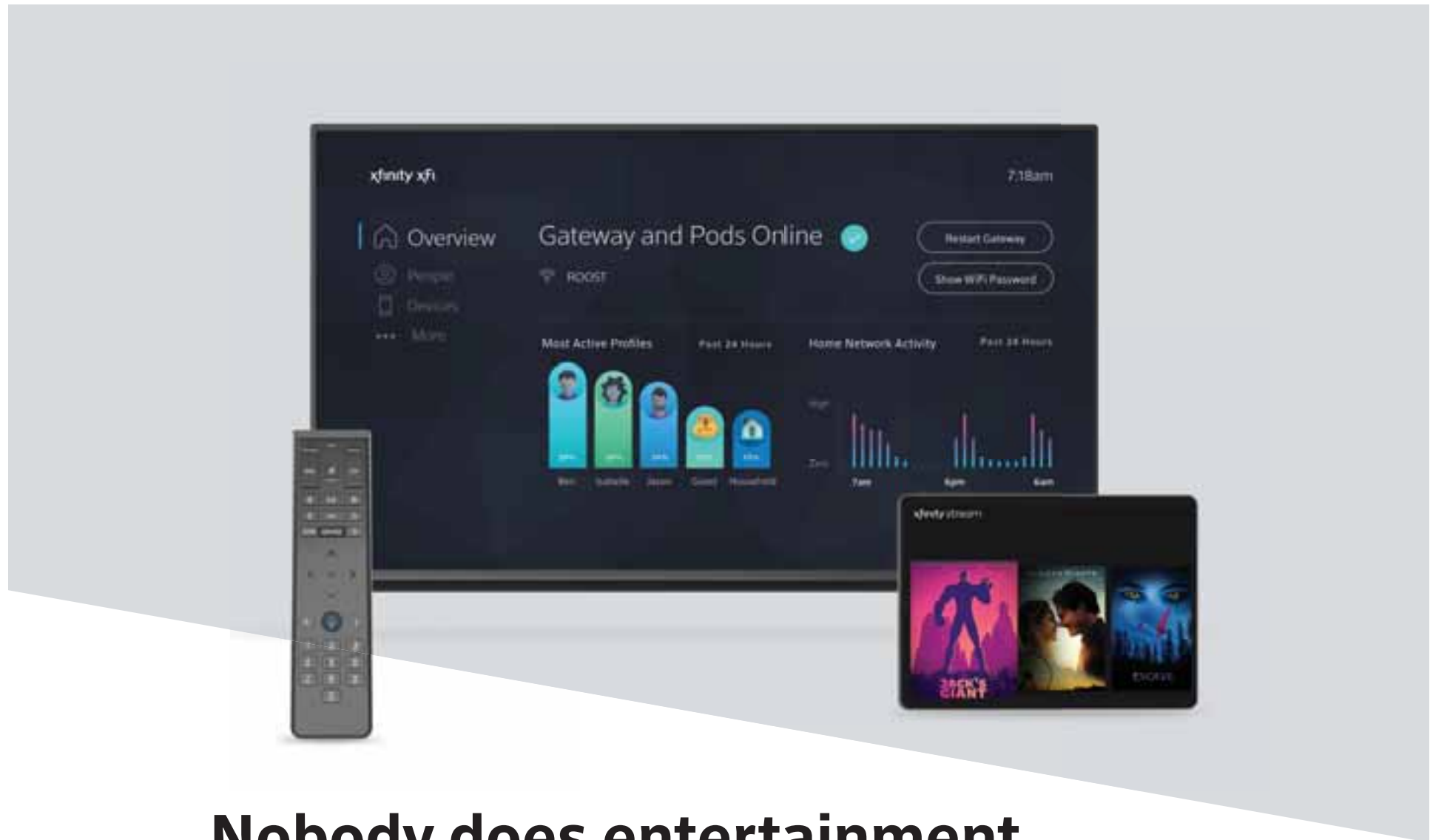
She added that traffic and pedestrian safety have been her paramount concerns, especially since the death of Marilyn Wentworth last month. Wentworth was killed when she was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Hastings and Centre Streets. It was the third pedestrian death in the area in

less than a year.

“We’ve already had three deaths here,” one resident said. “There was a young girl and an elderly gentleman, too.”

There was good news in this part of West Roxbury, Kozmiski noted. Burglaries have

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# Council looks at use of public ways, 5K's and street fairs

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council held a hearing last week to discuss rules and regulations regarding public, private and non-profit uses of public ways in the city.

The problem comes, according to District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim, as an increase in events which make use of public land or rights of way (block parties, road races or parades) makes some areas of the city inaccessible too many times for residents to reasonably adjust their schedules.

"There's been a proliferation of fundraisers, walks, parades — some political in nature which obviously no one could have predicted after 2016," he said.

Zakim said he wants to know the framework of approval for these types of events and how residents are notified. He said he wanted to focus on how new events that residents of the area might not be aware of are approved and advertised, if at all.

Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) member Elliot Laffer said the disruption in the Back Bay can be a serious problem if you live there and have necessary chores or errands to do. He said the lack of notice on some of the smaller and less well-known events can also create unnecessary problems in his neighborhood.

"When you have them for what seems like almost every weekend, for people who need the weekends to do errands they can't do during the week it can be very challenging," he said. "I remember I was coming home one evening when there was one of these 5K road races and I had to sit a block from my house for an hour waiting for the street to clear and I didn't even know it was coming, and I'm usually very informed about this sort of thing."

Laffer said there is a need for more of these events to be evenly distributed around the city and not just in the Back Bay.

"While we're a beautiful neighborhood, we're not the only beautiful neighborhood," he said.

Boston Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment Director Kenneth Brissette said during the hearing that permits approved by the Public Event Committee (PEC) are required for any event seeking to use public land owned by the city, including roads.

"Whether that event is free or not, open to the public or invitation only, it doesn't matter,"



District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim

he said. "It is still necessary to apply."

He said in 2018 the PEC oversaw the permitting of 568 public events in the City of Boston.

"That's throughout the entire city," he said. "In 2017, the PEC oversaw the permitting of 545 public events throughout the City of Boston."

Brissette said his office guides applicants through the process but does not issue any permits. He said various public institutions, like the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), the Boston Police Department (BPD) the Boston Fire Department (BFD) or the Boston Public Works Department (BPW) must approve these permits.

Brissette said the PEC also takes a look at the upcoming schedule to make sure there are not too many events scheduled in a brief period of time. He said that list is on hand any time someone makes an application.

"When we come to a meeting, we have an Excel spreadsheet of all events that are happening in the city, whether it's the Red Sox, the Celtics, the Bruins, any concerts at the Garden, any concerts at Fenway, all Parks events and anything that we do," he said.

Brissette said that they actually put a hold on new events after Sept. 15 because they already have too much going on.

"So we monitor that and we figure out whether a particular race is feasible," he said. "Since 2014, we have not added any new additional events on Comm. Ave. with the exception of a few one-offs that we did."

Zakim said notification can be an issue. He said the updates the BTD puts out for traffic advisories is useful, but he's concerned that it's usually the first notification he sees for a particular event in District 8. He said he'd like to see more cooperation with the Office of Neighborhood Services so

these events could be included in the office's weekly newsletters as well as a notification system for all the neighborhood associations in each particular area. Brissette said this was something he would look into.

Chief Engineer for the BTD Edward Hesford said for any street closure, there is always a plan in place.

"The BTD, well we're always formulating the traffic management plans and the operational plans for a safe event, in coordination with the BPD, BPF, EMS, etc., so we have a nice working committee in special events," he said. "There's a lot of thought that gets put in with this, the whole team puts together that plan relative to roadway detours, impacts, etc., that potentially could come about and we want to keep the city open and viable."

Brissette said the application process is different for every type of event, but it always includes a site plan for the area designated for the event, insurance for any event on public property, designs for any temporary structures and review by all relevant departments before permits are issued.

He said once they have all those permits they need, they will go to licensing for final approval for an entertainment license or a special event license. He said for a road race, BTD Commissioner Gina Fiandaca has to sign off on the idea of the event even before any permits are applied for.

Boston Parks and Recreation Director Chris Cook said in 2018, 4,084 permits were issued by the department, and that 1,351 were for adult athletics, 991 were for youth athletics, 194 were for weddings and 17 were closings related to construction and renovations of the parks. He did point out that each permit was not necessarily tied to one event, like a little league could pull one permit for use of a field for a full season.



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# Editorial

## BUY YOUR WAY IN

The scandal du jour, and one that has Boston sharing the national spotlight, is a pay-for-placement scheme that allowed the rich and famous (emphasis on the former) to cut ahead of other students for consideration at prestigious colleges and universities.

Among the 50 people accused of the crime are actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin, and fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli. They, and others, paid between \$200,000 and \$6.5 million to secure admissions for their kids. Among the schools targeted by the perpetrators and a Boston-based for-profit college counseling firm were Yale, Stanford, and Georgetown. Among the feats of trickery used were fabricating top-tier athleticism (via the magic of Photoshop) to entice coaches and athletic directors and hiring "proctors" to take entrance exams for the would-be students.

In a sad world of war and political divisiveness, Colleaguegate (ok, we just made up that nickname) is the perfect, gossip-worthy story to come along: it has shallow, cheating celebrities; millions of dollars; and a reason to rage about unfair systems that have it in for "the little guy."

We do need to ask, however, why these crimes are a reason for all that aforementioned "rage"?

Let's think this through: wealthy parents open up their bank account to ensure that their sub-academic offspring can attend college. How is that any different from standard operating procedure?

College is a business. Like all businesses, despite protestations of self-importance and attestations of societal improvements, these institutions exist to make money. Like any company in a capitalistic world, these schools are in a near-constant state of expansion, and

**Editorial**

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## Is this any way to run a city?

- \$684,000
- \$677,000
- \$577,000
- \$536,000
- \$494,000

Staggering numbers, right?

They're even more staggering when one realizes that these are the 2018 salaries of the top money-makers receiving and then endorsing City of Boston paychecks. They are all police officers, who were reinstated and allowed to collect back pay, probably due to the kindness of mediators who enjoy reinstating "wronged" employees. Also, last year there were two salaries of other police officers netting more than \$250,000 each.

I wonder if any of these recipients will have to redeem cans for nickels or cut coupons from newspapers. Nah, not a chance.

If such people are being reinstated by benevolent arbitrators, perhaps more scrutiny should be given as to why they were laid off in the first place:

were the offenses egregious or only seemingly so? Or maybe review the qualifications of the arbitrators.

If the city treasury had no control of these payments, it could have exercised more control of the buy-out of the former school superintendent's contract, which netted Tommy Chang a whopping \$450,000. And was there any oversight of a fire department employee's netting \$260,000 and a building inspector's pulling in \$10,000 less?

To those of us on fixed incomes, those struggling on Medicaid, those grimacing at having to throw an extra quarter in a parking meter for another 4 minutes, or those pining for an extra dollar for a tip when serving meals, the above people, in effect, had hit the lottery jackpot but, regrettably, at our expense: they're making money off our backs, as our rising real estate taxes and rents reflect the city's reluctance and/or inability to rein in expenses. But if they worked for Fidelity, Gillette,



My Kind of Town/  
Joe Galeota

State Street Trust, and other private companies, more power to them; we would have no basis to begrudge their salaries, outside of pure envy.

Last year the city's payroll was \$1.7 billion, a huge 8.2% increase of \$129 million over the preceding year. Ah, would that there be a plethora of municipal belt-tightening, indeed a lost art in these days when the city coffers are open for grabbing.

## Letters to the Editor

### PROGRESSIVES AND PLASTIC BAGS

*To the Editor:*

A recent letter writer sang the praises of Boston's city council for being "progressive" con-

cerning the plastic bag ban. Let me challenge the "progressives" on the City Council and in the neighborhood: Ban John Henry's plastic bags as well.

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# Marathon Runner *continued from page 1*

"I have a \$7,000 fundraising goal, which is pretty intense," she said. "I think I'm over half-way right now, but it's actually much harder for me than training for the marathon. I know how to train, but besides hitting up my friends for donations?"

Vargo said she's linked up with another member of her team to do trivia events and an author to talk at the Massachusetts State Library in the State House. Vargo is an author herself and discussed her book, the Hidden History of Boston.

"I've learned so much and met a ton of great people," she said.

She added that despite her past experience with marathons, she's still also looking for ideas to help improve her training, which is why she started boxing at the West Roxbury BoxSmith gym.

"It's just a great way to work your core and get those muscles you don't always but probably should concentrate on," she said.

Vargo said she started the book after working her other job running offbeat tours of the city, and also wrote 'Wild Women of Boston' in the same vein. She said a lot of the stories from the tours gave her ideas for the book.

"Right now I'm working on a tour, which will be the eighth one and we're doing True Lies and False Facts," she said. "I



Dina Vargo

specialize in offbeat tours, so it's not so much like the Freedom Trail, but different sorts of stories. This tour will have stories, some of which are true and some of which are false, and the people who participate get to choose what they think is true and it's almost like a trivia competition. We get together and have a party and give out prizes to people who guessed best. The stories are just so bizarre

and as they say, the truth is stranger than fiction. There are just so many oddball things here in Boston."

She acknowledged that putting many of the true stories in her book may be somewhat of an advantage.

"Just read the books and you will get some clues," she said with a laugh.

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# Franciscan Children's hosts mental health talk at Holy Name School

Ariane Komyati  
Staff Reporter

Patricia Coffey, the Mental Health Education Program Manager at Franciscan Children's Hospital in Brighton, came to Holy Name Parish to give a presentation on March 7. Her lecture covered mental illness, specifically in children, fact vs. fiction regarding mental health, common diagnoses, consequences of untreated mental illness, and how to destigmatize conversations surrounding mental health.

Coffey explained that mental health is a very complex issue. "There is not one definitive cause," she stated. Biological, psychological, social, and familial issues can all contribute to mental illness. "Why should we focus on kids? Twenty percent of youth have a mental health diagnosis, fifty percent of all mental illness begins by age 14, and seventy five percent by age 24."

Coffey discussed key facts about mental illness. One fact is that people with mental illness are more likely to be victims of violence - they are victimized at four times the rate of the general public. "It is not a character flaw, and we need to talk about mental illness the same way we discuss other medical diagnoses, like cancer or diabetes," stated Coffey.

She also discussed common mental illness diagnoses in children - anxiety, depression, and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Symptoms of depression in children include prolonged sadness or feelings of emptiness, guilt, restlessness, difficulty concentrating, changes in sleeping or eating patterns, loss of interest in activities, withdrawal from friends and family, and thoughts of death or suicide.

"Parents often ask me, 'How come I can barely get my son [who has been diagnosed with ADHD] away from video games? How come he can focus on video games, but not on other tasks?'" Coffey explained that children with ADHD often have trouble switching from task to task, rather than having a problem with focusing.

It can often be difficult to identify mental illness in children; this is due to the fact that some children may lack verbal ability to explain thoughts or feelings. The presentation of mental illness symptoms can be different for each child.

"It is important for parents to be within reach for their child. They should be receptive, and not say things like 'It's just a phase,'" stated Coffey. Reaching out to a doctor or pediatrician is also important. Common treatments include counseling, therapy, cognitive behavioral



Mental Health Educator at the Franciscan Children's Hospital Patricia Coffey spoke about the misconceptions around children's mental health last week at Holy Name in West Roxbury.

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMYATI

therapy, and psychiatric medication.

School failure, substance abuse, and criminal justice involvement are some of the many consequences of untreated mental illness. Fifty percent of teens with a mental illness drop out of high school.

Coffey also discussed youth suicide. "A common myth is that talking about suicide creates a suicidal ideation among youth," she stated. "This is not backed up with any evidence."

Suicide is the second lead-

ing cause of death for youth ages 10-19. LGBTQ youth are five times more likely to attempt suicide compared to heterosexual youth. When discussing suicide, it is important to be direct, listen and be supportive, and know when you should connect with a professional.

It is important to destigmatize conversations about mental illness. When discussing mental health, one should use respectful language (say "she is living with bipolar disorder" rather than saying

"she is bipolar") and eliminate using slang or negative terms. Remember that a mental illness does not make someone less of a person or define who they are.

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<p>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</p> <p>May the luck of the Irish be with you!</p> 	<p><b>OPEN HOUSE SAT &amp; SUN 12-1:30</b></p>  <p><b>40 SHERWOOD ST. ROSLINDALE</b></p> <p><b>NEW LISTING!</b> Prospect Hill, Beautiful and spacious first floor condo in Victorian 2 unit building. Offers 2 bedrooms, updated kitchen + bath, high ceilings, stained glass, formal living room + dining room with decorative fireplaces, hardwood floors, move-in condition, gas heat, great basement storage, laundry room, off-street parking and garage parking, front porch and private entrance, short walk to Roslindale Village and commuter rail. \$485,000!</p> <p>MARGIE VOGT 617-212-7660</p>	<p><b>OPEN HOUSE SAT &amp; SUN 12-1:30</b></p>  <p><b>10 THURLOW STREET WEST ROXBURY</b></p> <p>Ideally located on a side street off of LaGrange St., this house is in close proximity to all the amenities West Roxbury has to offer! Walk to bus, commuter rail station, restaurants, shops, etc. Gleaming hardwood floors, new paint in Unit 1, vinyl replacement windows throughout. Second floor unit has 1 bedroom. One car garage under, paved drive for 2-3 cars. Priced to sell! Don't miss this one!! Won't last at \$569,900!</p> <p>JOE REGAN 617-771-3366</p>	<p><b>8 Kirk Street, West Roxbury UNDER CONTRACT</b></p> <p><b>261 Perham St., West Roxbury UNDER CONTRACT</b></p> <p><b>99 Dean Street, Norwood UNDER CONTRACT</b></p> <p><b>1 Westinghouse Plaza Unit 220, Hyde Park UNDER CONTRACT</b></p> <p><b>30 Alberta St., West Roxbury SOLD</b></p>
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## CITY

## BOSTON PRIDE

Boston Pride's 2019 Spring Open House on April 9 Boston Pride will host its Spring Open House on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boston Pride Office and invites all members of the community to attend. At the event, Boston Pride's Community Fund recipients will be announced. Since 2016, Boston Pride has awarded over \$50,000 to 35 local grassroots organizations, supporting its mission of promoting social justice for the LGBTQ community. The winner of the Boston Pride 2019 Theme Logo contest will also be announced. The 2019 Pride Parade Grand Marshal Dale Mitchell, Marshal Ava Glasscott and Honorary Marshal Chris Harris (posthumous) will be recognized and the 2019 Pride theme, "Looking Back, Loving Forward" will be formally introduced.

In addition, Boston Pride board members will present a preview of 2019 Pride Week celebrations. Learn more about Boston Pride and hear about what's in store for 2019, including volunteer opportunities. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Boston Pride Office, 12 Channel Street, Suite 503. Boston, MA

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Basic Field Production and Editing Workshop

Monday, April 1, 2019 - Monday, May 13, 2019

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tion training and Final Cut Pro editing in a single track. Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. for 6 weeks.

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Tuesday, April 2, 2019 - Thursday, April 11, 2019

Learn the basics of using the WBCA 102.9 FM radio studio to create your own programming and help other producers with their productions in 4 sessions. Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8 p.m. for 2 weeks.

## BASIC TV STUDIO PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

Monday, April 15, 2019 - Wednesday, May 22, 2019

In twelve sessions, learn the basics of using the Community TV Studio to create your own programming and to help other producers with their productions. Mondays and Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. for 6 weeks.

## WEST ROXBURY / ROSLINDALE

## IRISH NIGHT

St. John Chrysostom Parish will host an Irish Night on Saturday, March 16 at 5:30 pm in the parish center. Dinner is corned beef and cabbage with entertainment from local Irish dancers. All from the community are invited. Tickets are \$15 a person and \$25 a family. You can purchase tickets in the parish office. Please call 617-323-4410. 4750 Washington St. West Roxbury

## MARCH MHCN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING:

Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month)

Home for Little Wanderers, 780 American Legion Hwy., Roslindale - Room 310 (Enter the building using the main front entrance)

## FREE MOVIE NIGHT

The Stratford Street United Church will show Mary Poppins Returns on a Big Screen Free Movie Night for the Community! Stratford Street United Church will show Mary Poppins Returns on our 20 foot movie screen at #77 Stratford Street in West Roxbury, for everyone and anyone. Children are especially welcome. We have chairs, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs, bean bags, pillows or blankets. Popcorn and other snacks will be served. 77 Stratford Street, West Roxbury, MA, Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm.

## PSA ROSLINDALE ARTS ALLIANCE FUNDRAISER

The Roslindale Arts Alliance (RAA) and CSz Boston announce an exciting upcoming event in Roslindale. On Saturday April 6, ComedySportz will perform at the Rozzie Theatre. The event is being planned to raise funds for the RAA and It's All About Arts "Youth Art Scholarship" program. In addition to the performance there will be a silent art auction and raffles. A portion of the ticket sales will

go to the fundraiser. Event takes place from 5-6:30pm and is located at the Rozzie Theatre, 5 Basile Street, Roslindale. ComedySportz is appropriate for all ages. For more info visit [roslindalearts.org](http://roslindalearts.org). For info about It's All About Arts visit [facebook.com/TalkArts/](https://www.facebook.com/TalkArts/)

To purchase tickets and learn more about ComedySportz visit <https://www.cszboston.com/calendar-of-events/?edid=126570>

To donate to the fund or for silent art auction or raffle, call Janice at 617-710-3811. Thank You.

## ROXBURY PREP MEETING AND SITE VISIT

The Bellvue Neighborhood Improvement Association wants to hear from ALL of the Roxbury Prep Parents and Students! What do YOU think the new Roxbury Prep High School should look like? We will walk the 361 Belgrade Ave site, so you can see what is being proposed. Please join us: March 20 at Boston Police E-5 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We want to hear your VOICE!

## NEW LEARN-TO-SKATE CLASSES FOR AGES 4 TO 18 IN WEST ROXBURY RINK

New classes start at the Jim Roche Arena, 1255 VFW Pkwy. on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for 7 weeks. Get 7 classes for the price of 6. Use code WR5. Offer expires at 5 PM on March 3rd.

For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at [www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org](http://www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org).

## WR FRIENDS OF ROSIE'S PLACE APRIL 6TH COMMUNITY DINNER

Save the Date!

Get ready to have some fun and support a worthy cause! The West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place (WRFORP) will hold its 17th annual Spring Community Dinner fundraiser on April 6th.

The Community Dinner benefits Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women, the Roslindale Food Pantry, and provides summer camperships for homeless and needy children. A representative from Rosie's Place will join us and share how your support makes a difference.

Gift certificates, gift baskets, sports items, and more will be raffled during silent and live auctions. You can also try your luck at a 50/50 auction. Wonderful items for reasonably priced bids will be yours to take home. Our friend and neighbor, Beth Germano, will be the Emcee for the evening. As many of you know, Beth is an Emmy award winning reporter with WBZ-TV.

In addition, we are very fortunate to have a wonderful evening of music thanks to MCO Productions in Brighton.

The dinner will be held at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury. The church is handicapped accessible and a short walk from several MBTA bus routes. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and includes dinner and beverages. To reserve your place, make checks payable to WRFORP and return to WRFORP, P.O. Box 320076, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or go to our website [westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org](http://westroxburyfriendsofrosiesplace.org). Questions? Contact Doris Corbo (617) 327-5902.

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# Council to look once again at homeless veterans

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Almost three years since Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's action plan to end veteran and chronic homelessness announced that chronic veteran homelessness was ended, At-Large City Councilor Althea Garrison wants to readdress the issue.

Garrison said despite the work the city is doing, she wants to take it further. She said currently there are about 1.4 million veterans in the United State considered by the federal government to be at risk of homelessness due to poverty, a lack of support networks and substandard living conditions. She said she wanted to hold a hearing to ascertain the job the city is currently doing and to work with the Veterans Administration Hospital to improve the situation.

"While the VA has spent many years trying to address veteran homelessness, it remains to be seen how effective their programs have been, given the number of veterans living on the street in Boston right now," she said.

Garrison said they should be looking at connecting all of Boston's veterans to support programs and networks to reduce the chances of veterans becoming homeless. According to the government, a chronically-homeless person is someone who has been homeless for at least 12 consecutive months, but that doesn't mean veterans, single adults and families aren't experiencing homelessness. According to the City of Boston's recent homeless census, the city housed 181 families last year alone, dropping the homelessness population by 3 percent. The city has housed more than 921 veterans since the program started in 2015, but Garrison said many conditions, like post traumatic stress or wounds from battle, can make it difficult for veterans to hold down a job, which is why she wants to increase services.

Boston, according to the census data, is the exception to what's going on in the state. According to a 2018 report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the number of homeless veterans went up 15.5 percent in the state for the first time in five years.

District 2 City Councilor and veteran Edward Flynn said Boston has been able to increase housing for veterans through several programs and organizations like Caritas Communities and the Brighton development at the Brighton Marine Health Center (102 veteran-only housing units to break ground in the spring) are helping to alleviate those pressures, but he said the city can always do more.

Also during last week's meeting, At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George called for a hearing in a late file matter to assess the safety of patrons at nightlife settings, after the abduction and murder of Jassy Correia.

Essaibi-George said the council should look at how it can help to address the culture of violence against women prevalent in American society and how to educate residents of the city on how to hold nightclubs and perpetrators accountable.

In other news, District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards called for a hearing regarding a biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy (RJP) in order to schedule the first biannual review.

The RJP was first established in 1983 and maintains now that any private development project over 50,000 square feet have at least 51 percent of the total work hours in each trade go

to Boston residents, 40 percent in each trade go to people of color and at least 12 percent in each trade go to women. Janey said keeping an eye on enforcing this policy is extremely important to help close the wealth gap in Boston.

"For the last 14 months since I've been on the job here, I've monitored construction jobs in my district, particularly those into the Roxbury area to make sure people are getting these jobs and we are falling short," she said. "The construction industry is falling short. We need to make sure, whether it's a union job or a nonunion job our people, our community, are able to participate in this booming economy."



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### ALBERTO

Louis Age 84, of Ormond Beach, Florida, formerly of South Daytona, Florida, Plainville and Hyde Park. March 7, 2019. Father of Betty Lou Parker of Norton. Brother of Ann "Honey" Sarto of Dedham, Frances "Frannie" Fish of Easton, Florence "Flo" Dwyer of Hull and the late Vera Alberto, Rosalie "Dolly" MacDonald and Mary Longval. His Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, March 14th at 11:00 A.M. at the Norton Memorial Funeral Home, 19 Clapp St. (off Route 140, Taunton Ave.) NORTON. Burial with Military Honors will follow at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 1:00 P.M. Visitation will be held prior to the Funeral Services, beginning Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home. Due to the limitation of flowers allowed at the National Cemetery, please consider a donation in Louis's memory to the New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston, MA 02108. For complete obituary, please visit nortonmemorial.com

### AMBIEL

Horst Friedrich Age 79, of West Roxbury, died on February 20, 2019. Horst was a man who enjoyed simple pleasures. The most important things to him were his home, and his family. Born in Ludwigshafen, Germany, to Daniel F. and Lieselotte Ambiel, Horst was a talented soccer player, and trained as a mechanic in Mannheim. He immigrated to the US in 1959, and became a citizen in 1965. He was happily married to his beloved Isbell for 52 years. She predeceased him March 2018. He is survived by their daughters, Ann M. Ambiel of West Roxbury, and Christina Donald (husband Colin) of Dundee, Scotland. He is also survived by his sisters, Hannelore LaQua and Waltraud Barriere of Arizona, and their children, and grandchildren. In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mildred and Ronald Arntz of Westwood, MA. Horst worked as a mechanic and bus driver for Sansone Motors. He later worked in the Transportation Department for the Boston Gas Company in West Roxbury for 27 years, and was a proud member of the 12003 Steelworkers' Union. Horst was a sports fan. He enjoyed horse racing, baseball, soccer, football and hockey. He was quick to laugh, and always had a twinkle in his eye. He made friends easily, and will be dearly missed. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held at The Gardens Cemetery in West Roxbury, on Saturday, March 16, at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to one of the following organizations: Good Shepherd Community Care, 90 Wells Avenue, Newton, 02459; Springhouse, 44 Allandale Road, Jamaica Plain, 02130; or Rose's Bounty, 77 Stratford Street, 02132. The family gives special thanks to the staff at Springhouse, Good Shepherd

## Deaths

Community Care, and members of Stratford Street United Church, who provided so much love and care. Schlicht und einfach war dein Leben, treu und fleissig deine Hand. So vieles hast du uns gegeben, nun ruhe sanft und habe Dank. Folsom Funeral Home. www.folsomfuneral.com

### HARRIS



Seana Kimberly, 30, of Marshfield, formerly of Roslindale passed away from complications of asthma on February 16, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. She leaves behind her sons Anthony, 12, Cameron, 10 and Slater, 2. She is survived by her loving parents Paula MacIsaac Harris of Marshfield, formerly of Roslindale and Michael Harris of Marshfield, formerly of Jamaica Plain to whom she meant the whole world. She is also survived by her sister Tara Nevins of East Boston as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. Seana was born August 28, 1988. Her greatest joy in life was being a Mom to her boys. She was so loved and will be missed by many. She is pre-deceased by her grandparents Gloria and Gerald MacIsaac of Roslindale and Mary and Christopher Harris of Marshfield, formerly of Jamaica Plain. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 22, 2019 in St. Mary of Sacred Heart Church, Hanover. Interment Couch Cemetery, Marshfield. Arrangements by William J. Gormley Funeral Service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Seana Harris Memorial Fund. [https://www.gofundme.com/5jiejpwg&rcid=r01-155054539766-48ca602471&pc=compnmt\\_w](https://www.gofundme.com/5jiejpwg&rcid=r01-155054539766-48ca602471&pc=compnmt_w)

### JACKSON

Edward H. Of West Roxbury and West Harwich, March 4, 2019. Beloved husband of Janice (Healy) Jackson. Devoted father of Edward P. Jackson of Boston, Kerry A. Foley and her husband Joseph of West Roxbury, Michael G. Jackson of Dedham, and Kevin J. Jackson of Stoughton. Grandfather of Thomas, Jack, Matthew, Kaylee, and Braelyn. Vietnam Veteran, U.S. Navy. Studied at Northeastern University. Member of the Winthrop Knights of Columbus and the Cranberry Valley Golf Club, West Harwich. Sales manager for Air Purchases Inc. of Burlington for 34 years. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, March 9, in St. Mary's Church, Dedham.

Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edward's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Online guestbook at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500

### McCARTHY

Ellen Lee Of West Roxbury, formerly of Mission Hill, March 6, 2019, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Daughter of the late Anne and Charles McCarthy. Loving sister of Catherine and Robert Dawson of Medford, the late Mary Duffy and her husband George Duffy of Weymouth, John and Marie McCarthy of Stoneham, James and Judy McCarthy of Hyannis, Charles McCarthy and his wife Theresa Fitzgerald of Roslindale, and Gerard and Theresa McCarthy of Plymouth. Survived by her godson Kevin Duffy, and his fiancée Stephanie Cameron of Easton, and her niece Elizabeth Roosevelt and her husband Brian of Marshfield, her nephews James Dawson and wife Tiffany of Billerica, John McCarthy of Stoneham, Stephen McCarthy of North Carolina and Brad Dawson of Medford. Survived by her partner and best friend Diane Joyce, who lovingly and tirelessly functioned as the primary caretaker for Ellen throughout her illness. A dedicated lifelong educator in the Boston Public Elementary School System, former long-term director of the Early Learning Center at the Jackson Mann School in Brighton and finally as principal of the Alexander Hamilton Elementary School in Brighton. Special thanks to all the professionals, nurses, aides, etc. whose efforts allowed her family to care and provide for Ellen in her home. Thank you to the Joyce family, Phillip, Judi and Jennifer for your love and support. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, March 11th at St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington Street, West Roxbury. Interment Mount Benedict cemetery. Donations in Ellen's memory may be made to the Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, One Edgewater Drive, Suite 103, Norwood, MA 02062-4674. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home. 617-323-5600

### MONTGOMERY

Richard Boyd Born June 6, 1941. Died March 2, 2019. Beloved son of the late Samuel Boyd Montgomery and the late Jane (Flood) Montgomery. He spent his professional career in Human Resources Administration. He was a retired Commander in the United States Navy Reserve. He resided in West Roxbury, MA. He leaves his wife, Geraldine (Sousa) Montgomery, his daughter, Sarah (Montgomery) Tomlin and her husband, Brian Tomlin, his son Benjamin Charles Montgomery and his wife, Kazuko Montgomery, his sister Carol (Montgomery) Donaldson and her husband, John Anthony Donaldson, several nieces and nephews and several

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grandchildren. Services private. [www.lawlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawlerfuneralhome.com)

**MOORE**

Paul P. Of Hyde Park, March 1st, age 65. Beloved husband of the late Christine A. (Wilbur). Devoted father of Gardner P. Moore of Hyde Park, and Julianna A. Moore of Bangor, Maine. Brother of Thomas and Evelyn, also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services are private at the family's request, with a Memorial Service to be announced at a later date. For guestbook and full obituary, please visit [thomasfuneralhomes.com](http://thomasfuneralhomes.com)

**OLIVER**

Harold Lee Of Roslindale, age 81, passed away on March 8, 2019. Beloved husband of Sally "Sue" (Wong) Oliver. Devoted father to Lori and her spouse Lee Oliver of Worcester, Linda and her spouse Wayne Chiappini of Carver, Harold Oliver of Bridgewater, Leslie and her significant other Edward Henderson of Rockland and David Oliver of Roslindale. Most loving Papa, to his youngest grandson Vinny, 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and survived by several nieces and nephews. Lee was a dedicated hard worker, he took pride in everything he did. He enjoyed spending time with his family, telling old stories, working on his garden, listening to Elvis and going to the beach. To fulfill his wishes, his family will be having a "Celebration of Life" on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Relatives and friends are invited to attend at the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lee's memory to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute P.O Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284 or via [dana-farber.org/gift](http://dana-farber.org/gift)

**PALTER**

Susan Susan Palter, aged 67, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved daughter of Barbara (Leverant) and the late Samuel Palter. Cherished sister of Mona Palter, Gary Palter and Lisa Krosnick and her husband Steven. Loving aunt of Rebecca and Sarah Krosnick. Lifelong and devoted Red Sox fan. Susan loved her family, friends, teaching and her students. She was much loved

in return and will be greatly missed by all. Services for Susan will be held at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, 1668 Beacon Street, BROOKLINE on Thursday, March 14th at 12:30 PM. Interment to follow at Custom Tailors Cemetery, 776 Baker Street, West Roxbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Susan's memory may be made to Dr. Joyce Liu's Research Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445. Stanetsky Memorial Chapel 617-232-9300 [www.stanetskybrookline.com](http://www.stanetskybrookline.com)

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Nicholas P. Of Hyde Park, passed away peacefully on February 28, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of the late Dorothea M. (Currie) Repucci. Loving father of Karen Repucci of RI, and Cindy Jones and his son-in-law Mark, of Carver. Dear brother of Patricia Picardi of Peabody. Cherished grandfather of Courtney, Nicholas "Nick", Adam, Mason, and 1 loving great-grandson Jordan. Also survived by several nieces, nephews and friends. Late employee of Boston City Hospital and Roche Bros West Roxbury. Committal service private. [www.Russofuneralhome.com](http://www.Russofuneralhome.com)

**THURM**

Jennifer L. "Jennie" Of West Roxbury, March 6, 2019. Cherished daughter of Mary-Ellen (Driscoll) Thurm and the late Gil Thurm. Beloved sister of Michael Thurm and his wife Erin Hurney of West Roxbury, and Jeffrey Thurm of London. Loving aunt of Stella and Finnegan. Dear granddaughter of the late Frank and Sis Driscoll, and Leo and Rosalind Thurm. Also survived by many

loving aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jennie's memory may be made to Plymouth Nursing and Rehab, 123 South St., Plymouth, MA 02360, or to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215. Jennie's family is grateful to her caregivers throughout her life, especially those at the Plymouth Nursing and Rehab. Interment will be private. Guestbook available at [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com) Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

**VOZZELLA**

Lorraine "Rainy" (Owen) Quietly and peacefully departed this life surrounded by her loving children on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Washington Hospital, Fremont, CA. Beloved wife of the late Theodore "Ted" Vozzella. Loving mother of Donna Skelley and her husband Randy of Livermore, CA, Deborah Martin of Franklin, MA, Theodore Vozzella and his wife Lea of Canton, MA. She also leaves her five precious grandchildren, Ashleigh Martin Polvado, Michael Vozzella, Gregory Skelley, Christopher Martin, and Marina Vozzella, and her two great-grandchildren, Corey Martin and Lola Grace Polvado. Beloved daughter of the late William H. and Agnes M. Owen, and stepdaughter of the late Eleanor Owen. She was the much loved sister of the late Eleanor Sifferlen, Dorothy Owen, and Barbara Owen. Sister-in-law of Henry Vozzella and his late wife Verna of Sharon, and Natalie and Arthur Robicheau of West Roxbury. She also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. Lorraine was born June 9, 1932 in Boston, MA. She attended the public schools of Dorchester, MA and was a graduate of

Dorchester High School. Mrs. Vozzella was an active member of the Church of St. Gerard in Canton, MA. As a result of her generous spirit and outgoing personality, she was loved by many. She will be remembered for her love of entertaining and cooking, whether it be her summers on Cape Cod, or weekends by the pool in Westwood, MA. Her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her. We will always remember the compassion-

ate care that she received at the Washington Hospital. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, March 8th in St. Gerard Majella Church, Canton, MA., Interment New Westwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to her favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For guestbook [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

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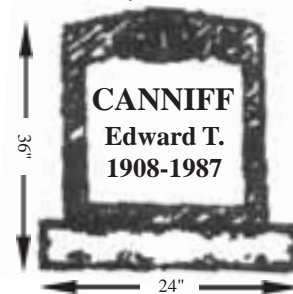
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## Safety Concerns *continued from page 1*

decreased since she became captain on the day before Thanksgiving.

"My goal is to improve your quality of life," she said. "My main concern is to keep you safe. I just want to improve the roadway itself and to keep the speed down."

A couple of residents stressed that drivers not only speed late at night, but also before and after school. This also happens on Centre St.

"They are going at least 40," one person said. "But when they get to Dedham, the speed limit changes to 25."

Resident Mario Durso suggested that, to combat the speeding on Centre St., an island be created to narrow the road.

WRCIA co-president Marty Keough added that pedestrians need to be vigilant when they are crossing the streets.

"Sometimes you see people crossing the street, and the light has changed," he said. "They are either looking at their cell phones or staring off into space."

Other neighbors advocated for stop signs and speed limit signs on private ways feeding into Washington Street.

City officials also addressed the speeding and traffic issue.

Jack Duggan, the mayor's liaison from the Office of Neighborhood Services, discussed the Vision Zero program. The program will be implemented to redesign roadways to increase visibility, reduce speed and increase safety for pedestrians as well as different types of vehicular trans-

portation.

"The Boston Transportation Department is doing testing now," he said, noting the concerns of parents around the Beethoven and the Ohrenberger.

He added that Mayor Martin J. Walsh is considering lowering the speed limit to 20 miles per hour in residential areas from 25. This received backlash from the crowd.

"We can't even get them to drive 25," one of the dozen residents in attendance said. "That's ridiculous."

Shannon Murphy, the West Roxbury liaison for City Councilor Matt O'Malley added that the councilor hosted a successful community meeting concerning traffic issues attended by about traffic and safety concerns about two weeks ago.

"That was the best community meeting I ever attended," one resident said. "I really felt like we were being heard."

Some concerns raised that Duggan and Murphy said they would address included the possibility of additional crosswalks and signage.

"We only have one major crosswalk at Grove St., and it's diagonal," said Kathy Merageas.

Regarding crosswalks, Murphy noted that they only can be placed where there are curb cuts so they can be accessible.

"The problem with signage is that people request it, and we put it into BTM," she said. "Then others complain that it is too much."

Despite the speeding furor, Boston Police Department District E-5 Community Service Officer Edward Roach there were only seven robberies reported in the WRCIA area.

"On Feb. 11, at the Dedham Wholesale Tire, four tires were stolen," he said. "At 225 Partridge St., a victim with a camera caught someone stealing a package."

Roach added that "the best protection for package delivery is to use an Amazon locker or to have it delivered to a neighbor who will be home."

In addition, a cell phone was stolen out a person's sneakers at the West Roxbury YMCA on Feb. 17.

In a separate theft from the Y, "someone broke a combination lock and stole a wallet and a pair of sweatpants and used a credit card to make purchases," Roache said.

Electrical equipment was stolen from Rockingham Rd. on Feb. 26. On March 8, there was a larceny on Partridge St. of credit cards.

"There was also a report of a lost or possibly stolen property on Cass St.," Roache said. "The purchaser never got the package, but it was reported that it was delivered. But typically if you get the date, the company will replace the package."

Roche noted that, in the district over the past decade, part one crimes such as these have been at a "double-digit decrease every year for the past ten years."

When you think of that, it's really impressive," he said.

Noting the closeness to St. Patrick's Day, Murphy invited the group to join O'Malley to attend his Irish Flag Raising Event at Boston City Hall. This event will begin with a reception on Thursday morning, March 14th at 11:00 AM in the Piemonte Room (Located on the 5th Floor), followed by the Irish Flag Raising at 1:00PM on Boston City Hall Plaza.

"The guests of honor include representatives of the consulate general of Ireland in Boston, Consul General Fionnuala Quilan, and Vice General Aoife Budd," she said. "There will also be live performances from Annie Cheevers and Mack Geiss, dance performances from the Mary Heavey-Quinn Academy of Irish Dance, a capella performances by Boston Latin School Treble Choir and Boston Latin School Wolftones, and instrumental performances from the Boston Police Gaelic Column."

In other news, Keough announced that there will be elections for new officers at the next WRCIA meeting. He and co-president Timmy Sullivan have decided to step down once their terms end. "I've been doing this for three years, and I really love it," Keough said. "But I have a family, and it's time for some new blood."

He praised Sullivan for his technological expertise, getting the WRCIA a Facebook page and being dedicated to the group.

There will be no April meeting. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in West Roxbury.



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Business owners Sieh and Leah Samura presented their plan for the small site last week.

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Chief Executive Michael Dundas said it is already doing very well in their stores.

“It’s doing very well and it’s only been a week,” he said. “It’s been an honor for me to work with these two in just the last six months. We had this accelerator program and we only took in three groups... Leah and Sieh were, I think, the first to be accepted.”

The couple said they would not require nearly as many deliveries as a retail shop, would have very few staff and no loud signage. Leah said they would have only enough product on site to facilitate their infusion projects, which would be kept in a locked pharmacy cage.

“We would also have electric locks, off-site monitored alarms, exterior lighting, a night vision cam with fill coverage, video access monitoring and recording and motion sensors,” she said.

Sieh said they would be creating recipes essentially to give to wholesalers to produce.

“We’ll be using the office for planning and recipe refinement to produce craft wholesale products,” he said. “We’ll also be using it for community relations, public relations, wholesale distribution training and education.”

The couple used a map during their presentation that showed the location is more than 500 feet from the Home for Little Wanderers and the Brooke Charter School, and more than half a mile from the proposed retail shops at 883 Hyde Park Ave. and the newly-proposed 721 American Legion Hwy. retail shop.

“It’s really an adult intersection, you’ve got a liquor store there, a gas station and an auto repair shop,” Sieh said.

Sieh also said the small staff and scope of the proposed business would not really affect traffic. He said they’ve been using the office now for three years for other parts of the business and their nonprofit company.

“We know the site really well, I mean we’ve been struggling to get the snow and ice

out of there in this last storm, but we’ve been doing it and we know the neighbors really well,” he said. “We’ve heard no added concern. I mean, we’re not going to have delivery trucks pulling up all the time and I just want to reiterate, this is not a store, this is a place where we report to in order to build products.”

The pair said they would be working on installing a ventilation system as well to limit the nuisance of odor, and as they will be cooking they will be installing filters and vent fans similar to those one might find in a restaurant.

They said they would also be updating the look of the building during the renovation.

For the license, the pair are going through the process under the economic empowerment application, making them one of about 120 applicants. Sieh said they are grateful for the boost from the state.

The cannabis prohibition has been miserable, and a tragic failure due to greed and ignorance,” he said. “This is just my opinion, but if you have time I’ll defend it vigorously.”

Leah said she has been working in the nonprofit sector for about 20 years now as a certified tech trainer, working for the Urban League, the United South End Settlements and the WIC Center in Roxbury. Sieh said he first saw the potential for cannabis helping people when he returned from serving in Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2004. He said he returned to the United States with post traumatic stress and chronic back pain.

“I had some medicinal cannabis from my wife Leah and it radically changed my life,” he said.

The couple said they want to address the damage of the drug war by helping to move small business along in their community.

“This has made our neighborhoods violent with the drug ware, it’s made people distrust their healthcare system and

even their law enforcement,” he said. “People like myself can see the prohibition as a miserable failure and something we have to proactively dismantle and take apart, because even after legalization, the stigma endures.”

Residents did not speak in opposition to the proposal, however one resident asked how the couple came up with the idea of Purient Bedroom Cannabis and if it actually works.

“It’s been 23 years we’ve been together, just come talk to me,” Leah said, with a laugh from the crowd.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19D0242DR**  
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**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.**  
February 22, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
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As for the testing that leads to the admissions process, it too is Big Business. Heck, we wouldn’t be surprised if there were kickbacks from the #2 pencil people to muscle out the #3 competition.

Yes, there is something noble about higher education, but don’t for a second lose sight of the mountains of cash made from issuing sheepskins and tasseled hats. No colleges seem to have knowledge or involvement with the pay-to-play admissions process that is at the heart of the recent controversy, but their legal business plans are not really that much different.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department  
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU19P0414GD**  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
**In the matter of: Joanne Walsh** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: West Roxbury, MA** **Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Retardation of Boston, MA  
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Joanne Walsh** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that  
Susan Braus, Esq. of Hingham, 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 **03/21/19**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**  
**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
February 26, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
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# Letters

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The Highrock SW Boston Church is offering a series of free Free English Conversation Classes on Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Roslindale Community Center, 6 Cummins Hwy, Roslindale. Classes are for non-native speakers to practice their English skills and learn about different activities, such as going to the doctor and applying for a job. Classes will run through June. For more information email [info@highrockswboston.org](mailto:info@highrockswboston.org).

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Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ 2:00 - Mel Simons will be regaling us. He will do the audio clip trivia quiz: playing voices of famous Bostonians past and present. We will have to guess the owner of the voice! It's a lot of fun!

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Roxbury Historical Society QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? RSVP Sandi [serkessandra@rcn.com](mailto:serkessandra@rcn.com)

## GARDENING LECTURE — "TRANSFORMING YOUR PERSONAL SPACE: FROM BACKYARD TO GARDEN"

Hosted by The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury. Please join us at the Elks Lodge, 1 Morrell St., West Roxbury, on Wednesday evening, March 13th, for this informative talk by award-winning local landscape designer Sally Muspratt. "A private garden space," says Muspratt, "is one where you feel you can be your true self, whether others can see you or not." Attendees will learn ways to separate and join public and private spaces, as well as techniques for creating privacy in residential gardens. Doors open for sign-in and light refreshments at 6:30 PM on the 13th; the lecture runs approximately 7:00-8:30 PM. No reservations required - a \$7.00 donation is requested at the door.

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