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Hundreds of Boston parents huddled into the Roche Center in West Roxbury for the first of 10 meetings regarding the change in start times for the Boston Public Schools.

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Moratorium called for school start times

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On Monday, the City of Boston and the Boston Public Schools (BPS) District held the first of 10 hearings with the public on the new school start time schedule. The meeting was held at the Roche Center in West Roxbury.

The consensus of the meeting was that changing school start times to, in some cases, a more than two-hour change from this year's start time, was a really bad idea. Exactly 150 residents piled into the community center, as that is its capacity required by the Boston Fire Code. Later, several side rooms were utilized to let the overflow crowd in, but parents and residents were not happy with the fact that the BPS has underestimated the size of the crowd.

John Hamlin, Chief of Operations at the BPS, said the change in elementary school start times was put together by the district after several meetings with the public, but parents said those meetings were not all they could have been. It was pointed out that all the meetings were held at the Bruce C. Boiling Building and not out in the neighborhoods. One parent said she was incredulous as to why the



Residents confronted Boston Mayor Marty Walsh on Sunday during the Washington and Grove Street Christmas Tree Lighting for the BPS change in school start times.

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school changed the elementary school start times in the first place, since the aim of the change – which residents said was a good idea – was to have later start times for high school students.

Residents pointed out that while most, if not all, elementary school students need to take the yellow bus, high school students have the option to take the T or walk to school. Hamlin said it was a problem of logistics.

“The data actually shows that 25 percent of our high school students in the BPS receive yellow bus services,” he said. “It’s actually a significant

portion of our high school student body that requires bus service, and takes up 20 percent of all students on buses in the BPS.”

Hamlin said they currently have 600 buses making about 1,500 trips every morning, and that increasing the number of buses so that every student can get to school in the preferred 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. range would cost the district about \$100 million.

Regardless of the reasoning for the time changes, resident Sapna Padte said the lack of communication with par-

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Roslindale saw faster commute times these past two Tuesdays, as the first trial run of the dedicated bus lane on Washington went into preliminary operation.

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Bus lane on Washington St. appears a success

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Transportation Department, the MBTA and the Boston Police started an operational pilot program last Tuesday for a dedicated bus lane on Washington Street from Roslindale Square to Forest Hills.

Boston Chief of Streets Chris Osgood said the pilot has gone very well, and they will start again with the bus lane in the spring. He said once the data has been totally collected, they will look at possibly making the lane permanent.

“It’s been fantastic, today and last Tuesday were kind of the operational test, where we’re understanding how do we make it work for bus drivers, how do we make it work for people riding the bus, for cyclists etc., so we’re learning where we put the cones, how we manage intersections and it’s been a good learning experience over the last two days,” he said. “The next step is essentially to figure out the right way to run that pilot; its evaluation, its impact on bus travel times, whether people use the corridor, the impact it has on residents and then make a decision on what comes next.”

He added that the spring test

will be a bit more comprehensive.

“Essentially, the plan will be to do a longer term, multi-week test, for which we will actually do a more in-depth evaluation,” he said.

Osgood said the pilot was relatively easy to organize in terms of parking disruption, as they chose a day when people aren’t allowed to park on the street anyway.

“These days align with street sweeping, and this is the day that this curb is actually more or less free from midnight to 7 a.m., and we simply extended the parking restriction from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.,” he said.

However, not everyone had such an easy time adjusting to the new traffic pattern. As organizers and city officials were observing the traffic flow, a sedan clipped a school bus traveling in the lane. State Rep. Russell Holmes and other organizers helped to pick up after the errant vehicle’s crash debris.

The main concern of advocates before the tests were that the buses could have trouble passing cyclists, as the bus lane was not wide enough for both modes of transit to pass each other. Alan Wright, founding

Bus Lane

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Scores of residents came out on Sunday for the second annual Menorah Light in Adams Park in Roslindale.

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Roslindale Menorah Lighting shines in Adams Park

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

About 70 residents came out on Sunday for the second annual Menorah Lighting in Adams Park.

The event was BYOM, or Bring Your Own Menorah, and dozens of candle sets were brought out in the cold afternoon hours to bring light during the High Holy Day. Resident Rachel Nenner-Payton said her 9-year-old son, Eli, actually came up with the idea last year.

“My son has always been acutely aware of the fact that there’s not a lot of public Hanukkah display or celebration in Boston and Roslindale. It

was last year, possibly the day after we found out who our next president was going to be,” she said. “I was personally distraught, and my son Eli and I were walking through the square from school and the Christmas tree was up. He sighed heavily and said, ‘Oh ma, I don’t understand. Hanukkah is before Christmas, how come there’s a Christmas tree up and no Menorah. I thought well, there’s lots of things I could do to address this, and instead of a big explanation, I said how about we get some Menorahs in Roslindale Square.’”

Nenner-Payton said it was as easy as that, and after talk-

ing with the Roslindale Main Streets, she, her family and about 50 other residents came out in the blistering cold and wind last year to dedicate the Festival of Lights.

“Impulsively, without really pausing, we walked into Roslindale Main Streets,” she said. “They said that they had thought about it, but they get the tree from the city and they don’t have a way to get a Menorah and they said it may be too late this year to actually get a Menorah, one of those gigantic Menorahs that are semi permanent, so can we get people to bring their own

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MHMC hears Home for Little Wanderers redevelopment plan

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Home for Little Wanderers met with the Mount Hope Mount Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHMC) last Thursday to discuss plans for redeveloping the group's site on American Legion Highway in East Roslindale.

The site, which is also the meeting place for the MHMC, would tear down the old building and have 120 residential homeownership and rental units installed to help pay for the Home's new office building. Home representatives Renee York and Duane Jackson said they had originally started work on at least rehabilitating the site three and a half years ago, but said they found even a band-aid rehab – not even a renovation – would have cost way too much money for the Home.

Residents said they were not opposed to the idea of the Home redeveloping, but found the plan very ambitious.

"I have the utmost respect for the Home, I remember it here when it was the Roslindale General Hospital, but I am really concerned about the impact on the neighborhood," said Russo Funeral Home owner Joe Russo. "I am looking at it personally and there is no way that I can see this fitting into the community without disrupting the community."

DHK Architect Tosh Taketomo tried to get through the presentation for the planned rede-

velopment, which featured two buildings, one M-shaped, five-story building where the Home currently sits and one rectangular building on the east parking lot site, but residents kept asking about the proposed density of the building and why the Home couldn't do something smaller. Jackson pointed out that they are already not going to make any money off the redevelopment in terms of actual profit, and have had to obtain federal tax credits and partner with the Dimock Health Center to make the funding numbers work to their satisfaction.

In fact, Jackson said they could build 27 town houses on the site as-of-right (which would not include a site for the Home) but that the City of Boston said the administration would not support that plan.

"It's because Boston is currently struggling with a housing crisis," he said. "You roll your eyes, but it's true."

Residents also brought up the issue of parking. While the new building would have parking spaces for 120 vehicles, both in the Home's office and the residential section, residents were concerned that workers and residents would be parking on the nearby streets, creating problems for current residents. Taketomo said the idea behind the spaces would be that the spaces would be used by the Home's employees during the day and by the residents at night, but residents didn't buy that explanation.

The area already suffers from only having one bus run through the neighborhood, and Taketomo added that more residents could help advocate for better bus service from the MBTA.

"I certainly want to see the Home thrive, but it puts us in this dilemma," said MHMC member Rick Yoder. "We have 6,000 residents living in this immediate neighborhood, I don't think a few hundred more is going to get us better bus service."

State Rep. Russell Holmes said it's more a chicken and egg argument.

"The reason you don't have more bus service is because you don't have anybody waiting on the bus stop," he said.

Taketomo went into the design of the buildings during the presentation, and said he wanted to create spaces with a lot of balconies and bay windows to break up any feeling of boxiness that many residents have come to dislike. He said the town houses in the building, set at three stories on the west side of the site, would act to break up the view of the building.

He also said the M shape of the building allows for two courtyards in the south section, further increasing greenspace. He also said the existing tree line on the south part of the property would most likely not be touched, and if construction does take any of those trees out they would replace them. He said the same goes for the current western portion of the site, which is screened by trees. He also said the four oaks

currently lining the entrance to the site would also not be touched.

"The oak green trees that we're maintaining and reinforcing as a community asset, it's the front door for the home and the housing

block," he said.

Taketomo also said that the current majority of blacktop on the site would be eliminated, as all parking would either be underground or covered.

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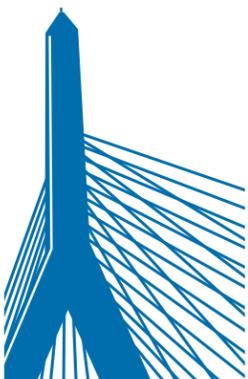
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A valid Christmas question

Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

There are lots of eternal questions that surface at this time of the year.

I don't mean the usual ones that rise any time during the year, such as how can there be anything outside our universe? Can a multi-verse be bigger than our universe? How high is the sky? Which came first, the chicken or the egg? How can a loving God permit such much evil in the world? Can God make a square circle?

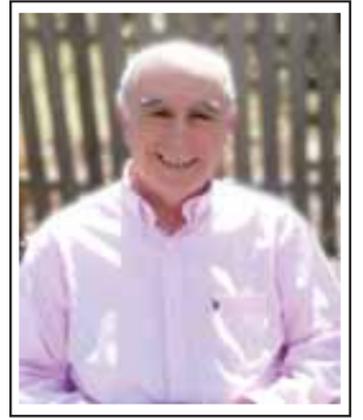
And neither am I referring to the Santa Claus questions. Does he sleep with his beard above the blanket or underneath (as first probed in "Miracle on 34th Street?") How does he fit down the chimney? How does he enter homes without a chimney? How does he make so many stops in a single night, or the one

published (along with the insightful response) in The New York Sun by a curious Virginia O'Hanlon, is there a Santa Claus?

With lyrics composed in 1862 by James Chadwick, the hymn from which the above four lines are excerpted is known for its prolonged "Gloria" just preceding the Latin phrase "in excelsis Deo."

The questions so apropos at this time of year are taken from the carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High." The inquiry, addressed to field hands, succinctly poses, what's all the fuss about?

The answer to the inquiries is the same; it is all about a special occurrence centuries ago in today's war-torn Middle East that almost defies human belief.



My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

If the human mind has difficulty wrapping itself around the concept of an omnipotent Creator, then to wrap the brain around a human image is more doable.

Sometimes sentences, such as the first one at the beginning of the excerpted first verse, do not need verbs to convey meaning. Truly, this interrogatory is one for the ages, past and future.

Letters to the Editor

BAG ISSUE A NON ISSUE

To the Editor:

Don't know if it's just me, but I don't see all the controversy over a plastic bag ban coming to a business near you. Why the Retailers Association of Massachusetts is opposed to it is beyond me. The prohibition applies to those single-use plastic shopping bags we see at all our supermarkets. This trade group apparently doesn't like the idea of forcing retailers to charge at least 5 cents for reusable bags covered by the new city ordinance.

I can tell you from firsthand knowledge while visiting Austin, Texas for the past several years, plastic bags like Boston's hardly scratches the surface of any draconian measures by supermarkets.

Whenever shopping down in Austin supermarkets, I always carry my own bags or buy a great, sturdy reusable bag for 25 cents. These bags can last up to five or six months. It is good for the environment and actually good for supermarkets and their customers.

Kudos go to the Boston City Council for passing this ban unanimously and quickly.

Mayor Walsh's concern over this 5 cent bag fee is not necessary. In Texas, the same outcry was heard before implementation, then once in force everyone saw no great change or hardship. The worst thing is forgetting to bring your own shopping bags. Spending 25 cents for a great reusable shopping bag is no big deal. If you forget to bring your own bags, you spend another quarter.

After a while, people don't even think about the ban as they get used the new status quo. They never go to a retailer without a bag of their own.

Politicians opposed to this plastic bag ban need to stop scaring people and encourage folks to see it as something positive. No one is going to starve because they have no shopping bag.

Sal Giarratani
Boston

no direct cost attached to their consumption – people throw away what is free. It is for this reason that the Boston City Council plastic bag ordinance will add great value to our civic life through creating a cleaner and healthier environment and a more conscientious behavior towards disposing of trash. Contrary to what some claim, we already are paying for the plastic bags that stores dispense, the cost is hidden because it is included in the price of what we purchase. Contrary to the perennial paranoid conspiratorial thing of Mr. Shurtleff, the Boston City Council is not following the mandates of the United Nations in enacting this common sense measure, rather it is doing the right thing for improving the quality of our life. I do enjoy readings Hal's letters, however.

Alan Wright
Roslindale

BAG ORDINANCE WILL ADD GREAT VALUE

To the Editor:

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To the Editor:

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Menorahs?"

Nenner-Payton said it was just that easy.

"We decided we wanted to create light and community and bring people together," she said. "I wanted my children to know that you can make things better even when you're concerned about how things might turn out."

Both children and adults came out to light the candles and sing songs dedicated to Jewish life and the holiday, including the Latka Song, detailing the questions of a latka before it is made into the pancakes many residents use to help celebrate the holiday.

Rabbi Barbara Penzer said several dedications and blessings before the candles were lit. She said she practices out of the Temple Hillel B'nai Torah in West Roxbury on Cory Street, and that she was delighted to come out for the celebration.

"It was Eli's idea, and it's just fun," she said. "There's not a service, we say a blessing that we're thankful for this holiday and we remember the miracles of our past. We light the lights, and tonight is the sixth night and there's a lot of candles and singing."

Resident Mark Kaufman said it was a great celebration and he was happy to come with his family for the first time.

"We all converted to Judaism last week, and we thought this would be a really good way, indoctrination into the re-

ligion," Kaufman said, adding he was just joking. "I think, especially given what's been going on in the last year or so, it's an important community event that brings people together, promotes unity and, plus, you get to know your neighbors at a time when you really could use some more of that in our lives."

Kaufman added the event itself promotes community and understanding, but in Roslindale and in at least his local Jewish tradition, diversity and unity are gaining a lot of ground.

"I feel like the more the years pass here, we've been here for seven years, I see more diversity even within the Jewish religion," he said. "The temple that's sponsoring this, Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, you're seeing more same sex couples, more interfaith couples and more interracial couples than I've ever seen before. Even though it is a Jewish tradition and a Jewish holiday, I think there's a lot of unity, tolerance and acceptance in it now in Roslindale."

Residents Rebekah and Chris Pierson said they came out to help their friend Rachel and celebrate the holiday, and perhaps they both exemplify the unity Kaufman had mentioned.

"We're all together, but I'm the gentile of the family, but we light the candles every night, when we remember, and we're doing it because we're locals, we live a couple of blocks that way. Our kids go to school right there, so this is our neighborhood," he said. "We were here for the tree lighting, too."

Rebekah Pierson said being an interfaith family just gives them more holidays to celebrate. However the weather made it a bit difficult. The hot chocolate, and at least a dozen boxes of Joe worth from Dunkin Donuts were nearly empty by the start of the blessings.

"Oh my gosh, it's very cold, but at least it's not as bad as last year with the wind whipping about. We couldn't get the flames to light!" she said.

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member of Rozzie Bikes, said the bikes and buses have gotten along very well during the tests.

“I rode it last Tuesday morning with several other bicyclists, and we had no problem sharing the lane with buses and other bicyclists, who commented on social

reservation was that the lane worked well and I hear that those who rode bikes in the lane felt safe and comfortable doing so. There will be a need to trim a couple of street trees back to avoid branches scraping on bus windows, but other than that this appears to be the first step on proof of concept

parking for residents as well.”

The Arborway construction is expected to be completed by the end of the year, so when the MBTA and the city tries again in the spring that, at least, will be one less thing to worry about.

Resident Sam Jay said he

“I rode it last Tuesday morning with several other bicyclists, and we had no problem sharing the lane with buses and other bicyclists, who commented on social media saying the same.”

- Alan Wright

media saying the same,” he said. “It was a great ride, as we were not squeezed in between moving and parked cars and did not have to worry about car doors opening.”

Matt Lawlor, a cofounder of Walk Urban Planning Roslindale (WalkUP Roslindale), said he took the bus from Cummins Highway to Forest Hills last week during the first test.

“The ride all told took under 10 minutes, with about two to three minutes of that time taken up with getting through the intersection at Ukraine Way/Washington Street right before Forest Hills, where the exclusive lane ends,” he said. “My ob-

for this important improvement to bus transit service in Roslindale and hopefully in other parts of the city as well.”

Resident Bart Frost said he’s seen some better travel times on the route since the bus lane pilot was tried, but he felt that regardless of the traffic on Washington Street, the Forest Hills construction for the Arborway still had an impact.

“It’s good, but once it gets up to Forest Hills, where all the construction is and it has to merge, it slows down,” he said. “It’s kind of a mixed bag; I think they need to figure out the Forest Hills thing first before they make this permanent. I wonder about

had a good experience with the bus last week.

“I tried it out last week and I got to work much faster. Hopefully, I’ll get to work much faster this week as well,” he said.

Recent resident John Young said he came out on Tuesday to try out the new dedicated bus lane.

“I just moved into Roslindale from Jamaica Plain and I heard it went really well last week so I’m excited to try it this week,” he said.

Resident Kiesha Pasley said she takes a different approach to riding the bus.

“I can’t really say, I don’t really pay attention. I sleep on the bus,” she said laughing.



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School Start Times *continued from page 1*

ents combined with the inadequate room for the meeting itself was not a good sign to parents that BPS is on top of what parents face to get their children to school in the morning. She said that she feels the BPS doesn't trust parents enough to make informed decisions on matters of school start times, which is why the district, in her opinion, didn't properly engage with residents in the surveys and community meetings leading up to the start time announcement, and she said she finds that lack of trust to be the most disturbing.

"Things like this turnout tonight, this happens because parents are engaged, but the Office of Engagement is the department that is paid to make this happen and that department's budget has been annihilated over the years, which is why you are scrambling to get these meetings done, and now you're behind the 8-ball," she said, also calling for a moratorium on the start times. "This type of feedback takes time and energy to listen to and absorb and digest; really, you're back-ending it and squeezing it in before school ends on Thursday. We know you're well-intentioned, I don't know anybody who gets into education who isn't well-intentioned, so take that time and opportunity to lay it out for all of us. The 7:15 to 1:15 is a hit to

us, but it is more of a hit you didn't take into account our ability to think on this."

Residents were also concerned with the apparent lack of common sense put into the process of figuring out the school start times, including parent Jill Maguire, who said she has two

Dorchester because his morning routine is extensive. He needs a nurse to be on the premises at all times and a full-time paramedical staffer to be present with him at all times.

"If these changes go through, I'll be up at 4 a.m., and he'll be up at 4:45 so he can get every-

ally want my husband to never see my son?" she asked, visibly distraught.

Bernazzani then asked why the Boston Public Schools Special Education Parents Advisory Council was not consulted before these time changes, especially since her son's needs

going on the bus at 4:10 p.m., I was pissed... He's home by 4:45 p.m., I want him home by 4 p.m."

Resident Sherri Terrance, a parent of the JFK School, said she currently has a 5-year-old getting on the bus at 7:20 a.m., and she's not comfortable with her going any earlier, when it would be dark. She added that because of her work she has to pay for the after-school program at that school, and she's less than impressed with it.

"I had to fight last year because the after school program based in the school was horrific, the fees were out of the park. They changed it whenever they wanted to change, and I think the idea that we want students out of school before it's dark is great, but now they're getting to school in the dark," she said.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy, District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley, At-Large City Councilor Mike Flaherty, State Rep. Edward Coppinger and State Sen. Michael Rush all called for a moratorium on the plan to give residents and the district about a year to go through the process. At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu was in attendance for the meeting, but did not speak during the proceedings. She had said previously she would not vote for the BPS budget if this schedule change was implemented.

"With coaching, he'll now be home at 7:15 p.m., my son goes to bed at 6:30 p.m., he has a life expectancy of 15, do I really want my husband to never see my son?"

- Resident Mary Jane Bernazzani

children at the Haley School in Roslindale.

"My sixth grader is held to a standard of revising his work, proving a claim, and providing evidence and reasoning for his work," she said. "Where is your claim, evidence and reasoning that these changes are okay? The transfers you are about to see if this goes through, you will not be able to handle. Where is the care for our special needs students? They are the kids who need the most attention from you and you have paid them no regard whatsoever... You cannot solve this problem with a computer program."

Resident Mary Jane Bernazzani said one of her sons has severe special needs, and currently gets up at 5:45 a.m. every morning to catch the bus to the Henderson School in

thing accomplished to get him on the bus by 6:30 a.m., that's ridiculous," she said. "He needs one-to-one care, where is an after-school program for special needs?"

Bernazzani said she currently works part-time as a teacher in the BPS, after her full-time position became untenable.

"I get out early at lunch time so I can pick him up at 2:15 p.m., am I just not supposed to work?" she asked.

She said her husband also works as a BPS teacher and coach. She said if these new start and end times go into effect, he would not be able to see his son since he himself would be getting out later.

"With coaching, he'll now be home at 7:15 p.m., my son goes to bed at 6:30 p.m., he has a life expectancy of 15, do I re-

could not be met at any other school.

"We met with the Boston SPEDPAC before a School Committee meeting in November, but at that time we didn't know what the start times would be for specific schools," Hamlin said.

Doris Wu, a parent at the Irving School and the Bates School (at least 16 different schools were represented by parents at the meeting) said she feels the start time issue is actually a symptom of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's initiative to increase learning time by 40 minutes for all BPS schools.

"I love the BPS, however I think you guys are compounding the problem, you should take away the 40 minutes of extra learning time altogether," she said. "When I heard my son was



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BOGNI



Eleanor J. (Beltramini) Longtime resident of West Roxbury formerly of Hyde Park, December 17, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Joseph V. Bogni, (WWII Army POW, Boston Police Retired) for 65 years. Devoted mother of Elinor L. Bogni of West Roxbury. Dear sister of Robert Beltramini of TX., and Paul Beltramini of Walpole, Ernest and Albert Beltramini. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visiting hours in the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury on Thursday, December 21st from 10-11am. Followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury at 11:30am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Eleanor's memory to the charity of your choice. For directions and guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com.

CATALFAMO

Joseph V. Sr. Of West Roxbury, on his 94th birthday, Dec. 14, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Ursula Catalfamo. Loving father of Mary and Ken Downey of West Roxbury, Susan and Harold MacIsaac of Norwood, Nancy and Steve Brooks of Florida, Joseph V. Jr. and Terri Catalfamo of Roslindale, Ursula Patterson of West Roxbury and Joanne and Michael Tarpey of Easton. Devoted brother of Connie Marino of Canton. Joe is survived by 12 loving grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian

Burial was celebrated in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Visiting hours was in the funeral home. Interment was at St. Michael Cemetery. U.S. Army veteran WWII, member of the West Roxbury Knights of Columbus, Council 3049 and a 4th Degree Knight. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Joseph's name to the Deutsches Altenheim Activity Fund, 2222 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132 www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home.

COGGIO

Patrick A. Of West Roxbury, Dec. 6, 2017. Beloved husband of the late A. Teresa "Terry" (Greene) Coggio. Loving father of Carol (Coggio) Faherty and her husband Brian of Hyde Park. Devoted grandfather of Anna Teresa and Patrick T. Faherty. Brother of the late Josephine Palladino and Marilyn McGee. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., West Roxbury, on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa Church at 10 o'clock. Visiting hours Monday 4-8 p.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. For directions and guestbook gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

CONNELL

Ted C., 63 of Roslindale and Santa Monica, Calif. died of natural causes on Nov. 21, 2017. Beloved son of the late Marie (Sullivan) and Bernard, beloved brother of the late Dennis, Katherine Shields, Linda and husband Jack Higgins, Bunny Cecchetto and many nieces and nephews. And best friend Ruby Menendez. Ted enjoyed reading, writing, surfing, skateboarding, and biking. We will miss him always. Funeral Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Roslindale.

KUPSTAS

Lisa Ann Kupstas of Roslindale passed away in her home, on Nov. 1, 2017. The daughter of John Joseph Kupstas and Dorothy Louise (Colvin) Mahoney, Lisa is survived by her son, Edward Colvin; her brother, Gregory, her brother, Dean, her nephew, Joel and nieces, Anastasia, and Katrina. Lisa was born in Norwood, lived in

Attleboro and graduated from Bishop Feehan High School. She graduated from Boston College with Bachelors and Masters degrees in Psychology. Lisa was always extremely socially and politically conscious, and active in both realms. She tried to make a difference in the world and in people's lives. She chose social work as her vocation and spent much of her life helping others through that work. Lisa was a vibrant and positive member of the community, and she will be dearly missed. Services were privately held.

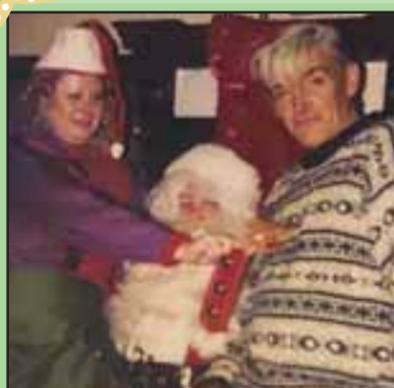
McGEE



Charles W. (Ret. BFD) Age 100, passed away on Dec. 12, 2017 at his home. Longtime resident of West Roxbury formerly of Roslindale and Roxbury. Son of the late Charles and Catherine (Dougherty) McGee. Beloved husband of the late Cecilia (Cuddy) McGee for 66 years. Father of Deborah Allen and her husband Michael of Norton and Charles J. McGee and his wife Tania of N.J. Dear Papa to Matthew and Priscilla Allen, and John McGee. Brother of the late Eleanor Rock and Dorothy McGee. Also survived many nieces and nephews. WWII Army Veteran, served in Germany and France. Charles served the Boston Fire Department with Engine 13, Ladder 12 Company, Tremont St. and Grove Hall. Visiting hours were in the P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charles' memory to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101. For directions and guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com.

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All faith traditions are encouraged to attend and faith leaders are asked to dress according to their tradition. The service will be followed by a light luncheon at 1 p.m. **Neighborhood**
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munity leaders, service providers and advocates are encouraged to be present. Also as the sunsets at 4:15 p.m., a group will be gathered with luminaries at Park St. Station. For more information please contact: Michael Bancewicz at Moxie12794@aol.com

ALLSTON/ BRIGHTON

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A book discussion meets at the Brighton Branch Library on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. The featured selection for December 27th will be *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams. Copies of the book are available at the library. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617)782-6032.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU17P2473PM**

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

In the matter of: **Kayla B Armbrister** RESPONDENT
Of: **Hyde Park, MA** (Person to be Protective/Minor)

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

Dwayne R. Armbrister of Hyde Park, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Kayla B Armbrister** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **01/04/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, **Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**

Date: November 24, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/21/2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

DOCKET No.SU17P2583EA

Estate of: **Margaret M. Wallace**

Also Known As:

Date of Death: **September 23, 2017**

Suffolk Division

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Linda Vitiello of Scituate, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Linda Vitiello of Scituate, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

DOCKET No.17P2680

Estate of: **Helen M Murray**

Also Known As:

Date of Death: **December 11, 2016**

Suffolk Division

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

Petitioner **Edward M. Murray of Norwood, MA**

Edward M. Murray of Norwood, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU14P1073GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

In the Interests of: **Albert Bushelle** RESPONDENT
Of: **Hyde Park, MA** Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114

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

Peter Murfitt o/b/o Park Place Rehab of Hyde Park, MA

In the above captioned matter requesting that the court;

Remove the Guardian

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/01/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Witness, **Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of said Court**

Date: December 06, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/21/2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU17P2605GD**

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

In the matter of: **Albert Bushelle** RESPONDENT
Of: **Hyde Park, MA** Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

Peter Murfitt of Hyde Park, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Albert Bushelle** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Susan Kaplan of Westwood, 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 10:00A.M. on the return date of **02/01/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, **Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**

Date: December 06, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DOCKET No.SU16P1145EA

Estate of: **James J. Malloy**

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

Date of Death: **01/08/2016**

To all interested persons:

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

Thomas J. Couste of Washington, NH

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/17/2018.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of this return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: December 06, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/14/2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No.SU17P2135EA

Estate of: **David P. Grenier**

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

Date of Death: **08/19/2017**

To all interested persons:

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

E. Scott Elba of Chestnut Hill, 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:

E. Scott Elba of Chestnut Hill, 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 01/01/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: November 20, 2017

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Call for artists announced for MLK and Coretta Scott King Memorial

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with the Boston Art Commission and MLK Boston, today released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an artist to create a memorial dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King in Boston.

"A memorial honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King will stand as a symbol of our commitment to fulfilling Dr. King's dream each and every day," said Mayor Walsh. "From their education in Boston, to Dr. King's time preaching at Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury, to his march to the Boston Common, the Kings' footprints left a remarkable impression on the City of Boston and its people. This memorial will be a great way to recognize their

influence on the City and to emphasize our continued effort to make Boston a place where all people have equal opportunities."

MLK Boston is a new non-profit organization partnering with the City of Boston to create a world-class memorial for Boston that highlights Coretta Scott King's and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s impact and connection to the City.

A key goal of the memorial is to serve as a call to action that compels the community to confront racial and economic inequality, discrimination, immigration and other relevant social justice issues.

"As someone who grew up in Boston, I was always aware of Dr. King's work and still look to his words for inspiration today," said entrepreneur and founder and co-chair of MLK Boston, Paul English.

"I am delighted to participate on a team from across the city to memorialize his work, and to think about what he would be working on if he were still with us."

MLK Boston is hosting a community meeting on Jan. 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Piemonte Room on the fifth floor of Boston City Hall, where the public will be invited to share their thoughts and ideas for the memorial.

The international RFQ is open to all artists, architects, landscape architects, or design teams with experience in public art, site responsive design, project management, and construction administration. Artists from the Boston area are encouraged to apply. The location of the memorial has not yet been determined.

The deadline to respond to the RFQ is

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 by midnight EST. The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee, and up to five artists will be invited to develop design proposals. Each of the five finalists will receive a \$5,000 stipend for developing design proposals.

"Using arts and culture as a vehicle for dialogue within city-wide conversations about race and class divisions in Boston was one of the goals identified in the Boston Creates cultural plan," said Julie Burros, Chief of Arts and Culture. "I can't think of a better way to advance this dialogue than to commemorate the person who serves as such an inspiration to so many of us as a champion of civil rights."

For more information on the project, visit the website here. www.mlkboston.org

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