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Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Saint Nick rang in the holidays last week at the first city-sponsored tree lighting in West Roxbury.

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West Roxbury finally has their own tree

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While the community of West Roxbury has for years celebrated the start of the holiday season with a Holiday Wreath lighting, this year the neighborhood has finally got a Christmas tree to call its own.

The city held the event at this year's Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour at the Hastings Street Parking lot. The site also had a holiday market that attracted more than 400 residents and revelers to the site. Com-

plete with cider, singers, food and representatives from various community organizations, the night was a full four hours of fun, culminating with the arrival of Santa Claus via a ride from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh.

Danielle Joseph, Executive Director at the West Roxbury Main Streets, said organizing the new event was a big task.

"So for a few years now there's been talk of having a tree in West

Tree Lighting

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City Councilors Matt O'Malley and Anissa Essaibi-George (left and middle) honor West Roxbury veteran Bud Waite (right).

PHOTO BY TRENESSE FRANKLIN

Consulate awards Waite the Légion d'Honneur

Trenese Franklin
Staff Reporter

Friends, family and city officials gathered on Dec. 2 to witness World War II Veteran and West Roxbury resident Edwin "Bud" Waite be awarded the French Legion of Honor.

There wasn't an empty seat at the ceremony, which drew in a crowd of about 100 people. Rev. Enid Watson, Co-Pastor of Stratford Street Church, helped to host the event.

"We are very proud and delighted to welcome you all here today," Watson said.

The ceremony then commenced by the singing of the French and American National Anthems. Everyone stood to their feet and honored both the French and American Flags, which were held up by Veterans of West Roxbury's VFW Post 2902.

"We have a number of distin-

Waite

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WRNC to allow VFW station expansion

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council voted on Nov. 28 to recommend for approval to the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals an expansion of the Mobil Gas Station at 1465 VFW Parkway.

The station currently has a gas station and a small shed structure, but the proposal from owner Mark Biarbarkerly would keep the gas station as is and install a 2,000 square-foot convenience store. The proposal would also combine the two lots at the

WRNC

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The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council approved a proposal for an expansion of the Mobil Gas Station on the VFW Parkway.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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Roxbury, because it used to be that we'd have just the Wreath at the Roche Center, which everyone loved, but working with Jack Duggan at (Boston Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services) we were able to get a tree because the WRMS Board and the community was really hoping for it," she said. "With the tree coming to Hastings Lot, we figured let's do something big, let's get a lot of energy around the lighting."

Joseph said though the organization was tough, getting everyone together for the event was not.

"I think we've at least had in between 300 to 400 people here, it's a little nuts but the (District E-5) Police here have done an amazing job with the traffic and the crosswalks and ONS has done an amazing job just getting the word out, so we're really excited to have the mayor see what we can do in West Roxbury when you bring us

a tree," she said.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley was on hand during the event, and he said, "This is fantastic. For years we've been saying that it made sense for us to have a real tree lighting here, we appreciate the wreath lighting, and obviously some constraints prevented us from doing this before, but to be back here, to hear the carolers over the sound of the wonderful kids who have filled up the Hastings Street Lot, this is a great celebration of the neighborhood, great celebration of Christmas and a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season," he said.

Residents Scott and Christine Bortolotto said the event was amazing, but next year they may come more prepared to shop.

"I haven't been in a couple of years and it seems very nice. I like how the stores are set up and it looks really great," she said. "I didn't get

any shopping done just because I brought the dog from home and I don't want to bring the dog into the crowd."

Scott Bortolotto said the community coming together for the event really made the holiday spirit come alive for him.

"I like it; I like the tree, I like bringing the neighborhood all in one spot. It's a good crowd and I've seen a ton of people," he said.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh asked the crowd how they felt about the new tree to a chorus of applause.

"Instead of a wreath you got a tree. We've got some good money in the budget, thank you for that," he said. "I want to thank you for coming out. I have to tell you, the sight of the market and the kids' faces here tonight is just incredible. I want to wish everyone in West Roxbury a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Make sure you shop on your local Main Streets."

Residents Kaitlin Kincaid, Ann Kelly and Lauren Trimble said they were happy the venue had moved, as the sidewalk in front of the Roche Center always got very crowded.

"It was dangerous and too narrow on the sidewalk for

the amount of people and traffic," Kincaid said.

Trimble said the atmosphere and the crowd was amazing to see.

"I think it's really nice for the local businesses, it's good for the kids too, everyone's out and having a good time," she said.

Residents Erin Marie Schlossberg, her husband Evan and friend Gerli Butler said they came out for the first time, mainly because of the age of their daughter.

"This is a first for all of us, we're all West Roxbury residents, but now the kiddo will remember it," said Erin Marie.

Butler said the event has been a great success.

"It's been pretty good so far, everyone's here, we're just waiting for the Trolley, Santa and the mayor," Butler said.

Residents Beth Opiyo, Alana McCarthy and Katherine McCarthy said they have not been to the Trolley Tour in West Roxbury before, but said this holiday party was everything they could have hoped for.

"It's really fun, very cute and there's lots of kids," said Opiyo. "We've been here 30 years plus, and I think we would definitely try to come back."



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Bell-ringers wanted! Both Roslindale and West Roxbury community organizers are looking for volunteers this holiday season.

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Parkway needs volunteers

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Parkway is in need of volunteers more than ever this holiday season, with several groups coming together to support both local and national charities.

Jim Hennigan, the current interim president of the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association (WRBPA)

said while the Thanksgiving Mary Mulvey Jacobson Families in Need program was a great success, they still need more help for the Christmas delivery.

“The Thanksgiving delivery went exceptionally well, being the first year after Mary Mulvey passed away and Mary was always the key person, we had many people come together to get volunteers and make sure we had our list of families,” he said.

Hennigan said this year they were able to deliver more complete holiday meals – including the obligatory turkey – to more families than ever.

“Last year, we delivered 120 meals, this year we gave out to 148 families,” he said. “It was very successful and we’re doing it again on Dec. 21 for Christmas meals. Overall everybody was

Volunteers

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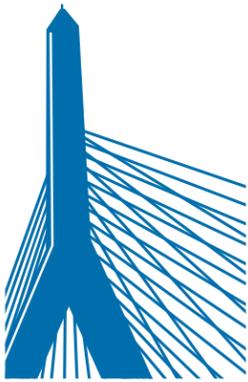
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Letters to the Editor

SPRAGUE STREET EXTORTION

To the Editor:

As reported in the Nov. 30, 2017 edition of the Hyde Park Bulletin, a recent meeting was conducted by BRA/BPDA for the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) regarding the proposed massive 521-unit apartment complex along the side of the Sprague Street Bridge in the Readville neighborhood. If the reader is unfamiliar with an IAG, it is a group of neighborhood residents nominated by local elected officials to sit with the BRA and the project proponents to ascertain the appropriateness and future ramifications of the proposal if implemented. This writer attended the aforementioned meeting and, quite frankly, left with a good bout of nausea.

For virtually the entire meeting, the city Councilor and the BRA manager were coaching the IAG members on how to ask the proponents for things the members might like to have. They were urged to prepare a "wish list." BRA, oddly in my view, repeatedly gave an example of asking that the developer provide some of the new solar-powered trash cans throughout the Readville neighborhood. BRA prefers to call this procedure

"mitigation." But indeed it is more accurately described as extortion. On this night the Impact Advisory Group appeared to be serving as an extortion committee. One of the IAG members rightfully proclaimed that in his view the group should be assessing whether the proposal is acceptable before drafting up a list of requests.

It should be noted that a neighborhood group, Citizens for the Preservation of Readville (CPR), conducted a thorough petition drive throughout the entire neighborhood and gathered close to 400 signatures from residents opposed to changing the current light industrial zoning so as to accommodate this apartment complex. At the end of the petition drive, we could see that 89 percent of the residents were opposed, 9 percent were unaware of the proposal or needed more information before forming a decision, and 2 percent were not opposed. These opponents were vehement in their decision and did not make it contingent on what "goodies" we could extort from the proponents.

Craig Martin
Readville

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Seasonal traditions bring a smile

As a young boy, I was fascinated by Jordan Marsh's fifth floor annex: that's where the Christmas toys were, a long time before toy stores came to populate the area.

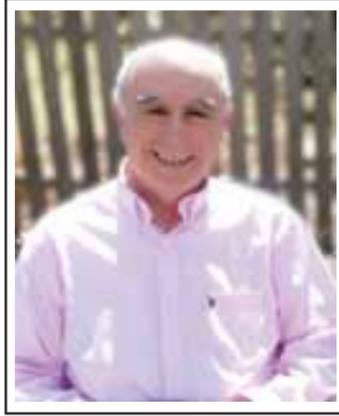
And on that floor only was a huge electric train display, featuring Lionel trains running every which way.

As a teenager, I was mesmerized by Downtown Crossing in mid-December. Jordan Marsh's windows, Filene Basement's hustle-and-bustle, the all-encompassing products of Woolworth's, the sports equipment in Raymond's, and the milieu of Gilchrist's.

As a young father, I delighted in my children's eyes as they viewed the Enchanted Village of Jordan's/Macy's and tasted the ice cream sundaes of Bailey's served in pewter.

As a father of teenagers, I was not stirred by the modern malls' blaring of seasonal music. Repulsion set in upon viewing various impersonations of Santa outside grocery stores, virtually destroying the magic in the eyes of very young shoppers in strollers.

But now in the autumn, if not the winter, of my life, there's one store that seems to capture the "old-fashioned-ness" of Christmas,



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right out of a L.L. Bean catalogue or a Hallmark made-for-television show. It sells plants, food products, various non-edible items, and even real Christmas wreaths and trees by the hundreds (no artificial ones at this store).

The few aisles are not numbered, nor do they have cutesy road names, such as Park Street, Centre Street, and Belgrade Avenue. Nor does this store feature numbered aisles.

Just as an aside, how many grocery shoppers would calmly tolerate being told, after a question about the location of say, gluten-free maple syrup, that "It's in the Hastings Street aisle." Hmmm. Why do stores think we need this familiarization

with local streets? And what's with one supermarket's idea of posting the numbered aisles with a useless zero, perpendicular to the products? Thus aisle 8 appears as 08 written at a 90-degree angle next to generic categories.

Back to the quintessential Christmas store: it straddles the Jamaica Plain-Brookline border on Allandale Road. There's a dirt parking lot. Don't bother looking for any white lines indicating parking spaces. There might even be a fire in an outside barrel to warm your hands, with an aroma of burnt pine wafting across the parking lot. There are no flyers mentioning sales or prices. There's not much heat inside: most clerks wear flannel shirts and stocking hats. Only heaven knows if there's a public restroom available.

For some great seasonal warmth, head to the Allandale Farm and Roadstand, shortened by locals to merely Allandale Farm. There's always produce but no meat; yes, the prices are - well, you be the judge - and there might even be a truck there selling fresh fish on Wednesdays.

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RVMS Hosts 2nd Annual Holiday Market

Posada Navideña coming on Dec. 16

This December brings the return of Roslindale Village Main Street's Holiday Market on Birch Street, a festive event to bring residents, visitors, and local businesses together to celebrate and shop for the season. The Holiday Market will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. on Birch Street between Corinth and South streets. Birch Street will be closed to traffic for this special event.

Visitors can enjoy treats from the Whoopie Wagon food truck, free hot chocolate, holiday classics sung by caroling group Songful Artists, and play-based activities for all ages, in collaboration with local group Roslindale

Wants to Play. JP Honk Band will perform throughout the Village and at the Commuter Rail Station, and the folk-rock band Rock 'n Roll Dreamers will play inside Emerald Society Building during the event.

The Holiday Market will also feature over 20 visiting vendors, offering everything from French soaps, to art and prints, pottery, locally-made honeys and sauces, jewelry and accessories, children's books and clothes, and more. Vendors will be located inside the Emerald Society Building at 10 Birch St., as well as two vacant storefronts at 22 Birch St. and 756 South St.

The surrounding shops and

award-winning restaurants will feature special sales and menus during the market. Birch St House & Garden and Joanne Rossman offer unique gifts, and the Boston Cheese Cellar will be serving mulled wine and their famous Swiss raclette.

As a special attraction this year, owners of the newly-announced brewery, Distraction Brewing, will be at the site of their future business at 2 Belgrade Ave. for a meet and greet.

The annual Posada Navideña is coming on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A true Mexican and now Roslindale tradition - the Nativity re-enactment of Joseph and Mary seek-

ing lodging. Come dressed warm and ready to carol for "Posada" or "Shelter" around the Village accompanied by Mariachi Estrella de Boston and expect to be greeted with goodies for the children, warm tamales, champurrado (hot chocolate) and other Mexican treats at the library.

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very happy, it was very well-received."

Hennigan said he knows Jacobson would be proud of the job they did this year in her name.

"I think Mary was looking over us to make sure that everything went smoothly, she would be very, very happy," he said.

The program also takes several families who are especially in need and helps with Christmas presents, clothing and other odds and ends they may need.

"There are three families this year. They are being sponsored

by the Parkway YMCA, the Stratford Street Church and local business, Top it Off," he said. "We may end up with another family; we're discussing that this week. It's great because three different groups have offered their help in making Christmas a great event for these families and their children."

Hennigan said they are also ramping up their Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringing Campaign at the Roche Brothers in West Roxbury.

"The other thing we're doing is the bell ringing, which is on-

going, and they can reach out to me," he said. "It's ongoing, like next week virtually every day is booked, but this week and the week after we have openings. But it's always a fluid thing. You have people calling in the morning and you may have 10 spots open but by the afternoon you have two. It's been very successful this year, we've been going since the Saturday before Thanksgiving and we're out there every day."

Hennigan said anyone wishing to volunteer for either the Families in Need program or the Kettle Campaign can reach out to him directly at WRBPA2@gmail.com.

Roslindale Business Group (RGB) and West Roxbury Roslindale Kiwanis member John Sullivan said he's ramping up the Roslindale Canning collection and bell ringing campaign as well. He said he's been out at the Roslindale Village Market most days. Sullivan said he has time slots open for Friday Dec. 8, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and has the 14th, 15th and 16th wide open, as well as Dec. 21, 22 and 23.

Sullivan said the donations have been rolling in, which will help the Roslindale Food Pantry and the Rose's Bounty Pantry at the Stratford Street Church.

"Everybody's been awesome,

people have bought me coffee, put in 20s, 10s and fives, there's a lot of people throwing in five bucks, everybody is so nice, it's unbelievable," he said. "They're so generous in Roslindale, I can't believe it. I had a guy run to the bank and get me a 20 and then run across and get me a cup of coffee."

Sullivan said spots fill up fast. "I had a woman call me today, she just took two hours on Saturday," he said.

Anyone wishing to donate can contact Sullivan at SullivanCoups@aol.com or give him a call at 617-510-6597.

Kiwanis Vice President Bob McNeil said they are also helping to fund local charities through the group's own efforts.

"This is probably the first year we've been involved in the canning part of it. We, of course, donate to the Roslindale Food Pantry ourselves," he said. "The Kiwanis makes a donation to Families in Need as well as individually. Members definitely get involved in assisting and delivering meals, similar to the canning. The club makes a donation to the Roslindale food pantry and I think John Sullivan wants to make their donation in conjunction with ours so we can donate together and individual members will put in the time to man the station there at the Village Market."

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Roslindale resident finalist on CPC, interviewing with City Council

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While it has been a long road since the Community Preservation Act (CPA) was passed last November, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) looks like it's starting to take shape.

The Committee on Government Operations held a hearing on Tuesday to hold the first interviews for the four resident finalists for the CPC. Government Operations Chair Michael Flaherty said they originally had 114 applications, and have now whittled it down to four.

The four finalists for the positions included Matthew J. Kiefer, of Jamaica Plain; Kannan Thiruvengadam of East Boston; Madeligne Tena of Dorchester; and Ying Wang of Roslindale.

Wang said she grew up in both Jamaica Plain and Roslindale, and has had a life dedicated to service, a life she has kept in Boston.

"I want to be a part of the CPC because I think it gives a voice to the city's residents," she said. "I am a lifelong Bostonian, I'm the daughter of immigrants and I grew up in the neighbor-



Roslindale resident Ying Wang has been selected as a final candidate for the city's Community Preservation Committee. The vote for the CPC will occur at least before the end of the year after further interviews with the council.

hoods of Jamaica Plain and Roslindale."

Now a practicing lawyer for both public and private services, Wang said she wants to continue that service for the CPC.

"I received my education through the Boston Public School system and I loved Boston so much I stayed for law school and right now I'm practicing law as an attorney at State Street in the business industry as well as serving in the military as a JAG (Judge Advocate General Corps) Officer," she said. "All the while I remain very civically engaged through my volunteer work

and it's one of my core values, so for me the interest in serving on the CPC is just giving back to the community that has given me so much and also just continuing to show that commitment to seeing this city flourish."

City Council President, At-Large City Councilor and Roslindale resident Michelle Wu asked Wang if she thinks she can remain objective in her votes to projects in the city seeking CPA funds.

"The incredible opportunity that we have as a city

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Wang

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WEST ROXBURY ROSLINDALE

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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HOLIDAY BOOK STROLL

The Friends of the West Roxbury Library is hosting a Holiday Book Stroll on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Authors Tonya Mezrich, Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge, Carter Alan, Hank Philippi Ryan, Hallie Ephron, Jay Hajj, Jane Healey, Upton Bell and Ron Borges and others will be in attendance with their latest books, which you can purchase and have signed while enjoying refreshments and mingling. They sign. You sip. Holiday shopping: done. Held at the West Roxbury Library.

ROSLINDALE VILLAGE MAIN STREET HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET ON BIRCH STREET

This December brings the return of Roslindale Village Main Street's Holiday Market on Birch Street, a festive event to bring residents, visitors, and local businesses together to celebrate and shop for the season. The Holiday Market will take place on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Birch Street between Corinth and South streets. Birch Street will be closed to traffic for this special event.

Visitors can enjoy treats from the Whoopie) Wagon food truck, free hot chocolate, holiday classics sung by caroling group Songful Artists, and play-based activities for all ages, in collaboration with local group Roslindale Wants to Play. JP Honk Band will perform throughout the Village and at the Commuter Rail Station, and the folk-rock band Rock 'n Roll Dreamers will play inside Emerald Society Building during the event.

The Holiday Market will also feature over 20 visiting vendors, offering everything from French soaps, to art and prints, pottery, locally-made honeys and sauces, jewelry and accessories, children's books and clothes, and more. Vendors will be located inside the Emerald Society Building at 10 Birch St., as well as two vacant storefronts at 22 Birch St. and 756 South St.

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Older Bostonians call loved ones

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Commission on Affairs of the Elderly and AT&T recently invited older adults to Boston City Hall to call loved ones anywhere in the world, free of charge. Now in its 21st year, the holiday celebration attracted hundreds of seniors who made phone calls to Finland, China, Cabo Verde, Haiti, Russia, Sierra Leone, among other places around the world.

"Today, I am calling Freising, Germany," said Dorchester resident Barbara Culbreath (right), 84. "I have relatives there. I no longer can make international calls at home, so this is an opportunity to speak with them."

"Being able to hear your loved ones' voice is priceless," said Mayor Walsh. "Having family in Ireland, I know that it is hard to be away from family, especially during this time of the year. We are proud to help older adults in Boston stay close to loved ones all over the world."

Lame Prifti, 84, of the Back Bay, made his call today to Albania.

"I am happy to call my friends and family," Prifti said. "I come every year."

South Boston resident Ann Japp, 82, moved to Boston in 1961. "I'm calling my sister and her family back in Scotland," Japp said. "I know she likes to get my call."

"We're happy to once again help Boston seniors stay connected with their friends and families living overseas this holiday season," said Patricia Jacobs, president, AT&T New England. "We hope this event provides a little bit of joy for Bostonians as we kick off this holiday season."

The event featured breakfast and lunch, access to representatives about cell phone questions, half hour phone calls to loved ones, and a

"Winter Wishes" arts & crafts project.

About the Commission On Affairs Of The Elderly

The Commission on Affairs of the Elderly facilitates full and equal participation in all aspects of life by older adults in Boston. The commission is dedicated to improving the lives of Boston's older adults by connecting them with resources and information, and it is focused on setting the City's direction for successful aging in Boston. Read the newly launched Age-Friendly Action Plan at www.boston.gov/age-friendly, and visit www.boston.gov for more information.

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site, which Biarbarkerly currently owns. Biarbarkerly said they originally received permission from the ZBA in 2010 for the expansion, but because of conservation issues and other concerns, the permits expired before they could build.

Celia Marcum, from development attorneys McDermott, Quilty and Miller, said they will have more parking for the convenience store, and Biarbarkerly said they would widen the space between the gas station and the neighboring apartment complex.

The proposal has zoning variances for side yard, backyard and conditional use violations. One neighbor, who said he lived right across the street, said he had safety concerns regarding expanding the store.

“Right now they get a few cars during the day, but if they have a convenience store there it’s going to be a lot more cars,” the resident said. “They take off at the traffic light and they pick up speed and when people are leaving the gas station you hear honking all the time with near collisions, just now, never mind with a convenience store.”

Members of the WRNC were concerned that the 2,000 square feet of space for the store could invite other stores in, like a Dunkin’ Donuts or McDonald’s.

“Well, maybe not a Dunkin’, since you have one right down the street, but it could happen,” said WRNC Stephen Smith.

The WRNC voted unanimously to recommend approval on the condition that it stays a convenience store and no other type of store.

The WRNC also postponed a hearing for a proposed redevelopment of 1895 Centre St., the current location of the Charles Obeid Insurance Agency as well as the West Roxbury Day Habilitation Center and several apartments.

The proponent of the proposal said they wanted to rework the development, but at the time of their submission the redevelopment would call for a four-story mixed-use building with 4,856 square feet of commercial space and 24 residential units. The plan also called for a floor to area ratio (FAR) of 1.9 and 25 off-street parking spots.

The WRNC also voted to approve several single-family improvements, including a second floor addition to 30 Casper St., which needed approval because it increased the FAR outside of zoning code regulations and had the previously existing condition violation of insufficient side yard.

A proposal for 70 Dwinell St. called for the addition of two dormers to the existing house and more floor space to the third floor. The third floor on the house was an existing condition, and the addition also increase the FAR to a violation, but the WRNC voted for it as the neighborhood was in support of it.

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to be receiving these applications and thinking about how to use this extra funding source, but given the vastness of the need and potential projects that will be coming before you, the types of communities that you are going to be asked to represent across the entire city, what is your commitment to communities in terms of engagement and what is your advice to people or organizations who are hoping to have something funded before you if you were to serve?” she said.

“I think it’s very important in my role to ensure that the benefits the CPA reach every Boston neighborhood in a transparent, fair and eq-

uitable way,” Wang replied. “I think for me I will definitely focus on making sure that all proposals are equally considered and given equal weight.”

Flaherty said they will continue the interviews for the CPC in the coming weeks. He said the process so far has been lengthy, but worth it.

“We had some highly-skilled and very talented committed residents of our city, unfortunately we could not select all of them,” he said. “It would be great to have all 114 serve. It was a very fair, objective and transparent manner. We appreciate everyone’s participation in holding those interviews.”

The city voted to approve the CPA back in November, which will put a 1 percent surcharge on every landowners’ taxes. The state then matches the funds raised by about 20 percent (the amount changes year-to-year based on contributions). The CPA is expected to bring about \$20 million next year (about \$4 million from the state) to the City of Boston’s coffers.

The CPC will be in charge of deciding which projects get the funds based on a sliding scale where most of the funds will be designated for affordable housing, while the rest will go to open space, public park projects and historic preservation.

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guished guests, besides Bud,” Watson said jokingly. “And I would like to invite our elected officials to come forward, City Councilor Matt O’Malley, Giselle Sterling, Commissioner of Veteran Affairs and (At-Large) City Councilwoman Annisssa Essaibi-George.”

O’Malley then took to the podium to commend Waite on his accomplishments.

“I have had the great pleasure of getting to know Bud and his family over the last several years,” he said. “I knew Bud was a veteran, but I did not know the extent of his legendary service.”

O’Malley explained that for Bud, it wasn’t about receiving recognition.

“It wasn’t about receiving accolades and it wasn’t about events like this. It was about supporting others,” he said.

O’Malley also gave a brief history of Waite’s life and expressed how much of an amazing person he believes Waite is.

“To the people of France, we are incredibly honored that you are recognizing one of our Native sons. In a time when we have such discord in this world and uncertainty in this country, one thing is certain: the men and women who served in World War II truly were the greatest generation,” O’Malley concluded.

Councilor Annisssa Essaibi George and O’Malley then presented Waite with a Councilor proclamation and congratulated him for being awarded the French Medal of Honor. Commissioner of Veteran affairs and Lord Mayor of West Roxbury and Post 2902 Commander Richie Gormley both spoke and congratulated Waite for a job well done.

The ceremony concluded with Boston’s French Consul General Valéry Freland presenting Edwin Waite with the French Legion of Honor.

“You are a true hero and you will be our hero forever,” Freland said.

As Waite walked to the podium, everyone in the audience cheered for him. He then took the microphone and expressed how elated and thankful he was for the honor.

“I’m pretty overwhelmed; I don’t know what to say. I can’t stop thanking people, there are so many on the list,” he said.

He then thanked his family and friends for supporting him and putting together the ceremony.

“I’m so honored!” Waite exclaimed.

Waite served in the Company L, 260th Infantry Regiment from July 1944 to August 1945. Stationed 16 months overseas as an automatic rifleman, Private Edwin Waite participated in assaults on enemy positions in France, Germany and Austria. After arriving in Metz, France, the 260th Infantry Regiment joined General Patton’s 3rd Army in an attempt to breach the Siegfried Line.

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City Council says yes to plastic bag ordinance

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted last week on an ordinance to ban thin plastic bags in the city and require stores to provide thick plastic bags for 5 cents apiece.

Ordinance sponsor and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley said the unanimous vote was a great victory for climate change advocates in the city and a good way to reduce litter in Boston. He feels the businesses are more than ready to step up to the challenge.

"As we have seen with every city or town that has opposed this, once they've gone into implementation you've seen the private sector really step up," he said. "You've seen individuals step up and offer reusable plastic bags... If passed today and signed into law, this will have a one-year sort of ramping up period."

He said the ordinance won't go into effect until a year from now, and added this would give them plenty of time to work with ABCD, the Boston Housing Authority, food banks, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families and farmers markets to make sure that residents are aware of the ordinance.

"We can work and we can do this well because we've seen it done well in other cities and towns. We have worked closely with our neighbors, we know what the recipe is and how we can do this and the benefits cannot be challenged," he said. "Let's write the Boston 'greenprint.'"

At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley acknowledged that the main point of opposition in the city has been that this would impact low-income families, who may see a 5 cent increase per grocery bag as a burden.

"Should this ordinance pass, I'd encourage the City of Boston to explore ways to ease the burden of what will really require a cultural shift by providing free, reusable tote bags at accessible and convenient venues throughout the city for our low-income residents and seniors," she said. "This ordinance is a critical step towards a greener, cleaner and more sustainable Boston."

Matt Seaholm, the executive director of the American Progressive Bag Alliance, said the passage of the ordinance was disappointing and believes the mayor should veto the legislation outright so that the council will have to go back and rework it.

"It was seemingly a backroom deal that transpired

over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend," he said. "Before that point we were under the impression that there was opposition in the Mayor's Office and City Council, but as it turned out there were some vocal members who were more interested in getting a feel-good ordinance through and gain political capital than make good policy."

Seaholm said it wasn't fair to the consumer. The ordinance would require businesses to use reusable, thick plastic bags instead of the single-use bags currently in circulation.

"What it ultimately does is punish those who can least afford it," he said. "That 5-cent fee might not mean a lot to city council members, but I can tell you a low income family in Boston who has to pay 50 cents every time they do their weekly grocery shopping it adds up, and it's noticeable to those who can least afford it."

Bradford Verter, Director at the Mass Green Network, said that residents are already paying for their single-use plastic bags, though they may not know it.

"Plastic bags are not free and we all pay for them. They cost grocery stores 4 cents each on average and that's folded into the overhead and the price of goods, it's just been a hidden cost and one of the things this does is make hidden costs visible," he said. "When that happens, residents bring their own reusable plastic bags very quickly."

Seaholm countered that the cost of the single-use bags is nowhere near as high as the thicker counterparts.

"I guarantee they are not as expensive as 5 cents, many of those bags are as cheap as half a cent. You're talking about taking a penny and increasing it by seven times the thickness," he said. "Typically, those bags for many retailers are going to be more than the 5 cents and that will heap additional cost onto the retailer."

Verter said that the city is currently paying much higher costs for the single-use plastic bags in terms of the problems they create when they hit the recycling stream, which recycling facilities are not prepared to deal with.

"The big problem is that bags gum up the works in recycling machinery at these big sorting machines that are run at recycling facilities and they just get totally jammed up with plastic bags. They have to hire people in eight-hour shifts to cut away the bags with box cutters or utility knives and they lose all this time," he said. "If

plastic bags get mixed in, then that contaminates an entire shipment and they have to hire someone to sort it or just dump it all. It's a lot of wasted money and lost opportunity and those funds could go to social programs or to any other thing. It costs taxpayers and anything that costs taxpayers money hurts low-income residents the most."

Seaholm pointed out that plastic bags do not make up a large percentage of the city's waste, but Verter said that waste is determined in tonnage.

"It's certainly not as much tonnage as refrigerators, I can tell you that," Verter said.

City Council President and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu said the ordinance, if anything else, is a mixed bag.

"So it's been an incredible honor to be part of this process and many others that the council has been working on to really plan and take actions for our next generations here in the city," she said. "This is a hard problem the city has been facing, representative of the larger problem of climate change and climate injustices that our country and the world is facing. To be totally clear, our current economic system, our current way of life and our society is headed towards a crisis point in terms of the global impact of a warming planet and changing weather patterns that we are going to see directly affecting Boston's bottom line and our residents' quality of life. This plastic bag ordinance is an example of a small step that is completely within the city's control to take."

Council talks Acoustics, Jackson Square Rec Center

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week and voted on several key topics around the city.

The most prominent was the vote to accept a \$2 million revenue increase from a tax payment on the Old City Hall after a lease renewal agreement. Committee on Ways and Means Chair and District 9 City Councilor Mark Ciommo said the funds would be put towards the Jackson Square Recreation Center in conjunction with non-profit Urban Edge, which has been on the minds of local residents for more than a decade.

"This \$2 million supplemental appropriation will support the creation of a new youth recreation center in Jackson Square, an effort that has been 15 years in the making," he said. "It was heavily-advocated by local youth and will be an integral part of the Jackson Square planning initiative. This is a great public-private partnership, I believe they have a goal of \$21 million to make this a reality and they're almost to \$18 million as we speak. The funding for this program is the result of a one-time payment to the city following the complete negotiation and extension of leases of old City Hall."

Ciommo said these funds will go a long way to seeing the recreation center through.

"It is clear that this renegotiation was a win for the city and the \$2 million in revenues will help close the gap in funding some much-needed community investment," he said.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley said the construction of the center will help to bring much-needed activities to the city's youth, in Jamaica Plain and beyond.

"This will be absolutely transformative for the youth of the City of Boston," he said. "For decades now the Kelly Rink has been a temporary outdoor facility for youth recreation and learning opportunities, it's been wonderful but it's time we had a permanent facility."

O'Malley said this initiative has been a long time coming for his district.

"This has been a labor of love that predates my election to the council seven years ago, and because of great leadership of Urban Edge and other great nonprofits of the Commonwealth and, most importantly, this \$2 million commitment from the City of Boston and this mayor will be absolutely transformative," he said. "We're in the end zone, this will get us to our goal. This is remarkable."

O'Malley said that activities for youth in troubled areas of the city are at least a way to help get kids off the streets and into more productive actions. He said he doesn't believe it would be a silver bullet for crime in the neighborhood, and thinks it could help. He brought up the original announcement of the funds from October, where literally across the street 16-year-old Gerrod Brown was fatally shot.

"On that day, just across the

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Ask The Doctor

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

To the Doctor: I need to replace all four tires on my 2008 RAV4. I have been pricing around and found many brands and lots of prices. One tire shop tried to talk me into a tire brand made out of the country that I never heard of. The tire and tread design looked good. What are your thoughts on non-brand tires made out of the country?

From the Doctor: Some tire manufacturers make a good tire while others are poor. I have used a few of the imported off-brand tires and found them to be high quality with a quiet tread design and great pricing, as well as good tire wear and mileage. The tire molds on a lot of the new imported brands use the latest technology to build a great tire. But, whatever brand you do buy, make sure you buy the correct tread pattern.

To the Doctor: I own a 2004 Honda CRV with 132,000 miles. There is a transmission shudder between 25 and 30 miles per hour under light acceleration. I took it to the Honda dealer and after confirming the condition, they checked the fluid level and condition and checked for any fault codes.

The fluid was full and clean and there were no fault codes. They suggested replacing the transmission with a Honda factory unit at a cost of \$3,800 plus; also, replacing mounts, drive axles and any other related worn parts. Other than the shudder, the transmission shifts perfectly. Do you have any alternative suggestions?

From the Doctor: The transmission shudder usually happens under light acceleration as you are experiencing. The feeling is also known as like driving over rumble strips. The most common fault is the torque converter not allowing enough slippage. Some vehicles require a computer software reprogramming to solve the problem, others can benefit from a transmission fluid change. If the filter is serviceable, replace it and use the correct fluid and a bottle of friction modifier. The transmission additive will actually lessen the friction properties of the fluid. In some cases this will solve the shudder. Another option is to push the small button on the shifter if equipped – this will prevent the torque converter from locking up, thus eliminating the shudder.

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Deaths

AHEARN
 Robert F. Retired Detective, BPD Homicide, of Sebastian, Fla., formerly of South Boston, Roslindale and Weymouth passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Nov. 23, 2017. Beloved husband of Ashley B. (Brown). Loving father of Robert J. Ahearn of Easton, John E. Ahearn and his wife Susan of Gibsonia, Pa., Catherine T. Hardy and her husband Paul of Roslindale, Laureen Flahive and her husband Michael of Foxboro and Michael P. Ahearn of Boston. Brother of Joseph L. Ahearn of Quincy, Paul D. Ahearn of Boston and the late Edmund V. and M. Judith Ahearn. He was the son of the late Edmund V. "Fast Eddie" and Margaret (McCarthy) Ahearn. Devoted Papa Birdie to his seven grandchildren who loved him very much. He is also survived by his former wife Rita Foley, his niece, nephew and his cherished fur baby Molly. Funeral was from the From the William J. Gormley Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was in Holy Name Church. P.M. Robert was laid to rest at a private burial in Mass National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the HALO Rescue, 710 Jackson Street, Sebastian, FL 32958. If you desire to send flowers, please no lilies due to allergies. Late U.S. Navy Veteran, Korean War Era.

DOLIN
 Patricia Frances (Donovan) At the age of 88, Patricia Frances Donovan Dolin passed away peacefully on Oct. 29, 2017 surrounded by loved ones in Carmichael, Calif. Predeceased by her true love Robert Carroll Dolin of Utica, N.Y. The daughter of John E. Donovan and Margaret M. (O'Connell) Donovan and youngest sister to Tom, John, Larry, Marguerite, Catherine and Theresa. She is survived by her children Eileen, Stephen, Brian, Becky, Mike and Lori, her grandchildren, Hannah, Sebastian, Jacqueline, Daniel, Josh, Jared, Matt and Kaitlin and her great-grandchildren Maci and Wyatt. Patricia was born on June 26, 1929 in Roslindale, Mass. She became a registered nurse and later was chief nurse of the 102nd Tactical Hospital of the Massa-

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chusetts Air National Guard. One of the first female Officers of the Air National Guard, she travelled widely and met her husband in France. Their paths crossed as a result of the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961/62. Prior to her marriage on Dec. 29, 1962 in Boston, she was awarded the Massachusetts Medal of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct. Working for the United States Government, she and Robert travelled widely before starting a family. In 1977 they moved to England and were stationed at RAF Upper Heyford until Bob's retirement in 1991. Her beautiful smile and unending kindness and belief in the goodness of everyone she met will be truly missed. Private services were held.

GLYNN
 Helen T. (Lord) Passed away on Nov. 29, 2017 in New Durham, N.H., formerly of Spring Hill, Fla. formerly of Roslindale. Beloved wife of the late Paul A. Glynn. She leaves her daughter Susan & her husband Jeff, her son Paul & his wife Sheryl, and her daughter Patricia. Loving grandmother of Matthew, Kaitlyn, and Shaun. Sister of Joan and Barbara. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery.

IANTOSCA
 Ida Mary (Chiarucci) Of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, Nov. 30. Beloved wife of Michael Iantosca. Loving mother of Michael of Lynn, David and Paul of West Roxbury and Stephen of Florida. Grandmother of Mark, Gianna, Derick, Angelina and Domonic Iantosca. Sister of the late Virginia Genevose, Josephine Gronokowski, Anthony and Lawrence Chiarucci. Funeral was from the Mann & Rodgers Funeral Home, 44 Perkins St. (corner of South Huntington Ave.), JAMAICA PLAIN. A Funeral Mass was at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Retired late receptionist at the Mount Pleasant Home, Jamaica Plain.

KENNEY
 Harold T., Jr. Harold T. Kenney, Jr., 66, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., passed away suddenly on Nov. 22, 2017 in Stuart, Fla. Born in Chelsea, Mass., he lived most of his life in West Roxbury, Mass., until moving to Florida in 2014. He was employed by the Massachusetts Army National Guard and retired after over 35 years in 2011 as a Sgt. First Class. Some of his hobbies were playing the guitar, working in his yard, and traveling to Egypt. He had numerous slides and pictures from

Egypt that were very important to him. He was the son of Harold T. and Ruth J. Kenney. Brother to Donald Kenney and his wife Lucy of Torrington, Conn., Kathy Squires and her husband Steve of Newfane, Vt., William Kenney and his wife Sybil of Holliston, Mass., and Susan Kenney of Franklin, Mass. He was the proud uncle of Lauren Sembersky of Stafford Springs, Conn., Amanda Barry of Holliston, Mass., Hannah Kenney currently living in San Francisco, Calif., William "Buddy" Kenney of Holliston, Mass., and Rebecca Kenney of Franklin, Mass. He was also the great uncle to five nieces and one nephew. Special friend to Donna Passerello. Services and Interment will be at a later date in Massachusetts. Online Guestbook at www.treasurecoastseawinds.com

LEARY
 Jacqueline E. (O'Leary) Of Naples, Fla., formerly of West Roxbury, Nov. 15, 2017. Cherished mother of Natasha (Leary) Peterman and her husband Robert. Loving grandmother to Robert William and Charlotte Ellen. Sister of John F. O'Leary and his wife Tomoko, Margaret M. Kelly and her husband Neale, Patricia Hickey and her husband the late Capt. William, BSP, of Roslindale, Joseph W. O'Leary and his wife Beth, of West Roxbury, and David G. O'Leary and his wife Marie, of Westwood. Beloved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral mass was held at St. Theresa Church. Interment Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Jacqueline's memory to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 2500 Adams Avenue. Scranton, PA 18509-1515. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

McCALLUM
 Margaret M. (Savage) Passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Nov. 28, 2017. Cherished wife of the late Jerome P. McCallum, former Lieutenant Detective of the Boston Police Department. Loving mother of Patricia McCallum of Milton, Brother Jerome P. McCallum Jr., MSA of Washington, D.C., Mary M. McCallum of Milton, Paul J. McCallum and his wife Teresa of West Roxbury, Chuck McCallum of West Roxbury, John E. McCallum of Holliston, Joseph B. McCallum and his wife Beth of South Easton, Peggy McCarty and her husband John of West Roxbury, Sheila Grimmel and her husband Bob of Roslindale. Also survived by her 16 adored grandchildren. Loving sister of Richard

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street of the Mildred Hailey Housing Development, a young man was killed,” he said. “I’m not naive enough to contend that had this youth center been there, that life would have been saved. However, it is important to note that this will give opportunities for kids to learn to skate, to learn to get exercise, to work.”

The council also voted to permanently enact the Acoustic on Main Ordinance, which allows any establishment to provide acoustic live music to its patrons, as long as there are no more than five performers.

“This ordinance is just a very minor amendment that would remove the sunset clause on the ordinance the council passed last year,” said City Council President and ordinance sponsor Michelle Wu. “We’ve heard from businesses and Main Streets directors that this has directly meant that not only are the Friday and Saturday nights the busy nights, but when they are able to have spo-

ken word or a local band there, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights are also filled.”

Wu said making the ordinance permanent would allow businesses to cut through regulations and fees to offer more entertainment options in the city, as many local music venues are finding it hard to pay the bills in the city’s boom of housing growth and property taxes.

“We’re trying to celebrate and build our arts community. We’re trying to support our small businesses, again the ordinance removed any permitting licensing registration fees, red tape for businesses to be able to offer acoustic live entertainment for up to five performers, just something that doesn’t disturb the abutting neighbors,” she said. “We’ve not received any complaints about this. We had passed this with a one-year sunset clause and I’m asking you to go over and remove that.”

District 5 City Councilor

Tim McCarthy said businesses in his district have made full use of the ordinance.

“Again, I have three Main Streets in District 5 and all three have utilized the Acoustic on Main to their Benefit,” he said. “Sunday mornings at Fairmount Grill, Sunday morning Jazz Brunch, it’s all because of Councilor Wu; it’s a great morning, you have to get there early and chicken and waffles is the go-to.”

The council also voted to accept a donation for the benefit of the City of Boston of three bicycles for the use by District C-6 of the Boston Police Department in South Boston. Sponsor and District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell said the bicycles will allow for continual contact and visibility within the South Boston neighborhood and help improve the day-to-day lives of residents, workers and visitors in the area, which will further facilitate the district’s services and benefit the residents of Boston.

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Savage of Needham and sister-in-law Pat Savage of Needham. Caring friend of Radel Lafalaise of Roslindale. Margaret will be dearly missed by the remaining members of the J.O.Y. Walkers. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the West Roxbury Community Center, 1716 Center Street, West Roxbury MA 02132 where Margaret spent many happy Friday afternoons with her friends. Funeral was from the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in The Holy Name Church. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours in The Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

PALIZZOLO

James R. “Krackers” Age 82, of Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Nov. 25. Born in South Boston, he was the son of the late Ciro and Margaret Palizzolo. Cherished father of Lauren Jordan and her husband Mike and Katherine Velander and her husband Greg. Proud grandfather of Eleroe Jordan and Keelan and Penelope Velander. Beloved companion of Karen Fucillo. Dear brother of the late William Palizzolo, Edward Palizzolo, Robert Palizzolo, Theresa Raso, Maryann Kulpan, and Elizabeth Scales. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Jimmy was a retired Boston Firefighter and an Army Veteran who loved to cook. Loved and missed by many, his stories and laughter will not be forgotten. Funeral was held at Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street,

WEST ROXBURY. A Funeral Mass was at Saint John Chrysostom Parish, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury. Interment took place at Massachusetts National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jimmy’s name may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd., Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

SCHLOSSBERG

Suzanne I. (Cohen), Nov. 29, 2017, age 74, of West Roxbury, formerly of Newton, Mass., Rochester, N.Y. and New York City. Much beloved wife of Carl Schlossberg for 52 years. Dearest mother of Evan Schlossberg and his wife Erin Marie of W. Roxbury and the late Eric Schlossberg of Santa Cruz, Calif. Cherished grandmother “Nina” of Juliana. Daughter of the late Harriet (Muscat) and Victor Cohen. Dear cousin of Naomi Stern, Isobel Perry, Ron and Gina Roose, Susie (& Tony) Picone. Treasured and adored friend of Sondra Lisson (& Dennis) Manitsas, Barbara (& the late Rabbi Dan) Kaplan, and Laurie (& Howard) Abel, Bob Stearns & Barbara Passman, and many others. Interment was Private. Donations may be made in memory of Suzanne to Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dana Farber, Faulkner Hospital, Doctors without Borders or to the ACLU. Suzanne was a graduate of the University of Rochester and Simmons College and a past member of the Antiquarian

Booksellers Association of America.

STANHEWICZ

Genevieve (Sikora) Of Roslindale, Nov. 29, age 94. Beloved wife of the late John J. Devoted mother of Richard and his wife Janet of Fairfield, Conn., David and his wife Molly of Warwick, N.Y. and Carolyn Solomon and her husband Steven of Foxboro. Sister of the late six brothers and one sister. Loving “Nana” of eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Funeral from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak St., HYDE PARK, Thursday morning at 9 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Most Precious Blood Church, Hyde Park at 10. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at National Cemetery, Bourne. Please in lieu of flowers all donations can be made to www.cchfoundation.net For directions and guestbook, please visit ThomasFuneralHomes.com Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home.

VOLTAIRE

Rolfe B. “Sonny” Of West Roxbury, Nov. 24, beloved husband of the late Victoria L. (Clark) Voltaire, loving father of Rolfe Voltaire of N.H., Brenda Ripp of Medfield, Julie Schleusener. His Funeral Service was at the Stratford Street United Church, 77 Stratford St., W. Roxbury. Interment was in Gethsemane Cemetery, W. Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations to the National Fragile X Foundation, www.fragilex.org would be appreciated.

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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.

Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/07/2017

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
17CVD1032

BETHEA VS. NOTICE-BETHEA

Lorraine Notice-Bethea:
Take notice that a pleading seeking a Final Divorce, Equitable Distribution, & Interim Distribution with attorney's fees has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
That the bonds of matrimony which heretofore existed between the parties be dissolved and that the Plaintiff be granted an absolute divorce from the Defendant. That the Court determine the marital and divisible property of the parties and make an equitable distribution of said property and grant an unequal distribution in favor of the Plaintiff pursuant to N.C.G.S. §50-20 et. seq.; That the Court make an interim distribution that the marital home is Plaintiff's sole property and that the Defendant be instructed to take steps necessary to have her name removed from the deed; That the Court order Defendant to pay Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees; That the costs of this action be taxed to Defendant; That the Court grants such other relief to the Plaintiff as the Court may deem just and proper. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than January 14, 2018 and upon failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.
This the 30th day of November, 2017.
Nicholas Dowgul
Felton Banks, PLLC
7406 Chapel Hill Rd., Suite H
Raleigh, NC 27607

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11/30/2017, 12/07/2017, 12/14/2017*

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“The Holiday Market creates a festive atmosphere where local retailers, artists, restaurants, and neighbors can come together on a chilly night and warm up with music and hot cocoa — all while shopping locally in the heart of Roslindale Village,” said RVMS Executive Director Alia Hamada Forrest.

The surrounding shops and award-winning restaurants will feature special sales and menus during the market. Birch Street House & Garden and Joanne Rossman offer unique gifts, and the Boston Cheese Cellar will be serving mulled wine and their famous Swiss raclette.

As a special attraction this year, owners of the newly-announced brewery, Distraction Brewing, will be at the site of their future business at 2 Belgrade Ave. for a meet and greet.

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One-On-One Computer Assistance are on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. Please call 617-325-3147 to reserve a 30-minute informal session with a librarian. Bring your device or use a library laptop (library card required). Beginners are welcome. This is a free service.

FREE DROP-IN HOMEWORK HELP
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Homework Help mentor trainings provided by Harvard University's Public School Partnerships Team, the developers of SmartTalk, a program that uses research-based tools, strategies, and resources to support students during homework time. Located at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library.

SANTA SCAMPER 5K ROAD RACE
Race Day Registration and Pre/Post Race Festivities Registration and pre/post race festivities at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St. in West Roxbury, just a block from the race start/finish. Our Race Day Logistics page will keep you up to date! Race Course Start/finish at Parkway Community YMCA. Rolling course thru the West Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. Chip timing
On Dec. 10, 2017 the 5K will start at 11 a.m. The Kids Run at 10:15 a.m.
The Parkway Running Club (PRC) of West Roxbury has hosted an annual Santa Scamper 5k road race since 1994. This race raises money for the Boston Globe Santa Fund, a charity to support children of need in Massachusetts.

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GRATEFUL TO REP. LIZ MALIA

To the Editor:
We are grateful to and Representative Liz Malia for supporting the We the People Act (H.1926 and S.379). Not only is Rep Malia a co-sponsor but she

also took action this month by sending a joint letter to committee chairs hearing the bill urging a positive report. This bill would have Massachusetts, the cradle of American Democracy; join the other five states (Vermont, California, Illinois, New Jersey and

Rhode Island) that have already voted to propose a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's disastrous Citizens United decision. Until We the People, through our elected state representatives and senators, exercise our constitutional author-

ity to amend the Constitution in this way, our political landscape will continue to be dominated by multi-national corporations, billionaires and other powerful special interests, and government of, by and for the people will continue to be a mirage. Amending the Constitution is a heavy lift, but it has been done 27 times before. Without constitutional amend-

ments, former slaves, women, and people old enough to serve in the military would not have a voice in public affairs. Now it's our turn to live up to the first three words of the Constitution, "We the People," and make our government responsive to the needs of all the people, not just the wealthy few.

Laura Gang Roslindale

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