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Hundreds came out for the annual Roslindale Holiday Market on Birch Street. Residents came out for fun, games and to see what Birch Street has to offer.

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Roslindale Village as European Christmas Market

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday night, Dec. 6, the third annual Holiday Market on Birch Street was held on a clear and chilly evening from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Roslindale Village

Organized by Roslindale Village Main Street (RVMS), the event featured live music, food and drink (in the courtyard behind Birch Street), and activities, as guests visited the shops on the pedestrian access (for the night) street and checked out the wares of the mostly local vendors who had set up tables in the Emerald Society building.

"This is my favorite event," said Alia Hamada Forrest, who has helmed RVMS for the last three and a half years. "It's one that I was able to launch when I became the director."

Standing near the Main Street hot chocolate table in the courtyard as she greeted guests – many of which she knew – Forrest spoke more about the event and others like it that RVMS organizes throughout the year.

This one was put together in conjunction with local businesses and inspired by the idea of one in particular. "Actually, Adam from the cheese shop [Adam Schutes from the Boston Cheese Cellar located at 18 Birch St.]..." Forrest said as she looked toward a



Residents sampled food, drink and soap as shown here.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

table by the back door of the shop – where a woman was slicing from a wheel of cheese set up under a heat lamp – and continued, "This was his idea. He's from the UK and he said, 'In Europe, they have Christmas markets. We should have one here in Roslindale.'"

The cheese table is doing a steady business, with a constant line of the curious and hungry stopping to observe and – more often than not – sample what's on offer.

As Bissia Viglietta – Schutes' wife and a physician by profession – explained it, raclette – the dish made of the melting cheese she scraped from the wheel under the heat

lamp onto a small cardboard plate of mini potatoes and cornichons (tiny pickles) – is a typical dish in the Swiss Alps during the winter.

"It's not my own tradition," Viglietta cheerfully added as she explained that she comes from Rome, far from the mountains. Nonetheless, she admitted that she enjoys the dish. "Oh, yeah. Absolutely. During the winter, mainly. At home usually it's less messy."

Somebody else likes raclette, too. "This is why

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The 25th annual Walter's Run kicked off the winter running season in the Parkway on Sunday.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

25th annual Walter's Run hits the streets

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The 25th annual Walter's Run strutted down West Roxbury on Sunday, Dec. 9, to benefit local children and charities.

More than 500 residents and runners crowded the street to celebrate the life of Walter Burgess, who helped organize the original run – then called the Santa Scamper – with the Parkway Running Club (PRC), which now manages the event.

Santa Claus himself started the race, and District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley gave the runners an introduction to Burgess' life and why he helped get the race off the ground every year.

"I am proud to call myself a

friend of Walter Burgess," O'Malley said. "We're about to kick off Walt's Run for a real Parkway guy, a guy who served his country in the United States Navy. A guy who ran 26 marathons, a guy who dedicated his life to others but sadly passed away 15 years ago. He was the best guy, an incredible runner and an avid support of this race and the PRC. The PRC has really perfected this race for him."

The race helps out causes Burgess himself supported in life like the Parkway YMCA and the Globe Santa Organization, and now it helps support a scholarship program in Burgess' name to help runners attend running clubs and keep kids healthy. PRC organizer Brian Carlson said, "It's an amazing community

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Council supports National Grid workers, refugees

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met for its regular meeting last week and discussed several issues.

District 6 City Councilor Matt O'Malley introduced a resolution to support Mass House Bill 4960, which had been heard on the State Legislature floor that week. The bill is proposing to cut off government funding to Na-

tional Grid and would not allow the Department of Public Utilities to allow an increase in rates for gas or electric. The bill would also require National Grid to continue to provide health benefits to locked out workers. The bill is designed to protect locked out workers while encouraging National Grid to come to an agree-

National Grid
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BFD youth Bball hosting championship at Auerbach Center

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Fire Department's (BFD) Community Enrichment Program (CEP) Basketball League will be hosting its first-ever championship game at the Auerbach Center at Boston Landing in Brighton Dec. 14 at 8 p.m.

To league founders Roslindale Firefighter Jorge Diaz and Firefighter Larry Smith, this was far more than they hoped for during the

league's first season.

"I wanted to get a nice venue for the kids to end the season with a bang and, hopefully, next year we can do the same," he said. "We were looking at North-eastern or Boston College to let us use their gym and we ended up getting the Auerbach Center. It's awesome, I'm sure the kids are really going to enjoy it. You're playing a game on the same court where the Celtics practice and all the Celtics' successes on the court start at the Auerbach, so it's a big deal."

Diaz said he couldn't have done it without the support of the Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn and his fellow firefighters. He said he and the other coaches are looking forward to it.

"For me and all my guys working with me, it's a big deal and they're all really excited about it and I'm sure the kids are going to be excited about it too," he said.

The Condon Community Center will be playing the Marshall Community Center in

the final game of the year but before that game starts, the four teams not playing in the championship will get to play on the court during a scrimmage set up to start at 7 p.m.

"We just didn't think it would be fair to just have the championship teams play at the Auerbach," Diaz said. "So we're having all the kids come out."

Diaz and Smith started the league earlier this year as a way to connect local Boston Centers for Youth and Families Community Centers throughout the city. He said many kids in the city grow up never seeing past their own neighborhood or their own school and he wanted to give students the opportunity to broaden their horizons and make new friends. Diaz said they were successful in that goal.

"A lot of the kids at first would just show up play the game and go home," he said. "Now, they show up early and they say 'hey, what's up' and they talk and I'm sure many of the kids have made lifelong friends. They get there early and get up on the bleachers talking and joking and stuff, and so that was really awesome to see and that was the intention of the league. We wanted to get the kids out of their own communities and get them mingling, and so that's really positive and big as far as the league goal as a whole."

Diaz said the kids have also shown great improvement in the sport itself.

"We had one team that was underachieving and they weren't playing too well, but by the end of the season you could see they had really progressed," he said.

The league relies on the community centers for transportation to and from games, and Diaz said they have had no issues so far and doesn't expect any for the championship game.

"The guys from each community center, the coaches, they have been doing a really great job when it comes to getting the kids to and from the games," he said. "We've spoken to them already and they are set to go."

Diaz said as the year is ending, he and the league are looking into trying to offer other sports so the program can continue year-round. He said this is more difficult than finding the funds for basketball, however.

"It's the plan for the future and I've looked into it, and if we're going to do other sports, we're going to need a lot more funding," he said. "We're also going to have to do a lot more recruiting. It's pretty easy with basketball because those kids are already going to the community centers to play all

Bball

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Editorial

PARK AND RIDE

As reported in the Bulletin, The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means met on Nov. 26 to discuss a new grant that gives the City \$6.5 million to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads.

The funding, budgeted over two years and appropriated from the city's Capital Grant Fund, will investigate the impact ride share services like Uber and Lyft are having on the city's roads and bridges.

The influx of cash comes from state legislation that adds 20 cents to every ride share fare, giving 10 cents back to the point of origin (Boston in the case of the riders contributing to the Council's grant money). The funding mechanism expires in 2026, according to the state law that authorized it.

While we appreciate the addition of a sunset clause (too many taxes live past their necessity or fairness when they are established in perpetuity), this is one very affordable surcharge that should immediately be extended beyond the cut-off, no matter how far off that date may seem. Seriously, a dime added to a ride is a pittance, albeit a small sum that can make a big difference in the city's needed infrastructure work, from sidewalks to traffic signals to bike lanes.

Among the potential uses for the grant is \$500,000 to build temporary plazas in certain areas, including Main Streets districts and other business hubs across the city, to serve as gathering places and pedestrian-friendly environments. It is a great, laudable idea and we applaud the City's smart thinking.

District 5 City Councilor Tim McCarthy was among those urging all involved to reinstate the state program beyond 2026. "I think the state swung and missed in a big, big way," he said. "If you stand out on Congress Street right now you'll see hundreds and hundreds of cars go by you with nobody in the back seat with Uber and Lyft signs just aimlessly driving around. I think as we move forward with that, imagine if it was a buck a drive in Boston or a buck a drop off in Boston? Now you're looking at \$78 million a year for Boston."

He is absolutely correct. The surcharge is smart and carries little burden on users. It should be extended and increased.

We need to grouse a bit about a recent neighborhood meeting, also reported in the Bulletin that took place in Fairmount Hill on Nov. 27. Specifically, we take an admittedly slight issue with Councilor McCarthy, who is a key figure in yet another transportation-related story we covered.

At that meeting, Hyde Park residents gathered to discuss residential parking woes and the idea that permit only parking might help curb commuters who otherwise grab needed spaces.

McCarthy, who organized the meeting, agreed that residential parking permits would be worth exploring and likely a good solution for the aggrieved neighbors. Similar efforts in other neighborhoods have been a success, he said, recommending resident-only parking from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We appreciate his support of the permit plan, but respectfully take issue with his approach. Resident-only parking for such a short stretch of the day will help ease the situation, but it will not solve the problem. What happens when a mom returns home after 1 p.m., perhaps with school kids, to find that commuters are still hogging all nearby spaces. A parked car at 1 p.m. is bound to still be there at 2 p.m. Will the city tow or just issue a cursory ticket before calling it a day?

The plan would somewhat limit those who park all day, but not everyone punches in at 9 and leaves after 5. A parking plan needs to consider the full range of commuter rail activity and the wider geography of all streets affected (with exemptions, as appropriate, in business districts).

McCarthy had this to say at the meeting when he objected to extending the plan to more of the workday: "If you go resident parking all day, when Nana comes to visit, Nana's going to get a ticket."

Let's be clear, the concept of residential parking permits is not a new one. As a young child, our family had one (albeit not in Boston proper). The idea that residents are left in the lurch when visitors come calling seems to ignore one crucial detail: temporary visitor permits. If "Nana" drives into the neighborhood, she is given a temporary pass from the parking restriction by displaying that temporary permit on the dashboard. Problem solved.

McCarthy may very well be correct when he says the shorter "no parking" time limitation is successful and appreciated in other neighborhoods. We do give him a lot of credit for facilitating what is an important quality of life conversation. We just hope the ultimate plan is stricter, expanded, and well-enforced.

5- and 10-cent store

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Ev'rywhere you go;

Take a look in the five-and-ten, glistening once again

With candy canes and silver lanes aglow.

The opening verse of Meredith Willson's 1951 Christmas carol contains math references with which many young 'uns are not familiar, specifically the third line.

Before probing this, let's take a step back. Originally entitled "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas," the song had "a Lot" inserted after "Look." A popular belief in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, holds that Willson wrote the song while staying in that city's Grand Hotel, as later verses reference a "tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well..."; the park being Frost Park, directly across the street from the aforementioned Grand Hotel.

It is also possible that the "Grand Hotel" Wilson mentions in the song was inspired by the Historic Park Inn Hotel in his hometown of Mason City, Iowa, the basis for the River City (Iowa) locale of "The Music Man." This hotel overlooks a central park.

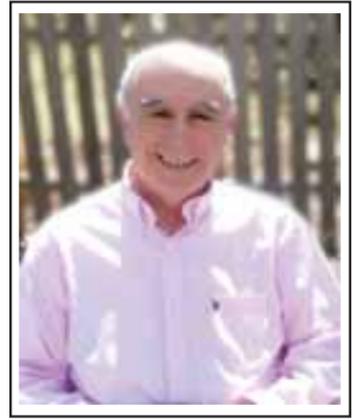
But back to the words that many in a younger generation may not recognize: "five-and-ten."

These types of stores proliferated in the 1940's and 50's. They were the precursors of Zayre's, Bradlees's, Dollar Store, Value Village, and so many others. 5 and 10 refers to cents, as in "five and ten cent stores" because so many of the

products used to cost that much. Woolworth's, Kresge's, and Grant's assumed nationwide status as modern five-and-tens, even though inflation jeopardized the usage of those numbers.

Every neighborhood in Boston had a five and ten, including its lunch counter, just as it had a five cent savings bank: where else could you go to buy a sewing needle, spatula, and s-hook all in one store? They were so popular that the city installed for a number of years parking meters right outside many of them, to gobble up consumers' pennies and nickels.

Up until the 1970's I'm guessing, there was a Woolworth's at Downtown Crossing. There were many of us sad to see it go the way of Gilchrist's, R.H. Whites, Raymond's, Kennedy's, Bond's, and other anchors of the downtown shopping district. (Okay, okay, Jordan



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Marsh and Filene's were the REAL anchors of the area near Winter and Summer Streets.)

And so, if you find yourself crooning this carol made famous by Perry Como and Bing Crosby, among others, it shouldn't be done so on Christmas Day because the song talks about how close Christmas is, not when Christmas actually arrives. But because anticipation is said to be nine-tenths of the pleasure, it's a great Xmas tune to be hummed and sung on the days leading up to the 25th.

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we're here," a customer says. "I'm so excited." After a brief exchange with Viglietta regarding potatoes, she orders one before – after a momentary pause – making a seasonal reconsideration. "We might get two."

Musical entertainment was provided by several groups: David Harrison of the Boston Imposters, the Roslindale Congregational Church Carolers, Tail Wag, and JP Honk.

Hailing from neighboring Jamaica Plain, JP Honk – a 14 piece street marching band – was making its second appearance at the Holiday Market, greeting commuters arriving on the 5:47 p.m. Needham train at Roslindale Village Station with Christmas carols ("You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch"), before moving out with a spiritual ("Down By The Riverside") and arriving on Birch Street with a jazz standard ("Mercy, Mercy, Mercy").

The two youngest players in the outfit are the Sanchez brothers: trumpeter Giovanni (11 years old) and sousaphonist Ezequiel (10 years old) and they start the band off on a quick march rendition of "The Second Line" as the crowd looks on, moving in place.

Their mom, Erica, is at the edge, and shares some of their back story. They've been playing with the band since they were 5 and 6 years old, and learned how to play under the older musicians' guidance. Since then they have kept at it,

learning and growing.

"They just like it," the self-described "music mom" explains of her sons, as they blast, and groove with the adults. "I think they're very inspired by the band members."

At the opposite end of Birch Street, the inside of the Emerald Society is warm, bright, and crowded with vendors – most of whom can be found at the summer or winter farmers markets (also organized by RVMS) held in Adams Park.

Near the door, a man and woman wearing what look like Christmas wreaths on their heads hand out sample cups – from behind a row of bottles – of what turns out to be all natural drinking vinegars infused with whole fruit, botanicals, and sweetener and water.

As Bauman's Best Botanical's (www.baumansbest.com) owner Adam Bauman explained his vinegars, "they're great on their own for gut health... but they're very, very tasty."

Bauman listed their many uses, including as a mixer with water or cocktails, a straight up drink, or as a salad dressing, among other things, and went on to describe another intended benefit. "They can have kind of a wake-up tonic or a mid-day stomach fix."

Toward the center of the room, the Roslindale Soap Company has set up shop with Mimi Owens – 25 year resident of the neighborhood – the

sole proprietor and soap maker.

Using mostly vegetable products, animal fat, and lye, Owens – through her extensive research into the science of soap making – began developing and testing her soap recipes on her family. "My kids were my guinea pigs," she said of the developmental phase of her products, adding with a chuckle, "Sometimes they were really unhappy."

Now in its fifth year, the Roslindale Soap Company (www.roslindalesoapcompany.com) offers – by Owens' estimate – 20 different varieties of artisan soaps, with lemongrass her best seller, which her daughter-in-law, Cierra Morson-Owens also recommended.

In its tied bag, the scent is unmistakable. "The only way someone doesn't like that soap is if they don't like lemons," Owens adds. "It's also one of my most successful recipes."

Wandering from table to table, Deborah Galiga stops by to check out the soap and to comment on the Holiday Market, which she has attended each year since its inception:

"It gives a festive feeling to start the holiday season," Galiga said, adding what Forrest would deem the mark of success. "It makes you feel good to see your neighbors. I've already seen many people that I know, which is why I like to do these Roslindale events."



The program was designed to be a way to get kids engaged and help them to meet students from all over the city.

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the time anyway. When it comes to something like football, that's going to be harder to find a venue, get permission to use the venue, and get equipment."

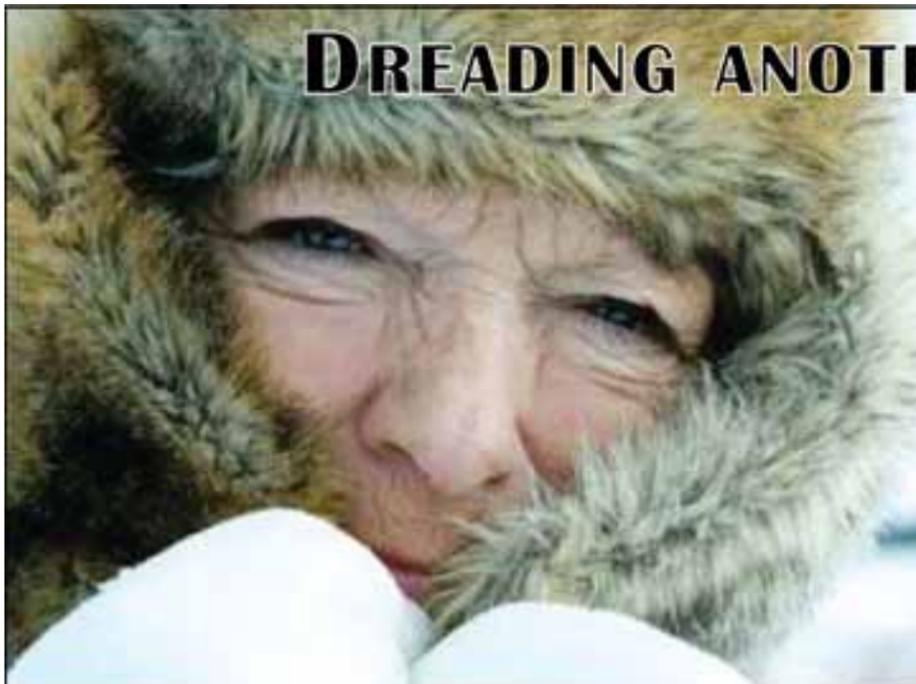
Diaz said despite the challenges, he still wants to see if he can expand the program..

"I don't see it stopping me from trying," he said.

Diaz said the league is currently going through the process to become an official 401c3 charity, and any help from the community anyone wants to give will be greatly appreciated and they can reach him at bfdcep@yahoo.com.

"All donations are welcome, big or small it will help a great deal," he said. "I definitely want to thank Commissioner Finn, the Dropkick Murphys' Claddagh Fund and Auerbach Center for supporting us, it's been awesome."

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Roslindale hosts 3rd annual Menorah Lighting

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Roslindale residents gathered round Adams Park on Sunday, Dec. 9 to celebrate the third annual Bring Your Own Menorah (MYOM) celebration of the Chanukah season.

The event was organized by local resident Rachel Nenner-Payton, and drew a good crowd.

“It is such a beautiful and wonderful event, and it’s especially important right now that we stand up and celebrate who we are,” she said. “It’s important that everybody stands up and cel-

brates who they are, including the Jewish community.”

Payton said she and her family first came up with the idea for the event in 2016, the day after the Presidential Election.

“I was walking with my then seven-year-old son Eli from the Sumner School to the Roslindale Library and I was feeling downhearted, a little bleak and very scared,” she said. “Eli looked up and saw the Christmas tree in Rozzie Square and said to me something to the effect of ‘it’s fine for there to be a tree, but doesn’t anybody else realize that Chanukah comes first in the calendar?



The third annual Bring Your Own Menorah celebration on Sunday at Adams Park in Roslindale Square.

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How come there’s not a menorah?” That sparked a good family discussion and in that moment when both of us were feeling bleak, I said to Eli, ‘let’s make some light

Eli.’”

Payton said she reached out to the Roslindale Village Main Streets (RVMS) and said they wanted to do a menorah lighting.

“They said what a wonderful idea,” she said. “It was too late to fundraise and

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get permits to erect one of those large community menorahs, as it was November and there wasn't really any time for that. We decided, let's bring our own and next year we'll have the big menorah, and it was just so beautiful we decided to keep up with that."

Payton said they are starting to reach out and try to gather funds to get a larger menorah, but for right now, the BYOM event is an amazing time in and of itself.

"I would love one day for there be a big menorah on

the green in Adams Park, but I would still want to have the BYOM, because there's just something so beautiful and cozy about all that," she said. "I think the world is really hungry for coming together around love and celebration and miracles and light, whether you're religious or not, I think it's a way for people to get to know each other's cultures and understand each other. I love that there's that openness in Roslindale."

Rabbi Barbara Prezner of the Temple Hillel B'nai To-

rah in West Roxbury has been leading the prayers at the event for the last three years, and she said it's an amazing time for anyone of any faith.

"I'm so pleased at the lighting's outcome. This is our third year and not only did people who knew about the event come out, but Jewish people who were just walking by and had no idea what was going on stopped in, and they were really happy to see it going on in the Square," she said. "It really unified our community in a way that helps people see how diverse we are in the city."

Payton said they are always looking for help setting up the event.

"In the future I would love to get more people involved in the planning and setting up and anyone who wants to participate and make it happen can," she said. "It's been a highlight of my year for three years and I hope that it carries on a long, long time."

To reach out to Payton and for more information, go to <https://goo.gl/rexUbo>.



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Congresswoman-Elect Ayanna Pressley says goodbye

Last week's Council meeting ended on an emotional note, as Congresswoman-Elect Ayanna Pressley bid adieu to the Boston City Council.

The first woman of color to serve on the Boston City Council, she will now transition to the 7th Congressional District, becoming the first Black woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress.

Congresswoman-Elect Pressley served on the City Council for nearly a decade, and, as her colleague Councilor Edwards noted, has broken through glass ceilings. Remembering the lead-up to her first election, Pressley recalled struggling with the thought of running for City Councilor At-Large, and it wasn't until she realized how many young girls needed her to fight for them, that she decided to run for the seat.

Pressley holding back tears she said, "I wanted to fight for girls, not be their voice, but to lift up their voices, their stories, their struggles, and their ideas to create room and space and dignity for them at the policy table and in committee hearings. I made a vow to myself to listen and to value their voices and lived experiences, to push and to demand more from government, to develop gender spe-

cific and responsive programming and policies and protocols, and I made the decision to run for an at-large Boston City Council seat to do exactly that."

She followed up saying, "Admittedly, many, in public and private, offered that I wasn't ready, I didn't know enough, I wasn't from here and that saving girls wasn't the job of a Boston City Councilor, but rather a mission statement for a non-profit. And we proved them wrong."

Fellow Council members offered her praise, support, and well wishes as they said their goodbyes.

Council President Campbell said, "I have a grown, as a human being and as a Councilor, because of your leadership. It is not lost on me that you paved the way for each and every one of us to be here. I appreciate you; I thank you for your service."

Before reminiscing on how he met Pressley and how they became friends, Councilor O'Malley said, "You have given so much to this City, to this Commonwealth, and now to this Country."

Councilor Tim McCarthy thanked Pressley for representing Boston and reflected on the history of firsts on the Council

during her tenure. He expressed excitement that she would now be the first Boston City Councilor to go to Congress. "You are now my Congresswoman and I'm proud to say that."

Councilor Frank Baker showed his appreciation for Pressley's partnership on different issues in Dorchester, and reminded her to continue doing the work she's been doing, hold her head up high and just be her.

Through tears, Councilor Janey said, "You've been unapologetic in your fight for Black people, in your fight for people of color, in your fight for immigrants, in your fight for women, in your fight for children, and it's been wonderful to see your evolution." She then joked with Pressley saying, "You're trading in the six leading ladies on the Council for your new squad," referring to Congresswomen-Elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib, who were present in the Council Chamber.

Councilor Essaibi-George continued the teasing, pointing at Ocasio-Cortez and Tlaib saying, "I don't like them. Watching all this on Twitter, and these girl photoshoots, thinking they have your back - no! We have your back!" She continued with, "We got to know each other and we developed this



At-Large City Councilor and now Congresswoman-elect Elect Ayanna Pressley

wonderful bond and this wonderful friendship. It is the greatest gift you have given me."

Councilor Edwards followed her leading ladies with, "The few moments where I think about the great ones or the ones who set legacy, I know that they are called many many names. You're officially Councilor Pressley, you are officially Congresswoman-Elect Pressley, you go by A.P for a lot of folks, for me - you are the great destroyer of glass ceilings. You are the one that says, 'Why not us?' everywhere you go, and because of you I am, Kim is, Andrea is, Michelle is, this Body is - a better, more

perfect body."

Councilor Flynn said, "We are proud of her. Proud of her legacy in supporting people that don't have a voice in government or in society - the poor, the homeless, the immigrant community and the hungry. I'm proud to call Councilor Pressley a friend. I know she will fight for all the residents of the districts and Commonwealth everyday. We could not have a better Congresswoman."

Causing much laughter in the Council Chamber, Councilor Zakim said, "Allow me to rise to be the first one to say I

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ment with the local unions representing those locked out workers.

"More than 1,200 members of the United Steele Workers Local 12012 and 12003 have been unfairly locked out since June 25, 2018," O'Malley said. "On Oct. 30, we sponsored a hearing on the safety of the City of Boston's local gas infrastructure, and while National Grid failed to appear, their workers did not. They were here and they offered incredibly helpful testimony to the council that only workers with decades of experience working on the ground could provide."

O'Malley discussed his experience with National Grid in the past when he and the Boston City Council successfully passed an ordinance requiring the company to repair any documented gas leak in the city when a utility or construction company was digging up an area where the gas leak could be accessed. National Grid successfully repealed the decision, but O'Malley said this highlights the need for more skilled workers on the ground, as many of the estimated 2,000 leaks in the City of Boston remain.

"This issue has many sides to it from the climate change implication of frequent and unsolved gas leaks made worse by the lack of skilled labor currently addressing them to the safety implications of the destruction of our energy workforce at this critical time to the importance of securing fair healthcare and retirement benefits to all workers," he said. "National Grid may believe that the gas leaks going unfixed during the lockout are harmless, but every release of greenhouse gas adds up and the climate won't listen to excuses."

National Grid also cut off healthcare to its locked out workers, which in turn affects their families. O'Malley said he heard from workers that they are facing instances of late-stage cancer in their families and among their children, and though National Grid has stated it did not want the ratepayers and residents to pay for benefits through National Grid, many critics said residents will pay for it anyway under the Massachusetts Healthcare mandate.

"It is unconscionable what National Grid is doing," he said.

As of the date of publication, another bill related to the workers, House Bill 4988 has made it

through the Massachusetts House of Representatives, but it is unclear as to whether or not the bill has the momentum to make it through the State Senate. The bill would require National Grid to immediately restore benefits to locked out workers.

Also during the meeting, At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu released the results of her Boston Youth Transportation Project. The report was the culmination of research undertaken by her office in the summer regarding how the Boston Public Schools determines its transportation policy, essentially examining which students have to walk to school, get an M7 MBTA pass, how students are transported with yellow buses and how those transportation routes are devised.

The report, for example, gave an estimated cost of what it would take to fund M7 bus passes, which give free rides on MBTA buses and subways to students within the city. Currently, the city gives these passes to students who live more than 2 miles from their school, but many students and residents have said this can be unfair to students who live less than two miles as the crow flies. The report also pointed out that any student with an M7 pass can travel throughout the MBTA network for free during the school year, creating two classes of students. To increase the total number of M7 passes to every student amounted to \$4.7 million, or 4.7 percent of the BPS transportation budget.

One of the major issues reviewed in the report was of student safety. Many students pointed out that if they have to walk home from school, sometimes they have to go through "shifty" or "shady" neighborhoods that make them feel unsafe. This forces them to take a longer route or take public transit, even if they cannot afford it.

Many students in the report expressed a desire to be able to bicycle through the city, but the lack of protected bike lanes makes this option seem unsafe to students. The plan recommends a more aggressive bike promotion policy than what is put forth in the Go Boston 2030 plan.

"The major areas that are exacerbating inequities across the city are affordability, reliability and safety of transportation and these are all issues that we in city government could do something about," Wu said.



The run supports charities that Walter Burgess supported in life and has helped thousands over the years.

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event and we're really proud to be a part of it," he said. "The PRC really believes strongly in community support and giving back to the community in the charitable organizations we support."

Carlson said despite the weather there was a very strong showing at the race and he was gratified to see so many coming out to support children in need.

"It's a little bit of cold weather today but we still had some really strong turnout, and I believe it speaks to the support for this event in the community," he said.

Globe Santa is a statewide organization started in 1956 in Boston by the Boston Globe designed to deliver toys to children in need. In that first year alone, the group collected \$51,000 to help more than 6,200 families in the Greater Boston area. The organization now helps millions every year.

Volunteer Rena Loumsbury said that despite the weather she was happy to help make the Parkway tradition come together.

"It's a good event; it's good for the community and the volunteer support is amazing," she said. "It's just nice to get everyone out here working together to help people."

Resident Elaine Devine said she loves doing winter races, as the crowds are not as dense.

"It's freezing cold and no one wants to run in December, but it makes it one of the best runs," she said, laughing and indicating the hundreds of people around her. "It means you're a diehard if you come out for a December race in Boston. This is my third race and I try to do this every year. My kids just did their first fun run too. They're really psyched."

Residents Anne Grossman and Steve Charles said they came out for the first time this

year.

"Our running club in Norwood, the Charles River Running Club, has come to this before and they were in Norwood last week promoting the race," Grossman said. "They had mentioned that there's three different charities including Globe Santa, which has been a huge part of my life, so I wanted to run and help out."

Charles said although the weather could be better, he's happy to help out deserving causes.

"It's a good cause and something you really feel good about donating to," he said. "It could be a little warmer, but it's better than snow, so it could be worse too."

Residents Paul Allen, Kevin Purcell, Denis McElligott and Steve O'Neil said they do this race every year as part of their running club.

"We've done this many times before," said Purcell. "The weather is perfect for running."

"It's a little warm," said Allen.

"We really like this finish coming down that hill," said O'Neil. "We're really ready for that!"

Residents Terry and Liam Nawara said they came out to support the cause, even if they may be a little unprepared.

"I found it through my cross country team," said Liam. "I haven't done it before, I don't even know what the course is, but I guess I'll find out."

Resident Kara Halsey said this was her first time for the race, and heard about the race through work.

"I've done the Corrib 5K, which is a little similar so I'm not worried about it, but it's pretty cold," she said.

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Council runs into problems with marijuana business equity

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council met last week for a hearing and discussed the need for equity in the application approval process for future recreational marijuana stores.

The hearing came about because of the lack of minorities, people of color, women and veteran owners in the medical marijuana dispensaries currently in operation in the state.

The city can approve license requests for specific parcels of land through the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals, which allows recreational marijuana facilities as a conditional use variance in the Boston Zoning Code. Boston Chief of Economic Development John Barros said his department would be open to setting some sort of requirement that would allow an even split or a two-to-one ratio of license approvals between investor-backed marijuana business corporations

and local women, veterans, or persons of color.

Barros added that one thing the city can require is open transparency when it comes to the ownership makeup of any company looking to open in the city. He also said they are looking to Somerville's approach to local marijuana licensing, which, through a recently-passed ordinance, would grant alternating approval to established medical marijuana firms and companies owned by local residents or state-designated economic empowerment companies.

But they could run into problems there. According to the State's Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) only three economic empowerment applications for recreational marijuana have made it to the state so far. The reason being is that the application process is so long and complicated, any small business entrepreneur would need to hire a lawyer to get through it all.

Member of Equitable Opportunities Now representative Ross Bradshaw said that investor companies are currently buying up properties that fall within the zoning rules for recreational facilities. The zoning requires that no facility be within one half-mile of another dispensary facility – recreational or medicinal – and no facility be within 500 feet of a public, private or parochial school.

This includes all other zoning requirements that a normal retail facility would have to clear before approval as well. He said allowing equity applicants more leeway when it comes to granting other variances is difficult, since the market for appropriate locations is drying up.

"Finding adequate space within Boston is a cumbersome process and right now a lot of the properties that

would be potentially zoned are being frozen up by applicants from out of state that have the capital to sit on properties and essentially box-out equity applicants, so establishing and setting a tone for equity applicants as a priority in the City of Boston, in my opinion, would free up a lot of those loca-

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I am thrilled that Councilor Pressley is leaving the Boston City Council and going to D.C and I will tell you why. For the first time in the five years that I've been on the City Council, I finally have a chance to be my wife's favorite City Councilor." He described Pressley as a trailblazer, advocate, champion, and as courageous, bold, fearless, gracious, generous, and persistent.

Gesturing to the photo of her mother that Pressley has brought with her to every Council session, Councilor Flaherty said, "We know how close you were to your mom and know that you continue to draw on her strength. The first person you will think of when you get sworn in will be your mom and her influence on you. Continue to do what you do, continue to advocate to the best of your ability, and keep remembering and listening to your mom and bring your mom to D.C."

Councilor Wu, "I am one of hundreds if not thousands of women, young people, candidates to [walk] in your footsteps, that you have opened the door for. I would not be sitting in this seat without your courage and conviction over your entire career."

Congresswoman-Elect Pressley closed her farewell speech paraphrasing an affirmation that she revisits daily, from "The President's Devotionals: The Daily Readings That Inspired President Obama," entitled "A Gentle Battle."

"Everyday we awaken to a gentle battle and we must decide if we will go in the direction of worry, of weariness, and indifference, or if we will go in the direction of joy, of peace, of equality, and justice. Of all the negotiations and decisions of our day, this gentle battle is the most important. As soldiers, in what direction will we march? How shall our minds be focused?"

Looking to each of her fellow Councilors, she closed, "I hope that all of you will continue winning that gentle battle, because we need you. Thank you for the honor of serving with you."

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Katherine T. "Kay" (Kelly) of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at home on December 5, 2018. Daughter of the late Michael and Mary Kelly. Wife of the late William J. Brothers. Mother of James Brothers and his wife Aida of VA, Rosemary Langton and her husband Robert of West Roxbury, Kathy Coakley and her husband Dennis of VT, Carole Colla of CA, John Brothers of West Roxbury, Diana Brothers of CA, Patrick Brothers of West Roxbury and the late William Brothers. Proud grandmother of Theresa, Kevin, Thomas, Melissa, Mary, Kaitlin, Kellie, Keith, Nicholas, Francesca, Daniel, and Elizabeth. Sister of the late May Van der Wyk, Eileen Crisp, Joseph, John, Edward and Ambrose Kelly. Also survived by 19 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to VNA Hospice & Palliative Care, 120 Thomas St. Worcester, MA 01608. For directions and guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

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Andrew C. Of Roslindale, formerly of Jamaica Plain, on December 4, 2018. Husband of Linda (Keyho). Father of Erica Dorsey and Kyle Manning. Son of the late Frederick P. Sr. & Dorothy A. (Tornberg) Dorsey. Brother of Carol A. Noe of Taunton, Rosemarie O'Brien of Walpole, Kenneth J. Dorsey of North Attleboro, Michael E. Dorsey of Hyde Park, the late Frederick P., Jr. and Larry H. Dorsey. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral from the Brady & Fallon Funeral Home, 10 Tower St. (Opp. Forest Hills MBTA Station) JAMAICA PLAIN. In lieu of flowers, donations in Andy's memory may be made to Mass Vest-A-Dog, P.O. Box 48, Walpole MA. 02081, funds to be donated to Boston Police K9 Unit/ Andy Dorsey Fund. Late owner of North East K9 Unlimited, Raynham. For information and guestbook condolences visit www.bradyfallon.com Brady & Fallon Funeral Home 617 524 0861.

GOOLTZ

Estelle Desrosiers When Estelle Desrosiers Gooltz of

Framingham, MA was nineteen years old a surgeon informed her she had merely a few years to live. Defiant, Estelle vowed to raise four children and enjoy a professional career. For an entire lifetime of love, and with stunning grace, courage, and independence, she accomplished her life's dreams before passing away on December 5 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, happily retired and surrounded by her four adoring children.

She was born to the late Edward W. and Blanche M. Desrosiers of Fall River, MA and grew up in Hopkinton, MA with adored siblings Roland Desrosiers, the late Jeanette Desrosiers Ratch, and the late Herve Desrosiers. She leaves behind her loving children Robert Gooltz III, Pamela and husband Rashid Dara, Rebecca and husband Brian Struckmeier, and Frederick Gooltz and wife Maggie Moon as well as eight boisterous grandchildren Gabby Barbuto, Maddy & Ben Gooltz, Hasan, Sophia & Maxwell Dara, and Elizabeth & Eddie Struckmeier. She also leaves behind her beloved nieces and nephews Sue Bisceglia, Donald Desrosiers, the late Brian Desrosiers, Terry Syslo, Deb Vartabedian, Tom Vartabedian, and Patrick Vartabedian. A political enthusiast, avid reader, passionate volunteer, wise gardener, and a deeply-loving friend, Estelle broke gender barriers as a financial analyst in a career that spanned decades in the government and private sector. Possessed of an exceptionally agile mind and a sly sense of humor, she travelled far, always happy to return home to New England. She relished summer lobster boils with her children, she enjoyed walking the woods near Walden Pond holding hands with her grandchildren, and she cherished the fruits of her bountiful garden during afternoon visits with her many dear friends. May her memory be a blessing forever. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Planned Parenthood or Emily's List. A memorial service will be scheduled in January 2019. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

JACKSON

Ellen L. (Hanson) Of West Roxbury, December 9, 2018. Beloved wife of Walter F. Jackson. Loving mother of Donald W. Jackson of Chicago and Deborah Jackson Jraitiny of West Roxbury. Devoted grandmother of Miller, Aedan, Ronan, and the late Liam. Sister of Donna Carey of Roslindale. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST

ROXBURY, Thursday, December 13th at 9 am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa Church at 10 o'clock. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Ellen Jackson to CurePSP.org would be appreciated. For directions & guestbook, visit: www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

LOVETT



John R. Jr. Age 45, of Jamaica Plain, suddenly December 3, 2018. Beloved son of John and Helen (Merrigan) Lovett of Jamaica Plain. Devoted brother of James P. Lovett and his wife Kristine of Stoughton, Elizabeth M. Hood and her husband Christopher of Marshfield, David Lovett and his wife Julie of CA. Loving uncle of John David Lovett, William James, Charlotte Helen, and Olivia Grace Hood and Madeline Rose Lovett. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home 2000 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in John's memory to St. Thomas Aquinas Church 97 South St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

O'MALLEY

Arthur Edward COL (MA) Retired, passed away Wednesday, December 5, surrounded by his family and friends. Arthur was born and raised in Dorchester, MA. He loved his family and lived his life with gusto. He enjoyed traveling the world and embracing the history of each new city. He was proud to serve his country and valued his work training military personnel to prepare them for deployment. He was honored to be a colonel retired in the Massachusetts Army National Guard where he served for over 30 years. He was also the adjutant in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts leading ceremonial duties and international goodwill missions. Arthur had a one-of-a-

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tions,” he said. “It would allow a lot of investment to flow through to the equity applicants too.”

At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley pointed out that during the medicinal marijuana licensing process, there were problems with the best practices used resulting in eight licenses provided and only one going to a person of color.

“If we were to open the floodgates there is no question we would have people ready to open today,” he said. “They would not represent the demographics of our city because, in fact, the people we’ve been talking to and the money that is ready to come into our city does not represent the demographics of our city and would not further the equity conversation or the quality conversation we are having today.”

“Whatever happened there, we don’t want to do,” she said.

Pressley pointed out that during the medical application process, if an applicant said they had a hiring plan for people of color, veterans and women, they would be fast tracked to the top of the approval list, but she said there

was little to no follow up from the state or the city to see if those plans were enacted.

“So now those businesses are open, and have they honored that?” she asked. “So what is the accountability when people are applying and are considered a more competitive applicant and are even getting community buy-in based on those promises? Are we holding them accountable?”

Director of Boston’s Emerging Industries Alexis Tkachuk said the City of Boston can require certain hiring practices through community host agreements and go back to the state if there were any problems on the recreational side.

Barros said it seemed that the city wanted more leverage in that discussion, rather than just relying on the state to take the city’s complaints on a particular business.

“It would be great to give the city a little more say than just land use in the ongoing operation of these businesses,” he said. “To be clear, I appreciate we have language and we can lobby with the state, but we have no real authority in this manner. If in

fact the city wanted to have greater oversight to make sure this happens, I want to be really clear we would like to partner with (the City Council) to make sure we have those kinds of levers to make sure that happens.”

Barros emphasized to the Council that for the city to obtain any real decision power on this issue, they are going to need the state legislature to back them.

“I don’t want to present as if we’re not doing anything and we’ve been twiddling our thumbs on this and we want to work with you on it, but we need a place at the table. We’re going to need legislators at the table,” he said. “If, for instance, we wanted to make sure there were good jobs attached to this, because everybody keeps talking about the level of employment and the number of people who are going to be employed, it would be great if out of the gate we could say let’s define good jobs in this industry. But once again, the city doesn’t have any kind of authority in this space to do any of that.”

The issue was voted to remain in committee for further hearings.

Throckmorton of Maine, Laurie Debow of Dedham, and Robert Throckmorton and his wife Erin of Georgia. Cherished grandfather of Jessie Wigfall and her husband Mark, and Madeleine and Audrey Throckmorton. Great-grandfather of Miles Wigfall. Dear brother of Suzanne Hewitt of New Jersey. Proud US Navy Veteran of WWII. All services will be private. Contributions in Kenneth’s memory may be made to Sophia Snow Place, 1205 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132 or to the First Parish Church of Sudbury, 327 Concord Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776. Guestbook and other information at www.KfouryFuneral.com. Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600

WALSH

Rita A. (Norton) Of West Roxbury, November 27, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John Walsh and Patrick McLaughlin. Devoted and loving mother of Edward McLaughlin of Revere, Francis McLaughlin of West Roxbury and the late James McLaughlin. Cherished sister of Mary J. Norton and June Pappas both of West Roxbury and the late Henry, Joseph, Eileen and Francis. Rita is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rita’s memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 or at jimmyfund.org. For directions and guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

Sylvia Nogueira and Stephanie Romero. Loving grandmother of Stephanie Holleran and her husband Ryan and Peter Romero. Great-grandmother of Gia Marie Holleran. Sister of the late Nicolina, Frank, Joseph, Gloria, Ralph, Arthur Martignetti, Esperia Fischer, Beatrice Repucci and Antonetta Merigan. Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 9-11 AM at the Joseph Russo Funeral Home, 814 American Legion Hwy (near Cummins Hwy) ROSLINDALE, followed by a Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, 169 Cummins Highway, Roslindale at 11:30 AM. Interment in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale. Flowers are appreciated or if desired donations are suggested to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105, www.stjude.org. For complete obituary please visit www.Russosfuneralhome.com

SEGREVE

Mary L. (Michaels) Of Foxboro, formerly of Jamaica Plain, December 2, 2018. Beloved wife of Richard J. Segreve. Loving mother of Sean Segreve. Complete service information to follow. For obituary, www.lawlerfuneralhome.com. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home 617-323-5600.

THROCKMORTON

Kenneth of West Roxbury, formerly of Sudbury, December 6, 2018. Dear and devoted husband of the late Sylvia (Meier). Loving father of Scott

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kind sense of humor, perfect comic timing, and a way with words. He used those talents performing onstage and directing productions in local community theaters. He loved baseball, theater, a home-cooked meal, and spending time with his family and friends. Arthur adored his wife and best friend of 14 years, Diana Bradley and their five daughters. He is predeceased by his brother Jack O’Malley and his parents John and Margaret O’Malley. He is survived by his wife Diana, his daughters Laura O’Malley, Maureen Coleman, Victoria Bowen, Emily Browne, and Hannah Browne. He is also survived by his sons-in-law, Scott Blatterman, Thomas Coleman and Shawn Bowen, as well as his cherished grandchildren Olivia Kathleen Coleman and Theodore Arthur Blatterman, his sister Patsy Bolduc, and his brother Gerald O’Malley. Arthur leaves behind his loved ones from the Bradley, O’Malley and Dooher families, as well as beloved nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Wednesday with military honors at The Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. www.lawlerfuneralhome.com Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home.

SALVATO

Palmina “Pam” (Martignetti) Passed away on December 8, 2018, formerly of Boston’s North End, Roslindale, and Hyde Park. Beloved wife of the late Stephen Salvato. Devoted mother of Anna Doheny and her husband Michael,

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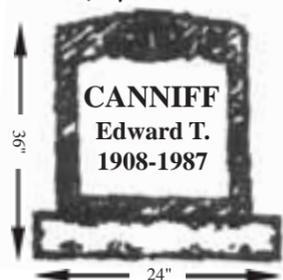
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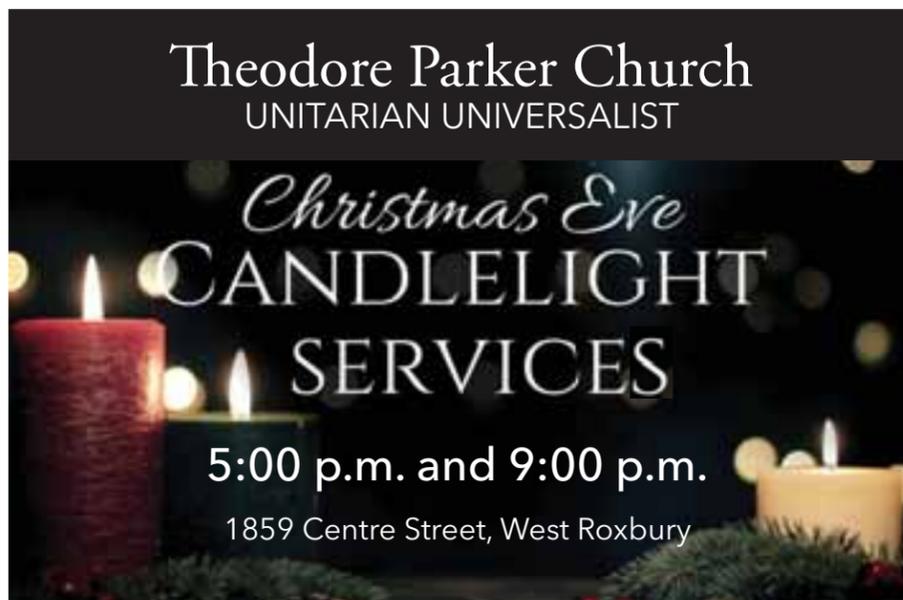
Calling all former and current Tai Chi participants! New Tai Chi Clubs are about to begin. Tai Chi Club will run through the winter months. This is not Tai Chi instruction. It is a program for those who have taken the Tai Chi for Seniors workshop and would like to practice weekly with an instructor. Location: BCYF Roche Family Community Center, Day and Time: Mondays, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Start Date: January 7, 2019. For more information or to register for this workshop contact Ann Glora at 617-477-6616 or aglora@ethocare.org

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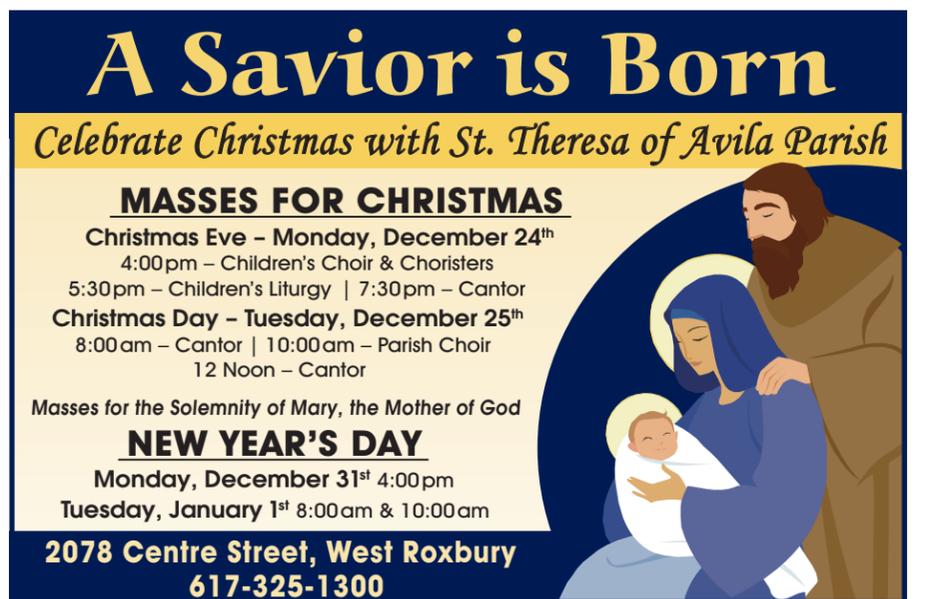
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