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Hundreds of bikers, residents and officials came out for the fifth annual Blessing of the Bikes at the Gardens on Sunday.

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Blessing of the Bikes comes to the Gardens

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The fifth annual Blessing of the Bikes returned to the Gardens at Gethsemane in West Roxbury this past Sunday.

Hundreds of bikers and well-wishers came out for some food, coffee and holy water to get a good start to the riding season and remember those lost or fallen in the line of duty.

The event, run by the Gardens and Rolling Thunder, first came to West Roxbury last year with hundreds of bikers and spectators coming to show their dedication to veterans and provide some possible divine intervention on the highway. Rolling Thunder Massachusetts Chapter 1 President Steve Sarro said they started up with the idea five years ago to try to kick off the riding season.

“A few years ago, we were looking for a way to get bikers together at a nice casual event and we decided in the winter to do a bike blessing for safe riders, so they have a safe riding season, and it’s also a fundraiser for Rolling Thun-



Rev. Mike Saragosa blessed bikers as they passed with Holy Water on basil sprigs to help protect them for this year's riding season.

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der,” he said.

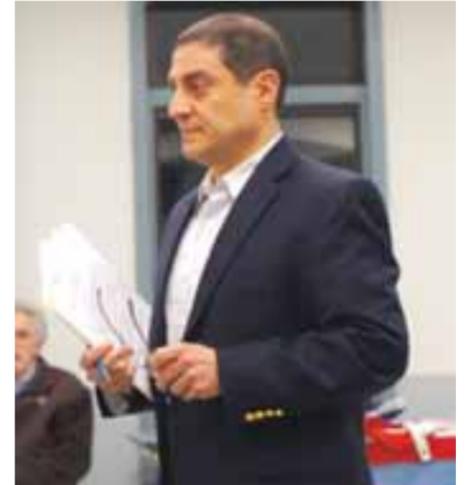
Rolling Thunder is a nonprofit 501(c)4 organization that raises funds for awareness and location efforts around troops who are or were prisoners of war or missing in action (POW, MIA).

“There are more than 90,000 men still missing from World War II alone,” Sarro said. “Last year we had about 100 people;

this year we’ve got about 150 and it’s definitely growing. It’s a perfect day for it. We’re trying to raise money to promote our mission, which is to let the public know that there are men and women still missing from previous

Bikes

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AABA representative Sami Baghdady listed the association's grievances with a proposed two-family home on Cheriton Road.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

WRNC votes approval of Cheriton project

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) voted last week to approve a proposal from developer Gary Martell to erect a new two-family dwelling at 6-8 Cheriton Rd.

The proposal has a long history, as Martell explained. He said originally, they had a larger portion of the property and wanted to place four single-family homes on a larger lot. He said they were successful with two of them, and that they are completed and occupied, but the third home proved more difficult. He said the city found zoning violations on that lot specifically.

“We disagreed with the planning examiner, we filed with the board-assigned arbiter in the City of Boston

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Healthy Kids Day a hit in Parkway

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

More than 500 residents came through on Saturday for the annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day and West Roxbury Springfest.

The Springfest was organized by West Roxbury business owner Pamela Bardhi with help from the West Roxbury Main Streets (WRMS) in order to celebrate the neighborhood and get parents and kids out for the spring season. The day featured



Hundreds of residents came by the third annual Springfest in West Roxbury as part of the National YMCA's Healthy Kids Day.

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Buddies, coaches, parents, spectators and Wally and Tessie came by the 24th annual Jason Roberts League Opening Day on Tuesday.

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Challenger League off to good start

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Jason Roberts Challenger League kicked off the season on Tuesday to a crowd of more than 100 players, buddies, parents and coaches.

The league takes disabled children and pairs them with buddies to help them play the game of baseball and learn life skills in the process. Co

Founder Bill Hubbard said he was happy to see the league flourishing after 24 years.

“It’s just starting and it’s been hectic weather wise trying to get the field together, but fortunately we got it done and it’s beautiful today,” he said.

Hubbard said the organization has not seen a drop or increase in participation from players and buddies, which he said was a good thing for the

league.

“We do our best, we put ads in the newspapers and on the church bulletins, Holy Name, Sacred Heart, all those, we try hard to get the word out and we’ve got a couple of new players today which is good,” he said. “This program is just so dear to me. I hope we have a

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Editorial

A BRIDGE TO NOWHERE

You know that your city anchors the region when every other mayor thinks they can con you out of some money.

The soon-to-be-renamed-we-assume Wynn casino shares a border with Everett and Boston. Yet, somehow (we suspect a sad song on a tiny violin) Sommerville stuck its hand for, essentially hush money.

“Pay us or you won’t get the waterfront permits you may need,” it threatened developers. In the end, court challenges did little more than bleed about \$400,000 from that city’s coffers.

Next up at bat is Quincy, with an escalating war of words between our mayor and theirs.

Remember the homeless shelter and drug treatment center that had to close in 2014 because the Long Island bridge became impassable? Well, Mayor Walsh has committed \$92 million out of Boston’s budget to rebuild the ramshackle bridge over the next three years. It is all part of Walsh’s plan to combat the opioid crisis.

Quincy residents – and we somewhat understand their plight – don’t want the added traffic a bridge repair would bring back to its streets. We only partially feel bad because, after all, the bridge isn’t a new thing they never dealt with in the past.

Quincy Mayor Tom Koch has voiced his traffic concerns to Walsh, complaints that have largely fallen on deaf ears. Quincy’s plan: ferries that can shuttle patients and others to and from Long Island.

The Patriot Ledger recently reported that Quincy At-Large City Councilor Anne Mahoney is among those calling for a city ordinance that would require Quincy City Council to approve construction of the new bridge. “It’s really important that we stand strong to Boston,” she was quoted as saying. “We have to be proactive.”

Yes, the fact is that Quincy owns Moon Island, which is needed to base the bridge extending to Long Island. So, they do have some skin in the game and a reason to beef. Then again, a three-year reprieve from bridge traffic was always intended to be temporary. Heck, the structure was there since 1951, hardly a “new” headache to deal with. We do, however, concede that construction traffic is a concern and, perhaps, barges provide a way to mitigate that impact.

The bigger question, however, isn’t how Boston can play nice with its southern neighbor. That is a distraction. What taxpayers should be asking is why bother spending that much money on a bridge. Can’t that money be better apportioned to landlocked facilities and shelters? The concept of Long Island has always struck us as a plan to shuffle off “undesirables” to their own little colony. That may not be the intention, but it is the result.

The city might well consider taking half the bridge money, expand other facilities, or build what they need, and keep the balance for other drug prevention/rehabilitation programs. Bridges alone aren’t going to help anybody.

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Letters to the Editor

LIBRARY COMMITTEE APPRECIATES THE MAYORS SUPPORT

To the Editor,

The Friends of Roslindale Branch Library would like to thank Mayor Walsh for increasing the allocation to the library renovations. We are very excited about what will now be a comprehensive, strategic renovation that will result in a library that is modern, welcoming, and better suited to serve the Roslindale community by creating significantly more interior space and greatly enhanced exterior areas. We appreciate the Mayor’s support in helping us to realize our community’s vision for our branch library.

Sincerely,

Friends of Roslindale Branch Library
Renovation Committee

Nicolene Hengen (Committee Chair), Christine Cignoli (Friends Co-Chair), Amy Gitlin (Friends Co-Chair), Sarah Lee Chokshi, John Covert, Emily Ferrier, Laura Gang, John Hicks, Constance Martin, Lauren Peter (Friends Vice Chair), Stan Phillips, Greg Tobin, Talia Whyte (Friends Treasurer), Carter Wilkie, Michael Williams

ROXBURY PREP IS AN OPPORTUNITY CREATOR

To the Editor,

Since 1999, Roxbury Prep has been offering a first-class education to thousands of students. Roxbury Prep primarily serves low-income students of color in a city and nation still beset with a pervasive and inherently unnecessary achievement gap. Roxbury Prep middle school gradu-

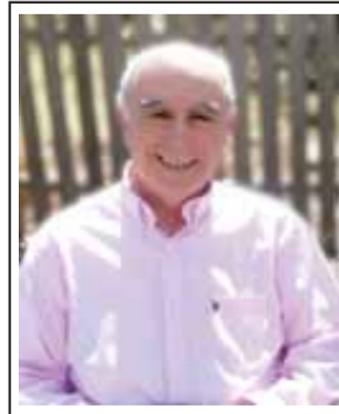
ates are graduating from college at five times the rate of low-income students across the country. When the opportunity to open a Roxbury Prep High School that would serve Roxbury Prep’s middle school graduates as well as new students from other Boston schools, it presented a tremendous opportunity for our city. In its third year of operation, Roxbury Prep High School is housed in two temporary locations, miles apart. Roxbury Prep students and families and all its potential new students and families deserve a permanent home in a single location. I am proud to have been a teacher, a Principal, and the Managing Director of Roxbury Prep from 2001 – 2016. More importantly, I am proud to be a Roslindale resident and the mom to three adopted boys, ages 14, 11, and 4. My kids have attended district, parochial, and charter schools. Just like any mom, I will do anything to get my kids into schools that work for them. Every parent shares that same desire and our city needs to continue to provide high quality options for children in every neighborhood. Roxbury Prep is a conscientious neighbor – the new facility will provide opportunities for the whole community. Roxbury Prep is also an opportunity creator, an achievement equalizer, and a second family to thousands of children and parents. Let’s support their opportunity to learn in a high-quality facility where they can have community and permanence. It’s what we would all want for our kids.

Dana Lehman
Roslindale

“Make A _____ Great Again”

The missing word(s) in the title does not refer to our country or even our state/city. Rather, it refers to the Allandale Woods, where last weekend a volunteer group, organized by the Boston Parks (and Recreation) Department’s enthusiastic Paul Sutton, sought to clean up one parcel of the debris-strewn woodland. Indeed, the volunteers wanted to make it great again.

Like many a group on Earth Day weekend, the group of several dozen who met on the West Roxbury Parkway did raking, lifting, relocating, pruning, cutting, and litter-removing. Interestingly, the upbeat group consisted of a number of lawyers and law school students who were notified of it on an American Bar Association website, which means that lawyers can be as environmentally sensitive as anybody else. And, of course, there were a number of opti-



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mistic locals, beginning their work at the pathway to the interior at the flag site. Curiously, Old Glory was hanging at half-staff, either out of sadness for the ongoing decimation of the Environmental Protection Agency or out of respect to the recently deceased Barbara Bush.

During the past couple of years various developers have sought to make significant intrusions into other sections of the Allandale Woods. Two developers are currently eying large parcels on Allandale Street but need a boatload of variances; the site of an old Mobil gas station on Centre Street is targeted for building but this, too, needs the city to wink-wink at the drawings demanding many variances.

Decades before, a huge up-scale condo development on Allandale Street usurped a large part of the woods, as did a large church at the intersection of Centre Street and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway. Shortly thereafter, a huge facility for seniors was constructed across the street from the Faulkner Hospital. Thus the irreversible intrusions into what was once a vast (by city standards) forested area had started before our current century.

Across Centre Street a rehabilitation hospital had usurped a large portion of neighboring Arboretum property. Recently, a university’s botanical research building gobbled up another large parcel of Arboretum woodland.

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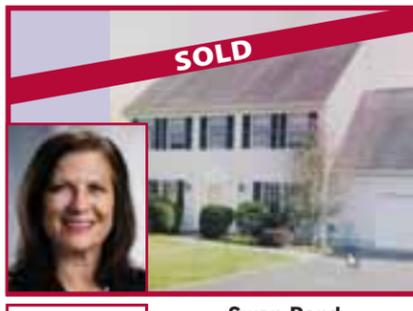
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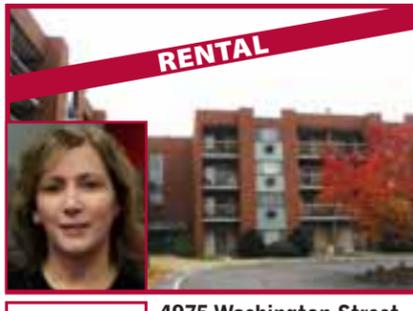
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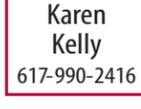
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Garden Club of West Roxbury presents lecture on Lyme Disease

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, April 18, the Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury presented a free lecture, "Problems with Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases" at the Elks Lodge.

The presentation was given by Sandra Bonzagni, a Lyme survivor, Acton Garden Club member, and member of the Middlesex Tick Task Force.

Bonzagni has given talks about Lyme disease in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. She has also taken her lectures to the Boston

Flower Show, other local garden clubs, and town halls.

At the beginning of the lecture, West Roxbury Garden Club president Ann Hopps Morgan asked how many people in the audience have had a friend, family member, or pet with Lyme disease. Nearly everyone in the room raised their hand.

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria that are spread by infected deer ticks. Both people and animals can have Lyme disease. In the US, Lyme is most common in the Northeast, but is present in every state (except Hawaii). It is

spread by the bite of an infected deer tick. The tick is usually attached to the person for 24 hours before spreading the germ. It can occur any time of the year, but ticks are most active during the warm weather months. Bonzagni told the audience she once found a tick in her hair on New Year's Eve.

Years ago, Bonzagni noticed a bulls-eye rash on her skin, but was only treated for cellulitis; rashes appear less than 50 percent of the time in

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Residents heard about the dangers of Lyme disease at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library last week.

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live music, a bouncy house obstacle course, touch-a-truck and dozens of vendors from the neighborhood telling residents about their services.

Bardhi said it was great to see the third iteration of the Springfest event go off so successfully.

"It's going awesome right now, it is school vacation week so there is that, but it definitely has gone well," she said. "At other events we've seen about 500 come and go over the last few years."

Bardhi added the weather was definitely cooperative.

"The weather is a huge factor, so we're glad to have good weather today," she said. "Mother Nature has been nice today."

The space used for the event was provided free as it had been in years prior by B&M Auto, and B&M co-owner Bruce Lovely said he was happy to help out.

"It's great to help the community and people from West Roxbury, and this year came out excellent, Pam did a great job and the YMCA running it all, I look forward to it," he said. "The band was excellent; it was cool to see 14-year-old kids playing Metallica. They also had a little Deep Purple in there and the weather is beautiful, we can't ask for more."

Residents and Parkway Y employee Alysia DeMuzio said it's always amazing to see everyone come out for this event.

"I've been here for every year I've worked for the Y; it's been great, we do a better job every year," she said. "More and more community members come out every time and the more the merrier."

Resident and Y member Jessica Wells said she and her daughter try to come out every year.

"She's grown up coming to the Y and so she gets to see all her old counselors and it's a really good community here," she said.

Resident Sharon Pacifico said she was driving by with her son and they stopped in to see what all the commotion was about.

"I didn't even know this was out here. I was going to the bank and as we were driving by my son saw it and he said he wanted to come here," she said. "It's really nice, there's a lot of businesses coming together. I work in banking so I see a lot of businesses all the time."

Body Mind Systems employee and instructor Laurie Lucien said she felt it was great to see so many members and wanted to help spread the word about how their martial arts instruction could help residents.

"I'm here just to connect with the community," she said as one of her students practiced with nunchucks behind her. "I'm meeting a lot of cool people, a lot of children and awesome adults. So we do eight different styles of martial arts, three internal, three external and two weapon forms."

Resident Chinemenma Yoruk said she and her husband recently moved to the area and she wanted to try to see more of West Roxbury.

"We are big fans of West Roxbury, we moved to the area about a year ago and it's been very welcoming and so it was good to come out and see what everyone offers," she said. "We're also just kind of enjoying the good weather."

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MHMC talks liquor and smoke shop proposals

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Mount Hope Mount Canterbury Neighborhood Association (MHMC) met on Thursday and discussed two proposals for the neighborhood.

The first came from Vikesh Patel, who said he wanted to open a new type of liquor store at the Stop and Shop Plaza on American Legion Highway.

"Do you have samples?" one resident said to laughter from the crowd.

Patel said the idea would be to have an active storefront and not the traditional liquor store.

"I opened up World of

Wines in Providence about five years ago and we completely renovated it," he said. "We bought it and changed the whole landscape and made it a wine-centric store, not just a place where people buy drinks and leave; we're trying to get people to learn about the wine and the beer they buy, where the beer or the wine comes from to give knowledge of what your drinking, and that's really our goal and this is taking it to a different level."

Patel said they want to start having events at the site as soon as they open, which won't be right away. He said he's currently negotiating a conditional

lease with the landlord and will be applying for a neighborhood-restricted liquor license. He added they will not be selling the traditional trouble alcoholic products, such as one-ounce liquor and 40-ounce malt beverages.

"We want to have a whole lot more events; 1,000 square feet will be dedicated to artwork and art events and such," he said. "We chose this area because we see it as an area where there's nothing that does what we do at all... There was a liquor store here in the past and we've been to other neighbor-

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Jason Roberts

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great season. You know, I don't even feel 60 right now, maybe somewhere around 40, it's just such a pleasure."

Hubbard said while right now they are flush for equipment, they are always looking for more, and donations for gloves and bats can be dropped off at the Boston Police Department District E-5 Station in West Roxbury.

"We're always looking for sponsors, because we totally maintain this field," he said. "This grass is cut every week because of the great sponsors we have that enables us to get these services."

Organizer Kerry O'Shea

said opening day, even though she's been doing it for years, never gets old.

"It's the most rewarding and amazing thing that I continue to do every year," she said. "We are so fortunate that we have the numerous people, parents, friends and buddies that are here participating and the Kiwanis is out here helping us out. We're so fortunate that they appreciate what we do and they come to help us, and that's what the community should be about."

O'Shea said they are even now gearing up for the 25th opening day celebration for next year. She said as far as she



As the teams and spectators observed the singing of the National Anthem, everyone sang or hummed along.

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Players took the field for the first game of the year as well on Tuesday after the opening ceremonies.

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knows, the Jason Roberts was the first challenger league in Boston, and they're looking to observe that milestone.

"We are so excited to be celebrating our 25th next season, as we were the first in the City of Boston," she said.

Buddy and longtime volunteer Coleman Sullivan said

"I've been doing this for five years now, and I've always enjoyed doing stuff like this, I do community service at school and I just started doing this and I really enjoyed it," he said, adding that he does not play baseball in his youth leagues. "I played growing up, but not since like sixth grade."

District 6 City Councilor and former buddy Matt O'Malley said the league has been a mainstay in his life as a Bostonian.

"I think it was about 25 years ago right around this time where

we were at the little league complex and we had two teams, we had two sponsors, we had the Computer Bay and the Home Depot, and to see in nearly a quarter century the way the Jason Roberts Challenger League has grown to be one of the best leagues, not only in the city, not only across the Commonwealth, but in the United States as well," he said. "I do this every year, but I'd like to give a shout out to Mike Chan who was my buddy the first time I played and he still plays."

Coach John Sarno said he's been coaching at the Challenger League for 22 years.

"We're the old timers," he said with a laugh. "It's been great, you know my son turns 29 this week, and we started here when he was seven years old you know when we first moved to Hyde Park. It's been a wonderful thing for him. He grew up in Dorchester for the first few years of his life but when we

moved here, it was just out of the blue and it worked out great and I got completely involved in his third year because there was just chaos on the field, people getting whacked with bats and stuff and so we managed to get everything sorted."

Personal Care Assistant to one of the players and buddy Yesenia Regys said she thinks the program provides a great help to those it serves.

"I've been doing this for about two to three years and from what I have seen it does help, it's an activity and it's a connection to other members and they definitely have fun, a lot of them are really into and take it very seriously," she said.

Boston Public Schools Chief of Staff Robbie Consalvo said Mayor Marty Walsh and the entire school district is behind the league.

"It's going to be a great year, but most importantly, have fun!" he said.

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hoods and areas to try to get this going in Boston... We're putting that in writing, we won't be selling those items."

Resident Pam Lewis said they have heard this type of pitch before, and the number of liquor stores in the immediate area makes her nervous about adding another one.

"We have within this vicinity more liquor stores than any of us could possibly use or want," she said. "We heard this concept before. A gentleman came to the meeting and told us how they were going to have wine tastings and how events were going to happen and it was going to be different this time. We heard all the plans and promises and as soon as the place opened it changed hands and became a nightmare. I'm not saying that's what you're bringing to the table, but most of the people in this room have been homeowners here more than 10 years and are invested in this community. I just don't think this is the type of establishment that we want or need in this area. Maybe in another 15 years when the neighborhood changes over a little bit which I think is going to happen, but that's just my opinion."

Resident Sarah Printy said she's open to the idea, as Roslindale offers a lot for older residents and families, but not too much in the way of activities for people in the middle.

"We were at the Roslindale Village Main Streets meeting the other day and one comment I had is it's hard to get friends here sometimes because Roslindale is an older crowd that has events that are really geared towards kids," she said. "There are all these things you can do for kids, and I think that looks like fun but I can't do that because it's for kids. I can walk to this location and I don't drink, but I have friends who do and we could really enjoy some paint nights and do

fundraisers for the community, and it seems like a place we could really use."

Resident Martha Heath said her generation would use it too.

"I'm an artist and this is a great concept, but you have to promote it as something more than a liquor store," she said. "There's a lot of her age group here, but there's my age group too who would also be interested in this. It's not about a liquor store, it's about bringing the community together."

Patel said he still has a ways to go in the permitting and license process and doesn't have any designs just yet, but said he will bring them back for meetings with MHMC when he gets further along.

MHMC member Lisa Beatman also brought up a proposal from King's Smoke Shop for a pipe and tobacco store in the American Legion Plaza next to Simco's. She said no representative from the smoke shop chain came to the meeting, but she is concerned. She said the project would be as-of-right. She's not as concerned with the smoke shop itself as she is about the possibility of the company trying for a recreational marijuana sales license, for which she believes there is a good chance the company will go for.

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Roslindale Representative Dan Murphy said that if they do go for that license, there is an extensive public process to go through before they can start selling.

Resident Pam Lewis said she doesn't like the current proposal and would be against any future expansion.

"If you think about it, it's lower end retail. It's bringing in people that are not invested in this neighborhood. They're in and out, they leave their trash, it hasn't benefited us at all," she said. "I'm not opposed to marijuana. People voted for it and

it's fine, but they put one of those smoke shops on Bowdoin Street and with the population that it attracts, you can't go up and down that street without getting a contact high."

One resident from the Haley School said he's concerned about advertising these products to youth. He said they know the risks of tobacco on youth and that is worrying, but it is also of concern because of the effects marijuana has on a developing brain.

"When you're talking about proximity to a middle school we know that over the years the rates of middle schoolers and high schoolers has gone down, but vaping has become much more popular and we're seeing a rise among middle schoolers and high schoolers and that's super concerning as well," he said.

Representative for Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell, Caroline Kimball-Katz, said Campbell is currently hosting meetings on the as-of-right process to see if there's a way for neighborhoods to have more control over what comes into their neighborhood, even if it is an as-of-right project. One of the main factors governing stores currently being discussed is if the neighborhood has a certain goal, such as health or environment, it could oppose certain as-of-right projects based on that stated goal. The first hearing for this issue is April 24 at 6 p.m. at the Great Hall in Codman Square.

Lyme Disease

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a person infected with Lyme disease. She decided to go to her doctor, where she tested positive for Lyme disease.

One of the first symptoms she noticed was "migrating pains."

"I would feel stiff on one side of my neck, then the other, then I would feel pain in my joints," Bonzagni explained. Other Lyme disease symptoms include fatigue, hot flashes, night sweats, chest pain, back pain, depression, vertigo, headaches, eye pain, and dizziness. "I decided to educate myself more about the disease, since my doctor didn't know much about it."

She attended lectures about Lyme, watched many documentaries and read many books to learn more. Bonzagni recommends the award-winning documentary Under our Skin (2008) and the books Gone in a Heartbeat by Dr. Spector, Beating Lyme by Constance Bean, and Cure Unknown by Pamela Weintraub.

The average deer tick lives two years, but can lay up to 2,000 eggs. They are also common on squirrels, chipmunks, and birds. If not on a host, ticks enjoy living in shady and wet areas.

Bonzagni listed multiple ways to reduce ticks in your backyard such as mow your lawn frequently, plant shrubs that do not attract deer, keep bird feeders away from your house, and use the least-toxic pesticides for your lawn.

"Do birds eat ticks?" asked one audience member.

"Not enough to help keep the tick population down," Bonzagni explained.

Bonzagni told audience members to always take precautions when hiking by covering up and tucking your pant legs into your socks.

"Wear light colored clothing so it is easier to spot ticks on yourself," she added. When checking yourself, your child, or pet for ticks, always do so on a hard, flat surface-not a carpet. The ticks can get easily lost in your rug.

In June 2011, there was a health crisis in Massachusetts due to Lyme. But it was not until 2016 that Massachusetts passed a bill to give chronic Lyme patients medical coverage.

"Many doctors are not educated about Lyme disease in medical school, and that needs to change," Bonzagni said.

"This is one of the first Garden Club events we have advertised over social media," Morgan said. "I received a lot of positive feedback over Facebook. People messaged me telling me about family members who have had Lyme or asked if the lecture was going to be recorded."

For more information on the Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury and their upcoming events, visit <http://gcfm.org/eveningcwestroxbury/home.aspx>.

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In a relatively rare decision, the WRNC voted in favor of Gary Martell's project on Cheriton Road.

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and they didn't make a decision on it so we filed a lawsuit in the Suffolk District Court," he said. "We thought at the time we should go back and maybe propose an alternate plan rather than having this litigation going on, and work with the neighborhood to try to get a variance."

The new proposed two-family would require zoning variances for a forbidden use of a two-family home, excessive floor-to-area ratio, excessive building height, excessive number of stories, insufficient open space and insufficient side yard.

At the rear of the site on the southwestern side, Martell said he and his team have entered into an agreement with the City of Boston to sell the land there to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and make it public land. He said this would give access to the Urban Wild at the Dunbarton Woods for any member of the public.

Martell said that after going through the process, they found that a 15-foot sliver on the southeastern portion of the property was deed-restricted by the previous owner to give the American Arabic Benevolent Association (AABA) right of first refusal to buy the land and that without that sale, he could not build there. He said he moved the house over so that none of that 15-foot sliver would have any construction on it, as he said they could not come to an agreement on price with the AABA.

"They wanted double the value of our independent appraisal," AABA Board Representative Sami Baghdady said. "They didn't like the value and they wanted almost double what it was appraised for and they refused to meet with us anymore. This is purely profit-driven and what's best for the community is open space. It's already a congested area."

Baghdady said AABA also felt this project was too dense for the neighborhood.

"This use is forbidden by the zoning code, two-family homes are forbidden and I would not take that lightly," he said. "We also have a petition that's been signed by 100 residents at Cheriton Heights and many of them would be here tonight except for transportation issues... The petitioner has already constructed two single-family homes and constructing two more units would increase traffic and decrease safety for the elderly living next door. The two-family dwelling would negatively impact the character of the neighborhood... This developer has already built single-family homes and he sold each one for over \$700,000 and he's made his money on this project."

Martell fired back that it was the Cheriton Heights and Cheriton Condos projects themselves (owned by AABA), which he said filed for more variances, that increased the density of the neighborhood.

"They ought to be ashamed of themselves for talking about this project the way they did," he said. "Their area was zoned for (single-family homes at 6,000 square feet each) and they built 70 units... For them to show up and complain about a two-family house with what they built and get a dissertation from a lawyer? I mean come on."

Edgemere Road resident John Faiman said he agreed with Martell.

"Really, the density in that area is due to the buildings you've built there," he said. "I don't see how adding a duplex is going to drastically change that as opposed to the condos and two high-rise buildings they own. I don't have a problem with someone making a profit, but the character of the neighborhood was what was built over our house. It was originally referred to as the Death Star, that's what really changed the neighborhood."

AABA Board Member Ravi Shakar said they are a nonprofit providing needed housing for the elderly while Martell is a profit-driven developer.

"We're not ashamed of what we've done, we don't want to have more congestion around our buildings," he said.

WRNC Vice President Steven Smith said he doesn't usually agree with Martell, but in this case, he was surprised to find himself on the same page.

"The congestion is already there that duplex is not going to change that," Smith said. "The greater good for me is you're going to have a whole lot of land coming to the City of Boston which they hopefully will keep as an Urban Wild."

The WRNC voted 5-1 to recommend to the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals that the project should be approved.



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wars. So we're raising money to kick our year off so we can donate flags or, if there's a veteran in need that needs help with their bills that will provide assistance to them, we do. Everything we take in, we give out."

Rolling Thunder Vice President Brian LeBlanc said he's been a member of the organization for seven years now and said it was the best way he thought he could give back to the community.

"We just had our 15-year anniversary this year for this chapter," he said. "About 22 years ago, I couldn't serve in the military because of asthma, and I had brothers serving in the Seabees (United States Naval Construction Battalions) and after 9/11 we had a lot more deployment and I just had to find a way to give back. Then I found out about this organization Rolling Thunder and its 100 percent nonprofit status. Everyone does it because they want to, not because they have to and nobody's getting paid and that's why I joined."

LeBlanc added the Blessing of the Bikes is probably his second favorite event of the whole year.

"Probably my first is the Memorial Day Demonstration down in D.C., but this is a good get together because everybody comes out in the beginning of the year," he said.

Biker Bill Crowe said all the biker clubs try to support each other and that this was a great way for all of them to come together for a good cause.

"This is my first time here, I've been to a blessing before but I did this one because it's finally sunny out. It's the first one of the season and I wanted to get out and get it blessed before I did any riding," he said.

Resident Dave DeCoursey said this was his first time at the Blessing ceremony, and says he supports Rolling Thunder whenever he can.

"It's an amazing event, it's really good, I've been to biking events for Rolling Thunder like the Halloween Ride and they're kind of fun. There's another one with the marathon. I try to follow them around," he said.

Resident Steve Connolly said he joined Rolling Thunder to give back to those who risked their lives for the country.

"You know, my father was a vet and I couldn't join up, and I just wanted to try to do something to be good to the vets," he said. "I really like the get togethers here, today's a great event."

The organization started in 1995 and now has more than 90 chapters across the country with 10,000 members. Sarro said coming to West Roxbury's Gardens at Gethsemane was a natural choice, as Director Alan McKinnon has been working with them and various other veterans' organizations for years.

Sarro said this specific event came around because while bikers have always faced more dangers on the road than other motorists, these days modern conveniences can make it even more dangerous.

"There are people nowadays that don't pay attention on the road and bikers are basically moving targets," he said. "So, maybe with a little angel on our side, a little blessing, we can ride the road safely."

Sarro said McKinnon first worked with Rolling Thunder to help dedicate a memorial called Rolling from the Park in 2011 where a bench and a stone memorial was dedicated to the veterans, POWs and MIAs of the

War of Vietnam. Sarro said they also did a rededication last year along with the Blessing of the Bikes to help spread the word of the memorial.

"With the help of Alan, we had a very successful event," he said.

McKinnon said he first started working with Rolling Thunder because he needed help placing the flags on the graves of fallen veterans at the cemetery.

"Rolling Thunder said they'd help, so as far as a relationship goes that was a good start," he said. "We had the Vietnam Memorial Park and they dedicated the bench... There's a really huge rock with an insert

of black polished granite with the MIAPOW emblem on it. It's really nice."

Rolling Thunder Chaplin Reverend Michael Saragosa said the event saw hundreds of bikes and bikers come under his blessing. He used a collection of holy basil that he dips in holy water to sprinkle on the bikers as they pass him by. Saragosa said riders definitely feel a little better on the road by inviting God into their sidecar.

"God will be my guide, He'll be with us because we accepted Him by being blessed," he said.

Marion Kelly, who helped out at the Blessing on her off time as Executive director of the Parkway YMCA, said it was also a

great event to get children out at. She said she's happy to see the Boy Scouts helping to set up and administer the Blessing as well as Rolling Thunder's junior members, who led the ceremony in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"We have the boy scouts and junior members, and I think that's important to carry on these traditions and make children aware of the importance of the military and the veterans and all the work that's gone into this," she said.

Sarro said the Rolling Thunder group was first started in order to advocate for veterans of the Vietnam War, and to help raise interest in returning soldiers or their remains for burial on U.S. soil.



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Our test Mini is a plug-in hybrid battery powered vehicle coupled with a 3-cylinder gas engine with a turbo-charger. The 3-cylinder engine pumps out 134 horsepower, but vibrates at a low engine speed. The 6-speed automatic transmission has multiple modes, including a sport mode that also changes the engine tune.

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Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

Around the Neighborhood

CITYWIDE

MAYOR HOSTS RETURN OF THE SWANS MAY 2

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook welcome Boston's most popular waterfowl back during the 30th Annual Return of the Swans event on Wednesday, May 2. The celebration in the Public Garden begins with entertainment at 11 a.m. After wintering at the Franklin Park Zoo, Romeo and Juliet will reside during the summer months in the Public Garden. The swans will be returned to the lagoon following a parade that begins at the Beacon and Charles Street corner of the park near the "Make Way for Ducklings" statue. Carts beautifully decorated by Boston's Winston Flowers will help usher the swans to the release site.

Led by a brass band, the parade will continue to the George Washington Statue at the Commonwealth Avenue/Arlington Street entrance, over the pedestrian bridge, and end on the Boylston Street side of the lagoon for the official Return of the Swans ceremony. The accompanying entertainment program, sponsored in part by the Friends of the Public Garden, begins at 11 a.m. The celebration will include a brass band, face painters, a reading of "Make Way for Ducklings" led by the Boston Park Rangers, and children's activities presented by the Four Seasons Hotel Boston. In-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC, Power Crunch, and the Four Seasons Hotel Boston will provide refreshments.

THE 25TH ANNUAL CORRIB CLASSIC 5K ROAD RACE IS COMING UP

The 25th Annual Corrib classic 5K Road Race will take place on June 3, at noon. Proceeds will benefit local West Roxbury Charities. Located at the Billings Field, Lagrange Street West Roxbury. Distance is five kilome-

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ters (3.1 miles). There will be a Post-Race cookout and celebrations. Trophies and gifts to top division finishers. The first 500 Pre-Registered race entrants will receive T-Shirts. Day of registration opens at 10 a.m., runs until 11:50. Fee \$35.00 on race day. Badge Pick up opens at 10-11:50 a.m.

more information or ticket inquiries call 857-203-0404 or email Rosesbounty@gmail.com.

SUFFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Stephen J. Murphy, Register of Deeds Office Hours. May 1, 2018 BCYF Roche Family Community Center West Roxbury 10 a.m.-noon. Register Murphy and members of his staff will be available to answer questions and concerns about any Registry of Deeds matter. Information will be available concerning the Massachusetts Homestead Act. An internet ready computer will be available to print a Registry recorded deed, confirm the status of a mortgage discharge or check on any filing. No Appointment is Needed.

ARTS ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES THREE ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The Roslindale Arts Alliance announces the availability of three art scholarships (each \$500) to be awarded in May. Any Boston student in grades 3 through high school are eligible to apply. These scholarships are possible through fund raising efforts during the 20th Anniversary* of It's All about Arts television show.

To be considered, send a short video (mp4 format) of your art and why you love it to glennsmusic.williams@gmail.com. Deadline to enter is May 18. Please indicate your age category: (1) Grades 3,4,5; (2) Grades 6,7,8 or (3) High School.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! WEST ROXBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION

A presentation by Anthony Sammarco on the history of the El—Forest Hills Historic maps of West Roxbury by Keith Help with title searches by Attorney Martin Keogh Business Meeting with Treasurer John Di Napoli

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The presentation takes place on Monday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. West Roxbury Branch Library.

Please like us on Facebook: [facebook/WestRoxburyHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/WestRoxburyHistoricalSociety) QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? RSVP SandiSerkessserkessandra@rcn.com

ROSLINDALE DAY PARADE SPRING DINNER AND DANCE

The Roslindale Day Parade Committee will host their Annual Spring Dinner and Dance on Friday evening, May 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. at St. Nectarios Hall in Roslindale Village. The event will feature a dinner, special performances, two raffles, award presentations, a silent auction, followed by dancing to the music of DJ Glenn Williams.

The tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by sending an e-mail to info@roslindaleparade.com, or at the door of the event. The proceeds will go towards this year's 43rd Annual Roslindale Day Parade taking place on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018. For more information call 617-327-4886 or visit www.roslindaleparade.com.

DEAR FRIENDS OF BOSTON SOUTH FAIR SKIES

We continue to build support and pressure for equitable use of Boston's airspace. However, we still need you and your neighbor's support to push for change. We invite you to the next community meeting open to the public: Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Roslindale Community Center 6 Cummins Highway. Agenda: 1. Updates on the Massport Community Advisory Committee's recommendations from Block I of the MIT research project. 2. Feedback from meetings with city councilors to push for more equitable use of Logan's Runway 27 for takeoffs. RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-wzoygw16mug_DWTdNyVjibKx8w-8gY9sTbGm0bCNI56vRw/viewform Please forward this announcement to your neighbors and post in community groups. We'll have awesome yard signs on hand for those willing to display them communicating the Boston South Fair Skies mission. And keep those complaints rolling in when the jets roar! See you on May 9.

WEST ROXBURY/ROSLINDALE

ANIMAL TALKS

Monthly Parlor Meditations and conversations about the animals we love and remember.

Where: The Stratford St. United Church (77 Stratford St, West Roxbury, MA 02132 – Corner of Stratford St and Anawan Ave.)

Topic: Discovering Your Power Animal, Your Familiar

When: May 13, at 5 p.m. (and every second Sunday of the Month)

Contact: Kaleel Sakakeeny, CPGC & Certified Animal Communicator Kaleel@theothermecoaching.com 617-818-1432 a Pet Ministry www.petministryboston.com

AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT DEUTSCHES ALTENHEIM

In his autobiography, *A Passion for Persistence*, John Stephan Gorham takes us on a journey through his life. Join us as the author recounts tales from his early days in Portland, Maine, his experiences in the Army and his adventures climbing the forty-eight peaks of New Hampshire that are 4,000 feet or more. The free event takes place at Deutsches Altenheim, 2222 Centre St. in West Roxbury on Monday, April 30 at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 617-325-1230.

4TH ANNUAL ROSLINDALE PORCH FEST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

The Roslindale Arts Alliance announces that the 2018 Roslindale Porch Fest will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 1:30-5:30 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 16. This family-friendly event showcases local talent all over Roslindale hosted by residents eager to provide their porches, driveways, yards, and gazebos as venues for free musical performances. Roslindale Porch Fest is free to all, thanks to our generous sponsors. Last year's event featured live music at 70 locations across Roslindale, with 110 music acts participating in styles ranging from folk to jazz to rock to reggae to classical, and a crowd estimated in the thousands. Registration is now open for both hosts and musicians at <http://www.roslindalearts.org/porchfest>. The registration deadline is Aug. 1.

Roslindale Arts Alliance www.roslindalearts.org / [porchfest www.facebook.com/roslindaleporchfest](https://www.facebook.com/roslindaleporchfest)

BELLEVUE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

Please come and join the conversation: Cutting edge work by BPD at Tower, Airport/aircraft noise, Local Construction developments, Roxbury Prep Charter School, Climb Bellevue Tower and news of a summer block party. Meeting takes place on Monday, April 30, 7 p.m. located at the St. George Orthodox Church hall in West Roxbury. Invited guests include elected officials, reps from DCR, Massport, and BPD. All neighbors (and neighborhoods) are invited.

RECIPE FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY: ROSE'S BOUNTY FOOD PANTRY

8 - 11:30 p.m., June 1 at Irish Social Club. 119 Park St. WR. Doors open at 7:30. Event to celebrate two years of successful operation of Rose's Bounty, West Roxbury's new food pantry, and to thank community and volunteers for their support. All proceeds will be used for food and supplies for the WR food pantry. The event includes live band, food, comedy, silent auction and more. Tickets available at Rockland Bank and Blue Hill Bank in WR. Discount for table reservations. For

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DEATHS

ABALAN

Elizabeth A. Of Roslindale, age 91. Beloved aunt of Joan and Jerry Cicciu of Sudbury, Kathi and Bill Mullin of York, Maine and Annemarie Smith of West Roxbury, preceding her in death were her sisters Edna Instasi and Helen Palumbo and her nephew David Palumbo and niece Maria Palumbo. Always loved and surrounded by her Grandnephews, nieces and Godchildren. Treasured friend of many dear folks who she touched in her life. Born in the South End of Boston, a graduate of Girl's High School, retired employee of GrayBar Electric and a member St. John Chrysostom Church in West Roxbury. Funeral was from the Joseph Russo Funeral Home, 814 American Legion Hwy. (near Cummins Hwy) ROSLINDALE followed by a Funeral Mass in St John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury at. In lieu of flowers, all donations may be made in memory of Elizabeth Abalan to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 or call 1-800-822-6344. Directions and Guest Book at www.josephrussfuneralhome.com Visiting Hours: Friday 2-6 p.m.

ABORJAILEY

Mary "Honey" (Moussally) Of West Roxbury, April 16, 2018. Dear and devoted wife of the late George Aborjailey. Loving mother of Mark G. Aborjailey of Dedham and Paul G. Aborjailey of Florida. Dear sister of Frederick J. Moussally of Dedham, Dr. Edmund J. Moussally of Jamaica Plain and the late Julia C. Moussally, Josephine Choueiri and Georgette R. Moussally. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Friday was at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsedale Rd., WEST ROXBURY. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Honey's memory may be made to the Church. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. Guestbook and other information at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600.

AGAPITE

Giulio Of Roslindale, April 16, 2018. Beloved husband of Fidalma "Mimi" Agapite. Loving father of Sebastian and his wife Brianna of Falmouth and Julie Agapite and her husband Neal Silverman of Boxborough. Loving Papi of Christopher, Taylor, Isabel and Luke. Brother of the late Giuseppe, Sebastian, Annunziata, Don Antonio and Giovanni all of Italy. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, followed by a Funeral Mass in the Sacred Heart Church. Remembrances in memory of Giulio may be made to the Lewis Body Dementia Assoc. @ lbda.org. For guestbook and direction please visit gormleyfuneral.com. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

DeBELLIS

Geraldine (Ricketts) Passed away peacefully on April 10, 2018. She is survived by her children - Joanne Faria (deceased), Aurora Medeiros, Edward Andrade, Donna Giroux, Tracy Harworth, Robin Hardy, Wayne Mauger and Barry Mauger, her sisters Joanne Aranjó Ricketts, Bernadine Ricketts and her brother Charles Ricketts. Deceased siblings are William, Robert, Joe and Barry Ricketts. As well as many nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Her memorial was held at The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY.

DOHERTY

Evelyn P. (King) Of West Roxbury, March 30, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Paul V. "Doc" Doherty. Loving mother of Robert J., Paul F. & the late James P. Doherty. Also survived by two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Funeral services are private. Evelyn served the West Roxbury community for over 30 years as a sales clerk at Decelles Dept. Store. William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

FALCIONE

Mario E. Of Hyde Park, April 20, age 87. Beloved husband of Maria I. (Defilippo). Cherished uncle of Catherine Prout (Roy), Patricia Carroll (John), Anne Roche (William), Elizabeth Cook, JoAnn England (Daniel), Michael Cerri (Judith) and Shawn Hanlon. Also survived by several great nieces and nephews and one great grandnephew. Funeral was from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak St., HYDE PARK, Thursday morning at 9, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Ann's Church, Readville, at 10, Father Ron Coyne officiating. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours Wednesday evening 4-8.

GOLDEN

Catherine M. (Kelly) "Tweeda" Longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Mission Hill, April 14, 2018. Beloved wife of William P. Golden for 70 years.

Devoted mother of William Golden Jr. and his wife Kristin of Colorado, Kenneth Golden and his wife Ellen of West Roxbury, Peter Golden of Hyde Park, and Paul Golden and his wife Sherrice of Millis. Loving grandmother of Sean, Kimberly, Timothy, Zachary, Katherine, Michael, and Morgan. Funeral was from P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY followed by a Funeral Mass in Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. Interment was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Catherine's memory to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA 02451. Online guestbook and directions at pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000.

HANRATTY

Gladys (Morin) Of the Blake Estates, Hyde Park formerly of Roslindale, passed away on April 18, 2018. Beloved wife of the late James Hanratty. Devoted mother of the late James and Stephen Hanratty. Loving grandmother of Christine and Stephen Hanratty, Sister of Madeline Day, and Barbara Marchetti and the late Harold Morin, Mary Cobett and Helen O'Brien. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were held in the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., West Roxbury. A Funeral Service was held in the funeral home. Interment was private. For guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000.

McCUSKER

Brian H. 71, of Boston. April 17, 2018. Survived by his daughter, Jill McCusker and fiance Samuel Rees of Roslindale, son, Daniel McCusker and wife Elizabeth of Jamaica Plain, and his former wife, Linda McCusker of Norwood. Survived by his brothers, Thomas McCusker of Westwood, Kevin McCusker (Barbara) of Weymouth, Richard McCusker (Mary) of Roslindale, his sisters, Patricia Bailey (Peter) of West Roxbury, Roseanne McCusker Scanlan (Paul) of Roslindale, and his sister-in-law, Roberta McCusker of Westwood. Also survived by his nieces and nephews that he loved and was proud of as if each was his own. Predeceased by his brothers, Michael, James, and Charles, and his sister, Noreen McCusker, and his sisters-in-law, Josephine McCusker and Patricia McCusker. Brian was raised in the Roslindale section of Boston, the second youngest of 10 children born to Thomas P. McCusker and Nora (Dillon) McCusker. He graduated from Mission High School and then Boston State College and, after serving his country honorably in the National Guard, embarked on a long and successful career as a salesman at United Liquors. Brian settled in Westwood, where he raised his children with love and laughter, and opened his home to extended family and friends on many joyful occasions. He loved animals, especially his dog, Cocoa, camping, tennis, Charles Dickens novels, drawing, painting and adventures at the beach. He was personable, gregarious and quick-witted, enjoying nothing more than regaling his family and friends with wonderful stories filled with humor. He was loved and cherished by all who knew him, and will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Funeral was from the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St., WEST ROXBURY, followed by a Funeral Mass at Holy Name Church. Interment was with committal service at St. Michael's Chapel, 500 Canterbury St., Roslindale.

O'DONOGHUE

Terence J. Of West Roxbury, formerly of Clonakilty, Co. Cork, Ireland, April 14, 2018. Beloved husband of Kathleen T. (Mahoney). Survived by many brothers and sisters in Ireland. Funeral Mass was in Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury, Mass. Interment Co. Cork, Ireland. For directions and guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

SAVAGE

Neil Joseph 88, of West Roxbury, passed away April 17 after a short illness. He was born in Roslindale, son of the late John T. and Theresa (Leahy) Savage. He graduated from Mission High School in 1948, then joined the US Navy, where he served in Philadelphia during the Korean conflict. He returned to Boston and worked many years in the insurance industry, before beginning a career as a freelance writer. He specialized in history, writing "Extraordinary Tenure," a recounting of Massachusetts politicians from John Adams to Tip O'Neill, as well as histories of the Forest Hills Cemetery, the Boston Water and Sewer

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Legals

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18D0326DR**
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Maireni Geronimo vs. Miguel Angel Pujols Valdez
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Maireni Geronimo, 115 Cornell St. Apt 1, Roslindale, MA 02131** your answer, if any, on or before **05/10/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
March 16, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 04/26/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
Docket No. **SU18D0624DR**
DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS
Portia C Charles-Francis vs. Jimmy Francis
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
To the above named Defendant:
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Portia C Charles-Francis 4 Rexhame St. Roslindale, MA 02131** a copy of your answer to the complaint for **Divorce Filed 4/3/18** which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
April 9, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 04/26/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **17D1744**
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Sintia Genao Guerrero, Plaintiff (s) vs.
William N Genao Mercedes, Defendant(s)
To the above named Defendant (s):
The Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Sintia Genao Guerrero seeking a divorce, pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 41 I, and Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties, and that the said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and that his/her present whereabouts are unknown; that personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable, and that said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.
You are required to serve upon: Sintia Genao Guerrero – whose address is 32 Fairlawn Ave #5, Mattapan, MA 02136 – Phone 857-312-8526 your answer, on or before the 7th day of June, 2018. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.
Witness, Joan P. Armstrong, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 13th day of April, 2018.
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
Hyde Park Bulletin, 04/26/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU18P0603EA**
Estate of: Angelo Poles Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
Date of Death: 10/12/2017
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication Of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Carol A. Poles of Hyde Park, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Carol A. Poles of Hyde Park, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00a. m. on the return day of 05/10/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 05, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin, 04/26/2018

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cantly shrunk from what it used to be and like other wooded parcels throughout the city, is on the verge of being decimated in the name of More Housing: Nature is viewed as the enemy of people, and must be leveled, no matter how many vernal pools and gentle glens have to be filled in and no matter how many trees must be cut down.

Just as Mayor Menino immortalized himself with the creation of huge Millennium Park, on top of what was once the LaGrange Street Landfill, so too must the current administration endear themselves to current and future generations by saying NO to any more requisitions to shoe-horn more building into vacant lots and forested areas. If not, in the future Earth Day volunteers should just sleep in and let the bulldozers do their ignominious jobs, and those signing off on the permits will live with their own personal infamy.

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The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DOCKET No. **SU12P1366EA**
Estate of: Philip E. Shakir Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
Date of Death: 05/16/2012
To all interested persons:
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/10/2018.**
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 26, 2018
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Deaths

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Works, and several local parishes. He also wrote a work of fiction, "Jonathan Baker's House on Lime Street." He was a member of the Lions Club community service organization. During the busing era, he served on a Racial Ethnic Parent Council designed to help with the details of school desegregation. He was appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis as an Associate Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission. He served on the Massachusetts State Archives Commission, and worked as an archivist for The Roxbury Latin School. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret (Peg Rogers) and six sons, Neil Jr. of Lowell, Kevin of Los Angeles, Brian of West Roxbury, Christopher of Winthrop, Timothy and Kyungshin (Lim) of Reston, VA, and Matthew and Sandra (Piccolo) of Wilmington, and four grandchildren, Anthony, Declan, and Macy of Wilmington and Aidan of Reston. Brother of the later Sister Theresa of Jesus (Mary) and Francis X. Brother-in-law of Claire C. Campbell and Paul E. Rogers. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, grand-nieces, great-grand-nieces, and cousins. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment was at Mount Calvary Cemetery. For guestbook visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

STOCKER

Anita (nee Leyden) Of West Roxbury, formerly of County Sligo, Ireland, April 15, 2018. Beloved wife of Peter J. Stocker. Loving mother of John Engdahl of Wilmington. She is also survived by Peter J. Stocker Jr. and Steve Stocker, many nieces, nephews and extended family in Ireland. Funeral was from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery. For directions and guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

TOWER

Helen (Moses) Of Roslindale, formerly of Boston's South End, April 17, 2018. Dear and devoted wife of the late Thomas Tower. Loving mother of Thomas J. Tower and his wife Kathleen of West Roxbury, Geri Quinn and her husband Greg of Needham Heights, Dr. Tammy T. Quinn and her husband Dana of Walpole and Tanya T. Newburg and her husband Howard of Boston. Beloved grandmother "Sithou" of Jill Constantine and her husband William, Melissa Byrne and her husband Joseph, Michaela Pavlik and her husband Cory, Gregory Quinn and his wife Aly, Stephen Quinn and his wife Michele, Daniel Quinn and his wife Allison, Nathaniel Newburg and his wife Karen, and Dr. Cassandra Mackey and her husband David. Cherished great-grandmother, "Big Sithou" of Mark and Ava Constantine, Tommy and Sadie Byrne, Brayden, Finnegan and Elise Pavlik, Madeline and Andrew Quinn and Declan and Reagan Quinn. Funeral Mass was at Holy Name Church, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Helen's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery. Guestbook and other information at www.KfouryFuneral.com Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600.

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