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

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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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

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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 Thunder,” 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 out mission, which is to let the public know that there are men and women still missing from previous

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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-asigned arbiter in the City of Boston

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

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
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) Somerville stuck its hand for, essentially, hunty 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 expand other facilities, or build what they need, and keep the friction, but it is the result.

Bridges alone aren’t going to help anybody.

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My Kind of Town/
Joe Galeota

Great Again”

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 golf course no longer exists. Cross Centre Street is targeted for building but this, too, needs the city to wink-wink at the drawings demanding many variances.

More importantly, I am proud to be a Roslindale resident and the mom to three adopted boys, ages 11, 14, 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. Rosbury Prep is a conscious choice – the new fact of life when you strive for the kinds of educational opportunities for the whole community. Rosbury 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 an excellent facility where they can have community and permanence. It’s what we would all want for our kids.

Dana Lehman
Roslindale

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Garden Club of West Roxbury presents lecture on Lyme Disease

Ariane Komorf
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

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

PHOTO BY ARIANE KOMORSKI

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live music, a bounce 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 Lovelly 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 Pacifcico 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 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 marital 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 Chinenenna Yongor 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.”
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 you’re drinking, and that’s really our goal and this is taking it to a different level.”

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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 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 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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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.

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.”

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School said he’s concerned
about advertising these prod-
ucts 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
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super concerning as well,” he
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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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Thank You Novenas
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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin
My dear Child Jesus
From heaven in adoration, I present your Holy Virgin Mother to you, who is my beloved Mother, the Virgin Mother of God, Immaculate Virgin, who is in the secret of the heart of God. Help, O Mother, to enter into the heart of Jesus and to ask for what I need. May the same heart of Jesus, who gave itself in sacrifice for you, give itself in sacrifice for me.

St. Jude’s Novena
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified and loved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th prayer your name will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. Any prayers were answered in gratitude for helping me.

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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 they would have been 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. “There area was zoned for (single-family homes at 6,000 square feet each) and they had built there. He said he moved the house over so that none of it would have any construction on the 15-foot sliver on the southeastern portion of the property. They refused 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.”

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“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 adding a duplex for (single-family homes at 6,000 square feet each) and they had built there. He said he moved the house over so that none of it would have any construction on the 15-foot sliver on the southeastern portion of the property. They refused 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.”

“We’re not ashamed of what we’ve done, we don’t want to have any congestion around our buildings,” he said. WRNC Vice President Steven Smith said he didn’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.”

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

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Resident Dave DeCourcey 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 coming up 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 the Rolling Thunder started with the Victoria Cross and World War II veterans 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 stoney memorial was dedicated to the veterans, POWs and MIAs of the Vietnam War. Sarro said he’s happy to see the event 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.

“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 inscript of black polished granite with the MAPOW 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 sides. "God will be my guide, He’ll be with us because we accepted Him by being blessed,” he said.

Marlon Kelly, who helped out at the Blessing on her off time as Executive director of the Park Way 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 in 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.

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