



The owner of 105-107 School St. is looking to add three bedrooms to this building.

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JPNC new business and old business on Jan 27

Affordability key issue

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 27, approving zoning committee recommendations and reprising the debate over 3326 Washington St.

Growing families, adult children who can't afford their own apartment, so-called aging-in-place couples, and homeowners looking for more rental income are the reasons for the increase in additions and build-outs on the agenda of the zoning committee.

No less than five were unanimously approved at the Jan. 21

zoning committee and ratified by the full council on Jan. 27.

Savvas Gianasmidis owns the two-family house at 85 Bynner St. and he called in from Greece (at 2 a.m.) to explain he had a growing family and wanted to modify the attic as living space.

It's his fathers house, he explained "and seven or eight people" live in the second unit.

"There's a tenant on the first floor," Gianasmidis said, "I'll add two bedrooms and two bathrooms and maybe a third bedroom in the attic," for a total of five bedrooms.

Aesthetic Images of West Roxbury is the architect.

Charles and Mary Horvath

have owned 268 Chestnut Ave. at the corner of Biltmore since February 2016, and they want to stay there

"We love JP. We want to age in place," Charles Horvath said, "So we moved our bedroom downstairs."

"This reduces our use of the 18-step staircase to the second floor."

Horvath said he wants to add a ground-floor bathroom addition to their home, which was unanimously approved.

Gregg and Katrin Leadley own 41 Slocum Rd., built in 1962, and they said they have a grow-

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According to organizers, ICE has been spotted here in Hyde Park.

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WFHCG details ICE activity in Hyde Park

LUCE mini-hub available

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The West Fairmount Hill Community Group (WFHCG) met last week in a virtual format to talk about what residents can do about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations in the neighborhood.

Tim Smith came out from the Liberty Union Community Esperanza [Spanish for hope] (LUCE) Massachusetts network to discuss what residents can do if they suspect ICE is operating in the neighborhood.

First, he said LUCE is a network of verifiers and is set up to send observers to suspected ICE activity in order to document who is taken for follow-up action in court later. The presumption here is that detainees are being lost in the system, and it becomes difficult or impossible for their families or attorneys to find them after they are taken – <https://tinyurl.com/yr7x9kvr>

LUCE Hyde Park mini-hub organizer Tim Smith said they have been working in the neighborhood, mainly out of the Roslindale Hub, and have been going door-to-door in areas to educate residents of their rights and what they can do if they suspect operations are going on in the area. For more information, go to <https://www.lucemass.org> and/or call the hotline at 617-370-5023.

"I started getting involved in March and over the summer we

ICE

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DR Carnaval comes to Rozzie Library

Comes with all the bells, whistles and whips

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Asociacion Carnavalesca de Massachusetts came by the Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library on Saturday for an exhibition of traditional performances associated with the Dominican Carnaval.

The family-run organization has been going since 2001 to perform throughout the state, either in an educational capacity, as on Saturday, or as part of official festivities.

Leonardo Mirabal said the carnaval festival and its traditional dancing monsters go back to colonial times when the Spanish Empire ruled what is today the Dominican Republic.

"Dominican Carnaval starts in the month of February and goes, usually, the whole month," he said. "It's usually every single Sunday, and now it's been going on longer where they extended it to



Performers came out to Roslindale to celebrate the Dominican Carnaval on Saturday

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

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Boston Indivisible hosts candidate night

Lynch facing challenge, but does not attend

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The group Boston Indivisible hosted a candidate night on Thursday in Downtown Boston and online for the Massachusetts Eighth District.

Organizers from Boston Indivisible said during and before the start of the night that while Congressman 8th District House of Representatives member Stephen Lynch was invited to the candidates' night, he chose not to attend.

The night focused instead on his challenger, 38-year-old attorney and voting rights advocate Patrick Roath, coming out of Jamaica Plain. Lynch has held the district since 2013 and held the Massachusetts 9th District from 2001 to 2013.

Roath interned at the Obama White House and served as a speechwriter for former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick. Roath also chaired the Board of Common Cause of Massachusetts and helped work towards voter education and representation.

Boston Indivisible got Los Angeles Times reporter Ellen Hume to moderate the night. Hume grilled Roath for about an hour all told, both giving him a platform to express the ideals and issues of his campaign, but also to continually ask him if he thinks he's got a shot, and why he thinks so.

"Congressman Lynch, who has been in office almost 25 years, defeated his last primary challenger two-to-one in 2020, and before we get into all the

passion and the issues, I think we need to get the elephant in the room out of the way; or maybe the donkey in the room," Hume said. "How can you possibly win? Have you wooed away any of his union or veteran supporters, because that is the base (Lynch) seems to rely on year after year. So do you have a strategy we can believe in?"

Roath responded that, this time, things are much different.

"I don't want to waste anyone's time; this is a serious campaign to change this congressional seat," Roath said. "We can win this race. Passion and urgency; that's the elephant in the room and why we're going to win. I think there is a message there that people are ready for that maybe they weren't in 2020 or previous years. This country is going through something totally different. And people respond to that, and I think that opens up new opportunities and avenues for change."

Roath then emphasized that his funding sources are not coming from, certain places.

"We out-raised the congressman last year without taking a single (political action committee) PAC check of any kind," he said. "We raised over \$600,000, we are not taking corporate PAC money at all, but we are going to continue to have the resources we need to prosecute this. I am a full-time candidate, I have been since last May."

According to Open Secrets – <https://tinyurl.com/bdh4h7d2>

– public data is only available for 2024, but Lynch had raised about \$720,000, and about half of that came from PACs. Roath was not listed on that site for direct comparison.

Raothe went through his experience and what he wants to achieve, which were baseline progressive views that you can look up on his website at <https://patrickroath.com>

Roath said he was thankful that Deval Patrick and gun rights activist, former Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee and student survivor of the Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting David Hogg have endorsed his candidacy.

"And his national group have endorsed this campaign as just one of a few that they are going to endorse this year," he said.

Getting back to Hume's original question, Roath said he would campaign to traditional union and veteran voters where they live.

"I don't know how to do this other than ask those people for their vote and share with them what we're about and offer a different solution," he said.

One of the many topics the night went through was that of healthcare. He said he supported Medicare for All, as a short answer, but said the issue is extremely complicated and would take time to unravel. He said, however, bottom-line he supports a single-payer healthcare system (a sentiment that's growing – <https://tinyurl.com/3wjxutkt>).

"But how do you pay for it?"



Patrick Roath, right, is challenging Congressman Stephen Lynch, left, for the 8th Massachusetts Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Hume responded.

"We might need to raise taxes at some point, and that happens at the absolute wealthiest level, and that's just a reality; we're not going to do what Trump did and just cut the richest people's taxes in the country," he said.

Roath said another issue he would like to face is to get money out of politics.

"I've kind of come around to the idea of term limits," he said. "If you are in favor of that, you've got to hold yourself to that. And I'm open to how many it should be, but it should probably be six (terms) that's about 12 years, and that seems about enough time to do anything in Congress right?"

Roath said the complacency in the Democratic party incum-

bencies is a real issue he wants to tackle.

"It is a really scary moment we're in this country, the existential threat that is emanating from this White House right now in MAGA extremists that are terrorizing our country on the streets of Minneapolis that could very well come to our city next," he said. "That is the threat that this country faces, and that requires a different style of leadership than what we have been getting from this Democratic party and, very specifically, from the congressman in this congressional district. I just think the approaches that made sense decades ago are not suited to the problems of today. We have to

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Film looking to put the farm back in Brook Farm

New Brook Farm, Inc. will host a screening of the inspirational film "The Biggest Little Farm" to gather support for efforts to reintroduce active agriculture at the Brook Farm Historic Site in West Roxbury. The film will be shown Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stratford Street United Church, 77 Stratford Street in West Roxbury. Admission is free; no RSVP is required.

"The Biggest Little Farm" chronicles the eight-year quest of a California couple as they trade city life for 200 acres of barren farmland. Through perseverance and embracing opportunities provided by nature, John and Molly Chester unlock a biodiverse design for living that exists far beyond their farm, its seasons, and our imaginations. Featuring breathtaking cinematography and captivating animals, "The Biggest Little Farm" provides a blueprint for better living and a healthier planet by farming in harmony with nature.

Brook Farm was the site of an experimental Transcendentalist utopian community from 1841 to 1847 that sought to reconcile everyday labor with intellectual and artistic pursuits. With more than 100 residents at its height, Brook Farm provided equal roles for women and men. It was a seminal influence on American cultural, intellectual, political, and social movements of the 19th century, including abolitionism, women's suffrage, education, literature, music, and religion. After the Brook Farm community closed, the site became the Roxbury almshouse, then a Civil War training ground, and later a Lutheran orphanage. Brook Farm has been designated a National, State, and City of Boston Historic Landmark. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts acquired 148 acres of the site in 1988.

New Brook Farm, Inc. (NBF) is a non-profit seeking to create a small, professionally operated farm on one acre of the Brook Farm Historic Site. The farm will use organic, low-till techniques to grow a mix of vegetables, most of which will be donated for distribution in southwestern Boston by Rose's Bounty food pantry. Founded in 2011 by residents from West Roxbury, Roslindale, and nearby communities, NBF has run more than 50 events at Brook Farm and in the community, including historical tours, nature walks, and the acclaimed "Women of Brook Farm," with dramatic readings of writings by the original Brook Farmers.

NBF is currently preparing a proposal to submit to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which controls Brook Farm and is currently preparing a plan for the Historic Site's future use. When the plan is complete, DCR will issue a request for proposals for agricultural uses at Brook Farm.

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March. The folklore of the celebration is that when we were under Spanish rule and oppressed by the Spaniards, this was kind of our way of rebelling.”

Mirabal said the costumes came from the idea that the common people could scare the Spanish away by dressing up as demons. The tradition goes back to the early 1500s and is now celebrated along with the country’s Independence Day on Feb. 27.

“It’s said that with the use of these costumes, we were kind of able to scare the oppressor and fight against them,” he said. “It’s kind of just our folklore that we scared them away. But in that time? I’d say these costumes were much uglier, they were meant to be scary before. That’s how it started and just sprung into this artform that, honestly, you can only describe it if you’ve seen it.”

Mirabal said the event has many connotations within the culture and has become a year-long practice for some.

“Artists have dedicated their whole lives around Carnaval,” he said. “There are artisans who make masks year-round, costumes year-round, and they have their families involved and friends and relatives and it just becomes a communal thing rather than just an activity someone likes to do.”

Mirabal said this was the group’s first time in Roslindale.

“I love it here, it’s really nice,” he said. “This is our second or third library event. and this is just a perfect facility,” he said. “There are other places where you get there and it’s just kind of hard to figure it out. They don’t really have the best spaces to move around, and this is honestly perfect. It allows us to interact with the audience and for them to see our show.”

Mirabal said the Roslindale Branch actually reached out to them to come and perform, and the Asociacion Carnavalesca was happy to oblige.

“This is the first time we came to Roslindale, and (Branch) Librarian Emily Todd reached out to us actually, looking to offer another type of cultural experience here in Roslindale, and we were super interested,” he said. “We’re based out of Lawrence, but we do events anywhere in Massachusetts. Sometimes we go to New York or New Jersey, and we try to educate the youth on what it means to be Dominican and indulge in the culture.”

About 30 residents came in and out during the event, including Kerina and Sarah.

“We’re all Dominican, but I don’t know anything about this,” said Kerina. “I was born here, and so we thought we’d come and see it. It’s really cool and I really like all this stuff. It’s just fun seeing everyone who showed up.”

“It’s just really great,” said Sarah. “It’s great to see everyone from her family and my family here and having fun every Saturday where they’re

having it.”

“It makes me want to go over there, or at least New York, and see what it’s like,” said Kerina.

Youngster Clay said he learned a lot about the culture.

“There is just so much dancing,” he said. “And everybody is making masks. I made two. I like the dancing a lot and the costumes.”

Resident Stacy Nazzaro said she and her husband were looking for something to do today with their two daughters.

“I’m a Spanish teacher and so I like to engage with Spanish-speaking culture,” she said. “I’ve never experienced Dominican Carnaval, and so I was interested. It’s great so far, and the kids are loving it so far.”

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be doing a better job about the scary things this government is doing to our people; we have to do a better job of standing up to Trump.”

But Roath said they can’t just be on defense. When asked what Hume said was going to be a tough question, “What would he do to help make life more affordable?”, Roath said he didn’t think it was so tough.

“We should be asking every member of congress that question,” he said.

Roath said housing would be the first thing, which is espe-

cially acute in Boston and the surrounding areas. “It’s just not possible for people to continue living in these communities on normal salaries,” he said, adding he would work on housing supply, down-payment assistance, density and zoning bonuses.

The next facet of affordability Roache said he wanted to tackle was childcare. He said the average cost is approaching University of Massachusetts tuition. “That just doesn’t work for working families, I feel like we have to in-

vest federal resources into that problem,” he said.

Third, Roache said, was healthcare, fourth was education, and fifth grocery prices. “I think we could be doing more there as well,” he said. To which Hume replied, “A lot of people talk about it, but it just never seems to get done.”

“Part of what I’m trying to do in this primary campaign is front-and-center those issues,” Roath said.

The Boston Bulletin reached out to Lynch’s office for comment on not participating in the candidate’s night. His office did not reply in time for publication.

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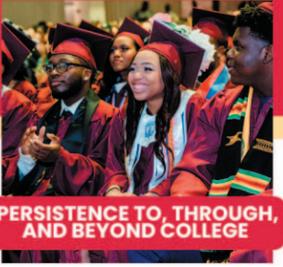
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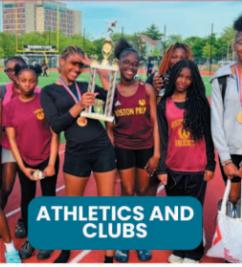
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My George Costanza wallet

There are countless (Jerry) “Seinfeld” quandaries that I share with a good friend on Buchanan Road, who relishes the syndicated episodes as much as I do. That television series became famous because it concentrated on the irksome little things that characterize life. Unlike previous sitcoms that focused on get-rich schemes, “Seinfeld” depicted the little things in life.

All of the increased financial stress of the modern day has led me to collect scraps of paper from my go-to pharmacy. When I enter the store, I enter my phone number and receive a long trail of paper containing at least half dozen discounts on various products with hasty expiration dates. Upon purchasing items, I am handed a lengthy receipt that contains even more discounts, which like the first I received upon entering the store must be turned over to the cashier for me to benefit financially. Some are like “4 dollars off an \$18 purchase of vitamin,” others are “\$1 off next purchase,” others are “30% off one full-priced item,” others are “30% off of total purchase of full-priced items,” – the expiration dates are less than a week away – but the best one is like “\$5.00 off next purchase,” good for a month or so.

Keeping track of all these coupons is no easy task. With



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all these scraps of paper mixed with my dollar bills of varying denominations and several credit cards, driver’s license, library card, AAA card, etc., my wallet is getting thicker and thicker, not unlike that of Jerry’s pal, George Costanza, so thick that it’s even a bit tough to sit on.

Yes, all this was the basis of a subplot in a Seinfeld episode, but unlike George, I have no hard candy stored in my wallet.

Speaking of discounts, another one comes to mind but it is paperless: one must have a certain degree of dexterity with a Smart phone to access and benefit from the coupons. At one time I used to go to the grocery store with a list of items to be purchased, accompanied by the store’s weekly circular. Now the store where I regularly shop – the produce there is spectacular – will give larger discounts only if the select items are electronically “clipped” by a Smart cell phone. Trust me, we old people are not into such doings, especially if the software is finicky: if there is a limit of 4 such items – say, blueberries – you can’t come back later in the week to claim the other 3 packages at the advertised discount.

Ah – for the good old days of easy-to-negotiate Liggett Drugstores as well as the First National and A&P grocery stores.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favours. But I plead for this one. (mention favour). Take it, place it in your open broken Heart. And when the eternal Father sees it, covered with the mantel of his most precious Blood, He cannot refuse it. For then it is your prayer, not mine. Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee. Amen.

Say three times for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—V.C.

Around the Neighborhood

WRCIA MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

The West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association will be meeting this Tuesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. in St. Stephen’s Church, 5160 Washington Street, West Roxbury. The monthly agenda will include crime updates from the Area E5 police Community Service Office, updates from our local elected leaders and new business/open forum. We expect this meeting to be fairly quick and will conclude at about 8 p.m.

WARD 20 REPUBLICANS TO MEET

The Boston Ward 20 Republicans will be holding a delegate caucus at the E-5 Police Station Community Room on Sunday, February 15, 2026. Up to 37 delegates will be selected for the quadrennial 2026 Republican Nominating Convention, scheduled for April 25, 2026, at the DCU Center in Worcester. The only requirement to be a delegate is that you are a registered Republican, resident of Ward 20 (West Roxbury / Roslindale), and over the age of 18. Please email TLRicketts@gmail.com for more information.

Letters to the Editor

LESS OR NOTHING IN JP?

An important conversation is unfolding in Jamaica Plain about revised affordability plans for proposed housing developments. Richard Heath’s most recent article (“JP Housing Committee opposes 3326 affordability changes,” January 29 – <https://tinyurl.com/r6mtu9pw>) points out a contradiction in our community’s response worth exploring.

Last May, the city’s Planning Department presented the JP Housing and Zoning Committees with data on the impact of the heightened affordability requirements in Plan: JP/Rox. The findings were clear: new development in the Plan: JP/Rox area dropped sharply after the plan’s adoption because the affordability thresholds made many projects financially infeasible. We are now seeing the consequences, as both the Doyle’s redevelopment and 3326 Washington St. seek revisions to their affordability commitments in order to secure financing.

Understandably, some in the community are protesting these attempts to revise previously agreed-upon commitments. Yet it does not serve the community for these developments to remain stalled; that would simply lead to no affordable housing being built at all. What is needed now is a workable compromise. In that spirit, let me offer one for 3326 Washington St. This development should be held to the same affordability plan of the recently approved Hatoff’s redevelopment: 13% onsite affordable units at 70% AMI, plus 7% for voucher holders. If that plan was acceptable a few blocks down Washington St., it should be acceptable here as well.

There is broad agreement that Jamaica Plain needs more affordable housing. Yet, as Mr. Heath noted, the Rogerson-Beaufort project – a 100% affordable senior housing proposal – recently reduced its plan by 30 units. Here is a developer who is ready, willing, and able to build deeply affordable housing in our neighborhood, who drastically reduced their commitment simply because some abutting neighbors objected to the size of the building. Where is the outrage over this reduction in affordable housing? Shouldn’t we be writ-

ing letters of opposition to the city over this walk-back as well? If we truly want more affordable housing in Jamaica Plain, we need to support policies and projects that enable it. Affordable housing only helps our community if it gets built.

Chris Vaughan
Jamaica Plain

BREADON CAN DO BETTER

Judging from The Bulletin’s recent article “Breadon still fighting for Jackson Mann,” (Jan. 29, 2026), it appears the best Liz Breadon can say to her loyal constituents is that her status as the newly elected president of Boston City Council might help her get a new community center constructed in Allston-Brighton sometime this millennium. As someone who marched on Breadon’s behalf during her inaugural campaign, I can only say, “What a disappointment.”

Councilor Breadon may not “get” it, but the six-and-a-half-minute video of her asking the Wu administration for updates on the project’s progress between 2000 and 2004 is not proof of her indefatigability, but of her ineffectiveness.

Given that she agreed to serve as City Council President at the request of two Wu loyalists – who themselves couldn’t get elected as council president – getting a community center built in District Nine should have been a condition of her willingness to serve as the mayor’s lackey in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber. It wouldn’t have been pretty, but that’s how things get done in Boston.

The fact that Breadon is next in line to serve as mayor should Michelle Wu move on to greener pastures – a strong likelihood given her ambition and the controversies she faces – is a profoundly troublesome prospect, portending a move from disappointment to disaster.

The upshot is this: If Wu does not deliver a community center to Allston-Brighton and do it soon, it will be as much Breadon’s fault as it is the mayor’s.

Dexter Van Zile
Brighton

They took our snow castles, or How I learned to stop worrying and love the Snow Goons

Out here in our own little corner of Massachusetts, the dump trucks are ever-present this past week, taking the snow up to a farm, upstate, where it can work on the snow farm and have a happy life.

I’ve always loved the idea of a snow farm. It’s a much nicer way of saying “icy gravel pit;” its eventual fate by July.

But right now, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is diligently taking away all the snow from the sidewalks and street; the little sledding mountains and ice walls around the city are disappearing. And while my adult brain is very much thankful for the ability to walk on the sidewalk to our office, there is a small but vocal minority in my head screaming at the loss of prime igloo and fort material.

There is something magical about this kind of snow, and it’s even more poignant because we haven’t really seen snow like this in 10 years. The 2015 record snowfall was a lot of work, I can’t shy away from that. My cousin and I shoveled out the Dorchester house he grew up in, it still feels like a dozen times, to the point where we had to move snow from the front yard to the back, because we couldn’t pile it up any higher. But I remember the walls of snow and ice surrounding our streets like fortifications against the everlasting assault of the pavement. Do you remember the fields of snow covering everything like a warm blanket? Remember



Guess who helped with the shoveling in Jamaica Plain back in the 80s?

PHOTO BY PAULA SULLIVAN

how that made you feel?

Snow like that changes the world; at least our little corner of it.

Again, I cannot stress enough the amount of distress my back was in last week (especially after a plow covered up all the cleared sidewalk we had shoveled not a day before), but I am also very sad when they take away the snow.

I understand, logically, that shoveling and clearing the snow would be infinitely harder with all these mounds of frozen water and little mountain paths carved into the snow like some kind of medieval mining operation, but also, it’s sad to see a whole new world taken away so quickly.

I also understand that strollers are not all-condition vehicles and persons with mobility issues probably don’t share my sense of wonder here, and by no means

am I advocating here for the DPW to just leave the snow where it lies. This past storm is still proving a problem for many throughout Boston, and the Council is even looking to start a volunteer corps to help deal with it. I’m all for that.

But these snowy paths and walls and mountains really remind me of the crenelated towers (those towers with the alternating blocks on top [I learned a new word recently and I’ll be darned if I’m not going to use it]) in medieval castles and, obviously, it’s probably a bit of nostalgia from my youth creeping in here.

But it doesn’t seem like the dangerous kind – the word “nostalgia” originates from a psychological diagnosis for soldiers returning from war. It was a kind

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Roslindale businesses in the old days

Lecture shows what it was like in the Rozzie of old

Susan Kryczka

Staff Reporter

Despite the frigid temperatures, more than 35 residents filled the community meeting room at the Roslindale Boston Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 29 to hear neighborhood mainstay Joseph Porteleki describe how Roslindale businesses evolved from the 1890s onward to meet the needs of the neighborhood.

Porteleki is the well-known owner of Ace Hardware on Washington Street, and he was the first president of Roslindale Village Main Street, one of the first Main Street organizations in the country.

"I think I know about 90-plus percent of the people here," he said. "What I'd like to do this evening is one of my favorite things. I'd like to look back in time, I'd like to take you on a journey: a little bit of time travel, sentimental longings, wishful affections."

Porteleki is both a storyteller and collector of artifacts, and he spent the hour reminiscing, using an array of old photos, implements, and lists showing how closely

business owners and customers interacted daily and depended on each other from the 1890s until World War I when Washington Street, between the Forest Hills train station and Roslindale Square, became a major transportation hub and business sector.

"So many things happened inside of 25 years, it's mind-boggling," said Porteleki.

As a natural extension of the trains that ended at Forest Hills, a horse and buggy offered further transport west and by the 1890s, there were horse-drawn street cars. Electric trolleys then replaced the horses and in 1909, the elevated streetcar came from the city to Forest Hills. Local groceries, hardware stores, and pharmacies sold everything families needed, like kerosene to light lamps or later, even gas. There was no need to leave the neighborhood.

"There was a pharmacy practically on every corner," he said. "When prohibition came in 1920, pharmacies sold liquor for their medicinal purposes. Sundays came to be the busiest for liquor sales at the pharmacies."

"Before church, you needed a drink," Porteleki said.

Early on, power was coal-generated but then a company near Forest Hills made gas for use with interior lights and later cars. Roslindale, however, was also rural. There were wealthy landowners who owned sheep, horses, cows, and orchards. There were five-to-six dairies operating in the area until the 1960s.

A few of the early businesses remain. Davis Monuments on Washington Street opened in 1862 and managed deceased persons arriving at Forest Hills station, shipped by train during the Civil War. The company is still open today as is Puritan Ice Cream, around since 1902. Porteleki showed a copy of the permit given to the first person to own a car and gasoline in the area in 1917. "It was a Maxwell (later to become Chrysler) that was built in Pawtucket."

A customer would first buy the chassis, the motor, and the transmission and then hire another company to put a body on it. Porteleki passed around a 1919 magazine ad



Roslindale resident Joseph Porteleki goes through the business history of Roslindale.

PHOTO BY SUSAN KRYCZKA

for The Farnham Company on Arboretum Road that designed car bodies.

Porteleki talked wistfully about the changes in everyday life in Roslindale after World War II. The increase in the use of cars enabled customers to leave the neighborhood to shop at large stores and, later, malls. Local owners often extended credit to customers and suppliers offered credit to the owners, maintaining a strong personal and economic connection with customers.

With credit cards, financial agencies became creditors who cut out any personal connection, so local businesses suffered and many closed. As a business owner himself, Porteleki understands the loss

of that relationship.

"The hardest thing in business is developing trust. Trust you can lose very quickly ...you had to be honest and do your best and extend credit. Things have changed radically," he said.

The presentation wrapped up with a few questions. Someone asked when the Five and Ten stores closed. "We had some on Corinth Street. Kresge's, up until 1970-1972. They all went out of business because of malls," said Porteleki. Someone asked what happened to the horse manure (and human sewage) generated before there were sewer and sanitation systems. Porteleki said it was used as fertilizer but added, "There was always more than you needed."

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started to develop a mini-hub here in Hyde Park," he said. "People felt like we weren't organized enough to have our own stand-alone hub, so we're sort of latched onto Roslindale right now."

Smith said they would have a stand-alone hub in the future once they get more boots on the ground. He added they've been going to hotspot areas, door-to-door, to distribute educational material and asked that residents call the LUCE hotline whenever they feel it necessary.

"We have found just knocking on doors there are a lot of frightened and vulnerable people," he said. "Since probably September we'd go knock on doors and talk with people and find out what they've heard, but to also let them know they have neighbors looking out for them."

Smith added they've also been sharing 'Know Your Rights' pamphlets so that residents can be educated as to what can be done when ICE comes to your door.

"You don't have to open the door, you don't have to answer questions," he said. "Up until recently, they couldn't enter your house without a (judicial) warrant, but I think now all bets are off on that. I get really an-

gry about this stuff. I don't understand it, and it's a strange time for all of us."

Eddie Conley represented District 5 City Councilor Enrique Pepén's office and also discussed LUCE. He echoed Smith's sentiments about contacting LUCE.

"If you think you're seeing ICE in your area, or you want to get involved in monitoring them in Hyde Park, I'd highly recommend getting in touch with the LUCE network," he said.

Office of Neighborhood Services Zoe Petty also recommended calling the Boston Police Department (BPD).

"I think there is a lot of coordination between the Mayor's Office and the police department and a lot of city departments in how the city won't be working with ICE and won't be providing information about our residents to ICE," she said. "But if there is any feedback to report back to the office, let me know."

BPD District E-18 Captain Joseph Boyle said his officers will do what they can within their jurisdictional limits to keep the peace.

"If we're called with 911, number one, we show up and we keep the peace and will en-

force Massachusetts laws if necessary," he said. "If people have concerns, we will show up."

Petty added that Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has stepped onto the national stage on the ICE issue in an attempt to stem the tide before it gets to Boston.

"The Mayor did release a statement around the most recent ICE shooting and has called for the end of this seeming occupation of Minneapolis and most of Minnesota at this point," she said, adding that Boston and many local municipalities have signed onto a lawsuit to end ICE activity in Minnesota. "And there have been sightings in Boston; just a couple of weeks ago there were sightings in Brighton, which I think was the bigger activity we were seeing. But there are different organizations on the ground working to help each other."

ICE has been ramping up activity in nearby Maine these last couple of weeks.

WFHCG Chair Marcia Kimm-Jackson said she has heard of many organizing efforts involving boycotts and other methods to slow or stop ICE in different parts of the country.

"There are so many efforts around this," she said. "We talk about boycotts all the time, but they do work. Someone said to

me that a lot of the vehicles that these agents rent are from Enterprise Rental Cars. So you can let Enterprise Rental know – and this is hearsay – but if you can substantiate that you can choose how you respond to that. But there are all kinds of ways we can respond."

While there is no confirmed reporting from Enterprise, reporting going back as far as October of last year shows that it has been under scrutiny for apparently renting to ICE officers and administrators, first from the Sisters of Social Services – <https://tinyurl.com/5cbcp6ee> – and then more recently Minnesotans have been mass renting vehicles and then canceling

their rentals in a form of protest – <https://tinyurl.com/5cbcp6ee>

Hilton and Target were also the subject of consumer pressure regarding working with ICE, though Hilton did cancel reservations early last month due to pressure – <https://tinyurl.com/bdft52br>

Smith said there have been sightings of ICE in the neighborhood, particularly at the Stop & Shop plaza on American Legion Highway.



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of nonexistent homesickness. The soldiers had changed so much during their fight that their perception of the world had changed, and the sweet innocent life they left behind can never return. They're too different and changed, and, likely, the world changed as well. As it always does.

Maybe it's not such beneficent nostalgia after all. Above this paragraph there is a lot of talk of fortifications and castles, which can be taken as the leftover brain cells from childhood, but even if that's the case, their function as

forts or castles creates a new issue: the implication of a threat to defend against.

In my youth, that was definitely from adults. They couldn't fit in the tunnels and forts we built, and so we had independence and authority, of a kind. Maybe that's the magic of the snow. It's a gift from the sky, a bit of manna from heaven that allows you to shape almost anything you want. You can pelt your best friends with snow balls, build something brand new without a nagging adult telling you you're doing it wrong, or if you had a hill and a sled, you had speed (if

the hill was steep enough and you were brave enough, you didn't need the sled), and, perhaps most importantly for your time as a child, could breathe the breath of creation into your own snow Golem (snow men), too.

Do you remember when your snow-folk melted? Did you feel sad, and if you did, did you feel sad for the loss of all that work, or because you felt bad for the snowman itself?

We – my family and I – live next to a school with a field. In that field, before the most recent snowfall, one could find the littered torsos and fallen heads of about three dozen snowmen the kids had

built over what I assume were at least a few recesses with the meager snowfall we had before last week's storm.

I'm reminded of the Snow Goons from Calvin and Hobbes. If you didn't read the funnies back in the day, Calvin was an imaginative six-year-old boy with a maybe alive, maybe imagined stuffed tiger named Hobbes. You always tried to guess whether Hobbes was real or imaginary, and I think that was the point. The cat, the "big cat," according to the author Bill Watterson, was both alive and not alive. And I'm realizing now Hobbes was always confined to a box; the cells of the comic strip

itself.

Anyway, Calvin builds a Snow Goon, a snow man that comes alive and has hostile intent towards its creator, likely for all the snow carnage Calvin was always causing with his other snowmen.

And as I looked out at the remains of the snowmen before last week's heavy snowfall, I can only imagine what the creations of all those elementary school children are doing under the snow.

Maybe keeping all those snow mounds, snow walls and fortifications isn't a bad idea eh?

All the best,

Jeff Sullivan
Editor-In-Chief

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ing family.

They asked architect Timothy Burke to extend the living space into the basement; this would require lowering the floor 18 inches.

There's no bedroom but modifications will be made for a Murphy bed. Burke does a lot of additions and extension in JP; on Oct. 15, 2025 the zoning committee approved his plans for a two-story rear addition to 7 Brewer St. for Steven Cohen's growing family.

Chris Hosford of Helios Architects bought 62 Dunster Rd., a two-family, arts-and-crafts-style house built in 1911, with his friend Brian Guarnotto in 2004; it's now two condominiums, Hosford said.

Hosford wants to convert the unfinished basements into two separate living spaces for each owner.

Hosford said he has two adult children "who don't seem to be

moving out soon." He said he also has professional experience with build-outs: under construction now is an addition to 104 Child St. he designed with a mansard roof for psychologist Teresa Spillane.

It was approved by the JP zoning committee in February, 2014, but is just now getting built. The building permit for the \$268,000 second-story addition wasn't given until Sept. 2025. It is now fully-framed and over half complete.

The ground floor will have an office, foyer, waiting room and garage; the second floor will have additional living space including a potential home healthcare living area.

Jesus Martinez owns 6 Chilcott Pl., a big, rambling house that includes an artist studio, and he said he wants to increase the rental space. Martinez does not live at 6 Chilcott.

The third floor has a small apartment with low head room that he wants to enlarge. Scott Coen is the architect/builder.

The house will still remain a three-family.

The zoning committee voted to approve the addition with the proviso that Martinez paint the whole house. Martinez explained he didn't want to finish painting the house until the third floor addition was completed.

Michael Cohen of BoomsLang Group in Needham apparently sees Egleston Square as up and coming, because he recently purchased two multi-family homes, each about 120 years old, at 101-103 and 105-107 School Street next door to Latino Beauty.

BoomsLang is described on its website as a "property acquisition and management company... that focuses on deep renovation of older buildings converting them into high-end, long-term rentals."

And he's doing exactly that:

105-107 School is a brick Colonial Revival duplex built in 1905 called "The Georgia."

Cohen proposes to add three bedrooms and a family room in the fairly large basement making this two, five-bedroom apartments, among the largest in Egleston Square.

Number 101-103 is a wood-framed, three-family apartment house in which Cohen plans to add two bedrooms, a family room and a bath in the basement. The architect is Timothy Burke and the JP Zoning Committee approved the plans on Jan. 7.

For those keeping score, round three of the 3326 Washington St. change-in-the-affordable-agreement adventure goes on: the council on Jan. 27 debated and voted to send a letter in opposition to the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) and the Boston Planning Department.

The developer, citing borrowing restraints, wants to change three affordable units from self-financed subsidies to publicly fi-

nanced mobile vouchers, which has caused great outcry at the neighborhood council for two months.

Before the vote, city councilor Ben Weber came on the call. "I saw this [3326 Washington Street] on the agenda," he said. "I've been talking to [MOH chief] Sheila Dillon about the lack of effort by the developer to take another shot."

"Sheila is working on it. There will be a meeting about more affordability or more explanation as to why it can't be worked out; I will advise that the developer meet with the JPNC, the largest group in JP."

"I'm not sure what's next," Weber said.

"I'm worried that the longer the delay, the bigger the risk is of this not being built."

Helen Matthews of Brookside Ave. did not seem worried. "I wouldn't mind if we delay this several more months until a satisfactory outcome," she said.

BUDUKIEWICZ



Francis S., Sr. "Frank" of West Roxbury, January 31, 2026. Beloved husband of Carole A. Connors. Loving father of F. Stephen, Jr. of Braintree, Lorraine R. Sutherland and her husband Mark of Braintree, Michael K. of Palm City, FL and Dennis L. of Dorchester.

Devoted grandfather of Michelle Scott and James F. Budukiewicz. Great-grandfather of Lana and Lila Budukiewicz and George and Vivienne Scott. Brother-in-law of Kathleen Connors of Cape Cod. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and longtime friends.

Avid golfer and sports fan. Proud retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Retired USPS. Visiting was held at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was held in St. Theresa Church. Interment at Mass. National

Cemetery in Bourne with full military honors at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Frank may be made to VA Boston Healthcare.

JABBOUR



Sam Jabbour of West Roxbury passed away on January 28, 2026. He was 97 years old.

As a young boy he told his mother he wanted to be a priest. She said, "Priests like you the church does not need!"

Years later his childhood sense of adventure drove Sam and his best friend to stow away on a freight train from Fall River, believing they were off to see the world. They ended up in nearby Providence, RI. A kindly conductor found them and asked where they wanted to go and, more importantly, where they were from. They said they wanted to go to Chicago. He put them on a cargo train and when it stopped, they were back in Fall River.

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Late in his teens, Sam finally got his childhood wish to "see the world" by lying about his age to enlist in the military early, and he served proudly as a U.S. Marine stationed in China toward the end of WWII.

After every "Hafla" when St John of Damascus Church was on Museum Road, Sam would announce to everyone "Everybody back to Janice's house"...And dozens of people would go back to their house in Brookline, 15 minutes away!

Sam was a true renaissance man. He was fearless and would try anything. He built a raft for the beach house gang, using empty Clorox bottles for flotation...dozens and dozens of them. At 60 years old he completed the building of his home in West Roxbury, beginning with his sketch on a napkin, which led to designs on graph paper, which eventually became architectural drawings. (And he paid for the double lot with cash in a paper bag!) At 70 years old while scuba diving in Brazil he had his first heart attack, which likely inspired him to finally take up a safer sport on land: he started playing golf at 70. He was self-taught and played until his last round at 93 years old. Ever the young-at-heart adventurer, Sam also helped friends drive a boat from Hyannis to Florida.

Sam was the dear and devoted husband for 70 years of

the late Janice (Rawan) Jabbour. They both said the first 50 are the hardest. Beloved father of Michael Jabbour and his wife Helen, and Paula Girela, all of Dedham. Loving grandfather to "Jido" of Susan Andreas and her husband Michael of NJ, Samantha Williams and her wife June of Pittsfield, Sarah Mettasophia of West Roxbury, Steven Ahto and his wife Camila of Texas, and David Ahto of Rhode Island. Dear great-grandfather "Great Jido" of Sydney, Emilia and Sophie. Loving brother of the late Mary Cardoos, Nora Khouri Barakat, Gloria Zahka, and Julia Jabbour. Sam

is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services provided by the Church of St. John of Damascus. Sam will be laid to rest with his beloved Janice at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Sam's memory to the Church of St. John of Damascus (stjohnd.org) 300 West St., Dedham, MA 02026 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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MACISAAC



Scott MacIsaac (B.P.D) of West Roxbury, passed away on January 30, 2026. Beloved husband of Heather (Short) MacIsaac. Devoted father of Declan, Shannon, and Brody MacIsaac. Loving son of the late John and Elena (Dischino) MacIsaac. Dear brother of Diane Connolly and her husband Mark of Hyde Park, Teresa Tziatzos of Norton, Thomas MacIsaac and

his wife Marie of South Boston, Brian MacIsaac and his wife Emily of Dorchester, the late Carol Fountain and Christopher MacIsaac. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Scott graduated from Catholic Memorial in 1989 and went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army. He later continued his lifelong commitment to service by joining the Boston Police Department, where he protected the city for more than 30 years. Throughout his career, Scott earned the deep respect of his colleagues and the gratitude of countless residents whose lives he touched through his integrity, compassion, and unwavering dedication to others.

A devoted Patriots fan, Scott held season tickets for many years and cherished experiencing the team's playoff runs and Super Bowl victories during their historic dynasty.

Above all else, Scott was an amazing father, husband, and friend. His family was the most important part of his life. He made sure they were always loved, protected, and happy, and

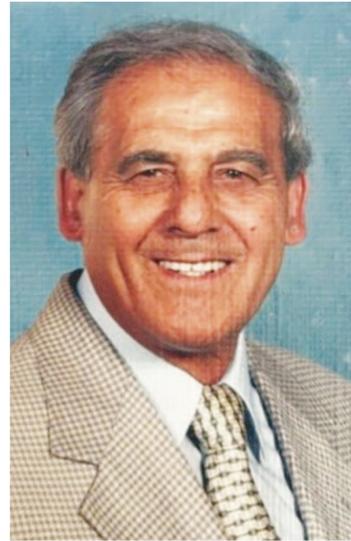
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he took great pride in supporting his children, attending as many of their events as possible and celebrating the incredible people they were becoming.

Visiting Hours, Wednesday, February 4th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the Funeral Home. A Funeral Service to be held at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home on Thursday, February 5th at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St., West Roxbury at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment Private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Scott may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284 or via dana-farber.org/gift.

PERFETTI



“Non piangete, sarò un angelo invisibile” – “Do not weep, I will be an invisible angel.”

Anthony Perfetti of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on January 27, 2026. He was 94 years old.

Raised in Ortona, Italy, Tony grew up in a traditional Italian household with his mother and 5 siblings. He lived through the hardships of the Great Depression and the German occupation of World War II as a young child. These formative years instilled in him a quiet strength, an unbreakable work ethic, and a deep appreciation for classical values his family taught him that shaped the man he became. For Tony, family was everything.

In the 1950s, seeking a better life, Tony immigrated to America, bringing with him his remarkable talents as a carpenter and mason. He married his soulmate Julie where the love and devotion they shared for one another was incredible to witness, defined “true love” and is what everyone hopes their marriage to be. They were never apart in their 57 years of marriage.

Tony built a respected reputation for his master craftsman skillset, eventually finishing his distinguished career as a Building Project Manager for the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He was a master craftsman who would build keepsakes for his family that we all cherish because our Uncle Tony created it with his heart and skill.

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to many, Tony was a man of virtue and a dynamic spirit. He taught us to face life's challenges with no complaints, dealing with problems with dignity and quiet strength. From the streets of Ortona to his life in America, Tony taught us that a life well-lived is not about fanfare, but about integrity and quiet strength.

Tony was the dear and devoted husband of the late Julia “Julie” (Handy) Perfetti. Dear brother of Emma DiGirardi of Italy and the late Domenico Perfetti, Enrichetta Pompilio, Carmella Pompilio and Mafalda Curran. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews and great-grandnieces and nephews. He was a man of strength, classical values, and immense heart.

Riposa in Pace.

Tony's Funeral Service was held at Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Cathedral in West Roxbury.

For those who could not attend, the Funeral Service will be available for viewing at www.bostonmelkite.org/zoom-liturgy

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tony's memory may be made to the Cathedral or to VNA Care – Needham, 199 Rosewood Dr. Ste. 180, Danvers, MA 01923.

Tony will be laid to rest with his beloved Julie at Mt. Benedict Cemetery.

REMMES



Marc C. Remmes of West Roxbury, passed away suddenly, on January 27, 2026. Devoted and loving husband of Anne M. (Pigott) Remmes. Adoring and caring father to his 3 children: Christopher Marc and his wife Erin of Norwood, Jenna Anne Murray and her husband Patrick of Norwood and Madison Colleen and her fiancée Jamie Sullivan of Braintree. Loving Pops to his newborn grandson Nolan Marc Murray. We know he will be watching over him as his guardian angel throughout his life. Beloved son of the late Herbert and Margaret Remmes. Dear brother of Brenda Wenzel and her husband Walter of Medway, and Ronald and his wife Karen of Kingston. Cherished and special uncle to many nieces and nephews. Marc was a loyal and generous friend, and a loving brother-in-law to many, known for his kindness, humor, and the way he made everyone feel like family.

Visiting hours will be in St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre St. West Roxbury on Thursday Feb. 5th, from 3-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, Feb. 6th at 11:30 a.m.

Interment will be in Knollwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in

Marc's memory may be made to Journey Forward, 5 Shawmut Rd. Canton, MA 02021 - <https://journey-forward.org/>

RYAN



Nancy M. (Keohane) Long-time resident of Dedham, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away on January 27, 2026. Beloved wife of the late Paul W. Ryan. Devoted mother of Paul Ryan and his wife Stephanie of Dedham, Christine Cochrane and her husband Mike of Norwood, and Stephen Ryan of Dedham. Loving Nana of Sydney and Justin Cochrane, and Kian and Rhys Ryan. Dear sister of Mary Moynihan of West Roxbury and the late Ellen Fisher and John Keohane. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was a longtime employee of Harvard Vanguard in the medical records department. She lived for going down the Cape each summer with her family. She treasured getting together with her girlfriends for lunch and playing poker or Mexican Train. She enjoyed going to the Norwood Senior Center for exercise classes. Nancy's most cherished moments were spent with her four grandchildren cheering proudly at sporting events, attending school performances, and gathering together for family dinners filled with laughter and love.

Services provided by George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home. A funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Church, Dedham. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Nancy's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

SAMSEN



Paul G. of West Roxbury passed away on January 28, 2026 after a lengthy illness of heart disease. He leaves behind his loving wife Mary (Hanlon).

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Devoted father of Michael and his wife Lindsay of Clinton, Daniel of Jamaica Plain, and Jessica of West Roxbury. Grandfather of Kaylyn, Robbie, and Christopher. Son of Barbara Samsen and the late Joseph Samsen. Brother of Joseph Samsen, Jr., Cynthia Gatto and her husband Joseph, Nancy Samsen, Janice Samsen, William Samsen, and the late Carolyn Samsen.

Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. West Roxbury on Monday, February 9th from 4-7 p.m. Funeral from the funeral home on Tuesday, February 10th at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. For guestbook visit: www.gormleyfuneral.com.

SKELTON



It is with great sadness that the family of Milagros R. Skelton, age 94 of Jamaica Plain, MA formerly Guantanamo, Cuba, announces her passing on January 25, 2026 in the comfort of her home after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Milagros is survived by her daughters Mabel Skelton, Odalis Beaupre, son Francisco Skelton, son-in-law Paul Beaupre, brother-in-law Leonard Skelton, grandchildren Yasmin Morales, Amanda and Melissa Beaupre, Jerry and Gabriel Skelton, great grandchildren J'son, Joshua, Leo, Angel, and Valentina Skelton, and many nieces and nephews including Juan Lewis, Maritza, Linda, and Mary Skelton locally. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 69 years Frank Skelton, as well as her ten siblings, several in-laws and grandson Oscar Skelton, who all cared for her so deeply.

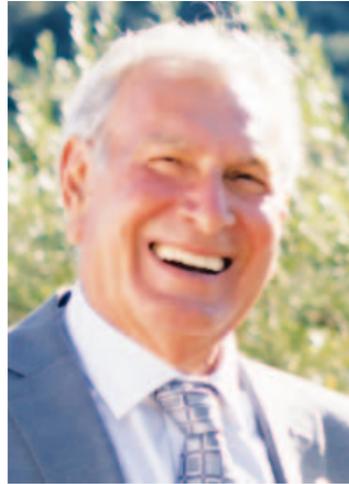
Milagros was a native of Cuba who proudly immigrated from Guantanamo to the United States in 1970 where she rebuilt her life with her husband and children by way of a sponsorship from her close in-laws Alfredo and Melba Skelton of Jamaica Plain. Until her immigration, she was a devoted stay-at-home mother; upon resettling in Boston she reinvented herself, attending night school to quickly learn English and join the professional workforce. Within six months, Milagros began employment at a nursing home as a Nurse's Aide caring for the elderly for three years before transitioning into banking where she spent 25 successful years excelling in several roles within Bank of America, formerly Shawmut Bank. She also co-owned and later sold a thriving autobody shop in Jamaica Plain

with her devoted husband Frank, who reverently named it "Milagros Autobody" after her.

Milagros' love of Cuba and her heritage were always on display, from the amazing food she cooked to the music she loved to dance to. She loved life, traveling, and above all else caring for and spending quality time with family and friends. Bringing loved ones together at her home was the highlight of her life and cornerstone of her entire family unit. Her caring spirit, sense of humor, and loving nature will be incredibly missed.

Visiting hours will be held at Robert J. Crosby Funeral Home in West Roxbury on Friday, February 6th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 14 Montebello Rd., Jamaica Plain, on Saturday, February 7th, at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

SPYRIDOPOULOS



Savvas of West Roxbury, passed away on January 31, 2026.

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Savvas Spyridopoulos, who has been called from this life into eternal rest.

Savvas was born on December 16, 1950, in Alonia Pierias, Greece. From his earliest years, he was a devout and faithful child of Christ. He lived his life caring for everyone around him, lending a helping hand as a true philanthropist. He was passionate about putting others before his own needs and made it his life's mission to help all who crossed his path.

He received his degree at The University of Macedonia "Aristoteleio," in Mechanical Engineering. In 1972, Savvas immigrated to the United States, driven by love for his family and a deep sense of responsibility to provide them with a bright future. Savvas believed that knowledge was a gift meant to be shared. He used his education to serve others through tireless work, sacrifice, and perseverance, he built a beautiful life of dignity as a Mechanical Engineer and Business owner.

For 54 blessed years, Savvas shared a life of love and devotion with his beloved wife, Maria Gerasimidis. Their marriage was a sacred union, grounded in faith, mutual respect, and unwavering love. Together they raised a family rooted in strong values, love, and unity.

Above all, Savvas lived for his family. He was a deeply loving and devoted father to his

daughters Martha Papadopoulou (spouse Vasiliou), Fotene Allard (spouse Harold), and Kostantina Spyridopoulos (spouse Christos). His greatest earthly joy was his role as a grandfather to Alexandros Papadopoulou (spouse Dionysia), Maria Vareika (spouse Daniel), Nicoletta Kyprios, Isabella Kyprios, Savvas Fillios, Christian Fillios, Christos Papadopoulou, and Maria Fillios, and as a great-grandfather to Evangelia Martha Papadopoulou, who brought him great joy.

Though America became his home, his heart remained connected to Greece. He found peace and joy in Platanakia, Greece, where he loved exploring Mount Olympus, walking along the beach, and teaching each of his grandchildren about their heritage. His greatest accomplishment was his family. He has a beautiful life's story – one that all of his family members will cherish forever. He created the most magical memories that will live in our hearts until the end of time. These moments were sacred to him and filled his soul with happiness.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Georgios K. Spyridopoulos (spouse Paraskevi), Stavros K. Spyridopoulos (spouse Elisavet), Europi Navrozidou (spouse Spiros), Sophia Anthopoulou (spouse Ioannis), as well as his brother-in-law Christos Zapounidis. He is survived by his sister Eleni Zapounidou.

Savvas will be remembered for his gentle strength, humble spirit, unwavering faith, and the countless sacrifices he made out of love. His life was a living testimony of true honor and devotion. He will be remembered as a man of True Honor and Respect.

Though our hearts ache with his absence, we take comfort in the promise of eternal life and entrust his soul to the mercy and loving-kindness of God.

A Funeral Service will be held at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church 39 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale, on Wednesday, February 4th at 11 a.m. Visiting hours will be held at the church prior to the funeral from 9-11 a.m. Interment at Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Savvas' memory to St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale, MA 02131.

May his memory be eternal. For online guestbook visit www.pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray-F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons, West Roxbury.

WELCH



John, of Ashland, NH (formerly from Dorchester and Roslindale MA), devoted family man and friend, passed away on January 28th, 2026, after a lengthy illness, surrounded by

family who cherished him dearly.

Born on August 15, 1939, in Dorchester, MA with a steadfast spirit and a heart full of generosity, John dedicated his life to serving his country and supporting his loved ones. John was the youngest child of the late John J. and Frances E. (Wright) Welch and the cherished brother of the late Frances T. (Welch) Terrio and the late Barbara A. Welch. He was a proud graduate of Dorchester High School, class of 1957.

In 1958, John answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He underwent training at Camp Lejeune and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, rising to the rank of corporal before his honorable discharge in 1961. His dedication to service and country was a source of pride throughout his life.

On June 1, 1963, John married his sweetheart, Charlotte L. (Carideo) Welch, at Sacred Heart Church in Roslindale, MA. Together, they shared almost sixty-three blissful years of love, laughter, and devotion – a testament to their enduring bond.

John worked as a shipper/receiver for the Western Electric, which would later become AT&T/Lucent, where he earned the nick name "Big John" used by friends and family alike. After retiring from AT&T John continued his commitment to hard work and community as a bridge inspector for the State of Massachusetts.

John's dedication to hard work matched his passion for sports; he was a lifelong supporter of Boston teams, following everything from high school basketball at the Boston Garden and Bruins games in Montreal to holding Patriots season tickets for 24 years. He valued New England's own NFL franchise and took every chance to support all of the local teams, creating lasting memories with loved ones.

Following retirement, John and Charlotte established their

residence in New Hampshire. John took pleasure in maintaining the house, cultivating his vegetable garden, hosting family and friends.

John was the foundation of his family, cherished for his unwavering love. He instilled in his children the importance of hard work, kindness, faith, and a firm handshake, creating a legacy built on love and integrity. No matter the distance – whether ten minutes or several hours away – John was always ready to support his family and friends, whether it meant babysitting, lending a hand with a project, or responding instantly in urgent situations. Many evenings were spent holding a flashlight while my father helped repair a furnace, fix a leaky pipe, or work on car repairs for those in need.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Charlotte; his children: John C. and his wife Jinny of Waltham, Lisa M. and friend Michael of West Roxbury, Paul J. and his wife Kristin of Franklin. His adored grandchildren: Jack and his wife Kasey of Waltham, Ashley, Ryan, Ethan and the late Adam Joseph. His great-grandchildren: Cali' Marie, Brooke Marie, and Kash Juel. He also held a special place in his heart for Joslyn and JJ.

John will be remembered for his dedication, generosity, and commitment to family and friends. His legacy of loyalty, kindness, and warmth will continue to influence all who knew him. He will be greatly missed and respectfully remembered.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to the American Red Cross.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, 169 Cummins Highway Roslindale. Visiting services provided by the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment at The Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU25D0124DR**

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Dieujuste Fils Victor vs. Maude Lustin-Saint-Victor

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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.**

Dieujuste Fils Victor, 56 Seymour Street, Apt. 5, Roslindale, MA 02131

your answer, if any, on or before **03/12/2026**. 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. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

Hyde Park Bulletin: 02/05/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Probate and Family Court Department

Suffolk, SS **Docket No: SU25P2066PM**

To all persons interested in the estate of Robert Murphy a/k/a Robert J. Murphy of West Roxbury (Suffolk) in said County, a person under conservatorship single

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate of said Robert Murphy a/k/a Robert J. Murphy for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 26th day of February, 2026, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court
this 22nd day of January, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register

West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 02/05/2026

NOTICE OF DOING BUSINESS
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jennifer Jones to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., dated December 22, 2006 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 40994, Page 22, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. its successors and assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee for TBW Mortgage-Backed Trust 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-1, recorded on December 7, 2012, in Book No. 50614, at Page 137

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, its successors and/or assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for TBW Mortgage-Backed Trust 2007-1, Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-1, recorded on May 20, 2016, in Book No. 56148, at Page 1 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on February 19, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 314 Amory Street, Unit 314-1, Amory Minton Condominium, Jamaica Plain (Boston), Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:
Unit 314-1, the address of which is 314 Amory Street, Boston (Jamaica Plain), Suffolk County, Massachusetts, a unit in the Condominium known as Amory Minton Condominium. Located at 314 Amory Street, Boston Massachusetts, established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated October 29, 1986, at Book 13020, Page 044, as amended of record (the "Unit"). The Condominium is comprised of the buildings, improvements and structures thereon shown on the site plan filed with the Master Deed.
The unit is shown on the floor plans of the buildings recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed and on a copy of ht portion of said plans attached to the first unit for this Unit.
The Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 6.5% in the common areas and facilities of the Amory Monson Condominium.
The Unit is conveyed together with such other rights and easements as may be appurtenant to the Unit as set forth in the aster Deed, in the original deed of the Unit, as shown on any site plan and floor plans filed with said Master Deed.
The Unit is also conveyed together with the exclusive right and easement to use wither (a) a garage, or (b) an outdoor parking space designated by the Declarant on the first Unit Deed if the unit s effected by the First Amendment of Master Deed recorded with said registry at Nook 24090, Page 296 stating garage space G-2 is the parking space designated to Unit 314-1.

For mortgagor(s)'s title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 40994, Page 20.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU26P0127EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Thomas Martin Lally
Also known as: Thomas M. Lally
Date of Death: 11/02/2025

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patrick J. Lally of Jamaica Plain, 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:
Patrick J. Lally of Jamaica Plain, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **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: 10:00 A.M on the return day of 03/03/2026. 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
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PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 27, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin:
02/05/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU25P2749EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Paula M. Alexander
Date of Death: 10/12/2025

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Andrew Chakmakas of Waltham, 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:
Andrew Chakmakas of Waltham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/05/2026. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 29, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin:
02/05/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU97P2170

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL APPOINTMENT
OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of: Martha H. Bensen
Date of Death: 01/26/1992

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:
Kimberley H. B. Crowell of
Dennis, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that
Kimberley H. B. Crowell of
Dennis, MA

be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have a 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 02/17/2026. 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 13, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
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