

ROLLINS SQUARE NEWS



FROM THE BOARD

The Rollins Board continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Meetings are open to all Rollins residents—owners and renters alike. Each meeting is held at St. Helena's House on Waltham Street and begins at 6:30 pm.

Our next meeting will focus on budgets for 2005 and will be held on November 16.

For those of you that haven't been able to make the past couple of meetings, here are a few highlights of what is going on at Rollins:

Trees on Washington Street in front of 7-11 are now planted.

Sidewalk and street completion for Savoy, Waltham, and Harrison is well underway in terms of bidding and contract process. It looks like the actual work, however, will not be done until spring.

Dead landscaping (phase 2) was completed.

ROLLINS PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS

BY PAMELA KINNEY

The community picnic, held at our Rollins Green, this past September 19th, was a smashing success.

There were beautifully prepared and deliciously tasting foods and we all got to know one another. We hope you all saw the article in the South End News the following week on page 13.

First and foremost, we would like to thank our Community Committee: Lora Kudisch, Nancy Sousa, Maryglenn Vincens, John Connelly, Paul Andersen and Board of Trustees members: Barry Friswold, James Souza and Barbara Davis, as well as the entire Board of Directors for their support. Thank you to Richard Sylvan for his assistance and for having Valley Crest spruce up the grounds perfectly in time for the event. Thank you to Jose Peralta, for the best margaritas and side cars, this side of Boston. It was very generous and greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Tony Rich, the manager of Mercantile Bank and his guest, Sam, for the popcorn and their kindness to our children. Thanks to Maurice and the 7 Eleven, for the biggest brownies we have ever eaten, the cookies and all the coffee we could drink. Special thank you to Barry Friswold for taking the photos and making a special album for all of us to look at along with extra copies of photos for us.

Last, but not least, thanks to all of you, for making our very first social event one we will never forget. Your generous contributions and your cooperation made this a true community picnic and Rollins Square becomes a community more and more, day by day.

Thank you.
Pamela Kenney



RESIDENT PROFILE

BY PAMELA KINNEY



Judith Klau resides at 519 Harrison Avenue. She is a retired high school teacher who loves children. Judith volunteers at the Boston Center for Jewish Heritage; she is a guide through the Old Vilna Church and leads a Shakespearean reading group at the Boston Athenaeum. She is also an author. When I asked Judith why she chose to live in Rollins Square, she simply said, "The opportunity to have the space, with ten south facing windows." She likes living at Rollins Square, and is looking forward to meeting more people here. Cont. next page.



Meet the Resident, cont.

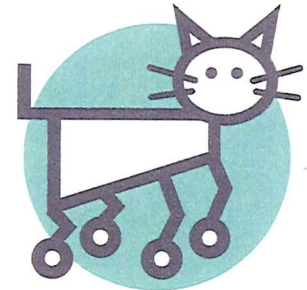
Judith's hobbies are playing the recorder, at the Boston Public Library, south end branch and she is learning the Hebrew language. Judith has lived in the South End for six years, having moved from western, Massachusetts. However, for most of her life, she lived in San Francisco. She has a son, a daughter and two grandsons. If you see Judith, stop and say hello to a charming and friendly lady.

If you would like to recommend someone for an interview, or would be willing to be interviewed yourself please contact Pamela at 617-451-3645



SASSY CAT—FRIEND FOR LIFE

BY CAROLINA CHACIN



After a short battle with cancer this spring I decided that my life needed a dose of a loving pet and that it would be a great exchange of love and compassion if I adopted a pet from a no kill shelter. So I did, after a long interviewing and approval process that started July 1 and ended July 16 at the Cat Action Team (<http://catactionteamofeverett.org>). When I saw her the first time I immediately fell in love with her. Emma was an unfortunate cat to have been abandoned and found with other 45 cats in horrible living conditions. She was rescued from a disastrous house in Chelsea, MA in Jan 2004 (<http://www.scramcat.com/mirror/cat-astrophe.htm>). She had been in a cage for 6 months at the shelter and was eager to go home—she was angry, feisty and sassy. The night of the adoption I went to the center thinking it was another visit and it turned out to be the "A" Day!!!! (Adoption Day).

I was so excited to gathered all the state of the art cat stuff for Emma. She traveled so peacefully, watching through the mesh of the carrier and not scared at all, in the back seat of my truck. I had my trunk full of all her new home furniture and accessories. When we arrived at Rollins, she was so happy; she couldn't stop purring the entire time. She wondered around the apartment and discovered everything (to see which was her favorite place) she followed me everywhere as I laid out all her things in the right place. She quickly found the place where I was going to feed her and ate some food to calm down. She loved my center rug in the living room where she comfortably sat and groomed herself while I finished organizing things. She also discovered her perfect hiding places.. !

She has brightened up my life in such a way I will not be able to repay her. It is such a delight to have her. She sleeps in my bedroom in her own Kitty bed and also in the living room. She wakes me up every morning at 7 chirping to feed her and greets me when I come from work to feed her again, only special extra good quality food. I have also learned to talk cat language since 'she' says that human language is so complicated

You are all welcome to come visit and meet Emma. She will be waiting at my place with a big smile!



PICNIC PHOTOS—

In this issue of Rollins Square News, we've reprinted a few of the photos we took at the picnic held last month. A full album of photos is available for viewing in the management office. In addition, extra copies of each photo are on hand. So if you see yourself or your family in a photo, please stop by to pick up a copy.



If you have access to the web, you can also email bfriswold@comcast.net and he can give you access to the OFoto site where you can order any print you'd like.

MARKET BASKET



Paul Anderson, of 535 Harrison, has generously donated a high quality color print of an 1888 City of Boston plot map, showing all of the individual residences and businesses, that made up the Rollins Square area. This 20" X 48" print has been matted and framed and is on display in the office. If you are interested in obtaining a print of this type, please call Paul at 617-451-0773.

I just adopted my first pet, July 15th. A cat called Emma and since I am a very picky person when it comes to health and nutrition, I have found this lovely place in our neighborhood to shop for natural/gourmet/organic/healthy food for my kitty. The Pet Shop Girls is located on the corner of Shawmut, just near Blackstone Park. It is walking distance from Rollins and closes at 6:30pm. They have pet sitter service and will be offering free delivery for online orders in the near future.

Quote of the month: *Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.*
John F. Kennedy

BOARD UPDATES, CONT.

Heating/Air Conditioning survey was completed, and it appears that all outstanding issues with heating and A/C have been investigated and resolved. If you have an issue, please report it to the management office.

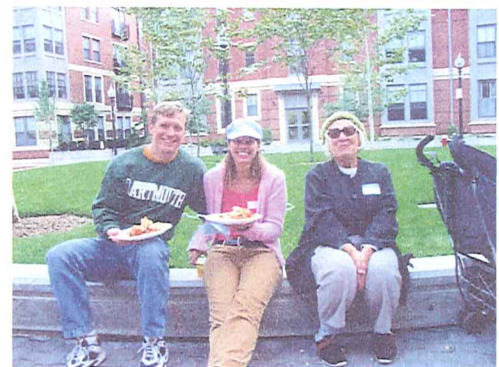
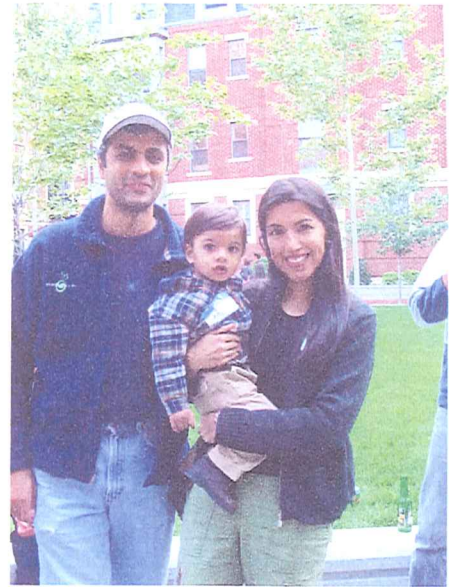
can keep the garage cleaner and do so with less expense than contracting this work out each year.

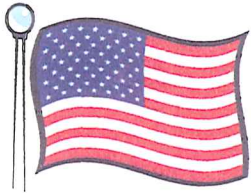
Lobby paint touch up project has been completed and will continue, as needed.

The Board has engaged a security service to help us provide security in the garage during certain periods of time.

Garage cleaning will commence once the recently approved "garage sweeper" is purchased. By purchasing our own sweeper, we believe we

Real Estate Exemptions— Residential real estate tax exemption forms must be filed by you by November 1, 2004. If you have any questions, contact the office immediately or call (617) 635-4287.





*Remember to Vote
on November 2.*

ROLLINS LIVING—TIPS AND REMINDERS

Security—It takes all of us to do our share. Please close doors behind you. To prevent people that do not belong to Rollins from accessing the property (including the garage), please remember to make sure the entry doors are closed behind you. In addition, please do not buzz in or allow others without a key to access the buildings at any time.

Thermostats and Heat Filters—

Through the various audits of various heat-A/C units over the past few months, the most common reason for high heating bills have been 1) dirty filters and 2) running heaters for long periods and/or at high temperatures. So as we are switching over to the heat season, you may want to check your filters and replace them if they are dirty. Filters are available for purchase in the management office for \$5.00 each.

In addition, if anyone needs assistance in understanding how the thermostats work, please refer to your owners manual or contact the management office.

Political Signs—

Some of you were recently informed that your political signs must be removed. According to our condo documents, advance permission from the Board is required prior to posting any signage.

Since politics and sports are considered by many of us to be part of the fabric of our city, some of us were thinking that maybe next year we could ask the Board to waive the signage policy for 2 weeks in advance of a major election. We didn't think ahead to do this in 2004, but maybe we can think ahead in years to come.

Adopt a Bulb -

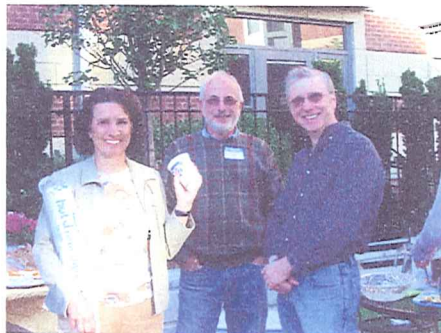
We investigated putting in softer light bulbs in the hallway fixtures, but it would be a big hit to the budget. We did decide, however, that if anyone wants to replace the bulbs on their floor, they can organize the other people on the floor and have the bulbs replaced. If interested in

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Adopt-a-Bulb,cont.

Hallway, you can contact Richard in the management office. You can purchase the softer bulbs from Richard and organize the replacement for your corridor.

Garage Door Timing—The garage doors currently remain open for about 30 seconds upon entering and exiting. We are changing this to 20 seconds to help with garage security. You can also help by waiting for the door to close upon entering and exiting. 20 seconds may seem like eternity, but your help is appreciated.



In behalf of United South End Settlements I would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming Halloween Doubleheader. This event is jointly sponsored by USES and the Appleton Bakery and Cafe. We are inviting our neighborhood children and families to enjoy of two, consecutive Halloween celebrations:

Friday, October 29th,
3-5pm at the South End House—48 Rutland Street

5-7:30pm at the Appleton Bakery and Café - 123 Appleton Street

It should be a very fun afternoon, filled with games, candy, and surprises. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617.238.2403.

Ricardo Rodriguez

FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for submitting names for the Newsletter.

Please mark your ballots and drop them off at the office. We will tally up the votes and our next newsletter, due out around Christmas time, will carry our new name.

We are very pleased that one of our residents, Caroline Chacin, has contributed to this edition and we look forward to hearing from her regularly. Thank you to Judith Klau for a very interesting interview given to Pamela.

Fall is just around the corner. Having had a wonderful picnic, we look forward to another next year. Thank you to Barry, who not only

took the photos, but made a wonderful album for all of us to see. The album is in the office, please stop by. By the way, I found out recently that there is coffee in the office available to those who drop by, so have a cup of coffee while you drop off your ballot and look at the album.

Happy Halloween to all our Rollins children and to all the big kids on the block.

Thanksgiving always reminds us what we have to be thankful for and perhaps, what we look forward to for next year: peace and good health. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

As the leaves fall, the frost forms and we get covered

with snow or not, let's remember how lucky we are that we do not have to rack and shovel and we just have to turn our thermostat higher to get warmer.

Special thanks to our roving reporter, Pamela Kenney for doing all the legwork while she is now a full time student. Good Luck Pamela.

Best regards, Barbara Davis

If you would like to share a poem, an article, or any information of interest, with our Rollins community, please let us know by dropping off a note to the office.

Thank you.

Let us know what name you would like to see for the newsletter?

Also, if you would like to help with the newsletter, just let us know. We are always looking for good writers, stories, and ideas.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

The following names have been submitted, please vote for one name and return the ballot to the office. You will see the new name in the December edition. Thank you.

- Rollinews
- Rock'n Rollin
- Rollinsmart
- RollinWord
- Square Talk
- On the Square
- Rollins Roll Call
- Square Neighbors
- Rollins 2
- R2
- RollinStone
- Rollins Voice
- On the Rollins Green
- Rollins Square Newsletter
- Rollins News
- Rollins Square News

If you want to weigh in with your vote, please drop off your vote in the "in box" on Nino's desk (in the management office) by 11/15/04.

I vote for the newsletter to be called:

Name: _____

Unit: _____