

## Mayor's Update



I am writing to share tragic, sudden, and awful news.

Our Karen Glasgow, Newton's Human Resources Director, died unexpectedly Sunday morning when she collapsed at home.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, Brendan, and 9-year-old son, Noah.

Karen was so special in so many ways. She loved her family, lighting up when she spoke about Brendan, Noah, and Flash (their new puppy). To repeat, she adored her boy, Noah. She loved to cook and bake. She won first prize at our bake off and kept her Grandmother's recipe for carrot cake a secret. She sported her hand-made jewelry with flair. I am particularly fond of her rhinestone encrusted wristlet that sported the words, "Nasty Woman." Depending on her mood and the situation, she wore the words facing in or out! She had a flair for fashion with great shoes. She had a wonderful sense of humor: smart, witty and dry. She was bright, both intellectually and personally. She lit up a room.

Professionally, she quickly earned our respect. She had extraordinary equanimity and a calm demeanor. She listened carefully. She paid close attention. She brought her years of experience and wisdom to City Hall, helping us move forward. She solved problems and did so in a positive way.

We will miss her deeply.

Family and friends will gather to remember and celebrate Karen's life at the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA, on Friday, September 21, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 22, at 11:30 a.m., in the Sacred Heart Church, 169 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA.

Karen's husband shared information about her favorite charity, ["All Our Kids"](#) for those who may wish to make a donation in her honor. Here is a [link](#) to donate.

With a heavy heart,

Ruthanne

