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More than \$13k raised to hang Christmas decorations around West Roxbury

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The Fenian Sons play at the event.

(State Rep. Ed Coppinger's office)

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More than \$13,000 was raised to purchase outdoor Christmas decorations for West Roxbury during a fundraiser attended by some 350-plus people at the Irish Social Club of Boston last month.

State Representative Ed Copping, a lifelong West Roxbury resident, [helped plan](#) and sponsor the “Raise Some Green for West Roxbury Fundraiser” held on Sept. 28. He wants his home neighborhood to start saving and get its Christmas shopping done early this year.

In the middle of last December, Copping realized the neighborhood’s main business district was missing its usual holiday decorations and scrambled to change that. Nine days before Christmas, he [found himself](#) helping several volunteers he had recruited, including one man dressed in a Santa Claus outfit and hoisted above Centre Street in bucket truck, to affix to light poles some 90 wreaths and red bows the legislator had helped pay for.

This year, the representative hopes to avoid having to do any last-minute shopping and decorating.

“We raised much more money than I had expected; this will not only ensure that we have West Roxbury looking great for this Christmas, but also establish a strong base for making sure West Roxbury will be decorated for future holiday seasons,” Copping said in a statement.

“I cannot thank everyone enough for all they did to help this event go so well. The Fenian Sons and DJ George Manning donated their time and you could tell from all the people dancing that they did a great job,” he added.

Organizing for the event was aided by West Roxbury Main Streets and the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association. A number of local businesses and institutions, including Blue Hills Bank and the Corrib Charitable Trust, which both pledged \$2,000, donated. Donations were also made by others, including: District Attorney Dan Conley, City Councilor John Connolly, Energy Credit Union, Mount Washington Bank and The Cooperative Bank.

Donations are still being accepted and can be sent to Representative Ed Copping, PO Box 320610, West Roxbury, MA, 02132. Checks should be made out to “Raise Some Green for West Roxbury.”

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The Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums performs.



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Coppinger poses with Boston City Councilor John R. Connolly.

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