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2018: Looking back offers a guide for what's next

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor**

Dorchester and Mattapan had a year packed with political shakeups and development proposals. Here is a look back at some of the biggest and most notable stories of the year 2018 and a peek ahead at the stories we will be watching in the new year:

A political shockwave hit Massachusetts last year, with progressive, diverse, and firsttime candidates coming out on top of competitive primary races even as the statewide general elections shook out in fairly predictable form.

City Councillor At-Large Ayanna Pressley unseated 10termincumbent Congressman Michael Capuano in dramatic fashion, coming out on top of a hard-fought primary by 17 points. Pressley had served on the council since winning election in 2009, championing causes often centered on equity like trauma supports and liquor license reform. The first woman of color elected to the council — and now the first woman of color to represent the state in Congress — Pressley joins a cohort of progressive freshman representatives already pushing for equity policies.

What to watch: Pressley and other Democrats are pursuing a "Green New Deal" in preparation for the impacts of a changing climate, and the new congresswoman says she is focusing on elevating (Continued on page 4) Bayside Expo Center

who will transform the former expo center site into a harborfront village.





Djemani Moore of Dorchester is a senior at Boston Arts Academy, which is now housed in Fields Corner while a new campus is built in the Fenway.

Boston Arts Academy is finding welcoming spirit in Fields Corner

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Last month, the Boston Arts Academy (BAA) broke ground on its new campus in the Fenway. Construction on the state-of-the-art facilities is expected to be finished by 2021; until then, BAA students are learning in their temporary home on Charles Street in Fields Corner.

Since relocating to Dorchester in September from its now-demolished home in the Fenway, the academy, the city's only public high school for the visual and performing arts, has occupied the space that until last year housed Dorchester Academy. The building at 11 Charles Street also remains home to the Community Academy for Arts and Sciences, whose students share

the facilities with BAA students.

Four months into the transitional period, BAA Headmaster Anne Clark says the students and staff are still settling in, but that the welcome the school has received from its new Fields Corner neighbors is easing that process.

"Moving is always a challenge," she said, "but our neighbors have made it better."

Clark and her staffinvited a small contingent of Fields Corner community leaders, business owners, and neighbors to a tour of the new facilities last month as a gesture of goodwill and gratitude to the community they say has been largely welcoming since their arrival in Dorchester.

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Report outlines woes along T trolley line Cullinane presses Gov. Baker, new GM for public meeting

By BILL FORRY **E**DITOR

Findings in a long-awaited report on the future prospects of the Mattapan Trolley Line assert that problems associated with the Red Line extension extend well beyond the viability of the 75-year-old trolleys. The consultant's study, made available this week after Commonwealth Magazine reported elements of its contents on Sunday, has prompted renewed calls from state Rep. Dan Cullinane for the MBTA to better engage the public about plans for the

trolley line's future.

The "due diligence" study, which was first expected to be released last winter, lays out in detail the infrastructure issues involved in rehabilitating the high-speed line: Various elements, including tracks, stations, bridges, signals, switches, and the maintenance facility, were ranked marginal or poor 41 times; fair, moderate, or functional 48 times; good 47 times; and excellent only 5 times, the report notes, adding that "immediate attention" is required (Continued on page 15)

Warren lining up 'exploratory' panel for campaign run

US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, on the cusp of beginning her second term, moved a step closer toward opening a campaign for a run for the presidency in 2020 on Monday, using an online video and a new campaign website to highlight life events and her career experience, and to announce that she is forming a presidential exploratory





Boston Irish Honors awardee

He's 'Doc' Conway, Shepherd of the Streets

By Jack Thomas

Late one recent afternoon, while the rest of us were worried about the big things in life, like Kate Middleton's net worth, Melania's safari helmet, and whether A-Rod feels constrained by JLo, an

elderly Roman Catholic priest named Fr. Richard Conway, or "Doc," as everyone knows him, was doing what he often does, walking the streets of immigrant Dorchester, speaking in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and

worrying about the cup, and about the small things in life, like whether Tony Barbosa would be deported, at age 30, to Cape Verde, a country he's never seen, and whether Zamira, three, will sip booze from her greatgrandfather's plastic

next tour Fr. Conway will lead for students of Boston College High School that will open their eyes to poverty, crime, and desperation in a part of Dorchester unknown on the hard-(Continued on page 16)



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A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Monday (7th) - The Boston School Committee Citizens Nominating Panel is now accepting applications to fill an open seat on the Boston School Committee that was recently vacated by Dr. Miren Uriarte. The four-year term will begin in January 2019. Applications must be received by tonight at 11:59 p.m. Direct questions to scnominatingpanel@ boston.gov.

Tuesday (8th) - City of Boston Community Preservation Committee meeting at 26 Court St., Boston, first floor conference room, 12 p.m.

Thursday (10th) - Jerry Bergonzi Quintet performs in concert at Peabody Hall, Parish of All Saints, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester, 7 p.m. \$15 tickets at dotjazz.org. Part of the Dot Jazz Series.

Friday (11th) – The American Red Cross will host two blood drives in Dorchester that will be held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Carney Hospital, 2100 Dorchester Ave. and at DotHouse Health, 1353 Dorchester Ave. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to reserve a time.

• The Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts will launch the art exhibit "Who We Are, What We Bring" at Boston City Hall at a third-floor reception at 4 p.m. hosted by the Office of Art and Culture of the City of Boston. The presentation will feature paintings of Boston's cultural landmarks, historical figures with ties to New England social themes relevant to Boston. The reception will include the signing of the art book "Migrating Colors: Haitian Art in New England." The exhibit will be in City Hall through Jan. 30.

Tuesday (15th) - Mayor Martin J. Walsh delivers his State of the City address in the evening at Boston Symphony Hall.

Thursday (17th) – Friends of Ronan Park will host a New Year's open house party at Home.Stead café, 1448 Dorchester Ave., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday (21st) – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast in Boston is the nation's longest-running and Boston's premier event dedicated to honor the legacy of Dr. King. Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, 8:30 a.m. For sponsorship opportunities or more information contact AJ Williams Events at aj@ajwilliamsevents. com or 617-267-2244.

• MLK Breakfast and Bowl at Boston Bowl, 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Breakfast buffet, unlimited bowling with shoes, Dr. King's speeches highlighted. See bostonbowl. com for more info.

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Postal Sticker show opens at Dot Art Project space

The Dorchester Art Project will present "Priority Made," a nationally curated postal sticker show that will kick off with an opening reception on Sat., Jan. 5, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The exhibit will feature work on, or relating, to the Label 228 USPS Postal Sticker that was popularized through its use by graffiti artists. The show will include graffiti stickers, art stickers, and a timeline of the different blank versions of the 228 sticker, as well as

opportunities for viewers to participate in interactive sticker making and blackbook sessions.

The Boston graffiti scene will be represented by local legends like Tense, Imagine876, Deme5, Soems, Take1, Rob Stull, Omega Rocks, and Hops. Youth from East Boston and students from Madison Park High School in Roxbury will show alongside local talent, along with more than 100 artists from all around the US, Canada, and even the UK.

Priority Made is supported by Pen & Sword Political Pirates, Avenue of Arts (AOA) Supply, Grassroots Grind Group, and Voices of Liberation. The show will run through Feb. 9, with gallery hours Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Dorchester Art Project is an artist-run gallery and performance space located at 1486 Dorchester Ave. #2 in Fields Corner.

- DANIEL SHEEHAN State, city, federal office-holders

to be sworn-in over next week Boston has a handful of new state, county, and federal legislators slated

to be sworn in to office this week.

 $State\, and\, county\, of fice$ holders are inaugurated on Jan. 2. Before the swearing in for twoyear terms of this 191st session, state senators and representatives will elect their leaders, expected to be current House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Karen Spilka. This would be Spilka's first election for a full twoyear term, after some leadership disruption in the body following a harassment scandal that led to the resignation of former Senate President Stan Rosenberg.

New Boston-area representatives include Liz Miranda in the Fifth Suffolk District, succeeding Rep. Evandro Carvalho; Nika Elugardo, who ousted chair of the House Ways and Means committee, Rep. Jeffrey

Plain; Jon Santiago, who won a three-way race to unseat Rep. Byron Rushing in the South End; and David Biele, replacing now-state Sen. Nick Collins in his former Fourth Suffolk seat.

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins also starts her post on Jan. 2, replacing interim District Attorney John Pappas, who was appointed to finish former DA Dan Conley's term after he left.

The next day, Jan. 3, in Washington D.C., City Councillor Ayanna Pressley will become Congresswoman Pressley. She joins her fellow members at the Congressional Black Caucus swearing in at 9 a.m., followed by the general House of Representatives swearing in at noon

at the Capitol. Pressley will have a community swearing in ceremony and celebration, on Saturday, Jan.

Sanchez in Jamaica 12 at Roxbury Community College, according to her campaign. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

Althea Garrison, the former state representative and incoming city councillor at-large, will be sworn in at the council's first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Garrison finished in fifth place in the 2017 municipal elections. Under council rules, if an atlarge vacancy appears, the next highest vote getter finishes out the remainder of the term. With Pressley's move to Congress, Garrison will serve out the next year in the open seat.

City Council President terms last two-years, simultaneous with the council terms. District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell will remain in the post until the beginning of the next council cycle.

-JENNIFER SMITH

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Two shot, one dead on Dyer Street

Two men were found shot inside a vehicle on Dyer Street in Dorchester early last Wednesday morning (Dec. 26.) One of the victims was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Boston Police, who were brought to the scene by a shot spotter activation near Astoria Street around 12:34 a.m. A third man brought himself to the hospital, according to police, who said the victim who died was Myssiah Pledger, 18, of Dorchester. If you have any information, contact detectives at 617-343-4470.

Victim named in Dec. 21 homicide

A 42-year-old man who was found shot to death near 198 Blue Hill Ave. on Dec. 21 has been identified by police as Joao Alves of Roxbury. There have been no reported arrests in the murder to date.

Juvenile held on illegal gun possession

A teenage male was arrested near Franklin Field on the afternoon of Wed., Dec. 26, after Boston Police observed him walking through the housing development on Ames Street acting as if he were packing a gun. Police say when they approached him, he fled and tried to stash a gun beneath a parked vehicle. Police report that they recovered a loaded handgun from the scene and arrested the suspect nearby.

Man sought in **Evelyn Street** murder captured

A 32-vear-old man from Dorchester wanted for a May 2018 murder on Evelyn Street in Mattapan was arrested in Stoughton on Dec. 28, according to Boston Police. The suspect— Jocelyn Vasquez— will be charged in the May 15 murder of Garfield Thomas, 33, who was found shot near 50 Evelyn St.

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Recycle your Christmas tree - City of Boston picks up Jan. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Boston City Hall, Room 809A. For Hancock Street Civic to meet on Jan. 8 - The Hancock Street Christmas trees during the first two full weeks of January to more information, contact 617-635-4165.

Church Dorchester will host Boston Police Commissioner William Gross at its monthly community potluck on Friday, something to share or just come and enjoy an evening of food and conversation with the commissioner. firstparishdorchester.org for more info.

Hearing on Cesaria's request for additional entertainment to its existing entertainment license to add disc jockey 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan on Wed., Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. and dancing. The Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Contact Roudnie Célestine for more information at 617-Licensing will hold a hearing on the application on Tues., 635-2677.

be shredded for compost. Make sure your tree is placed on **Public meeting on marijuana business proposal for Mattapan** the curb by 7 a.m. on trash pick-up day without ornaments Square – A community outreach meeting for a proposed cannabis establishment to be located at 1589 Blue Hill Ave. BPD Comr. Gross guest at First Parish Potluck – First Parish in Mattapan will be held on Thurs., Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. If you have any questions about this meeting Jan. 11, 6-8 p.m. All are invited. The event will be held in or have comments about the proposal contact Roudnie the parish hall at 10 Parish St., Dorchester. Please bring Celestin, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services at Roudnie. Celestin@Boston.gov or 617-635-2677. The purpose of this meeting is to get community input on this proposal.

Mattapan-Dorchester Residents Meeting at Gallivan Center com. - The Mayor's Office will sponsor the monthly Mattapan-Restaurante Cesaria at 266 Bowdoin St. is seeking a change Dorchester resident meeting at Gallivan Community Center,

Civic Association will hold its next meeting on Tues., Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Uphams Crossing Apartments Community Room at 530 Columbia Road.

Forum on Public Monuments on Jan. 9 – The Committee to Renew the Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial will host a community conversation on "The Power of Public Monuments and Why They Matter" on Wed., Jan. 9, at Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont St., Boston. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served after the program. For more information. call 617-427-0046 or email shaw54thmemorial@gmail.

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City program connects seniors with low-cost heat upgrades

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Every winter as temperatures plunge, the Mayor's 311 hotline receives a barrage of heat emergency calls, many of them from senior citizens. This year, an initiative from the Department of Neighborhood Development called the Seniors Save Program is taking direct aim at that annual crisis by proactively replacing aging and faulty heating systems for qualifying seniors.

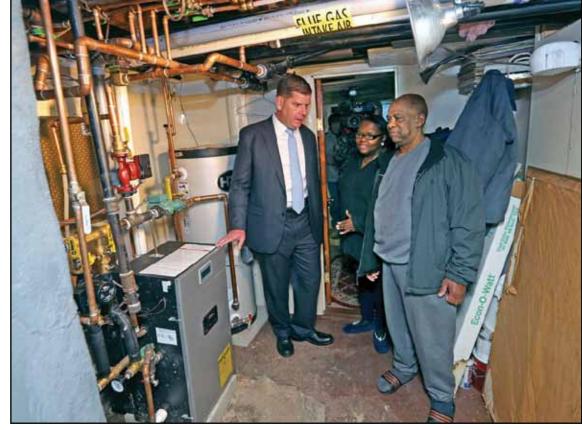
Richard O'Brien, associate director at the Boston Home Center, told the *Reporter* that the program was born this year as a response to a growing trend of extreme weather in recent winters.

"Over the last few years we seem to be having more of these weather events," said O'Brien in alluding to instances like the first two weeks of January last year, a period when temperatures never exceeded 20 degrees.

"When this happens, the 311 system gets bogged down with calls," said O'Brien, a Dorchester resident. "With this program, we're trying to incent folks to take a look at the longevity of their current system, and get out ahead of it in the warmer months."

Replacing faulty heat systems ahead of time is more cost effective than emergency fixes, said O'Brien, and that work ensures that seniors are prepared before that cold snap hits.

"No one wants to see seniors cold and suffering in their



Mayor Walsh with Anita and Glen McLaughlin at their home in Mattapan on November 28.

homes," he said. "These newer systems are far more efficient, they're going to cost less, and they're going to have heating bills reduced and in many cases cut in half."

A recent success story from the program saw a Mattapan couple, Anita and Glenn McLaughlin, receive a replacement boiler for their antiquated system, which was installed 140 years ago, in 1878. The McLaughlins were unaware the program existed until last month. Many Boston seniors are in a similar predicament, according to O'Brien.

While heating systems can often be expensive to install, the Seniors Save Program provides a new boiler or furnace at greatly reduced costs. Eligible residents receive a grant of \$3,500 to go toward installation, and the rest is covered by a zero-percent-interest deferred loan that only has to be repaid if the residents sell their home or transfer their deed.

In short, seniors "will never have to take out their checkbook," as O'Brien put it.

To qualify, applicants must be over 60 years of age, live in a single to four-family home, and earn 80 percent or less of the Area Median Income. Residents must also be up to date on their property tax payments and water and sewer bills.

The application process is designed to be senior friendly, consisting of only a one-page form. If approved, DND officials

work alongside applicants to choose a fully-vetted contractor for the job.

"A lot of our programming is toward seniors, so we have a lot of experience working with folks that might have questions and need assistance," said O'Brien. "We help them through the application, we send a construction specialist to look at the home and oversee the installation. It's structured so that seniors should have no questions, no concerns. We'll be there every step of the way."

Of the 150 or so homes the program has assisted since its inception two years ago, O'Brien estimates that at least half have been in Dorchester, a neighborhood with many aging multi-family homes. And while heating sources vary, replacement options tend to be flexible.

"We will generally replace what the current system is in the home, but we also offer the opportunity to convert to a different heating source," said O'Brien.

"We've made this program generous, to be honest, and we made the terms as favorable as we possibly can to incent people to do this work before it becomes a crisis," O'Brien added. "We can still take in the regular work, the emergency work, but the more notice on this, the better."

Interested citizens can print or download an application form for the Senior Saves Program on the City of Boston website or call the Boston Home Center at 617-635-4663.



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(Continued from page 4) topics like gun control and securing reproductive health protections. But first they have a government shutdown to address.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's office drew a crowded field of hopefuls to fill outgoing Dan Conley's seat, which he vacated after the primary to take a job with the legal firm of Mintz Levin and its lobbying arm ML Strategies. Rachael Rollins, former chief legal counsel for Massport and MassDOT, bested fellow candidates, including the conventional wisdom pick, prosecutor Greg Henning, and state Rep. Evandro Carvalho.



Rachael Rollins Elected to succeed DA **Dan Conley**



Congresswoman-elect Ayanna Pressley is shown with her family as she spoke to supporters after winning a decisive primary election victory last September at the IBEW Hall in Dorchester. Chris Lovett photo

What to watch: Rollins, the first person of color to serve as Suffolk District Attorney, pledged that her office will better reflect the communities that it serves. She is still getting pushback over a "decline to prosecute" list of 15 crimes that she characterizes as being rooted in desperation and needs, better suited for redress outside of

incarceration. She has said that although her office will work closely with the police department, she is prepared to hold the police accountable for instances of systemic or specific misconduct. What that looks like, and the composition of her office, will become more apparent after she is sworn in.

Carvalho's decision

not to run again for his current seat, in favor of the DA post, left an opening in the Fifth Suffolk District. Dorchester and Roxbury natives Darrin Howell and Liz Miranda sought the post, with Miranda emerging victorious in the primary and winning every precinct in the district. She also defeated former state Rep. Althea Garrison in the general election, although fifth-place atlarge finisher in the 2017 city council race Garrison will slide onto the $council\,for\,the\,remainder$ of Pressley's term.

What to watch: Pressley's departure is bringing forth a flock of potential candidates for at-large, a pack expected to grow throughout the year. In a non-mayoral year, the only game in town is the city council, leaving the three remaining at-large incumbents - Michelle Wu, Michael Flaherty, and Annissa Essaibi-George — to defend their seats. District councillors Mark Ciommo, Josh Zakim, and Tim McCarthy are also facing challengers in their re-election campaigns.

Gov. Charlie Baker and Sen. Elizabeth Warren both sailed back into office in the general election, as did the entire statewide Democratic slate outside of the executive branch. While incumbent Democrats like Attorney General Maura Healev and Secretary of State William Galvin fended off Republican challengers, gubernatorial hopeful Jay Gonzalez was unable to overcome Baker's immense popularity and lost to the governor by 33-points statewide. Although Baker carried only 14 of 55 Dorchester precincts, his losing margins were narrow even in some precincts that went overwhelmingly for Warren.

What to watch: Warren is poised to run for president in 2020, having just opened an exploratory committee this week. She is a polarizing but popular figure in the state. The question for Baker is how or if he decides to expend his political capital, as eyes turn to other statewide elected officials to see if he may face a potential challenger in his next run.

The city is growing and the waters are rising. Last year highlighted the need for long-term planning efforts around climate preparedness, infrastructure, and development. Boston's coastal position makes it extremely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, a Climate Ready Boston report asserted, and focused neighborhood initiatives are either under way or coming down the pike to address area-specific concerns. In Dorchester, much of the coastal resiliency rests on state-controlled land like Morrissev Boulevard and the Neponset Greenway.

What to watch: The long-awaited Morrissey redesign project stalled out last year after the mayor voiced concern about a proposed lane reduction and sent the project back to the neighborhoods for further review. State planners have been reconvening to incorporate feedback and expect design meetings to resume in 2019.

In Port Norfolk, pushback on a large residential proposal for the tip of the small peninsula sent Neponset Wharf developers back to the design stage. Boston Planning and Development Agency project managers are holding meetings on the type of project neighbors would like to see for the Port and surrounding parcels in flux.

At the northern edge of Dorchester's coastline, UMass Boston and the university system's development arm are looking forward to a windfall deal on the 20acre Bayside Expo site. At year's end, a decision on what private developer might partner with UMass on the site was considered imminent.

What to watch: On the UMass campus front, interim chancellor Katherine Newman was selected to take the helm after a search for a permanent chancellor ended in turmoil. Whether or not that picks up again in the new year -or if the campus settles into Newman's long-term stewardship— is an open question, especially with ambitious master planning projects wrapping up in the next year amid ongoing rankling about parking fee hikes that protesting faculty and students feel are untenable and unfair. Newman has also prioritized revitalizing and reusing the historic Calf Pasture Pump Station and finding a home for the campus's successful nursing school.

On the Bayside front, there should be a developer selected in early 2019 to transform the former expo center site into a harbor-front village. Its connection to the neighboring Columbia Point and interaction with UMass Boston itself will be the subjects of meetings after the partner-developer is announced.

After a year of rebuilding, the TreadmarkBuilding at Ashmont is now occupied. A fire in July 2017 roared through the top floors and necessitated demolition of the structure down to its concrete base. The second iteration of the Trinity Financial-owned building was completed just before the holidays and its first residents moved in.

What to watch: Deep into 2018, people were still skittish about the prospect of new wood-framed construction like the South Bay Town Center residences. Conversations around construction type and appropriate density will likely pop up as larger condo and rental projects continue to move through the neighborhoods. These projects increasingly incorporate ground-floor commercial amenities and associated housing. This is true at the present site of Tom English's Bar and Dorchester Market site. the 500 Talbot project which would include church and retail space underneath new residences, the controversial Washington Street proposal in Lower Mills on the site of an old



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funeral home, and the redesigned Dot Block project, which will drop hundreds of units and expanded green space above underground parking in Glover's Corner.

City planning to re-envision a largely industrial swath of Glover's Corner is ongoing, with push and pull between affordability advocates and the need to accommodate market pressures. An Uphams Corner-centered revitalization process is poised to create a pilot arts and innovation district complete with an \$18 million new library.

What to watch: A new planning effort has kicked off in Mattapan, centered around Mattapan Square. Keep an eye on several new projects and transit matters in the neighborhood: a forthcoming official Mattapan High-Speed Trolley study, a new Fairmount Line station on Blue Hill Avenue, major residential developments at a underused MBTA parking lot by the trolley terminal and the old Cote Ford site, and two potential marijuana shops along Blue Hill Avenue that are already the subjects of packed meetings.



The Treadmark 2.0 building on Dorchester Avenue was rebuilt last year after it was nearly destroyed by fire in June 2017. Photo courtesy Trinity Financial

chaotic national politics scene continue to seep into local communities. City and state government was already on edge at the prospect of reduced federal block grant funding— which ultimately did not come to pass— and aggressive moves to regulate immigrant populations.

The Trump administration signaled its intent to end Temporary Ramifications of a Protected Status for

Haitians in the US last February, which caused an outcry from a diaspora that felt unable to return to a country still struggling from a deadly 2010 earthquake and political uncertainty. Lawsuits against the administration regarding the TPS executive order are moving forward gradually. Another group, southeast Asians, has been feeling the pressure for the past year, and the

administration again indicated its desire to renegotiate an agreement between Vietnam and the US that would allow for certain Vietnam War refugees to be deported.

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What to watch: Vietnamese residents or Dorchester say the policy push is leaving a pall of uncertainty over their community, the largest Vietnamese diaspora in the state. They are waiting for any additional news about who might be impacted, but note that deportations are already taking place. This comes at the same time as local Vietnamese seek to reaffirm their cultural home in Fields

Corner by fine-tuning an application to create a cultural overlay district they hope will be called "Little Saigon."

An under-the-radar component of the 2017 Republican-backed tax plan asked states to designate Opportunity Zones that come with hefty tax advantages to developers looking to build in lower-income areas. Boston designated 13 zones, including Columbia Point, the Harbor Islands, and portions of Franklin Park and nearby cemeteries.

What to watch: Both the Bayside site on Columbia Point and

the massive Mary Ellen McCormack development in South Boston already slated for expansion— are in Opportunity Zones. How developers take advantage of those potential tax benefits— and whether the city makes moves to encourage responsible development in areas like Mattapan, which were not selected as zones— will be closely watched in 2019.

What did we miss, and what are you watching? Jennifer Smith can be reached by email at jennifer.smith@dotnews. com or on Twitter @JennDotSmith.



Afree-to-attend live taping of The Horse Race podcast featuring co-host Jennifer Smith of the Reporter will be held on Wed., Jan. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at WeWork, 1 Beacon St., Boston. Guests include Senate President Karen Spilka and Rep. Russell Holmes for a look ahead at the legislative season and 2020 presidential field. Register online at thehorseracelivestartinggate.splashthat.com



Jazz quintet performs at Peabody Hall on Jan. 10

Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music Series will co-host the next installment in the bimonthly Dot Jazz Series on Thurs., Jan. 10 with the Jerry Bergonzi Quintet in concert at Peabody Hall. Doors open at 7p.m. and the \$15 ticket includes dessert, as well as non-alcoholic beverages. Wine will be available as well. The show will feature Boston-based tenor sax player Jerry Bergonzi and his quintet, which for this appearance will be

comprised of Phil Grenadier on trumpet, Plamen Karadonev on piano, Greg Loughman on bass and Austin McMahon on drums. This program is supported by a grant from the Boston Cultural Council, a local agency which is funded by the Mass Cultural Council and administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture Boston. Other supporters include Boston Main Streets, the Boston Main Streets Foundation, the Martin Richard Foundation,



Jazz sax player Jerry Bergonzi performs with his quintet.

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Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 a.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. Fri., Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. Mon., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids' Art Club. Thurs., Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Sing; 3:30 a.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. Fri., Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. Mon., Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 15, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 4:30 p.m. – Kids' Art Club. Wed., Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

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Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 4, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. Sat., Jan. 5, 11 a.m. – SAT Prep Workshop. Mon., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m. – Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m. – Senior Arts and Smarts presents: Codman, A Magical Place! Thurs., Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 11, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. Sat., Jan. 12, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 11 a.m. – SAT Prep Workshop.

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Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Sat., Jan 19**, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library.

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Thurs., Jan. 3, — 8 a.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 4, 2:30 p.m. — Teen Gaming. Sat., Jan. 5, 2 p.m. — Teen Resume Building. Mon., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. — Movie Monday. Tues., Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 9, 10 a.m. — Drop-In Career Assistance with Project Place; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 10, 3 p.m. — USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. — Board Game Night; SAT Prep Workshop. Fri., Jan. 11, 2:30 p.m. — Teen Gaming. Tues., Jan 15, 2:30 p.m. — Seed Crew Application Assistance. LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. Fri., Jan. 4, 1 p.m. – Steve McQueen Film Series - Cincinnati Kid; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Sat., Jan. 5, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 8, 11 a.m. – Computer Basics; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. Fri., Jan. 11, 1 p.m. – Steve McQueen Film Series - Nevada Smith. Sat., Jan. 12, 11 a.m. – Drag Queen Story Hour.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 3, 12:30 p.m. – Pop- Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m. – Smart From the Start Story Hour. Mon., Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 10, 12:30 p.m. – Pop- Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 11, 10:30 a.m. – Smart From the Start Story Hour. Sat., Jan 12, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 3, –3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Sat., Jan. 5, 12 p.m. – Keep Your Resolutions. Mon., Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:30 p.m. – Kidz Cooking with Miss Debbie; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Craft Duct Tape Zipper Pouch. Tues., Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 9, 11 a.m. – Preschool Story Craft Programs 3:20 p.m. – Drop In Homework Help.

Program; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Jan. 10**, – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Keep Your Resolutions.

Ashmont Hill concert to explore musical roots from Delhi to Damascus

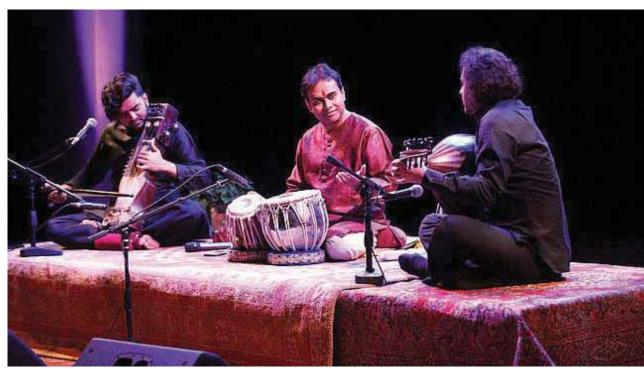


Tabla virtuoso Sandeep Das and the HUM Ensemble will perform in concert at Dorchester's Peabody Hall on Feb. 17.

Sandeep Das, a Grammy Award-winning member of the Silkroad Ensemble, will lead a performance at Peabody Hallin Ashmont on Sun., Feb. 17. The concert is part of the Ashmont Hill Chamber Music series and will celebrate the vibrant cultural heritage shared by India and Syria in Das' latest project with the thrilling HUM Ensemble.

Das established himself as India's top Tabla maestro and is one of the unique Indian classical musicians who has collaborated and performed with and composed for major symphony orchestras, string quartets, and jazz musicians with regularly featured concerts at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Hollywood Bowl, and Royal Albert Hall. His collaboration with Yo Yo Ma on the famed 'Silk Road Ensemble' inspired him to form the HUM Ensemble as $\,$ a way to create a common platform for artists of the highest caliber from across the world to share their music, tradition and heritage and facilitate an interaction

among them.

Das will joined be by Syrian oud master Issam Rafea, Indian vocalist and sarangi player Suhail Yusuf Khan, and sitar player Rajib Karmakar to explore centuries of classical and folk music that emerged along the winding trade road from Jaisalmer in India to Damascus in Syria.

Tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults, \$18 for students and \$3 for EBT card holders ar the door. Children under 13 will be admitted free.

The mission of Ash-

mont Hill Chamber Music is to build community through the shared experience of music. The organization grew out of informally organized house concerts in the Ashmont Hill neighborhood of Dorchester starting in the 1970s. They now present concerts of world-class chamber music in the acoustically beautiful venue of Peabody Hall, as well as the sanctuary of All Saints' Church in Dorchester. For more information visit ahchambermusic. org.





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News about people in & around our Neighborhoods

Boston City Singers Tour Choir performed a free holiday show with the **Guy Mendilow Ensemble** at Dorchester's Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center on Dec. 15 as part of the Celebrity Series of Boston. The youth chorus joined performer Regie Gibson and recording artist Courtney Swain in a production of "Heart of the Holidays," a musical and spoken word celebration of the season inspired by African, European, and North American traditions. Featuring the voices of 40 local singers aged 11 to 18, the Boston City Singers Tour Choir performs both domestically and abroad, including a three-week overseas residency every two years. Past residencies include South Africa, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, and New Zealand. For its 2019 residency, the Tour Choir will travel though Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the Czech Republic.





Dorchester native Amber Dickerson, at center, the operations manager at the ABCD South End Neighborhood Service Center, with Deanna Jiles, left, ABCD South End NSC Advisory Board member and volunteer Reanna Chen sort through donated toys for the hundreds of families who picked them up before Christmas. The ABCD Toy Drive gathered close to 7,000 toys last year for children in low-income families in all of Boston's neighborhoods. ABCD photo



Mayor Martin Walsh is shown with participants at the Halfway to Dot Day 5k and Mayor's Toy Drive event that followed the race at Florian Hall on Dec. 8. The Dorchester Running Club sponsored the fourth annual road race along the paths of the Pope John Paul II Park. The club partnered with the Boston Police Athletic League and collected donations of unwrapped toys for the Mayor's Toy Drive.

Photos courtesy Isabel Leon/Mayor Walsh's office

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Problems with our rapid transit operations are not new. This photo, taken by Herbert Stier, was published by the Boston Traveler with the caption reading: "Derailment-These two Cambridgebound MTA trains collided at a cross-over track in the Ashmont station relay yard, Dorchester, today. Atrackless trolley shuttle service was put into effect at Field's Corner Station, Dorchester, to Ashmont. Rapid transit service was expected to be restored by tonight's rush hour."

The Boston Globe reported the story this way:

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"Two empty M. T. A. trains collided in the turning area at Ashmont Station today, derailing a car on each train and tying up traffic between Ashmont and Cambridge.



The scene outside Ashmont Station, Oct. 19, 1949

The M. T. A. said no one was injured.

"The collision and derailment took place at 10:10 a.m. Power between Ashmont and Fields Corner was shut off until 10:39, and tunnel trains ran during the late forenoon only between Fields Corner and Cambridge.

"In explaining how the accident occurred, an M. T. A. spokesman said that one two-car train was on the eastbound dead end track in charge of motorman John G. Starling, 1265 Broadway, West Somerville.

On a relay track to the left was another two-car train driven by motorman John L. Stuart of 4 Iroquois Road, Arlington.

"The first car of Starling's train struck the first car of Stuart's train, the M. T. A. said. As a result, the first car

on Stuart's train was tipped off the tracks to the left, and the first car on Sterling's train was derailed to the right.

"Two east bound tunnel trains were reversed and sent westward at Andrew Station and one train was turned back from Shawmut Station. Trackless trolleys operated between Fields Corner and Ashmont. Later, Stuart was said by the M. T. A. to have proceeded against a red light and was indefinitely suspended.

"M. T. A. officials said they hoped service through to Ashmont would be restored in time for the home-going rush hour.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical-society.org.

Editorial

Trolley line should be 2019 priority

Commonwealth Magazine reported this week that an overdue report from an MBTA consultant — which has since been shared with local elected officials — paints a bleak picture for the Mattapan-Ashmont trolley line. The report was authored by engineers from CH2M, a firm that was hired by the MBTA in 2017 to study the trolleys, the tracks and other infrastructure associated with the "high-speed" line.

The report was due early last year, but its release was repeatedly delayed for reasons that have not been fully explained by T officials. On Monday, state Rep. Dan Cullinane — who has been the leading local advocate for the trolley line in recent years — went public with his frustrations. Neither Cullinane nor any of his colleagues who have taken a keen interest in the Mattapan-Ashmont line were briefed on the contents of the report until the online magazine report was published. On Monday, Cullinane released a letter he had authored and sent to Gov. Baker on Dec. 18 that underscored his growing unease with the report's delays and with what he termed the "uncertainty, skepticism and frustration" among commuters and his constituents.

Cullinane is right to sound the alarm. The fate of the trolley line has been getting short shrift from a state agency that is juggling a leadership change amid the normal pressures of an aging, strained system. The Mattapan-Ashmont leg, in the grand scheme of things, may seem like a relatively low priority to some in the State Transportation Building.

And yet, commitments have been made by the Baker administration and their MBTA counterparts that have not yet been fulfilled. Policy makers— in particular, our elected delegates—need hard data and cold facts on which to base their budgets and long-term planning. The riding public is fond of the 75-year-old trolley fleet that connects Dorchester, Milton, and Mattapan, but sentiment is only one element of sound fiscal and infrastructure decisions. Disseminating the report's findings in a tardy and piecemeal manner is confusing and does a disservice to the stated intent of the effort.

Cullinane and other officials who have taken an interest in the line's future have sensibly called for the governor and MBTA leadership to convene a briefing for the political delegation so that all of them can better understand the status of the study, the line and contingencies for the future. This week, an MBTA spokesman told the *Reporter* that the meetings will take place in "early 2019."

"In the meantime, workers continue to fully overhaul the existing Presidential Conference Committee trolley cars with new propulsion, brakes, and power support systems," explained Joe Pesaturo, the Tspokesman. "This multi-million dollar investment by the MBTA Control Board will extend the life of the more than 70-year-old vehicles and maintain the historical character of the distinctive orange and cream-colored cars."

That's an encouraging response.

Still, one early read of consultant report is that even more studies will be needed to assess, for example, the structural integrity of the bridges along the line—a critical engineering and budgetary item that will not be included in this outside report.

As Cullinane noted in his letter to Baker, his constituency has clearly indicated a preference for this existing trolley service to be improved, but also preserved for the long-term on this key extension of the Red Line. We would like to see the Baker team get focused on expediting this project to that end. Improving communication with the key local leadership will be central to the difficult decisions that lie ahead.

Bill Forry

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Vintage fire boxes still stand guard in city neighborhoods

By Quincy Walters WBUR Reporter

When many 911 calls weren't going through late last month due to an outage at a Louisiana telecomm giant, vintage technology helped save the day in Boston.

After a fire broke out in a building in the North End early on Dec. 21, a resident who couldn't use a cellphone because of the outage pulled the firebox on the street outside. And soon, a fire crew was on the scene.

In Boston, there are more than 1,000 fireboxes, a system invented in the mid-19th century that works even when modern technology doesn't. Tell anyone that that's the case, and they may not believe you.

"There's no way it works. I've been told for the past 20 years that they don't work," said Mark Contrado, who lives near the scene of Friday's North End fire. "After you pull it, you talk to them or what?" he asked of the box at the corner of Cooper and Endicott streets.

At the Boston Fire Museum, Michael Gerry shows off a vintage fire box. "Pull the handle down on the fire box," he instructs. "And there's a white button there and you push the white button down and you can hear what happens."

These alarm boxes were invented in Boston and have been around since the 1850s. Back then, they'd

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set off a bell. Nowadays, it's a computer display. Whether or not fire boxes are activated, Gerry says, they're used every day by the Boston Fire Department.

"Each city address is cross referenced to a fire box like a zip code," he says. "And that fire box number is then back transmitted out to the stations."

The boxes let the fire department know which engine needs to respond. A computerized voice announces the call: "Engine 17. Ladder 7. A motor vehicle accident. 124 Pleasant Street. Dorchester. Nearest Box: 1864 Pleasant and Roche Street."

"They gave the nearest box location," Gerry says. "1864 Pleasant and Roche. So, the companies going to that incident will use a specific route to go from the fire house to go into that location."

Back at the box in the North End, Contrado, who was skeptical about them working, is impressed. "You would expect them to not work, because of how old they are," he says. "But, I do think that they should work."

And for the foreseeable future, the fire boxes around Boston will remain in operation, should you ever need one.

Quincy Walters is a reporter for WBUR 90.9FM, Boston's NPR News Station. The Reporter and WBUR have a partnership in which the two news organizations share content.

Once upon a time, 3 poor kids found faith in the Twelve Days of Christmas

By Douglas MacKinnon Special to the Reporter

And now we come to the close of the Twelve Days of Christmas almost no one cares about today, the period leading up to "The Epiphany," which begins on Dec. 26 and culminates on Jan. 6. It is a time of celebration that a dwindling number of people associate with the "three kings" named Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar who followed the star of Bethlehem across the night sky to meet the Baby Jesus and honor Him with gifts of frankincense, myrrh, and gold.

My Dorchester-born older brother Jay, who loved Christmas and talked about it all the time – up to this past July right before God called him back to Heaven after a long illness – often told me these days were his favorite days of Christmas because "they were reserved for those who believed in the true meaning of Christmas."

As hard as it may be for some to comprehend, it was that "true meaning of Christmas" that sustained Jay, my younger sister Janice, and me during the darkest and most trying days of a childhood of massive dysfunction, abject poverty, and homelessness.

While Christmas is, at least unofficially, declared over at midnight on December 25 by advertisers, Hollywood, and even a growing number of Christians, the three of us counted on the twelve days following Christmas Day as a much needed mental escape to comfort our battered young minds.

By the time I was 17 years of age, we had moved 34 times in and around Dorchester and the Boston area, each move following an eviction, some of them quite violent, from a home that usually had no heat, no water, and no phone.

After each eviction, the three of us would find ourselves living in the back of a car, a cockroachinfested motel, a park, or, if we were really lucky, at my grandparents' home on Hamilton Street for a few nights of warmth and an actual bed.

When our parents - deeply dysfunctional and self-destructive alcoholics - sobered up enough to drag us to the next horrible place that would masquerade as a "home" for a few months before the next eviction, it was back to the dirty mattress on the floor that the three of us would share.

Because of that never-ending dysfunction, as children we never had a Christmas in the traditional sense of trees, presents, home, or happiness. But we did have each other, and even though we didn't have a normal Christmas like other kids, we sure did talk about it all the time.

One of the stories we, especially Jay, most loved was the Epiphany with the three wise men coming to visit with the Baby Jesus. Not only did its message have meaning for us, but it also provided us with another spiritual gift in a childhood devoid of material presents.

Even as adults, that feeling never left us. No matter how bad things were, Christmastime and



The author Douglas MacKinnon and his late brother Jay MacKinnon.

the Epiphany were always deeply meaningful because they were about something much larger than ourselves. They represented the potential for goodness in humanity.

This has been my first Christmas season without Jay physically in my life; it has been a winding, tough, and emotional journey, for sure. One of the happy memories I have been leaning on constantly of late is about the one decent Christmas we did have. Fittingly, it took place in Dorchester. It was special because we not only set our record for living in one home the longest — nine months — but also because the three of us got two presents each from the Woolworth's on Bowdoin Street.

For Jay, Janice, and me, Dorchester was always home and a neighborhood that filled us with pride. There was a plan was to bring Jay back to Dorchester one last time this coming April, but time ran out.

For years, he encouraged me to write a Christmas story that would speak to the things that inspired, even "saved" us as children. Two years ago, thanks in large part to that non-stop encouragement, I started to write a story that would incorporate the elements maybe "the virtues"? of faith, family, charity, empathy, and hope.

As I began the book, Jay was already dealing with some serious health issues. Because of that, and because of the bond we shared over Christmas, I decided that an older brother's love and guidance had to be a central theme of the story. That story became "The North Pole Project – In Search of the True Meaning of Christmas." It is a book for which I do not take a dime; any proceeds go to charity.

Jay loved Christmas and believed deeply in the lessons of the three wise men and their long journey to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The ultimate lesson for him was this: If we help even one person in need – be that a relative, a colleague, a neighbor, a stranger, or especially a child – that is the best Christmas present that we ourselves could ever receive.

That Dorchester kid helped more people than I can count, and for that reason, these twelve increasingly forgotten days are more meaningful to me now than ever.

Douglas MacKinnon is a former White House and Pentagon official and author of the novel "The North Pole Project – In Search of the True Meaning of Christmas."

Report outlines trolley line troubles beyond age of PCC cars

(Continued from page 1) to address deteriorating rail ties on two bridges along the Mattapan line -the Gallivan Boulevard bridge and the Medway Street overhead bridge.

The study's findings lead-off with an oftstated assessment of the Presidential Conference Committee (PCC) trolley cars age and condition: "Vehicles are over 70 years old and are approaching a point where further maintenance action and operation becomes impractical."

The report also focuses on "poor" condition of the maintenance facilities located at Mattapan Square, with an array of photos depicting the crumbling barn-like structure that is open to the elements at both ends. It is "barely marginal" for its intended use of servicing an aging fleet, the consultants noted, adding that the "limited and exposed maintenance area . . . makes large-scale fleet improvement efforts and internal modification programs extremely difficult, costly, and inefficient."

Portions of the \$1.1 million study by engineering firm CH2M were first revealed in a story published online by Commonwealth Magazine on Sunday.



A PCC car enters Ashmont Station during a storm in 2016. Bill Forry photo

The article by Colman Herman, a contributor to the magazine, said the Gallivan bridge's wooden rail ties are in poor condition and need to be replaced to "ensure safe operations," and the bridges themselves suffer from cracks, deteriorating masonry, and paint issues.

The magazine's reporting prompted state Rep. Dan Cullinane, who has made the status and future of the line an integral issue for his office, to publish a statement to state and local officials noting that he had sent a letter "to Governor Baker last week expressing frustration over the silence and lack of details surrounding the several times delayed Mattapan Trolley study."

"My ask was simple - have the MBTA leadership meet with all of us as a delegation for an honest conversation about what is in the report and why the delays and then have MBTA leadership host a meeting with the community for the same honest dialogue.... considering the holidays I did not expect to hear back until after the new year."

Given that, he said, he was "shocked and disappointed that somehow Commonwealth Magazine got the report and ran an article outlining what was contained in the MBTA commission report without so much as a phone call or email from the MBTA or the Administration "to his office."

In a Dec. 18 letter to Gov. Baker, Cullinane noted that the MBTA had convened a series of public meetings on the status of the trolley line

in spring 2017. But, he noted that "there have not been any follow-up informational community meetings or any proactive meetings with the delegation of elected officials who represent the communities the Mattapan Trolley Line serves to inform us, and or our constituents. of the status of the upgrades to the trolley line or of the findings of the MBTA's study.

Cullinane pressed Baker to direct MBTA leadership to brief him and other elected officials and to commit to the T"host an informational public meeting to do the same."

On Tuesday, a spokesman for the MBTA-Joe Pesaturo- said that the transit agency "MBTA is committing to both a briefing for the delegation and an

informational public meeting in early 2019."

Pesaturo said that Steve Poftak, a longtime Control Board member who began his tenure as MBTA General Manager on Jan. 1 "is committed to a transparent process that includes input and feedback from elected officials, the community, stakeholders and riders."

"The scope of the line's comprehensive assessment included a thorough analysis of the condition of the corridor's infrastructure, which is needed to make informed decisions regarding future capital expenditures. In the meantime, workers continue to fully overhaul the existing Presidential Conference Committee trolley cars with new propulsion, brakes, and power supply systems. This multi-million dollar investment by the MBTA Control Board will extend the life of the more than 70-year old vehicles and maintain the historical character of the distinctive orange and cream-colored cars,' said Pesaturo.

Rep. Cullinane said he had "a frank and productive conversation with MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak" on Monday.

"GM Poftak gave his personal commitment and the commitment of the MBTA to both requests I made in the letter and to a fully transparent process with frequent communication moving forward," said Cullinane. "We agreed to get a date on the calendar that works for all of the elected officials in the very near future."

News editor Jennifer Smith and associate editor Tom Mulvoy contributed to this report.

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This is NOT a hearing date, but a peadline by which you must file a writ ten appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to ile a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the eturn date, action may be taken withou urther notice to you.

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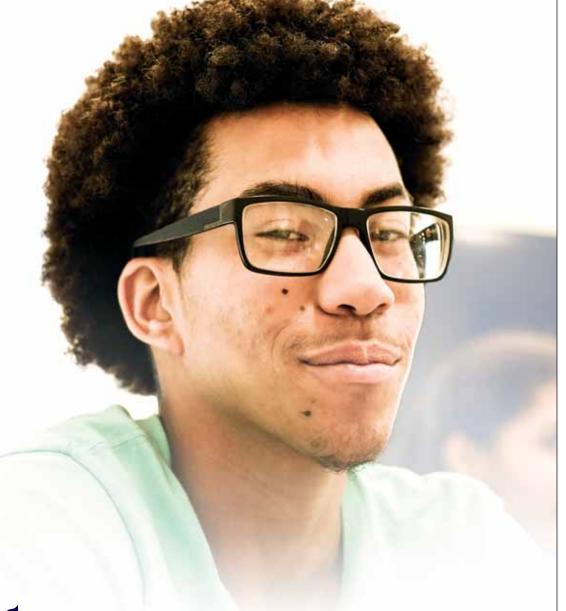


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BPD'S GROSS GUEST AT FIRST PARISH POTLUCK

First Parish Church Dorchester will host Boston Police Commissioner William Gross at its monthly community potluck on Friday, Jan. 11, 6-8 p.m. All are invited. The event will be held in the Parish Hall located at 10 Parish St., Dorchester. Please bring something to share or just come and enjoy an evening of food and conversation with the new Commissioner. See firstparishdorchester.org for more info.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

City of Boston picks up Christmas trees during the first two full weeks of January to be shreeded for compost. Make sure your tree is placed on the curb by 7 a.m. on trash pick up day without ornaments

PUBLIC MEETING ON MARIJUANA BUSINESS PROPOSAL FOR MATTAPAN SQUARE

A community outreach meeting for a proposed cannabis establishment to be located at 1589 Blue Hill Ave. in Mattapan will be held on Thurs., Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. If you have any questions about this meeting or have comments about the proposal contact Roudnie Celestin, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services at Roudnie. Celestin@Boston. gov or 617-635-2677. The purpose of this meeting is to get community input and listen to the community's positions on this proposal.

UPHAMS CORNER MAIN STREET ANNUAL

 $The \, annual \, meeting \, for \, Uphams \, Corner \, Main \, Street$ will be held on Thurs., Jan. 31 from 8 - 9:30 a.m. at Restaurant Laura,688 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. See uphamscorner.org for more info.

MATTAPAN-DORCHESTER RESIDENTS MEETING AT GALLIVAN CENTER

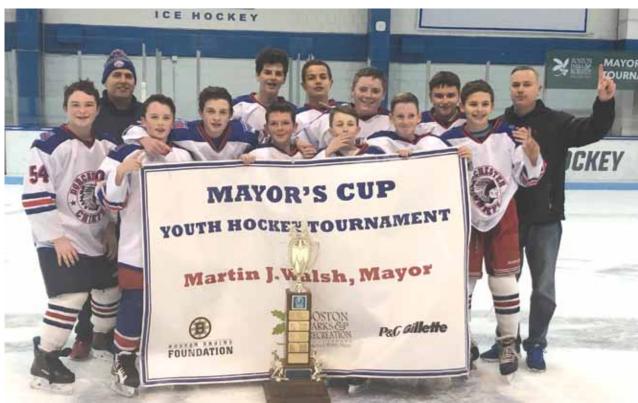
The Mayor's Office will sponsor the monthly Mattapan-Dorchester resident meeting at Gallivan Community Center, 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan on Wed., Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. Contact Roudnie Célestine for more information at 617-635-2677.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC TO MEET ON JAN. 8

The Hancock Street Civic Assoc. will hold its next meeting on Tues., Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. The location of this meeting will be the Upham's Crossing Apartments Community Room at 530 Columbia Road

FORUM ON PUBLIC MONUMENTS ON JAN. 9

The Committee to Renew the Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial will host a community conversa-



The Dorchester Youth Hockey Bantam Red team won the Mayor's Cup championship title for its division $on\, Dec.\, 31\, at\, UM ass\, Boston.\, Pictured, left to\, right, are\, teammates\, Finn\, Carpenter, coach\, Brendan\, Raftery,$ Tom "T-Mac" McCarthy, David George, Cole Riley, James Murphy, Douglas George, Patrick Brophy, Cian Flaherty, Coleman Mikalauskis, Sean Olsen, Dylan Raftery and Coach Pat Brophy. Photo courtesy DYH

tion on "The Power of Public Monuments and Why They Matter" on Wed., Jan. 9 at Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont St., Boston. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Questions or for more information, call 617-427-0046 or email shaw54thmemorial@ gmail.com.

HAITIAN ARTISTS ASSEMBLY LAUNCH CITY HALL EXHIBIT

The Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts' launch a new art exhibition "Who We Are, What we Bring" at Boston City Hall at a reception on Fri, Jan. 11, 4 p.m., third floor hosted by the Office of Art and Culture of the City of Boston. HAAM is a volunteer group of Haitian artists, created in 1995 to

foster fellowship among the artists, promote Haitian culture in New England and build cultural bridges across different communities. This exhibition will feature paintings of Boston's cultural landmarks, historical figures with ties to New England (Toussaint Louverture, Frederick Douglas), social themes relevant to Boston; the reception will include the signing of an art book "Migrating Colors: Haitian Art in New England."The exhibition will be in City Hall through Jan. 30.

HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE OBSERVED AT RANDOLPH GALA

Haitian-Americans United, Inc. hosts the 20th annual Haitian Independence Gala at Lantana's, 43 Scanlon Dr. Randolph, MA on Sat., Jan. 5, starting at

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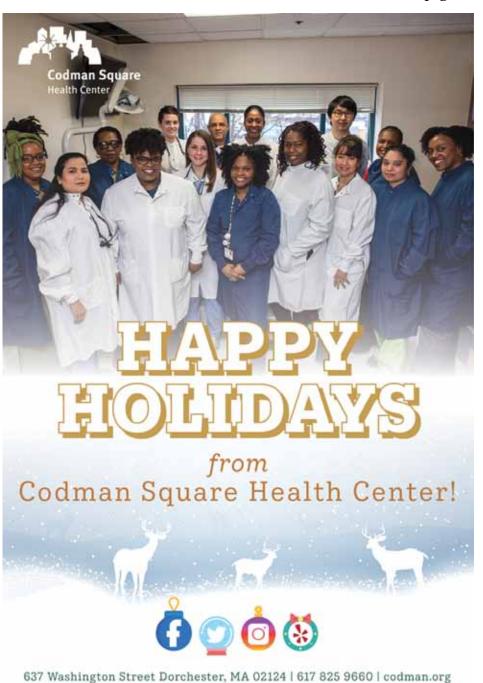
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Arts Academy finds temporary home in Fields Corner

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"We're here for the next three years...we want to be a part of the community while we're here," Clark said to the group. "We want to be contributing, we want to be positive, we want to be neighbors to you and learn from you about how we can best support you and be part of the neighborhood."

Among those who took the tour was Vivian Girard, co-owner of Home. stead Café, who, Clark said, was among the first to extend a hand of greeting to the school. The cafe, located just steps from the school facilities, has already hosted a handful of students for its monthly open mic performances.

Just blocks away, the Dorchester Art Project has begun collaborating with the arts school; DAP hosted a senior visual arts show in their gallery last month. And on Jan. 25 and 26, BAA will present "Memphis, the Musical" at the Strand Theatre, where academy students have performed in past years.

Clark expects those community partnerships to continue to develop in the coming months. "It's still early, but we're looking forward to building these meaningful connections with people just around the corner or down the street," she said.

Meanwhile, academy students are continuing to adjust to life on a new campus. At BAA, high schoolers study typical subjects like science, math, English, history, and world languages, while at the same time concentrating on one of five arts majors: Theatre, Dance, Music, Design and Visual Communications (Visual Arts), and Fashion Technology. For many, the new location in Dorchester presents logistical challenges but alleviates others.

"We have students from every neighborhood in the city of Boston, but the vast majority live in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, so for them, this was a much easier commute," said Clark.

Two BAA seniors, 18-year-old Djemani Moore of Ashmont and 18-year-old Jaquana Daise of Four Corners, talked to the *Reporter* about life in their new digs. For Moore, being closer to home has its perks. "I get an extra 45 minutes of sleep," he said.

On the other hand, commuting to the BAA's partner facilities in the Fenway, where students take part in daily coop programs with the Berklee School of Music and the Boston Conservatory, is a bit more of a hassle. "But in terms of the programs, nothing



BAA students performed in the musical "Waiting for Lefty" in their current home, the former Dorchester Academy building on Charles Street in Fields Corner. BAA photo



Jaquana Daise, 18 has really changed," said Moore

A tenor saxophone player, he spent his first three years enrolled at the Fenway campus, along with Daise, a dancer. Over the years, they've benefited from the hands-on approach taken by BAA; the school regularly connects Moore to gigs in town, and offers Daise a chance to dance at private events, such as one hosted recently by the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum. While those opportunities remain accessible, both agreed that one challenge presented by the Charles Street facilities is limited space.

"In the Fenway it was bigger and we had more practice rooms," said Daise. "There, we had four dance studios, but in this space we only have three. They converted one of the gyms here into dance studios...but in the end, the training's still the same. We made it work."

The move required students and staff to get a little creative by transforming normal classrooms and recre-



Djemani Moore, 18

ational spaces into arts facilities: a basement

room was soundproofed to become a music production studio, an auditorium was tweaked to serve as a makeshift black box, and a hallway was made into an "open library" to make way for costume design

classrooms.

According to Clark, the move in some ways represents an upgrade. "Our old building was originally a postal warehouse, and it was our temporary place that we were supposed to be in, and we were there "temporarily" for twenty years...so that building had been retrofitted for an arts school, but it left a lot to be desired," she said.

The \$125 million facility under construction in the Fenway, funded in part by Walsh administration investments, will include a 500-seat theater, a 200-seat black box, dance and recording studios, and enhanced

rehearsal spaces.

While the space in Fields Corner lacks those amenities, it retains the spirit and the spunk that make Boston Arts Academy unique, according to Moore and Daise.

"No one here is ever alone," said Moore. "Evervone here has someone as weird as they are... freedom of expression is really a thing here." He pointed to the lax dress code as an example of that freedom. Walking the hallways of BAA, you might see students in jeans, baseball caps, and even, on this particular day, a fluffy pink bunny costume. Moore says it's all about embracing individuality.

"When I look at this school as college prep, it's more on the social side," he said. "Like, you are prepared to be yourself. You have to know yourself and express who you are to other people."

Daise contrasted her experience at BAA with memories of her charter middle school, where, she says, students never changed classrooms and a dress code was strictly enforced. "I feel more free now," she said.

The two seniors are in the midst of applying to colleges; Moore hopes to continue studying jazz at Berklee or Philadelphia's University of the Arts, while Daise is considering pursuing veterinary science or biology. Even though dance may not be in her professional future, she says said she has no regrets about attending BAA. "I got to be myself, and I got to do something that I love."



Warren launches exploratory committee for '20 presidential run

By Katie Lannan State House News Service

Days before she is sworn in to a second-six year term in the Senate, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren took another step toward running for president in 2020.

With an online video and a new campaign website, the Cambridge Democrat announced on Monday that she is forming a presidential exploratory committee.

In the video, which discusses her upbringing in Oklahoma, her work to start the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and her 2012 Senate win over Republican Scott Brown, Warren said that her goal was to rebuild an American middle class that's now "under attack" by wealthy and powerful special interests aided by their allies in politics.

"Working families today face a lot tougher path than my family did, and families of color face a path that is steeper and rockier, a path made even harder by the impact of generations of discrimination," she said.

During her successful reelection campaign against Republican state Rep. Geoff Diehl of Whitman, Warren said she would take a "hard look"



Sen. Elizabeth Warren is shown during a Reportersponsored forum held at the Boston Teachers Unio Hall in Dorchester last spring. *Bill Forry photo*

at running for president.

A frequent critic of Donald Trump and the first woman from Massachusetts to be elected to the US Senate, Warren made official the persistent rumors that she was considering a presidential campaign at a late September town hall meeting in Holyoke, when she said it was "time for women to go to

Washington and fix our broken government and that includes a woman at the top."

Diehl, who gave up his House seat to run for Senate, was at the State House Monday cleaning out his office before the new session begins on Wednesday and Abington Republican Alyson Sullivan is sworn in to succeed him.

"I wish her well," Diehl said of Warren, when asked about her exploratory committee. "I'm certainly not hoping she wins, but I wish her well along the way."

During the campaign, Diehl repeatedly knocked Warren over what he described as her presidential ambitions, pointing to her national travels and saying she would be focused on efforts to attain higher office rather than the needs of Massachusetts.

Warren took in just over 60 percent of the vote in November, besting Diehl and unenrolled candidate Shiva Ayyadurai. In her first run for elected office in 2012, she beat incumbent Sen. Scott Brown with nearly 54 percent of the vote.

Two polls conducted during the 2018 Senate campaign found a majority of Massachusetts voters did not think Warren should run for president. In a Suffolk University poll released in late October, 17 percent of respondents said Warren should run in 2020. In a MassINC poll that came out days later, 22 percent said she should.

Massachusetts has a long list of unsuccessful presidential aspirants over the last four decades, including former Sens. Edward Kennedy (1980), Paul Tsongas (1992), and John Kerry (2004); former Govs. Michael Dukakis (1988) and Mitt Romney (2008 and 2012); and Green-Rainbow Party candidate Jill Stein (2012 and 2016).

Earlier in December, former Gov. Deval Patrick decided against entering the 2020 fray.

Warren raised eyebrows among political watchers over the weekend by dropping a reference to Massachusetts from her campaign Twitter handle, now @ewarren.

"Every person in America should be able to work hard, play by the same set of rules, & take care of themselves & the people they love. That's what I'm fighting for, & that's why I'mlaunching an exploratory committee for president," she tweeted Monday morning, along with the video and a link to elizabethwarren.com.

The website asks visitors if they are "all in," "not sure yet" or "not in" for a Warren 2020 campaign.

Potential supporters who select "not sure yet" are greeted by a page asking "What's holding you back?" with a window to enter their questions. Those who pick "not in" are asked to check a box indicating whether they're planning to vote for another Democrat, a

Republican, or a third party candidate, or are still undecided, and to "tell us more about why you are out."

The Progressive Change Campaign Committee, which ran a "Draft Elizabeth Warren for Senate" campaign in 2011, on Monday released a statement saying Warren "meets the moment" and, if she does ultimately run, would be "best equipped" to beat Trump, who has said he will seek a second term.

"Elizabeth Warren is the most electable among many potential contenders with progressive positions, and it will be a victory for all progressives as candidates race to the top on issues we've worked for years to push into the mainstream," the group's co-founders, Stephanie Taylor and Adam Green, said. "In addition to being most electable, Elizabeth Warren is the only candidate who would enter the White House with an army of heavy-hitting allies accumulated over a lifetime of fighting powerful interests -- allies who are ready on Day One to use executive power to break up corporate monopolies, fight for equal rights and environmental justice, and restore sanity to our corrupt political and economic system."





Moms Do Care at Whittier Street Health Center

Whittier Street Health Center (WSHC) is offering, a free program that provides services for pregnant and parenting women with opioid use disorder, Moms Do Care.

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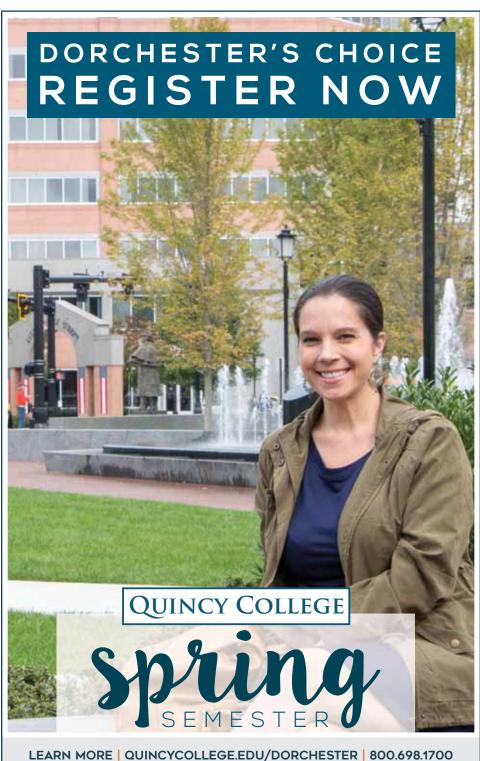
Moms Do Care at Whittier is currently hiring women recovery coaches (*females with lived experience*) to support pregnant and parenting women with opioid use disorders

For information contact:

Christine Pajarillo, LICSW Director of Behavioral Health Services (617) 989-3212

Funding for Moms Do Care is provided by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services.





Community Health News

Life expectancies in Massachusetts bucks national trend; Lung cancer remains leading cause of deaths in adults

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

The average life expectancy for Massachusetts residents rose in 2016, an increase that stands in contrast to national trends showing declines in how long Americans can expect to live, the Department of Public Health announced Wednesday.

The life expectancy for Bay Staters is 80 years and eight months as of 2016, DPH said in its annual Massachusetts Deaths report, up from 80 years and five months in 2015. Life expectancy was at its highest point -- 80 years and 11 months -- in 2012 and 2013, DPH 80 years and five months.

"Massachusetts has worked hard to have near universal health care coverage that promotes health and we consistently rank as one of the healthiest states in the nation. This report shows that working together at both the state and municipal level, and with our health care partners, we can improve the health and well-being of all Massachusetts residents,' Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders said.

Nationally, life expectancy dropped for the second time in three years in 2017. The U.S. Centers for Disease

said, and in 2014 sat at Control and Prevention said in a report earlier this year that a baby born in the United States in 2017 is expected to live 78 vears and seven months. down from about 78 years and eight months in 2016. The CDC pegged the decline in life expectancy to increases in deaths from drug overdose and suicide.

In both cases, the 2016 Massachusetts figures and the 2017 national statistics from the CDC were the most recently available.

On average, 156 people in Massachusetts died each day during 2016, including 35 from cancer, 33 from heart disease. 14 from respiratory conditions and 13 from injuries, DPH said. Of the 13 injury deaths each day, on average, seven deaths per day were due to poisoning, a category that includes opioid overdoses.

Overall, 2016 saw 832 fewer deaths in Massachusetts than in 2015 and the age-adjusted mortality rate declined from 684.6 deaths per 100,000 residents in 2015 to 668.9 deaths per 100,000 people in 2016, DPH said. DPH said the death rate declined for Hispanics, white non-Hispanics and Asian non-Hispanics, but increased for black non-Hispanic residents.

Hispanic women had Monica Bharel said.

the longest life expectancy in 2016, living to an average age of 89. Black non-Hispanic women and white non-Hispanic women also had life expectancies that were higher than the statewide estimate, at 83 years and seven months and 82 years and 11 months, respectively.

"A major focus for us in public health is closing the gap in health disparities -- and this annual report plays a key role in helping us to shape our prevention efforts so they are targeted where they are most needed to reduce those disparities," Public Health Commissioner

The leading cause of death in 2016 was cancer, and lung cancer remained the leading cause of all cancer deaths. White non-Hispanic residents had the highest cancer death rate, at 154.3 deaths per 100,000 people, while Hispanic residents had the lowest rate of cancer deaths, 91.7 deaths per 100,000 people.

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Minimum age for buying tobacco in state is now 21

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE **News Service**

Nearly 14 years after Needham became the first town in the country to ban tobacco sales to people under 21, the higher purchase age for cigarettes and other tobacco products kicked in across the state on Monday.

Gov. Charlie Baker in July signed a bill imposing new restrictions on tobacco products in Massachusetts, with an effective date of Dec. 31, 2018.

Along with raising the minimum age for buying tobacco products from its current 18, the law prohibits the sale of tobacco products by pharmacies and bans

in places where state law already prohibits smoking.

People who turn 18 before Monday will still be able to buy cigarettes and other tobacco products once the higher age takes effect, unless they're in a municipality that has imposed a higher age limit at the local level.

The use of tobacco products including e-cigarettes will also be prohibited on the grounds of any public or private primary, secondary, or vocational school.

In a letter sent last Thursday, Patricia Henley of the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Control Program advised licensed pharmacies of the new law, informing

the use of e-cigarettes them that as of Monday health care institutions in Massachusetts will no longer be allowed to sell "tobacco products, including e-cigarettes or other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization."

"FDA-approved tobacco cessation products are exempted from this prohibition if they are marketed and sold exclusively for the approved purchase," Henley wrote.

The definition of "health care institution"

under the law "includes any larger retail space, including a department store or supermarket that has a pharmacy located within it," the letter said.

The Department of Public Health on Monday plans to issue a reminder letter to retailers with information about the law and its new signage requirements. Local boards of health were notified in September of the law changes.

Beginning with Need-

ham in 2005, at least 194 cities and towns across Massachusetts, from Acton to Yarmouth and from Great Barrington to Gloucester, have locally raised their tobacco age to 21, according to the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

Massachusetts was the sixth state to push its tobacco age to 21, joining California, Hawaii, New Jersey, Maine and Oregon, along with Washington D.C.

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Neighborhood Notables

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7 p.m. The event serves as a unique opportunity for dignitaries, local community leaders to get together to honor Haiti's ancestors, celebrate the victory of the 1791 Haitian Slave Revolution, and commemorate the 215th anniversary of the Proclamation of Haiti's Independence. The Keynote Speaker for the Gala is Brockton City At-Large Councilor Jean Bradley Derenoncourt and Reginald Fils CEO of Urban Inspired as Guest Speaker with the welcoming remarks by Randolph City Councilor Natacha Clerger. The evening's Entertainment will be provided by Maestro Fritz Orvil with young artist Ashley Rose Villard and Williams Joseph, Aashka Dance Troup. See hauinc.org for more details.

BLOOD DRIVES PLANNED AT CARNEY, DOTHOUSE HEALTH

The American Red Cross will host two blood drives in Dorchester on Fri., Jan 11. The drives will be held 12 p.m.-5 p.m. at Carney Hospital, 2100 Dorchester Ave. and at DotHouse Health, 1353 Dorchester Ave. A second blood drive will be held at DotHouse on Mon., Jan. 14 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. A seasonal decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors get busy with family gatherings and travel. In addition, severe winter weather can cause blood drive cancellations and negatively affect the blood supply. Give the gift of life - make an appointment to donate blood and platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

PRINCESS DAY AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO ON JAN. 26

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl. org/homework.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

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For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Assoc. meets on the second Tues. of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall. 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@ gmail.com.

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The meetings are usually held on the second Mon. of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Assoc. (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Assoc.) generally meets on the third Tues. of each month at 7p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@gmail.com.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

See joneshill.com for additional information. **EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.**

The Assoc. meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham's Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

DORCHESTER UNIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. Please join the D.U.N. Assoc. contact list to stay

up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and phone to DUNAssoc.@gmail.com or 617-901-4919. FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.

The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

Hancock Street Civic meets on the first Tues. of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at the community room of 530 Columbia Rd, Dorchester. https://sites.google.

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Home prices hit record high in November

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

More single-family homes were sold in Massachusetts last November than in any November before that, according to real estate market analysts, who also noted that they were sold for a higher medium price than in any previous eleventh

The Warren Group reported that there were 5,231 single-family home sales in November, a 2.2 percent increase over the year before. The median home sale price rose by 4.5 percent to \$385,000, also an all-time high.

Tim Warren, CEO of the Warren Group, said the median price has declined on a year-to-year

basis just twice in more is the best investment than four years. Steady demand is driven by the state's solid economy and the attractiveness of real estate investments, he said.

With the stock market in decline and the bond markets also declining so far this year and saving interest rates at a low level, some people may be thinking that real estate

Senior Homeowners Services

that's available right now," Warren said on the organization's podcast.

There were 4,658 purchase mortgages for single-family homes in November, the group said, representing a 2.2 percent increase over November 2017. Purchase mortgages totaled \$1.77 billion and to that month in 2018,

single-family homes had accounted for 49,202 purchase mortgages in Massachusetts totaling \$19.2 billion.

There were 1.991 condominium transactions that month, a 7.4 percent decrease from a year earlier. Although total sales werew down, the median condo sale price increased 4 percent to \$365,000.

Warren said the steady rise in the median condo sale price – it was up 7.2 percent through November, standing within \$20,000 of the median single-family home price -- is driven by the crush of high-end condo units coming online in and around Boston.

Wage hike kicks in for 600k-plus in Mass

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE News Service

Fifteen percent of working parents in Massachusetts and 19 percent of children in the state will be affected by the \$1 minimum wage increase that takes effect this week, according to a new analysis. The Jan. 1 hike from \$11 hourly to \$12, part of a multi-year phased-in increase to \$15 an hour, will benefit some 662,000 workers, for a total wage increase of \$817.5 million, according to the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center.

The boost in the wage floor is part of a law Gov. Charlie Baker signed early last year that also created a paid family and medical leave program

in Massachusetts and instituted an annual sales tax holiday. The law represented a deal struck with advocates to avoid a series of ballot fights. It also institutes an annual series of cuts to the required time-anda-half pay for workers on Sundays and holidays, the first of which also takes effect Jan. 1. About a third of workers in the human services sector, two-thirds of food service workers, and 40 percent of retail workers will get raises under the new law, according to the MassBudget analysis.

Nineteen states are set to kick off 2019 with minimum wage hikes, according to the group Business for a Fair Minimum Wage.

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If you're unable to attend, please visit: http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers, email Marie.Mercurio@boston.gov, or call 617-918-4352 to stay involved.

SAVE THE DATE: Glover's Corner Jobs & Small Business Deep Dive on January 31st at 8:00 AM, location to be determined. Check back for details at: http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers

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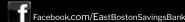


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Rev. Richard 'Doc' Conway, Shepherd of the Streets, man for others, sums up his life: 'God was good to me'

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bitten streets of Hingham, Newton, and Wellesley. The Boston Irish Reporter is honoring Fr. Conway for his remarkable ministry in Dorchester as an indefatigable advocate for marginalized youths, and yet, that does not fully describe the six decades in which he has contributed to Greater Boston, and especially now, at age 80, what he is giving to the youth of Dorchester, to the image of the Catholic Church, and to the heritage of Irish clergy.

In nine years, Fr. Conway is the first person to offer not to receive the Boston Irish Honors award. After recipients were notified, the Roman Catholic Church was rocked by news of a sex scandal in Pennsylvania, and in an act of grace, Fr. Conway telephoned the publisher of the Boston Irish Reporter, Ed Forry, to say that if the newspaper wanted to withdraw the award, he would understand.

His ministry in St. Peter Parish on Meetinghouse Hill, St. Ambrose in Fields Corner, and St. Teresa of Calcutta on Columbia Road, formerly St. Margaret's, and especially his courageous walks through gritty neighborhoods to encourage troubled youth, rather like a Shepherd of the Streets, he is a reminder that when Jesus said to his disciples, "Follow Me," what he may have had in mind was Fr. Conway, or as Christ would have called him, "Doc."

Richard Conway grew up in Roslindale, graduated from Boston College High School and St. John's Seminary, and was ordained in 1963, but it was not until 1980, after he had served parishes in South Weymouth, Framingham, West Quincy, and Hyde Park, that he found his ministry to the poor at St. Patrick's, Lowell, a parish suffocated by debt and challenged by rampant immigration, by an impoverished congregation that had dwindled from 5,500 to 2,000, and by financial credit so weak the parish could no longer borrow money. Even the milkman was owed \$2,000.

Later, after serving in Newton, Concord, Shirley, Randolph, Brockton, and Somerville, Fr. Conway was assigned to Dorchester, and in its focus on the poor and upon immigrants, the Dorchester ministry is a bookend to his early work in Lowell, where he learned lessons not taught at seminary.

"In our Lowell parish most immigrants were Southeast Asian, and they had nothing," he recalls in his office at St. Teresa. "They were sleeping on floors, and we hustled mattresses, beds, any furniture. We had access to cheap government surplus in Taunton, but we needed an inexpensive way to move it, and I thought, maybe a tractor-trailer.

Driving a tractor-trailer is another lesson not taught at seminary, so Fr. Conway found a junkyard where he could practice on a 27-footer so decrepit the passenger seat was a folding chair. Because the truck would not qualify for a sticker, the owner, an ex-cop, got in touch with a guy who finagled a sticker.

Alas, however, Fr. Conway flunked the driving test. "The cop said, 'I'd give you the license, Father, but my boss has been watching you knock over all these orange cones.' So he sent me to a guy in East Boston, and after a few lessons, I passed.'

He cannot be the first priest to have wondered whether seminary might have better prepared a young priest to run a big parish by dropping one course in, say, the Pentateuch, and adding a course in-plumbing.



Nora Baston, now a superintendent in the Boston Police Department who heads up the new Bureau of Community Engagement, has long worked with Rev. Conway as they pursue an improved quality of life on inner-city Boston's streets. "Father Doc is being far too modest in saying that all he does is walk the streets," said Baston in 2014. "There's so much more to the daily life and charitable work of thistruly remarkable human being." Tom Kates Photography/for BC High web site and publications.

In Lowell, Fr. Conway said, "the equipment was old, but we had a plumbing-heating guy in the congregation who gave me lessons in using alligator clips, wired together, to jump-start the boiler and also in how to drain its water."

The seminary might have dropped that course in Liturgical Chants in favor of a class in conflict resolution, because parish priests run into conflicts every day. Fr. Conway's docility camouflages a tenacity against anyone taking advantage of God's churches, and here's an example:

In Newton, at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Fr. Conway was troubled by a parishioner who parked illegally every day in church lot, making it difficult to plow, so he left a note telling the man not to park there.

"The guy said, 'But I'm in the parish.' I said, Then, you get our report and know the average weekly contribution is \$2?' Yeah, he said, and so I told him, "You're telling me that for two bucks a week, you want three priests, a heated church, and free parking in Newton? You gotta be crazy.' Well, he hung up, but he never parked there again. I can be a son of a bitch."

After assignment to Concord and then Shirley, Fr. Conway was assigned to St. Margaret's in Brockton, home to so many Cape Verdeans that he enrolled in a course to study Portuguese.

Another class not taught in seminary is how to handle inspectors who arrive on Friday to shut down a decrepit Brockton church.

The conversation was brief.

You're not closing this church," said Fr. Conway. "Oh, yes we are. We're going to put a notice on the door."

"I'll take the notice down."

"We'll chain the door."

"Then I'll break the chain. We've got Mass on Sunday and a funeral Monday, and I'm gonna bury the guy out of this church."

Thanks to that defiance, Mass was celebrated Sunday and the funeral Monday, but eventually, the diocese closed the church rather than invest a million dollars in repairs. In the interim, and with approval of the diocese, Fr. Conway arranged for Roman Catholic Masses, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

"When the closing of the parish was upon us, we had \$2,000 in the bank, and the parish council met for a regular meeting, then reassembled across the street at the Cape Cod Café, where a decision was made to blow the money on a big parish picnic, which we did."

For Fr. Conway, the next stop was Dorchester, St. Ambrose, and needing to preach in Spanish, he took lessons from a secretary.

"The first time I preached in Spanish without notes, I was talking about the parable of the mustard seed, but I couldn't remember the word for it. I shouted, 'What's the Spanish word for mustard seed?' Nobody understood, so I gestured, 'You know, the stuff you put on a hot dog?' And everybody yelled out, 'Semilla de mostaza.' "

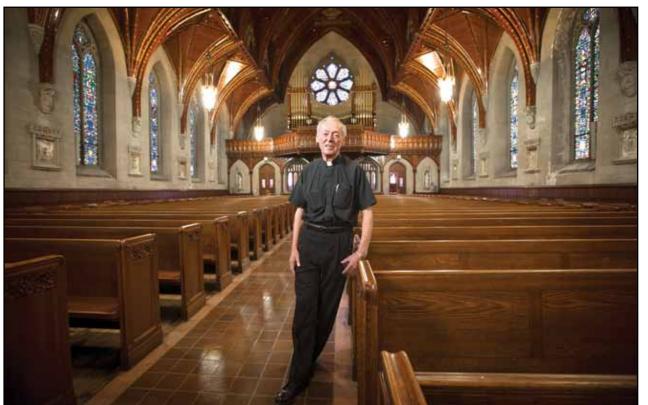
At a time in America when enmity has displaced comity, Fr. Conway navigates the poor neighborhoods with the tact of Jesus, and no one is more in awe of his skill than Boston's new commissioner of police, William G. Gross.

"Fr. Conway is one of my favorite people in the world. I met him after a controversial shooting near Uphams Corner. The neighborhood was upset, but vhen I saw him talking to kids, I liked his demeanor his candor, and I thought, 'Wow, here's a priest who doesn't hide behind the pulpit, but goes into homes of gang members and speaks to Cape Verdeans in Portuguese, and in his duty to God, he's tenacious, a real bad ass."

After the nomadic years, Fr. Conway has settled into what may be his most productive ministry. Technically retired, he works a full week, officiating at services and interacting with parishioners in an area that encompasses half of Dorchester, Boston's most diverse neighborhood (Pop. 124,000).

"I fight with Boston College High School all the time. There's a teacher who asks me to walk her kids around the parish. Nora Baston comes with me. She's a superintendent with the police. We walk Bowdoin Street, and I tell the students, 'I don't' know what you pay for sports equipment, but kids here don't have money for that. They struggle. They live in three-deckers, one parent, the threat of drugs and a shooting on the streets every week, for crying out loud."

"After one tour, I got a letter from a junior at BC, Ryan Murray of Scituate, who said the stories about drugs, gang violence, shootings, and domestic violence had touched his heart. "I highly admire your work of trying to bring the community together



Rev. Richard "Doc" Conway at home in St. Peter's Church in spring 2014.

Tom Kates Photography

through block parties ... because they aren't blessed with the privacy of huge backyards like other people have "

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"Rents for a two-bedroom start at \$1,800. How do these people survive? They depend on extras. We run a food pantry twice a week. We've got people coming out of a family shelters, and they get into an apartment under Section 8. We went into one new apartment and all they had in the kitchen was two pots, one for beans, one for rice.

"So we made a list: plates, glasses, bedding, a bathroom plunger, and sent it to parishes and said 'Help us." We collect the stuff in a garage behind St. Peter, and we send word to shelters for people to take what they need."

Capt. Jack Danilecki, a night commander with the Boston Police who met Fr. Conway 12 years ago in Roxbury, describes him as an inspiration.

"A hot summer night, eight o'clock, and he'll call to say we should walk the neighborhoods. I'd moan, 'oh, c'mon, Doc,' but I couldn't say no. So he in his collar and me in uniform, we'd walk tense neighborhoods and he'd talk to kids bad to the core. Having Doc in my life makes me a better man."

The tales Fr. Conway tells are not always flattering or clergy.

"In Hyde Park. I was with a priest who loved the horses. So, we get a call from the State Police because they found this little black box at Suffolk Downs, the racetrack, on Good Friday. 'Yeah,' the priest told the cops. 'It's my Mass kit. After services, I thought I'd catch a couple of races.' "

Fr. Conway is bold enough to disagree with the Vatican on controversial issues, like women as priests.

"The church should operate like the missions. My sister was in Peru as a nun, in prisons and hospitals, and she told me that many priests in missions have a "housekeeper," and people don't care. Women as priests? We could adjust."

Along with many priests, he was in the front lines of Boston history during the busing crisis. As the only white person aboard a bus bearing

black youngsters to school in South Boston, he heard the hateful language and heard the rocks pinging off the bus. "I felt so bad for those kids, and for the cops, too, because people turned on them.

At 11 o'clock Mass at St. Teresa, before a magnificent altar of wood, stone, and marble, where candles flickered and morning light shimmered through stained glass windows onto sprays of Autumn flowers, Fr. Conway delivered a brief homily on family life in words of comfort, neither condemnatory nor demanding.

"The breakdown of family is probably the biggest problem in our society ... In St. Peter Parish in 1945, there were 180 weddings. Last year there was one, and the year before, none ... the greatest support for marriage is dependence on God through prayer and worship ... ask God to be part of your marriage and family."

On an hour-long walk along littered Bowdoin Street, he visits the usual commercial enterprises, beauty parlors, fast food joints, popup "universal" churches behind grated windows, and the occasional exotic establishment like Cesaria, where stewed goat with yucca is served along with live Cape Verdean Creole music.

Teenagers wave from across the street. At Johnny's, barbers leave customers in the chairs and come to the door to greet Fr. Conway. Sometimes he has to speak above flashy convertibles blasting cacophonous Caribbean music.

Here are highlights:

• "That house," he said, pointing to a three-decker, "a girl accused her mother and stepfather of bullying, and so the girl moves in with her grandmother in Charlestown. So I get her a job with the city, and when she finishes her application, she asks me: Will they take you if you're pregnant?" Well, she had twins. The father was a drug dealer. She was 15 years old."



From left: Supt. Nora Baston, Deputy Supt. Gerard Bailey, Rev. Doc Conway, Commissioner William Gross, and Capt. Jack Danilecki at last October's Boston Irish Honors Awards Luncheon.

Margaret Brett Hastings photo



Sitting on the sidewalk, Arthur Gerald is dining on what he identifies as Chinese chicken, and sitting in his lap is his great granddaughter, Zamira Alexander, 3, who offers her plastic fork with a morsel of chicken to Fr. Conway. "No, you have it," he says, and then whispers to Gerald, "Don't let her drink any of that," he says, pointing to plastic cup with alcohol.

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- An older man interrupts the tuning of his guitar, and grasps Fr. Conway's hand, pressing it to his forehead, a Portuguese bid for blessing.
- Fr. Conway leans down to a schoolgirl tapping her cell phone. "Did your boyfriend text you back?" She looks up, suspiciously, then laughs. "I ain't got no boyfriend."
- "We had a shooting here, a guy was shot right through that door."
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Richard Conway never had a second thought about being a priest, but what else might he have done?

"If I had been thrown out of seminary, a strong possibility, I would have taught political science. Philosophically, I'm a Bill Buckley Republican, and for president, I wrote in 'Jesus Christ.' "

Having survived triple-bypass surgery, he jogs several times a week to keep his weight at 155, but

at 80, the thought of death is never far off, and he's planned his funeral.

"If I get shot, then my funeral will be at St. Peter, with dinner at the teen center, and if I die of natural causes, it'll be at South Weymouth, because they have a downstairs where you can have dinner and an open bar.

"The music will be the "March of the Hebrew Slaves" from "Nabucco," he says, humming a few bars. First reading is from the prophet Micah, about walking with the Lord, and the Gospel from Matthew, about separation of sheep and goats.

"For the program, most people use a picture of themselves, but I've chosen a formal photograph of my parents, my siblings, and me, because, without family, where the hell are you?"

Asked about the first paragraph of his obituary, which will sum up his life, he demurs from mentioning his many achievements.

"I would hope it acknowledges that God was good to me."

Jack Thomas was a reporter, editor, columnist, and ombudsman during a 40-year career at the Boston Globe.



Once upon a time, Clan Conway gathered for the photographer. \\

RECENT OBITUARIES

DALY, Helen (Con**nerton**) of Dorchester. Wife of James T. Daly, Jr. Mother of Blaise and his wife Kimberly Daly of Rockland, Lauren Daly of Dorchester, Carolyn Daly and her partner Stephen Hart of Dorchester, James and his wife Kimberly Daly of Dorchester, Allison

and her husband Brian Monahan of Dorchester. Grandmother to 6. Sister of Claire and her husband Paul (Max) Mangum of Dorchester, Eileen and her husband Charles Bargoot of Virginia, and Carol and her husband Robert Gill of Holbrook. Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Helen was a lifelong resident of St. Mark's Parish. Helen worked at Bradlees Orbit's for over 25 years and retired her working career at Hub Pen. Donations may be made to The COPD

Marshfield, of Braintree and South Boston. Husband of Karen (Serino). Father of Maureen Menconi and her husband Richard of Canton, Michael Flynn, Q.F.D.and his wife Julianne of Marshfield, Coleen Smith of Whitman and Holly German and her husband Christopher of Randolph. Papa of Gina, Maria, Daniella, R.J., Helena, Flynn, Graeme and Emma. Brother of Barbara Deely of Franklin, Margaret Mullin of Dorchester, Robert Flynn of Canton, Thomas "Taz" Flynn of Quincy, Maureen Brown of Canton. Eileen O'Sullivan of Dorchester and the late Patricia Flynn. Also survived by manying nieces and nephews, especially John Cregg. Remembrances may be made to the Parkinson's Assoc., A.P.D.A.

Foundation. FLYNN, Paul L. of formerly

FULLAM, Robert E. "Skef" of Dorchester. Husband of Sheila (Gildea) Fullam. Father of Robert and his wife Marianne Fullam, Richard & his wife Claire Fullam, Daniel and his wife Ellen Fullam, Paul and his wife Susan Fullam, and Ted and his wife Kelly Fullam. Grandfather of 10. Brother of Frances Sweet, and the late Edith Kelly and Catherine Dempsey. Veteran of the Korean War, USMC. Donations may be made in Robert's memory to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America or to the American Parkinson Disease Association.

HOUSTON, Paul C. Of Hyde Park, formerly of Dorchester, at the age

HUNT, Judith A. Age 85, of Mansfield, formerly of Stoughton and Dorchester. Mother of Constance A. Hunt of Mansfield and Gail M. Normandin and her husband Sean of New Bedford. Sister of Shirlev Miller of Dorchester. Aunt of Sharon Mason, Robert Miller, Wayne Miller and the late Curtis Miller. Also survived by a host of other relatives and friends. Those wishing may remember Judith with a donation in her memory made to the Mansfield Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 25,

Mansfield, MA. 02048. IERARDI, Richard P. of Weymouth. Born in Boston, a son of the late Dominic and Anna (Pascarelli) Ierardi, Richard had lived in Dorchester for many years before moving to Weymouth. He was a graduate of Boston Technical High School and a 1955 graduate of Northeastern University. He worked for 40 years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Civil Engineer. Veteran of the United States Army. Husband of Evelyn H. (O'Brien) Ierardi. Father of Christopher J. Ierardi and his wife, Kristina, of Bourne, and Michelle A. LeBlanc and her husband, John, of Plymouth. Papa of two. Brother of Judith

Camelio and her husband, Augustus, Esq., of Milton. Brother-inlaw of Monica O'Brien of Hanson, and the late Joseph O'Brien and Louise Anne Reid. Dear friend of John, Walter, Albert, George, and the late Ed. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 1309 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02446. JOHNSON, Brian

K. of Dorchester. Son of Linda Thompson of Dorchester and Keith Johnson of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Brother of Marilyn Mosby and her husband Nicholas, and Brittany Johnson. Grandson of Marilyn "Amma" Thompson and the late Prescott Thompson. Nephew of Richard Miller, Preston and Harry Thompson, Linda, Rosalyn, Gordon, Lorretta, and Kim Johnson and the late Steven Thompson. Uncle of Nylyn and Aniyah Mosby. He is survived by extended family and friends.

McCARTHY, Michael F., 67, of Dorchester, He was raised in Cambridge, the son of the late Mary E. (Feeney) and Francis T. McCarthy. He is survived by his children, Michael McCarthy and wife Dawn Marie, and Kristen Portillo and husband Jonathan, all of Salem, NH; his siblings, Timothy, Robert, Cathy and John Mc-Carthy; his grandchildren, Vincent and Salvatore McCarthy and Alan, Jacob, Hannah and Jonathan Portillo, and several nieces and nephews.Memorial contributions to: Mulitiple Sclerosis Foundation, 6520 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL,

33309-2132. McCLOSKEY, Joseph D.,87, of Andover. Husband of the late Mary N. (Scandura) McCloskey. Born and raised in Salem, MA, Joe was one of five siblings, born to the late Dr. Donald and Marie (McGrath) McCloskey. He attended St. John's Preparatory High School, Boston College, and received a Master of Education from Boston State Teachers College. Upon graduation, Joe began his 35 year career as an educator at the Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Dorchester. Joe was a United States Marine with 30 months of active duty during the Korean War. He remained in the Marine Reserves until 1991, retiring with the Rank Chief Warrant Officer. For twenty years, Joe served as a member of the 1812 US Marine Guard on the USS Constitution. In addition to his wife and parents, Joe was predeceased by his brothers, John "Jack" McCloskey, Robert McCloskey, James McCloskey, and Donald McCloskey. Joe is survived by his daughter, Maureen Quinlan and her husband, Kerry of Methuen; daughter, Allyson Fortune of Tyngsboro; son, Rick and his wife, Karen of Andover; a cousin, Marie Ward of Marblehead; and 11 grandchildren. Joe is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations can be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at donationtown.org or the Parkinson's Foundation,

PASS, Michael T., Ret. B.F.D of Dorchester. Husband of Linda Richardson-Pass Dorchester. Son of Thelma Gilcrest, of Boston. Father of Tarajee Pass and Anthony Richardson both of Boston. Brother of Charles E. Gilcrest Jr. and Myra E. Gilcrest of Boston and the late Ronald J. Rankin and Victor L. Gilcrest. Grandfather of Eric Pass, Anthony Richardson Jr. and Malik Pass. Michael is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Michael was a dedicated Firefighter for Boston Fire Department for over 25 years before retiring. Michael was a member of the Franklin Park Golf Club and the Franklin

contact@parkinson.org

Field Tennis Club. QUINN, Anne M. "Nancy" (Dougan) Dorchester. Wife of Paul T. "Hacka" Quinn Q.P.D. retired. Mother of Suzanne Mc-Carthy and her husband Paul of Dorchester, Paul T. Quinn, Jr. B.P.D. B-2 and his wife Mary Morabito-Quinn of Dorchester, Joseph B.F.D. and his wife Allyson Quinn of Dorchester, and Allison and her husband Kevin Connolly of Braintree. Also survived by 11 ing grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Sister of Judith Lydon of Dorchester, Jane Dougan of Dorchester, and the late Thomas Dougan. Donations may be made in Nancy's memory to the Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center Activities Department.

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To all interested persons: A petition for Formal Adjudication o Intestacy and Appointment of Persona Representative has been filed by Maria A Hepresentative has been filed by Maria A Bento of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Orde and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests tha Maria A. Bento of Boston, MA be appointed

Maria A. Bento of Boston, MADe appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in ar unsupervised administration. 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

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection fly ou object to this proceeding. 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.

Unsupervised Administration
Under The Massachusetts Uniform
Probate Code (MUPC)

A Personal Bepresentative appointed under

APersonal 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 notice. the Personal Representative and may pet tion the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assess and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 17, 2018

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate Published: January 3, 2018



NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This is a public notice that 1392 Dorchester Avenue LLC, and Fields Corner Housing Corporation, have received a Preservation Loan by the City of Boston, Housing Boston 2030 Program, to perform physical improvements to the properties located at 1392 Dorchester Avenue, and 17-23 Faulkner Street in Dorchester (02122). The Developer and its contractors are committed to ensuring the workforce employed by this initiative represents the diversity of the City of Boston, and to satisfying requirements of the Boston Residents Job Policy.

The intent of this notice is to encourage any individuals seeking employment in the trades necessary for these projects, who are Boston Residents, especially those who identify as female and/or a member of a minority group, to explore potential opportunities available in performing the work supported by this funding. Opportunities may exist for the following: Mason, Electrician, Carpenter, Carpenter's Helper, Glazer, Appliance Installer, Laborer, Floor Installer, Painter.

For more information about these potential employment op-

portunities, please contact:

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CONNECT THE DOT: Winter Athletic Programs: This Winter our Athletic program will be offering intramural basketball leagues as follows: Boys 11 & U Low Rim, Girls 12 & U Low Rim and a 15 & U Co-ed division. These games will take place weeknights at 6:00 p.m. or later.

In addition we will see the return of our **Girls TMX Non-Contact Boxing Class** on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. as well as 2 co-ed Classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For those interested in cross-training we offer classes at Body & Fuel three afternoons a week at 3:30 p.m. Lastly, we will have 2 All-Star teams competing in the **NENEAPC** League against Boys & Girls Clubs in the region.

For more information, or to register please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@ bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: Keystone Volunteers at Senior's First Night: Members of BGCD's

Keystone Club volunteered at the City of Boston's First Night event for Senior Citizen's this past Friday. The annual event saw 2,300 Seniors hosted by the Seaport World Trade Center.

Keystone members helped serve meals to those attending. Currently our Keystone members are prepping for the New Year with their Annual MLK First Responders Event, Milk Street Kitchen Cooking Classes and helping out with the Challenger Basketball program.

Please contact our new Teen Director, Deron Hines, at dhines@bgcdorchester. org to learn more about how you or your teen can get involved with the Keystone Club and the many other activities offered through the teen program.



holidays to put on a exciting and creative performance for family & friends.

DID YOU KNOW BGCD receives donation from **Painters & Allied Trades District**

Council #35: Representatives from the Painters & Allied Trades District Council #35 stopped by BGCD prior to the holidays to present a donation in support of our Rodman Ride for Kids team. In addition, the Council sponsored a Toy Drive for Club members and families which were also presented and subsequently distributed to members and families.

Many thanks to the members of District Council #35 who have supported our Rodman Ride for Kids team the past two years and to all the members who supported the Toy Drive.

To learn more about ways you can get involved with the Club or our upcoming events, please visit www.bgcdorchester.org/specialevents/.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Marr-lins Swim Meet at Woburn BGC January 5

Challengers Basketball January 6

Shawnee Peak Ski Trip January 12

College Fellows Scholarship Night January 22



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Neighborhood Notables

(Continued from page 14) com/view/hsca02125/ for more info. **HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS**

A new neighborhood watch, on Hecla, Lyon, and East Streets will meet at Susi Auto Body Shop 79 Freeport St., corner of Linden St., on a date TBA. All residents are invited to join.

LINDEN/ELLSWORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH

For info, call 617-288-0818.

LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC. Next meeting TBD. Meetings are held

at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory Auditorium. Dues (\$7) are now due. See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSOC. Meetings are held at Saint Teresa

of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. More online at Mc-CormackCivic.org. Please being ID for proof of residency within Assoc. boundaries. Dues are \$5 or \$10. If you have any questions, please e-mail McCormackCivic@gmail.com.

MELVILLE PARK ASSOC.

Clean-up of the MBTA Tunnel Cap (garden at Shawmut Station), the first Sat. of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon. The meetings are held at 6 p.m., at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dor. Dues of \$10 pp is now being collected **PEABODY SLOPE ASSOC.**

The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assoc.'s meetings, the first Mon. of the month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of the month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. All are the fourth Wednesday of the month. **PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSOC.**

 $Meetings\,the\,third\,Tues.\,of the\,month$ at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 7 p.m. Info: 617-825-5225.

ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings held the last Tues. of the month in the lower hall of St. Mark's Church, at 7 p.m. Info: smacadot@ msn.com.

WEST SELDEN ST. & VICINITY ASSOC.

The group meets on the fourth Mon. of each month.

FRIENDS OF RONAN PARK

Meetings held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Bowdoin St. Health Center. Send donations to keep the park beautiful to: Friends of Ronan Park, P.O. Box 220252, Dor., 02122.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Redberry Council #107, Columbus Council #116, and Lower Mills Council #180 merged into a new Dorchester Council #107, with meetings held the second Wed. of each month at St. Mark's VFW Post, 69 Bailey St. (new address) at 7 p.m. (earlier starting time). Info: contact Mike Flynn at 617-288-7663.

CARNEY HOSPITAL'S PROGRAMS

A Breast-Cancer Support Group, the second Wednesday (only) of each month, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Carney's adult/child/infant CPR and First Aid: instructions every week for only \$30. Call 617-296-4012, X2093 for schedule. Diabetes support group (free), third Thurs. of every month, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Info: 617-506-4921. Additional support group at Carney: Family Support.

BASE OFFERS SOFTBALL

FOR GIRLS

The BASE, a youth-based organization located in Boston, is actively looking for girls ages 8 to 19 who wish to learn how to play softball. For more information, please visit thebase.org.

ADAMS ST. LIBRARY

Become a member by sending dues to Friends of the Adams St. Library, c/o M. Cahill, 67 Oakton Ave., Dorchester, 02122. Family membership is \$5; individuals, \$3; seniors, \$1; businesses, \$10; and lifetime, \$50.

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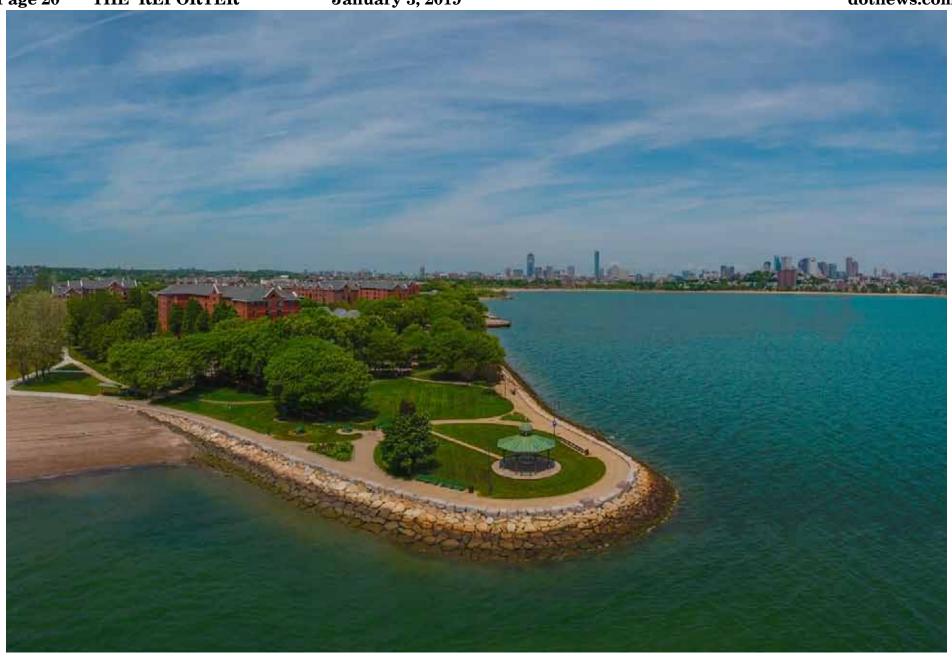
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