**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 what we might see in the new year:

A political shockwave hit Massachusetts last year, with progressive, diverse, and first-time candidates coming out on top of competitive primary races even as the statewide general election shook out in fairly predictable form. City Councillor At-Large Ayanna Pressley unseated 10-term incumbent 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.

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 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 Field Corner neighbors is easing that process.

**Report outlines woes along T trolley line**

Cullinan presses Gov. Baker, new GM for public meeting

By Bill Forry

Editor

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, lights, 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.

(Check out on page 4)

**It’s expected that a developer will be selected early this year who will transform the former expo center site into a harbor-front village.**

**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 last year, 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 Field Corner neighbors is easing that process.

“Moving is always a challenge,” she said, “but our neighbors have made it better.” Clark and her staff invited a small contingent of Field 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.

(Checked out on page 11)

**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 committee.

Page 12.

**Report outlines woes along T trolley line**

Cullinane presses Gov. Baker, new GM for public meeting

By Bill Forry

Editor

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, lights, 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.

(Checked out on page 15)

**Dorchester Reporter**

“The News and Values Around the Neighborhood”

Volume 36 Issue 1

Thursday, January 3, 2019

50c

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 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 slip boozie from her great-grandfather’s plastic cup, and about the 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.

(Checked out on page 16)
DORCHESTER REPORTER

January 7 - 21, 2019

February 19, 2019

City Council President

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 swear in to office over the next two weeks.

State and county office holders are inaugurated on Jan. 2. Federal collaborators are expected to be sworn in over the next two weeks.

State and county office holders were inaugurated on Jan. 2. Former Senate President Stan Rosenberg.

New Boston-area repre- sentatives include Liz Miranda in the Fifth Suffolk, Nick wrong on Jan. 3, replacing interim District Attorney John Pappas, who was appointed to the role by former DA Dan Conley's term after he left.

The Hancock Street Civic to meet on Jan. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Boston City Hall, Room 809A. For more information, contact 617-742-4656. Dotnews.com

Recycle your Christmas tree – City of Boston picks up Christmas trees through the first week of January so they can be shredded for compost. Make sure your tree is placed on the curb by 7 a.m. on trash pick-up day without ornaments or lights.

BPD Comr. Gross guest at First Parish Potluck

A teenage male was arrested on Mattapan Field in the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 22, in connection with a robbery.

Man sought in Evelyn Street murder investigation

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

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

* FOR FREE LISTINGS, submit information to newseditor@dotnews.com. Include "UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS" in the subject line of your email.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND CIRCULATION

The Dorchester Reporter, published weekly, for one year, payable in advance.

Circulation: 18,000

Ad Rate: $25.00 per column inch.

The Dorchester Reporter is published every Thursday. The dates below are the publication dates:

Monday (21st) – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday event at the State House is the longest-running and Boston’s premier event dedicated to honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Boston Convention and Exhibition Authority will hold a press conference to announce sponsorship opportunities or more information contact Al Williams Events at aj@ajwilliamsevents.com or 617-672-2244.

– MLK Breakfast and Bowl at Boston Bowl, 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

– First Parish resident meeting at Gallivan Community Center, 150 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester, 7 p.m.

– Restaurante Cesaria at 266 Bowdoin St. is seeking a change to its existing license to add disc jockey and dancing. The Mayor’s Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing is seeking a hearing on the application on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Boston City Hall, Room 809A. For more information, contact 617-742-4656.

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 6:30 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 Ross, 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 an proposal.

Mappan-Dorchester Residents Meeting at Gallivan Center – The Mayor’s Office will sponsor the monthly Mattapan-Dorchester resident meeting at Gallivan Community Center, 61 Woodrow Way, Mattapan on Wed., Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. Contact Roudnie Celestin for more information at 617-635-2677.

The Dorchester Art Project will present “Prix de Paris,” a curated postal sticker show that will kick off its 2019 season on Sat., Jan. 5, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit will feature work on, or relating to, the Label 282 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, Imagine87, Demaco, Soemex, Taker, Rob Skill, Omega Rocks, and Hops. Youth from East Boston and students from Madison Park High School in Roxbury will showcase 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 PoliticalPirates, Avenue of Arts (AOA) Supply, Grassroots Grind Group, and Boston LETVation. 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. #4, Fielders 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 swear in to office over the next two weeks.

State and county office holders are inaugurated on Jan. 2. Federal collaborators are expected to be sworn in over the next two weeks.

State and county office holders were inaugurated on Jan. 2. Former Senate President Stan Rosenberg.

New Boston-area repre- sentatives include Liz Miranda in the Fifth Suffolk, Nick wrong on Jan. 3, replacing interim District Attorney John Pappas, who was appointed to the role by former DA Dan Conley's term after he left.

The Hancock Street Civic to meet on Jan. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Boston City Hall, Room 809A. For more information, contact 617-742-4656.

The city is looking to get community input on a proposal.

Mappan-Dorchester Residents Meeting at Gallivan Center – The Mayor’s Office will sponsor the monthly Mattapan-Dorchester resident meeting at Gallivan Community Center, 61 Woodrow Way, Mattapan on Wed., Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. Contact Roudnie Celestin for more information at 617-635-2677.

Priority Made is supported by Pen & Sword PoliticalPirates, Avenue of Arts (AOA) Supply, Grassroots Grind Group, and Boston LETVation. 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. #4, Fielders Corner. (DANIEL SHEEHAN)

Two shot, one dead on Dyer Street

Two shot and one dead was found shot inside a vehicle on Dyer Street in Dorchester on a Tuesday afternoon (Dec. 26.). One of the victims was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Boston Police, who were called by police to the scene by a spotter activation near Astoria Street at 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 police 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 reports of his murder to date.

Illegal gun possession

A teenage male was arrested on Mattapan Field in the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 22, in connection with a robbery.

Man sought in Evelyn Street murder investigation

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

Send updates to newseditor@dotnews.com

See New Events Daily at dotnews.com

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

* FOR FREE LISTINGS, submit information to newseditor@dotnews.com. Include "UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS" in the subject line of your email.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

* FOR FREE LISTINGS, submit information to newseditor@dotnews.com. Include "UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS" in the subject line of your email.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

* FOR FREE LISTINGS, submit information to newseditor@dotnews.com. Include "UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS" in the subject line of your email.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

* FOR FREE LISTINGS, submit information to newseditor@dotnews.com. Include "UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS" in the subject line of your email.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

* FOR FREE LISTINGS, submit information to newseditor@dotnews.com. Include "UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS" in the subject line of your email.
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.

“Thus 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 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 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.

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.

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-vented 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.
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.

What to watch: Rollins, the first person of color to serve as Suffolk County 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.

Chris Lovett photo

Rachael Rollins
Elected to succeed DA Dan Conley

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.

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. Roseann Gardiner in the general election, although fifth-place at-large finisher in the 2017 city council race Gar- rison 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 re- maining at-large incumbents—Michelle Wu, Michael Flaherty, and Amanda整齐-May Geongr— to defend their seats. District councillors Mark Ciombo, Josh Zakim, and Tim McCarthy are also facing challengers in their re-election campaigns.

Gov. Charlie Baker and Sen. Elizabeth War- ren 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 Healey and Secretary of State Will- iam 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 polariz- ing 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.

What to watch: 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 Morrissey Boule- vard 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 neighbor- hoods for further review. State planners have been reconvening to incorporate feedback and expect design meet- ings 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 surrounding parcels in flux.

At the northern edge of Dorchester’s coast- line, UMass Boston and the university system’s development arm are looking forward to a windfall deal on the 20-acre Bayside Expo site. At everyone’s consideration.

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 ranking about what faculty and students feel are underfunded programs. Newman has also prior- itized revitalizing and reimagining the half Pasture Pump Station and finding a home for the campus’s successful nursing school.

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

After a year of re- building, the Treadmark Building 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 TrinityFinancial-owned building was needed 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 construc- tions like the South Bay Town Center residences. Conversations around construction type and appropriate density will likely pop up as larger condo and rental proj- ects continue to move through the neighbor- hoods. 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 resi- dences, the controver- sal Washington Street proposal in Lower Mills on the site of an old
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.

Ramifications of a chaotic national politics scene continue to seep into local communities. City and state government were 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 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 negotiate an agreement between Vietnam and the US that would allow for certain Vietnam War refugees to be deported.

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.

A free-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
Ashmont Hill concert to explore musical roots from Delhi to Damascus

Jazz sax player Jerry Bergonzi performs with his quintet.

**Tbla virtuosa 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 Hall in 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 join by Syrian oud and master Issam Rafea, Indian vocalist and sarangi player Suhaai Yusuf Khan, and sitar player Raj Barmakar 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, $8 for students and $5 for EBT card holders at the door. Children under 13 will be admitted free.

The mission of Ashmont Hill Chamber Music is to build community through the shared experience of music. The organization grew out of an informally organized house concert 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 acharmoniusmusic.org.

**ADAMS STREET BRANCH**

Thurs., Jan. 3, 9:30 a.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. 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. Thurs., Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 11, 10 a.m. – Tech Help; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories.

**CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH**

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

**GROVE HALL BRANCH**

Thurs., Jan. 3, 8 a.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. 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. Mon., Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 15, 10 a.m. – Preschool Story Time.

**LOWER MILLS BRANCH**

Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. 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. Wed., Jan. 9, 10 a.m. – Tech Help; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories.

**MATTAPAN BRANCH**

Mon., Jan. 7, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building.

**UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH**

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

**Dorchester Door and Window**

1555 Series Vinyl Replacement Windows

2018 Energy Star Qualified

$189 each! $189 each!
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 Cambridge-bound MTA trains collided at a cross-over track in the Ashmont station relay yard, Dorchester, today. A trackless 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:

"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 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 collided with 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 dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.
Trolley line should be 2019 priority

Commonwealth Magazine reported this week that an overdue report from an MBTA consultant — which has been since shared with local elected officials — is due on January 31 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 examine service disruptions and other infrastructure associated with the “high-speed” line.

The report was due last early last year, but its release was repeatedly delayed, a practice that has not been fully explained by T officials. On Monday, state Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, the leader of a group of local elected officials who have taken a keen interest in the Mattapan-Ashmont line, forwarded a briefing to the political delegation so that all of them can see what he termed the “uncertainty, skepticism and frustration” among commuters and his constituents.

As Michlewitz noted in his letter to Baker, his committee was “made aware of this situation two years ago” when he was chairman of the committee. The fate of the trolley line has been getting short shrift from the Baker administration and their MBTA counterparts amid the normal pressures of an aging, strained infrastructure.

And yet, commitments have been made by the Baker administration and their MBTA counterparts that have not been fulfilled. Policy makers, in particular, our elected delegates — need hard data and cold facts on which to base their budgets and long-term plans. The MBTA is in the midst of a 75-year-old trolley fleet that connects Dorchester, Mattapan, and Dorchester Heights. The MBTA is also trying to fulfill the promise made to Charlestown residents that the red line would be completed.

At the Boston Fire Museum, Michael Gerry shows off a vintage fire box. “Pull the handle down on the red and white box and you’ll ring a bell.” The boxes let the fire department know which homes and apartment buildings are on fire. “After you pull it, you talk to them or what?” asked the box of the corner of Cooper and Ashmont.

Still, one early read of consultant report is that even the Baker administration has to do more studies will be needed to assess, for example, the structural integrity of the bridges along the line. We would like to see the Baker administration to convene a briefing for the political delegation so that all of them can see what he termed the “uncertainty, skepticism and frustration” among commuters and his constituents.

Cullinane and other officials who have taken an interest in the Mattapan-Ashmont trolley line have sent to Gov. Baker on Dec. 18 that underscored his 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 been fulfilled. Policy makers, in particular, our elected delegates — need hard data and cold facts on which to base their budgets and long-term plans. The MBTA is in the midst of a 75-year-old trolley fleet that connects Dorchester, Mattapan, and Dorchester Heights. The MBTA is also trying to fulfill the promise made to Charlestown residents that the red line would be completed.

As Michlewitz noted in his letter to Baker, his committee was “made aware of this situation two years ago” when he was chairman of the committee. The fate of the trolley line has been getting short shrift from the Baker administration and their MBTA counterparts amid the normal pressures of an aging, strained infrastructure.

And yet, commitments have been made by the Baker administration and their MBTA counterparts that have not been fulfilled. Policy makers, in particular, our elected delegates — need hard data and cold facts on which to base their budgets and long-term plans. The MBTA is in the midst of a 75-year-old trolley fleet that connects Dorchester, Mattapan, and Dorchester Heights. The MBTA is also trying to fulfill the promise made to Charlestown residents that the red line would be completed.

As Michlewitz noted in his letter to Baker, his committee was “made aware of this situation two years ago” when he was chairman of the committee. The fate of the trolley line has been getting short shrif...
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 report, prompted by 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 such 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 regarding future capital upgrades to the trolley cars with new power supply systems. The multi-million dollar investment by the MBTA’s Capital Conference Committee will extend the life of the more than 70-year-old vehicles and maintain the historical character and unique orange color of the distinctive orange and cream-colored cars,” said Pesaturo. Rep. Cullinane said he had "a frank and productive meeting 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.
**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 shredded for compost. Make sure your tree is placed on the curb by 7 a.m. on trash pick up day without ornaments or lights.

**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 rondnie.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 MEETING**

The annual meeting for Upham’s Crossing Apartments Community Room at 530 Columbia Road.

The Mayor’s Office will sponsor the monthly Mattapan-Dorchester Residents Meeting at Gallivan Center.

The Mayor’s Office will sponsor the monthly Mattapan-Dorchester Residents Meeting at Gallivan Community Center, 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan on Wed., Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. Contact Roudnie Celestin 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 Thurs., Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. on trash pick up day without ornaments or lights.

**FORUM ON PUBLIC MONUMENTS AND WHY THEY MATTER**

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... (Continued on page 14)
Arts Academy finds temporary home in Fields Corner

The move required students and staff to get a little creative by transforming normal classrooms and rehearsal spaces.

"No one here is ever alone," said Moore. "Everyone 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.

“Days before she is sworn in to a second-six year term in the Senate, Warren launches exploratory committee for ’20 presidential run

“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.


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 @elizabethwarren.

“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’m launching 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, “will 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 was the only candidate who would enter the White House with an army of heavy-hitting allies accumulated over a lifetime of fighting powerful interest groups, and 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.”

Sen. Elizabeth Warren is shown during a Reporter-sponsored forum held at the Boston Teachers Union Hall in Dorchester last spring. Bill Ferry photo

“Working families need a leader strong enough to fix 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.

Moms Do Care

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.

Moms Do Care – Our goal is to increase the number of healthy babies by helping women who are pregnant and parenting young children while living with a substance abuse disorder.

Moms Do Care – We will provide medical and mental health care including recovery, postpartum and early parenting support.

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.

Daytime Services For Women And Children

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.

Moms Do Care – Our goal is to increase the number of healthy babies by helping women who are pregnant and parenting young children while living with a substance abuse disorder.

Moms Do Care – We will provide medical and mental health care including recovery, postpartum and early parenting support.

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.
Minimum age for buying tobacco in state is now 21

By Kat Lannan
Dorchester News Service

Nearly 14 after Needham became the first town in the county to vote to raise the legal age to 21 for 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 including a higher purchase age to 21, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and its new signage law prohibits the sale of tobacco products by law prohibits the sale of tobacco products by law and its new signage law prohibits the sale of tobacco products.

The definition of “health care institution” not notified in September of 2016, DPH said. DPH the death rate declined for Hispanics, white non-Hispanics and Asian non-Hispanics, but increased for black non-Hispanic residents. Hispanic women had 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 national average, at 83 years and seven months in 2015 and 11 months, respectively.

“A major focus for the 2016 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 Monica Bharel said.

Lung cancer remains leading cause of death in adults

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 164.4 deaths per 100,000 people, while Hispanic residents had the lowest rate of cancer deaths, 91.7 deaths per 100,000 people.

For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities please email DPHlatterns@dhc.state.ma.us or call 508-728-1436.

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 five months as of Monday, or vocational school.

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 11,403 deaths that occurred each day, on average, seven deaths per day were due to poisoning, Hispanic women also had life expectancies that were higher than the national average, at 83 years and seven months in 2015 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 Monica Bharel said.

The average life expectancy for Bay Staters is 80 years and five months as of Monday, or vocational school.

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 11,403 deaths that occurred each day, on average, seven deaths per day were due to poisoning, Hispanic women also had life expectancies that were higher than the national average, at 83 years and seven months in 2015 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 Monica Bharel said.

Lung cancer remains leading cause of death in adults

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 164.4 deaths per 100,000 people, while Hispanic residents had the lowest rate of cancer deaths, 91.7 deaths per 100,000 people.

For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities please email DPHlatterns@dhc.state.ma.us or call 508-728-1436.

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 five months as of Monday, or vocational school.

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 11,403 deaths that occurred each day, on average, seven deaths per day were due to poisoning, Hispanic women also had life expectancies that were higher than the national average, at 83 years and seven months in 2015 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 Monica Bharel said.

Lung cancer remains leading cause of death in adults

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 164.4 deaths per 100,000 people, while Hispanic residents had the lowest rate of cancer deaths, 91.7 deaths per 100,000 people.

For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities please email DPHlatterns@dhc.state.ma.us or call 508-728-1436.
BLOOD DRIVES PLANNED AT CARNEY, DOUTHOUSE HEALTH

Bloom Health

BLOOD DRIVES PLANNED AT CARNEY, DOUTHOUSE HEALTH

Bloom Health

Our next blood drive will be held at DotHouse on Mon., Jan. 11. The drives will be held 12 p.m.-5 p.m. at Carney Hospital, 2100 Dorchester Ave. and at DotHouse Health, 1361 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 is expected due to the winter weather. The first blood drive will be held on 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).

DOUGHERTY HALL – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester, MA 02124. Every 1st Wed. of the month, 7 to 8:30 p.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.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL VILLAGE

Columbia-Savin Hill Village

Columbia-Savin Hill Village.

UNION TUTORS are also available during select weekdays during the hours of 3-5 p.m. at 865 Dudley St., 02124. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-427-0046 or email shaw54thmemorial@gmail.com.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 88 Annalisa 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.

Jones Hill Assoc.

See joshill.com for additional information.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.

Eastman-Elde Assoc.

The Eastman-Elde Assoc. meets the first Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Uphaam’s Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

DORCHESTER UNION TUTORS

Dorchester Union Tutors

Please join the D.U.N. Assoc. contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and contact phone number. For info, visit dunassoc.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.

Freeport-Adams Assoc.

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

GROTON-HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Groton-Humphreys Neighborhood Assoc.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dorchester Ave., 02124. For info: 617-343-1402. See joshill.com for additional information.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

Hancock Street Civic Assoc.

Hancock Street Civic meetings are held on the first Tues. of each month, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the community room of 530 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, https://sites.google.com. (Continued on page 19)

See hauinc.org for more details.

DORCHESTER UNION TUTORS

Dorchester Union Tutors

Please join the D.U.N. Assoc. contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and contact phone number. For info, visit dunassoc.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.

Freeport-Adams Assoc.

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

GROTON-HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Groton-Humphreys Neighborhood Assoc.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dorchester Ave., 02124. For info: 617-343-1402. See joshill.com for additional information.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

Hancock Street Civic Assoc.

Hancock Street Civic meetings are held on the first Tues. of each month, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the community room of 530 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, https://sites.google.com. (Continued on page 19)
Tenants’ Development Corporation’s Senior Homeowners Services Program

The Mission of TDC is to Preserve and Maintain Safe and Affordable Housing for Low-to-Moderate Income People of Diverse Backgrounds. We Achieve this Through:

- Property Management
- Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Delivery of Services to TDC Residents and neighbors in Greater Boston
- Community Activism and Advocacy

The Senior Homeowners Services

The Senior Home Repair and Seniors Save Program, in partnership with the City of Boston’s Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), assists low-moderate-income senior homeowners to affordably manage minor and major repairs and home improvements that address an immediate threat to health and safety and addresses some aging in place issues for seniors.

- Minor & Major Repairs
- Aging In Place Solutions
- Safety
- Affordable Housing Preservation
- Advocacy

For more information, contact Maria DePina at 857-362-0287

---

Wage hike kicks in for 600k-plus in Mass

By Katie Lannan

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 to a new wage of $12, part of a multi-year phased-in minimum wage hike, is part of a law Gov. Charlie Baker signed last year that also raises under the new law, according to the MassBudget analysis.

The $1 minimum wage hike is the best investment 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 were down, the median condo sale price increased 4 percent to $360,000.

Wage hike kicks in for 600k-plus in Mass

By Katie Lannan

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 to $12, part of a multi-year phased-in increase to $15 an hour, will benefit 682,000 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 month. 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 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 is the best investment that’s available right now,” Warren said on the organization’s podcast. There were 4,658 purchase mortgages for single-family homes 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 were down, the median condo sale price increased 4 percent to $360,000.

---

Open Any New Checking Account and You’ll Receive:

- No monthly service charge
- No monthly fee
- Free access to Allpoint® ATM network
- Free instant issue ATM/Debit Card
- Introductory supply of welcome checks

Plus, Get Your FREE Gift When You Open Any New Checking Account!

---

Community Meeting

PLAN: Glover’s Corner, Dorchester
Climate Resiliency and Open Space

Wednesday, January 16
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
353 Dorchester Ave
Multi-purpose Room, Dothouse Health
Dorchester, MA 02122

Event Description
Please join your neighbors to discuss climate resiliency and open space needs in Glover’s Corner, and the proposed infrastructure to support them.

Over the course of a multi-year planning process, stakeholders have contributed ideas and solutions to address future climate resiliency challenges and open space needs. Join us to review these recommendations which are intended to support a Glover’s Corner neighborhood that is sustainable, affordable, and welcoming to all.

Contributions which are intended to support a Glover’s Corner climate resiliency and open space needs in Glover’s Corner, and the proposed infrastructure to support them.

Please join your neighbors to discuss climate resiliency and open space needs in Glover’s Corner, and the proposed infrastructure to support them.

---

OPEN ANY NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT AND YOU’LL RECEIVE:

- No minimum balance required
- No monthly fee
- No monthly service charge
- Free access to Allpoint® ATM network
- Free instant issue ATM/Debit Card
- Free introductory supply of welcome checks

PLUS, GET YOUR FREE GIFT WHEN YOU OPEN ANY NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT!

---

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 other November before that, according to real estate market analysts, who also noted that they were sold for a higher median price than in any previous eleven months.

---

By Colin A. Young

State House News Service

More single-family homes were sold in Massachusetts last November than in any other November before that, according to real estate market analysts, who also noted that they were sold for a higher median price than in any previous eleven months.
Rev. Richard ‘Doc’ Conway, Shepherd of the Streets, man for others, sums up his life: ‘God was good to me’

(Continued from page 1)

bitten streets of Hingham, Newton, and Wellesley. The Boston Irish Reporter is honoring Fr. Conway for his remarkable charity work in Dorchester, where he is an indefatigable advocate for marginalized youths, and yet, that does not fully describe the six decades in which he has contributed to the Catholic Church, 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 clergymen.

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, is a reminder that Christ would have called him, “Doc.”

He may have had in mind was Fr. Conway, or as Christ would have understood.

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 dexterity camouflage 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.

“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 love and remarkable human being.”

To the image of the Catholic Church, Fr. Conway telephoned the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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.

“After the first time I preached in Spanish without notes, I was talking about the parable of the mustard seed, and I didn't remember what it was,” he related. “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 when 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 Verdians in Portuguese, and in his duty to God, he’s tenacious, a real hard ass.”

After the nomadic years, Fr. Conway has settled into a job that many have longed for. Technically retired, he works a full week, officiating at services and interacting with parishioners in a 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 his 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, the 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

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 love and remarkable human being.”

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.

“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 a portable Church, weddings, and funerals, to be held at the neighboring Lutheran Church, an ecumenical collaboration unheard of at the time.
through block parties … because they aren’t blessed with the privacy of huge backyards like other people have.”

***

• “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.”

Capt. Jack Danielecki, 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 had to the core. Having Doc in my life makes me a better man.”

The tales Fr. Conway tells are not always flattering to 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 ‘no-name wife’ and people don’t care. Women as priests? We could adjust.”

Along with many priests, he was in the front lines of Boston 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 magni-
cent altar of wood, stone, and marble, where candles flickered and morning light shimmered through stained glass windows onto sprays of Autumn flow-
er. Fr. Conway delivered a brief homily on family worship … ask God to be part of your marriage and family.”

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 a long walk along larded 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 playing off the bus. “I felt so bad for those kids, and people turned on them.”

At 11 o’clock Mass at St. Teresa, before a magni-
cent altar of wood, stone, and marble, where candles flickered and morning light shimmered through stained glass windows onto sprays of Autumn flow-
er. Fr. Conway delivered a brief homily on family worship … ask God to be part of your marriage and family.”

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 a long walk along larded 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

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 South Boston. 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.”

Fr. Conway leans down to a schoolgirl tapping 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 ‘Nabuco,’ 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 mention-
ing 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.
Daly, Helen (Con- nerton) of Dorchester. Wife of James T. Daly, Jr. Mother of Blaise and her wife Kimberly Daly of Rockland, Laur- ren 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 Dorches- ter. Grandmother to 6. Sister of Claire and her husband Paul (Max) Mangum of Dorchester. Eileen and her husband Charles Bargoot of Vir- ginia, 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 won a Braille Bree- dles Orbit’s for over 25 years and retired her working career at Hub Pen. Donations may be made to The COPD Foundation.

Flynn, Paul L. of Marshfield, formerly of Braintree and South Boston. Husband of Karen (Serino). Father of Maureen Monconi and her husband Rich- ard of Canton, Michael Flynn, Q.P.D.and his wife Julie-Anne of Marsh- field, Colleen Smith of Whitman and, Holly German and her hus- band Christopher of Randolph, Papa of Gina, Maria, Daniele, R.J., Helena, Flynn, Graeme and Emma. Brother of Barbara Deely of Frank- lin, Margaret Mullin of Dorchester, Robert Fly- nn of Canton, Thomas “Taz” Flynn of Braintree, Maureen Brown of Can- ton, Eileen Sullivan of Canton and his late Patrick Flynn. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, including, especially John Gregg. Remembrances may be made to the Parkinson’s Assoc., A.P.D.A.


Houston, Paul C. of Hyde Park, formerly of Dorchester, at the age of 63.

Hunt, Judith A. 85 of Mansfield, formerly of Stoughton and Dorchester. Sister of Constance A. Hunt of Mansfield and Paul McCullough of Cranston, Rhode Island. Also survived by his husband of 50 years, Sister of Walter Miller of Dorchester. Aunt of Sharen Morrison, Robert Miller, Wayne Miller and the late Cur- tis 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 Community Chest, P.O. Box 25, Mansfield, MA 02048. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Civil Engineer. Veteran of the United States Marine Corps. son, Joseph H. (O’Brien) Ierardi, Jr. Father of Christopher J. Ierardi, his wife Kristina, of Bourne, and Michelle A. LeBlanc, and her husband, John, of Plymouth. Papa of two, Brother of Judith

Camelid and her husband, Augustine, Esq., of Milton. Brother-in- law of Joseph and the late Anne Marie Bento of Boston, MA be appointed

and for such other relief as requested in

and for such other relief as requested in

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

You have a right to object to this proceeding. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline
CONNECT THE DOT: Winter Athletic Programs: This Winter our athletic program will be offering intramural basketball leagues as follows: Girls 12 & U Low Rim and a 15 & U Co-ed division. These games will take place weekday evenings at 6:00 p.m. or later.

In addition we will see the return of our Girls TXM 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 NENAGA Basketball Program.

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 last 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, Denor Hines, at dinfinite@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.

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD receives donation from Painters & Allied Trades District Council #36: 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:
- Challengers Basketball January 5
- Shawnee Peak Ski Trip January 12
- College Fellows Scholarship Night January 22

Information Session
January 9th at 6:30pm
500 Rutherford Ave, Boston, MA

A fully accredited non-profit college 517017
CambridgeCollege.edu 1.800.829.4723

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: smacatholic@gmail.com.

WEST Belden 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
Red Berry 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 617-288-7863.

Carney Hospital’s Programs
A Breast-Cancer Support Group, the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Carney’s 500 Longfellow St. (parking lot under construction).

PEAPODY SLOPE ASSOC.
The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assc’s meetings, the fourth Tues. of each month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. Info: peapodyslopec.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE’S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system.

PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of the month at the Leahy/Holordan 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.
Corcoran Jennison’s portfolio includes, residential housing, hotels, resorts, health facilities, academic campuses, retail centers, and golf courses.

corcoranjennison.com | cjapts.com | cmjapts.com