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## Jassy Correia's abduction, murder hits close to home

By JESSICAH PIERRE  
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The abduction and murder of Jassy Correia, a young woman of Cape Verdean descent who grew up in Dorchester, rocked the region and our neighborhood over the last week. Correia,

who leaves behind a two-year-old daughter, will be buried on Saturday after an evening wake at St. Peter's Church on Bowdoin Street.

"We are all devastated by what happened," said Katia DePina, Jassy Correia's cousin, during a

press conference outside of the Dorchester home of Correia's father.

"She was a mother. She was brave. She did not deserve this. She went out to celebrate her birthday and never returned home."

While many details of the murder investigation have not yet been made public, Correia's body was found in the trunk of a car driven by a 32-year-old Providence man, Louis D. Coleman III, who was the subject of an intense, multi-

state manhunt. Coleman has since been charged with a federal charge of kidnapping resulting in death, which could lead to a sentence of mandatory life in prison or the death penalty if convicted.

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Jassy Correia

## Michelle Wu's latest campaign push: Fare-free MBTA

By YUKUN ZHANG  
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Can the state afford to move to a fare-free transit system? Boston City Councillor Michele Wu thinks so.

"Fare-free transit is about the idea that we should be setting big goals to match how big and how urgent our challenges are," she told the *Reporter* this week.

For the moment, Wu is more focused on halting the proposed MBTA fare hikes, which will take effect July 1, 2019 if adopted. Last Wednesday, she presented a petition opposing the fare hikes at a public hearing in downtown Boston. Wu was the first among more than 50 people to speak against charging people more for public transit.

"Over the last months, I've heard from thousands of residents who rely on the T and will face hardships as a direct result of this fare increase," she said in her remarks. "I heard from a mother

in Dorchester, whose teenagers constantly worry about running late to school as a result of T delays. I heard from a third-year resident of South Boston who told me they love Boston for the convenience and low cost of the T and are concerned that poor service and fare increase have lowered our standard of living."

Earlier that day, Wu stood inside Park Street Station by the stairs connecting the Green line and the Red Line. She was there — along with her staff and three volunteers — handing out palm cards about her petition and talking to T riders. It was day three of "campaigning" against the rate hike.

Wu is one of several Boston city councillors who are taking a hard-line stand against the fare increase. One of her colleagues — Althea Garrison, newly seated to fill the vacancy left by

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A fast-moving fire consumed the upper floor of a three-story property at 688 Columbia Rd. on Wednesday morning. The residents all escaped thanks in part to passersby who alerted them to the smoke in the early stages. More, page 2.

Photo by Mike Folan

## 'Dynamic meeting' on bid for pot shop on Bowdoin St.

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
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Proponents of a new marijuana dispensary that would occupy a currently unused storefront at 144 Bowdoin St. presented their plans to a boisterous crowd at a meeting on Feb. 19 at Meetinghouse Hill's First Parish church.

Shirley Jones, president of the Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association, described the meeting, which ran over the allotted time limit after a lengthy question and answer portion that left some attendees unsatisfied, as "extremely dynamic."

"The consensus was very mixed," Jones said. "It was heated in the sense that there were a lot of people saying, 'We don't want that here on Bowdoin Street.' 'Why not put that in another section of Dorchester?' Things like that."

Pot shops proposed for elsewhere in the neighborhood, including on nearby Hancock Street, have been met with similar pushback from residents and civic groups. According to Jones, most concerns voiced at the First Parish meeting centered on the location's proximity to Walgreens (already a popular loitering spot, she noted), Bay Cove Human Services, and nearby schools like UP Academy/ Holland.

The proponents, a company dubbed 617THC (a name wherein an active ingredient of marijuana doubles as an acronym for Therapeutic Health Care), gave a brief slide presentation at the meeting about the organization, which is headed up president and CEO Steve Chan, a "prominent business owner in the Asian-American community", CFO Richard Gin, a current Fields Corner resident, and COO Tom Chung, "the owner of a successful wholesaling business who immigrated to Boston at the age of eight."

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## Columbia Point leaders push for new ferry service

By SIMÓN RIOS  
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Academic and business leaders in Dorchester's Columbia Point are looking to increase transportation options by adding a ferry stop in the quickly developing neighborhood that borders Boston Harbor.

Researchers at the University of Massachusetts Boston last week said they received a \$150,000 state grant to study what improvements would be needed to allow ferry service on the campus pier.



A ferry traveled across Boston Harbor near the remnants of the Long Island bridge last summer. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

"It's not a good idea; it's a great idea," Steven

Rothstein, head of John F. Kennedy Library

Foundation, which is also located on Columbia

Point, said of the ferry proposal.

Rothstein cited the "explosive growth" underway in Columbia Point, with new buildings and dorms at UMass and the redevelopment of the former Boston Globe site across Morrissey Boulevard. He said a recent survey found an "overwhelming number" of people in Boston would be more likely to visit Columbia Point by ferry.

"We want to give more [transportation] options to people," Rothstein said.

The proposal comes amid moves to develop the 20-acre site of the former Bayside Expo Center, which is owned by

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DOT BY THE DAY  
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*A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.*

**Thursday (7th)** – Public hearing at 11 a.m. on a request to remove two public shade trees at 395 Columbia Rd. in Dorchester. The hearing is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury. For further information, contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.

**Sunday (10th)** – Registration deadline for Dorchester Baseball for players ages 4-16. Register at [DorchesterLittleLeague.org](http://DorchesterLittleLeague.org) (ages 4-12) or [DorchesterBabeRuth.org](http://DorchesterBabeRuth.org) (ages 13-16). April 20 is opening day.

**Saturday (16th)** – Dorchester’s 13th annual St. Patrick’s Day Brunch to benefit the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry begins at 9:30 a.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Hall of Fame inductees are Cllr Annissa Essaibi George and Dr. Jim O’Connell. Tickets \$100.

**Sunday (17th)** – St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast hosted by Senator Nick Collins will be held in South Boston, 9 a.m. followed by the annual South Boston parade beginning at Dorchester Avenue and Broadway, 12 noon.

**Thursday (21st)** – Community meeting for PLAN: Mattapan focuses on “goal setting” at 6:30p.m. at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan. Contact: Muge Undemir, 617-918-4488, [mugzy.undemir@boston.gov](mailto:mugzy.undemir@boston.gov).

**Saturday (23rd)** – Fun in the Tropics at Franklin Park Zoowith the Zoo’s young professionals group, The Wild Things, at 5 p.m. Join us in your best luau gear as you dance and limbo your way through the Tropical Forest with friends. The Wild Things member price is \$25. For non-members, early bird tickets cost \$30. See [franklinparkzoo.org](http://franklinparkzoo.org) for tickets.

**Sunday (24th)** – 13th annual Dot Chili Cookoff, 4-7 p.m. at IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. For tickets and info see [Dorchester-Chili.Eventbrite.com](http://Dorchester-Chili.Eventbrite.com).

**Saturday (30th)** – Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston hosts a Community Breakfast at 9 a.m. to benefit the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club, 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester in partnership with the Boston Police District B-3. Tickets for the breakfast are \$20 per person or \$200 per table. To purchase tickets, a table or to donate, please contact Ms. Shari Maestre at the Blue Hill Club ([smaestre@bgcb.org](mailto:smaestre@bgcb.org)) or Officer Pele James 617-343-4717.

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Boston firefighters worked inspected the damage to a building at 688 Columbia Rd., at the corner of Elder Street, on Wednesday morning. BFD photo

Fire damages Columbia Rd. building

By JENNIFER SMITH AND BILL FORRY

A three-alarm fire blazed through the third floor of a Columbia Road building on Wednesday morning.

The top floor of a three-decker above Restaurant Laura at 688 Columbia Rd. was reported aflame by motorists who spotted the smoke. Firefighters responded at about 7:44 a.m., and the fire was knocked down by 8:08 a.m., according to the

Fire Department. All residents were safely evacuated from the building, officials said, though one resident and one firefighter were injured.

Mike Folan, a Dorchester resident who was driving by the scene on his way to work, said he spotted smoke puffing from a third floor window. He and a co-worker pulled over and began attempts — along with other passersby — to

alert residents inside.

Folan said motorists honked their horns and called 911. Others threw ice and snowballs at windows in hopes of gaining the attention of anyone who might be inside. By the time firefighters arrived on scene, the third floor of the building was consumed with flames, he said.

The fire was contained to the third floor. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

New Beacon Hill assignments for pols

By JENNIFER SMITH NEWS EDITOR

Lawmakers representing Dorchester and Mattapan found their way onto several critical committees for the 2019-2020 legislative term.

First Suffolk state Sen. Nick Collins is now chair of the Joint Committee on Export Development; vice chair of the Senate Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets; and vice chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health.

He is also a member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight;

the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development; Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs; and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

State Rep. Dan Hunt, of the 13th Suffolk District, is now vice chair of both the House Committee on Rules and the Joint Committee on Rules. He sits on the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

State Rep. Dan Cullinane, of the 12th Suffolk District is vice chair of the Joint Committee

on Health Care Financing and is a member of the House Committee on Redistricting and the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

State Rep. Russell Holmes, of the 6th Suffolk District, sits on the House Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on Election Laws, the Joint Committee on Public Service, and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

State Rep. David Biele, of the 4th Suffolk District, sits on the Joint Committee on Commu-

nity Development and Small Businesses, the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, the Joint Committee on Export Development, and the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

State Rep. Liz Miranda, of the 5th Suffolk District, sits on the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, and the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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Man captured in Randolph murder

A manhunt for a man wanted for the shooting death of a man with Dorchester roots inside a Randolph home on Monday night ended on Tuesday afternoon in Lynn. Police say that Justin C. Gaston, 32, is the chief suspect in the murder of Haki Sanders, 33, formerly of Vesta Road. Gaston, who authorities warned might be armed and dangerous, was captured without incident by Randolph and Lynn police, with assistance from State Police.

Man caught with illegal handgun in Mattapan

A 23-year-old Randolph man was arrested by Boston Police near Babson Street and Mildred Avenue in Mattapan last Wednesday (Feb. 27) after he was stopped for speeding. According to the BPD account, officers found that the driver — Sandy Baez — was holding crack cocaine on his person. A later search of the car located a Smith and Wesson Revolver loaded with six rounds of live ammunition, police say.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

**Uphams Corner Arts & Innovation District meeting** – The BPDA will host a community meeting on Thurs., March 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester to discuss three Requests for Proposals related to Strand Theatre, Uphams Corner BPL and new affordable housing and commercial space. More info: Andrew Grace, 617-635-2987 or [andrew.grace@boston.gov](mailto:andrew.grace@boston.gov)

**Meeting set to review proposed cannabis shop in Mattapan** – On Thurs., March 14 at 6 p.m. a meeting will be held at Mildred Avenue Community Center to discuss a proposal for a cannabis business at 538 River St., Mattapan.

**Chili Cook-off at IBEW Hall on March 24** – Dorchester’s Chili Cook-off, an annual event to support the Dorchester Day events, is set for Sunday, March 24 from 4-7 p.m. at

IBEW Hall on Freeport Street. Admission is \$20 per person and \$30 for families of up to four people.

**St. Ann \$10k Dinner on March 29** – St. Ann Neponset will host its 35th annual \$10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are \$150 for a numbered ticket and \$50 for a companion ticket. Gpo to [stannstbrendan.com/10k-dinner](http://stannstbrendan.com/10k-dinner) or call 617-436-0310 or email [saintannoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintannoffice@gmail.com).

**Charbo’s Run returns on March 24** – Charbo’s Run – a five-mile road race held in memory of State Trooper Mark S. Charbonnier, returns on Sun., March 24 after a 15-year hiatus. The race will take place from 11-3 p.m. and the post-race festivities will continue from 3-4 p.m. To sign up for the run and for further information, visit

[Charbosrun.com](http://Charbosrun.com).

**Mattapan-Dorchester Resident Monthly Meeting** – The Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services hosts a regular monthly meeting on Wed., March 20 at 6 p.m. at Mildred Ave Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave, Mattapan.

**Jones Hill Association meets March 13** – The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact [officers@joneshill.com](mailto:officers@joneshill.com). Information, events, and voting membership can be found on [joneshill.com](http://joneshill.com).

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**By JENNIFER SMITH  
NEWS EDITOR**

Almost 150 Mattapan residents cast ballots in late February to begin filling out the leadership bench for a newly-formed neighborhood council. Now with 11 of a maximum 21 board seats filled, the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council is already starting to organize its committees and turn its eye to oncoming development.

Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the council, sees the community group as a necessary part of the ever-evolving Boston civic ecosystem.

“Mattapan is part of the city of Boston, and if the term One Boston is to mean anything, you have to start acting like it,” she said. The formation of this elected organization “should not be viewed as a negative,” she said. “It should be viewed as a positive because we are supporting existing organizations that for the most part are headed by people in the community.”

Neighborhood councils are still somewhat of a rarity in Boston, dating back to the 1980s under then-mayor Raymond Flynn. The handful of prior councils include those in the North End/Waterfront, Roxbury,



**The newly elected Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council board. Front Row (l-r): assistant treasurer Mirlande Joseph, vice chair Janae Tooley, treasurer Vickey Siggers. Back Row (l-r): outreach committee chair Lenore Pereira, housing and development committee chair June Joseph, board chair and community benefits committee chair Fatima Ali-Salaam, zoning committee chair David Lopes, Ruby James Saucer, secretary Matthew Skelly, Nichelle Nicole Purvis-Donnell. Board member Cynthia Beckford-Brewington is not shown.**

Codman Square, Chinatown, and Jamaica Plain, the latter of which is still extremely active.

The council structure differs from that of a normal civic group. Their reach is wider and their election more formalized, serving as an umbrella organization focused on larger development concerns and neighborhood priorities, offering support to existing smaller organizations and speaking with a stronger voice in city processes. Ali-Salaam estimates around 30 to 40 other neighborhood

groups fall within the neighborhood council boundaries.

After 147 valid ballots were cast on Jan. 23, an independent election committee tallied the votes. Only Mattapan residents over 16 who are not stakeholders in some sort of existing business, elected post, or non-profit could be elected to the leadership board, though they may still join as members.

Ali-Salaam received 93 votes and was elected chair. The board determined the other officers and committee

assignments on Jan. 26. Additional midterm elections will take place later, to begin filling out the leadership bench, Ali-Salaam said, with the same rules as the first election. The full council will consist of 21 members made up of five from smaller Mattapan zones and six at-large members.

Janae Tooley, a 22-year-old Mattapan native, will vice-chair the council.

“I’ve seen changes coming along in the neighborhood,” she said in an interview Tuesday,

and is laser focused on “who is this going to benefit?”

High on Tooley’s priority list is protecting vital green space in the neighborhood, avoiding a “concrete jungle” effect as new investment moves into the historically disinvested-in area. “I’m interested in making sure there’s accessibility and affordability in the condo units,” she said, “and preserving the green open space that we have.”

While she welcomes new residents and new investment in the neighborhood, Tooley noted that the potentially damaging impacts are “disproportionate to the residents who currently live here who are renters, who don’t currently own homes. It’s raising property and home values, which is amazing, but it kind of creates a barrier that younger people won’t be able to overcome.”

The council allows membership as young as 16 years old. As both Ali-Salaam and Tooley point out, that generation is moving into adulthood at the same time as the neighborhood is undergoing significant planning and staring down several larger projects on the horizon.

A Boston Planning and

Development Agency study is a few meetings into their PLAN: Mattapan initiative, the latest of several area-specific community-steered looks at zoning and best use across Boston. Unlike other studies -- say, the Glover’s Corner zone that includes a largely industrial Dorchester Avenue corridor -- the Mattapan plan starts from Mattapan Square and fills out nearly to the edges of the neighborhood at this point.

“If the mayor is open to hearing solutions, we should provide solutions,” Ali-Salaam said. “It will require different thinking by everybody — banks, developers, everybody has to think differently, because this is not sustainable.”

To that end, Ali-Salaam highlighted an educational role that the council will play through its zoning committee.

“There’s an educational component around zoning in particular,” Ali-Salaam said. “We’re helping to educate and support the civic associations and residents on how to work with the zoning codes when it comes to specific projects and planning in general. Without people understanding the bigger picture it’s overwhelming.”

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# MBTA board member raises concerns about fare increase

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

Reducing the MBTA's budget deficit next year and improving service will be possible thanks to new revenue from proposed fare increases, according to the authority. But one board member, aware of the pushback the hikes have drawn, wants the state to explore other ways of funding public transportation.

At the MBTA Board meeting on Monday, Brian Lang said it would be "completely wrong-headed" to generate new money for the system just by leaning more on commuters. Instead, he suggested, officials should pursue some combination of a higher gas tax, additional fees on rideshare services and a congestion-pricing toll system.

"We don't operate in isolation and we are never going to be able to have a world-class transportation system unless there's some kind of coordination and unless our political leaders grow a little bit of courage when it comes to taking these issues on, because it does mean to tax, to have fees," said Lang, a former meatpacker and bellman



**Brian Lang** who serves as president of UNITE HERE Local 26, Boston's hotel and food service union. "The money's going to have to come from somewhere, and not just — I'm sorry, they're not customers, they're riders — from the people who are depending on riding every day." Lang told reporters after the meeting he did not know if those proposals should fully replace a fare hike, but he did have his eye on at least lessening the MBTA's proposal. He requested a study on how the projected new revenue from higher fares would be affected if buses — which would increase from \$1.70 to \$1.80 per ride — as well as student and senior

passes were kept level. Officials say the fare hikes, which average 6.3 percent, would bring in an extra \$32 million per year, on a budget that approaches \$2.1 billion. They defend the push as necessary to pay for service upgrades and as a way to help achieve fiscal stability after a decade of upheaval.

Early projections use the proposed increases as a key way to improve the MBTA's finances. The baseline deficit is forecast to double in fiscal year 2020, according to a presentation by Paul Brandley, the authority's CFO.

However, through a combination of cost-cutting measures and fare increases, Brandley said that deficit could be cut from \$74 million to \$24.5 million, which would be about a third lower than fiscal year 2019. He expressed optimism about the authority's long-term financial trends, noting that revenues are expected to grow at a higher rate than operating expenses.

"This is critical to holding the line and continuing on the path toward fiscal sustainability," Brandley said.

Keeping revenue on an

upward trend remains key. Own-source dollars, which come from advertising, parking and real estate, have increased about 60 percent since 2015, according to an earlier presentation Monday, and totaled \$70 million in fiscal 2019.

However, the figure is still \$30 million below the goal leaders wanted to hit by 2020, and that money is crucial for investments in the T's infrastructure. Bystatute, the authority is supposed to rely more on non-fare revenue for service improvements.

"My concern is that the reason for the statutory emphasis on own-source is in part so the fares are not the only place the T turns to when they want to make additional investments in performance and the system," said Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack. "While a lot of progress has been made and it's not easy, the kind of progress we hoped for five years ago is turning out to be harder than we thought."

Pollack noted that much of the criticism directed at the fare hikes has come from riders frustrated with performance. The numbers back that up: service

quality has been a theme in 60 percent of the 2,500 public comments submitted, according to an MBTA analysis presented Monday. That figure is 38 percentage points higher than the second-most common theme, affordability.

Dozens of people, including 19 members of the Legislature's Boston delegation, spoke against the proposal last week, recounting overcrowded trains and frequent delays and warning of the economic and environmental impacts the plan would have. Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu, who argued that the T should be free, submitted a petition with 2,700 names opposing the hikes.

Some called for alternative funding sources, just as Lang did Monday. They called for an increase to the state's gas tax, which has been raised just once in the past 28 years, or for new taxes to fund transportation investments. Support for new transportation taxes has not been high on Beacon Hill in recent years, but ideas continue to draw attention as lawmakers can't avoid constituent concerns about both traffic and

the MBTA.

One bill would implement a pilot program in the Summer Tunnel to lower toll prices at off-peak hours, encouraging drivers to avoid contributing to congestion. Another would increase the state's 20-cent flat fee on TNC rides using platforms such as Uber and Lyft to an amount scaled by distance traveled.

Advocates argue targeting those companies will both bring in new money to support transit improvements and also encourage commuters to take public options more frequently, cutting down on traffic.

"As long as Uber and Lyft are allowed to go unfettered, particularly in our city, we're never going to be able to compete with them," Lang said during the FMCB meeting Monday. "To me, it's a travesty that the TNCs operate unfettered and that there's no public reward for the way they're operating."

A vote has not been scheduled, but the board could vote on fare hikes next week, at the earliest. The fare increases are scheduled to take effect July 1, if adopted.

## City councillors press for hearing on MBTA payments

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

As debate continues over the MBTA's proposed fare hikes, Boston city councillors want to hold a hearing about withholding the \$85 million the city pays to the agency each year to protest the state of

service. Councillor Althea Garrison filed the measure at last Wednesday's meeting calling for a hearing. No action is imminent, but Garrison said she wanted to "put pressure on the MBTA to fix service and buses" before costs increase this summer.

"The service is lousy

and it's worse now than it's ever been," Garrison said in an interview. "They constantly want money, but they don't give good service."

Eight of the 13 council members signed on to Garrison's proposal, and the measure was referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

Despite that support, though, no hearing date was set.

City Councillor Michelle Wu, who in recent weeks has been collecting signatures on a petition opposing the proposed fare increases, filed a piece of legislation last year. That measure was also referred to the council's transportation committee, but did not come up for a vote.

The logistics of Garrison's proposal to withhold funding are unclear. Cities and towns that are required to support the MBTA do not send money to the agency directly — rather, the amount they owe is subtracted from local aid paid by the state.

But Garrison said she wants to send a message that service has been insufficient, particularly for lower-income areas of the city.

"The only response is you withhold the money," she said. "They will respond if the city of Boston withholds the money, or if even half of that is withheld, they'll respond. They're not even accountable to anyone. They should be accountable to people who ride the T, but they're not."

Transit leaders argue the proposed fare hikes, the first in three years, are necessary to help improve service. The agency had been in dire financial straits, posting

deficits for a decade until achieving a balanced budget in 2018.

"Before the 2016 fare increase, money from fare hikes went only to cover uncontrolled increases in expenses, not to improve service," MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said in a statement. "Now, because of progress to transform the MBTA, additional revenue from riders — as well as from taxpayers — can be invested in both assets and service improvements."

According to Wu, who is gathering signatures on an anti-fare hike petition, the fare hike, if approved, would boost fares 41 percent above 2012 levels.

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# Fare free MBTA is Michelle Wu’s latest campaign

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley — has suggested that Boston refuse to pay into a fund that helps to subsidize the agency. Other speakers at last week’s public hearing included riders from all walks of life — state representatives, community advocates, students, professionals, people with disability. Most railed against the proposed fare hikes while Steve Poflak, the MBTA’s general manager, sat and listened.

Despite the diverse backgrounds, most speakers cited equity and climate change as the main reasons they oppose the fare increases. Sarah Levy, an organizer from GreenRoots, Inc., a community organization in Chelsea and East Boston, argued that the MBTA’s equity analysis, part of MBTA’s report on fare changes, is not representative of the ridership. The data, she said, are based on a survey in which 99 percent of the responses were in English.

Rev. Fred Small and Rev. Leslie Sterling, board members of Faith Science Alliance for Climate Leadership, a coalition of scientists and faith leaders, made a joint speech. They noted that Massachusetts ranked No. 6 in nationwide income inequality and questioned why MBTA would raise fares to “drive more people into their cars” instead of fighting climate changes.

“We have the money to pay for free transit if everyone pays their free share. No fare hike, free the T!” Sterling said.

Joe Pesaturo, the spokesperson for the MBTA, said revenues

from the last fare increases contributed to the funds used towards repairs and upgrades and the MBTA’s “five-year, \$8 billion investment plan to make systemic improvements.” New RIDE vehicles, upgraded bus fleet, new ferries, ongoing replacement of the Orange Line fleet and new Red Line cars are all part of the investment. Improved services include late-night and early-morning bus service, extended Silver Line to Chelsea, dedicated bus lanes to avoid congestion and more scheduled trips on the commuter rail, Pesaturo said.

Closer to home, the MBTA just opened a brand new, \$19 million station in Mattapan at Blue Hill Avenue, the latest in a series of investments into the Fairmount commuter line.

But for some riders, these improvements do not justify fare hikes.

“Pretty much every transit agency in the US needs more revenue to make their systems as good as people want them to be,” said Rosalie Ray, a Columbia urban planning PhD candidate and former economist for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Ray said beneficiaries, such as universities, could pay the MBTA in exchange for free passes for their workers and students. Boston could learn from Seattle, where the city purchases service from the transit agency through increased fees on residents. Another model, used in Paris, France, is that different regions of the city have different levels of payroll tax to fund the transit system, she said.

Wu’s push for an even-



City Councillor Michelle Wu, center, and volunteer Aileen Montour, spoke to an MBTA customer at Park Street station on Wed., Feb. 27. Yukun Zhang photo

tual fare-free system is possible, Ray says. But increased ridership is often the result of both the elimination of fares and massive improvement to the transit service. A 2017 study of the fare-free public transit system in Tallinn, Estonia, a city populated by 438,874 people, concluded that the policy has not attracted large numbers of new riders or pulled drivers away from their wheels. Instead, the increased trips on public transportation tend to be walkable trips, meaning that people hop on free buses instead of walking or biking.

Both Ray and Wu said the revenue raised through fare increases will not address the MBTA’s needs. Instead of squeezing money from riders, Wu said there need to be conversations about investing in public transportation. She also suggested congestion pricing, surcharges of ride-hailing services and gas taxes.

“We are not going to find the \$430 million

tomorrow to replace the revenue that bus and subway fares bring in,” says Wu. “But rather than talk about a six percent increase versus three percent or nine percent, we should be talking about ways to get closer to that vision of fare-free transit.”

In lieu of a quick and unlikely shift to a fare-free T, Wu says that the MBTA should at minimum create a free youth pass and make student and senior passes free. As the T moves towards a cashless fare collection system, she said, bus lines serving

communities of people with financial barriers, such as the 28, should be designated as fare-free lines. An MBTA community meeting in downtown Boston is scheduled on that day from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Columbia Point leaders push for new ferry service

(Continued from page 1) UMass Boston. Campus officials have selected a developer in a deal that could result in a \$235 million windfall for the university.

“We think that the ferry stop will make a huge difference in making it possible for people to enjoy everything there is to do out here in Columbia Point,” said UMass Boston Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman. “We hope that there’s going to be retail in the area, restaurants and things for people to do when they come and visit, beyond what they can do right now.”

The stop on the UMass campus could add to existing ferry service that connects Downtown Boston and Quincy, advocates said.

Necessary improvements to the John T. Fallon State Pier could cost around \$5 million,

according to a preliminary estimate by Boston Harbor Now, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the harbor. Researchers plan to consider possible funding sources and assess upgrades that would be needed to add ferry service, including parking, ticketing and bathrooms, as well as protection against the ocean.

Another supporter of the proposal is developer Corcoran Jennison, which has a large presence on Columbia Point, including a hotel, an office building and a housing development in the neighborhood. (Disclosure: The company leases office space to WBUR’s partner, the *Dorchester Reporter*, on Columbia Point.)

Corcoran Jennison regional manager Richard Fullam said more transportation options on Columbia Point would

be a win for everyone involved.

“It would be great [if] our residents and tenants of the buildings and guests of the hotel have an alternative mode of transportation to get here ... and also to get from here to downtown, to the South Shore or wherever they may be going,” Fullam said.

Rothstein of the JFK Library said he hopes construction gets underway sometime next year, and that ferry service is available in 2021.

“We have a beautiful harbor,” he said, “and it’s underutilized.”

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# Ripple Café aims to make a splash in Peabody Square

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

Upon entering Ripple Cafe in Peabody Square, customers see a framed black and white photograph of Ashmont Station dated from July 10, 1923. The scene is unrecognizable: a small stone building nestled amid a grove of trees, set beside a pair of railroad tracks and a boarding area comprised of patches of barren dirt and tufts of grass.

Cafe owner Gaelle Ducheine, who runs the spot along with James Guerrier, said she tracked down the photo at the city archives in West Roxbury.

“It was just in line with the fact that Ashmont’s looking really different now, and I was just like, man, I wonder what it looked like back in the day,” explained Ducheine. “It’s insane that that’s what Ashmont used to look like.”

The photo is a reminder that the Ashmont neighborhood has seen a lot of changes over the past century, and Dorchester’s newest coffee shop — one of the only black-owned coffee shops in the city — is an example that change is not always a bad thing.

The space across from Ashmont Station, which previously housed Flat Black Coffee, officially opened as Ripple Cafe last Thursday after months of preparation and renovation. Ducheine, a self-proclaimed “bargain shopper,” redecorated the space herself. A crowdsourced GoFundMe campaign

raised over \$6,000 in donations, the bulk of which went towards purchasing brand new coffee-making equipment, including an espresso machine.

The sleek setting represents an upgrade from Ripple’s previous headquarters, which consisted of a small coffee cart in a shared space inside Taste of Eden, a Caribbean eatery in Codman Square. After an assist from Greater Ashmont Main Streets executive director Jenn Cartee, Ducheine and Guerrier capitalized on an opportunity to fulfill their dream of operating a neighborhood coffee shop from their own brick and mortar space.

“[Jenn] knew that Flat Black was relocating, and she actually came all the way down to [Taste of Eden] and said ‘Hey, there’s a vacancy opening up, would you be interested?’ I didn’t believe her!... Six months later, here we are,” explained Ducheine.

Cartee pointed to the cafe’s expanded hours, which run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, as a boon to commuters and the 148 new incoming households that will inhabit the nearby Treadmark and 1943 Dot Ave buildings.

“There’s an atmosphere here that’s much more conducive to hanging out, and I think that works so well at a transit hub,” said Cartee. “We have 17,000 commuters a day through Ashmont on train, trolley and



Ripple Café’s Gaelle Ducheine, Rebecca Bernard and James Guerrier are shown in the newly-refurbished space in the Carruth Building next to Ashmont station.

Daniel Sheehan photo

bus, and the availability before and after the commute, as well as during the day for those who work from home, or folks meeting up with friends or getting work done in the community, in addition to the advantage it gives [adjoining Eastern Bank] for their customers and drawing people into this particular bank branch, it was an excellent fit all around.”

Ripple’s brand has a millennial flare. Ducheine manages the cafe’s nascent online presence through an Instagram account that regularly updates followers with carefully framed still-life portraits of lattes and pastries, building awareness of the business organically through social media. Guerrier, a musician, curates the playlist at the cafe, alternating Prince with original songs from his friends’ bands.

“We will hopefully have some live music here soon,” he added.

Ashmont residents can enjoy the simple comforts of having a spot to grab a coffee, get some work done, or — as the cafe’s motto suggests — “meet with friends.”

Barbara Lewis, an Ashmont resident and director at UMass Boston’s Trotter Institute of African American Culture who was writing in a journal and sipping a coffee in the cafe, called the cafe’s opening “wonderful.” To describe the community impact of the space, she echoed a phrase she had heard Ducheine use regarding her status as one of Boston’s few black coffee shop owners: having “a seat at the table.”

“This is a place where there’s a seat at the table for all of us,” she said. “For those who are not thought of as intellectual or educated or sufficiently cultured or into cafe society in the new iteration... this is the community taking part in that, which I think is beautiful.”



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**Thurs., March 7,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 8,** 10 a.m. — Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. — Stories, Stories, Stories. **Mon., March 11,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., March 12,** 10:30 a.m. — Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. — Stories, Stories, Stories; 1:30 p.m. — ESOL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. — Design Your Own Business. **Wed., March 13,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 14,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help.

### FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

**Fri., March 8,** 9:30 a.m. — Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Story Time. **Sat., March 9,** 9 a.m. — USCIS Information Desk. **Tues., March 12,** 6:30 p.m. — Hatha Yoga. **Wed., March 13,** 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Films and Fun.

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**Thurs., March 7,** 6 p.m. — Youth Justice League Presents ... Education & Politics. **Fri., March 8,** 2:30 p.m. — Teen Gaming. **Mon., March 11,** 11 a.m. — ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., March 12,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. — Kids Cook with Miss Debbie; 5:30 p.m. — Design Your Business. **Wed., March 13,** 3 p.m. — ESL Beginner English Class; 3 p.m. — PPLM Drop-In Hour; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 14,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. — USCIS Information Desk; 6 p.m. — Board Game Night; Youth Justice League Presents ....

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**Thurs., March 7,** — 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. — LEGO Club. **Fri., March 8,** 10:30 a.m. — Little Wiggles’ Lapsit. **Mon., March 11,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. — SAT Prep Workshop; 6:30 p.m. — Sleepy Story Time. **Tues., March 12,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. — Design Your Business. **Wed., March 13,** 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 14,** — 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. — LEGO Club; 5:30 p.m. — Fun With Ukulele.

### MATTAPAN BRANCH

**Thurs., March 7,** 12:30 p.m. — Tai Chi for Adults; Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. — Gentle Yoga. **Fri., March 8,** 10:30 a.m. — Smart From the Start Story Hour; 12:30 p.m. — Tai Chi for Adults. **Sat., March 9,** 10:30 a.m. — Creole Conversation & Writing Group; 12:30 p.m. — Tai Chi for Adults; 2 p.m. — Ask a Writer: Office Hours. **Mon., March 11,** 10:30 a.m. — Hugs & Play; 12:30 p.m. — Tai Chi for Adults; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; Teens Cooking with Miss Debbie. **Tues., March 12,** 12:30 p.m. — Tai Chi for Adults; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. — Design Your Business. **Wed., March 13,** 10:30 a.m. — Toddler Time; 12:30 p.m. — Tai Chi for Adults; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. — Poetry vs. Hop Hop. **Thurs., March 14,** 12:30 p.m. — Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. — Gentle Yoga.

### UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

**Thurs., March 7,** — 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 8,** 10:30 a.m. — Reading Readiness Storytime. **Mon., March 11,** 10:30 a.m. — Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. — Make It Mondays: Science: Hoop Glider. **Tues., March 12,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. — Design Your Business. **Wed., March 13,** 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 14,** — 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. — Know Your Rights: Interacting with ICE and Pathways to Residency.

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# Peace Cup — now in sixth year— raises funds for Martin Richard Foundation

**BY ELANA AURISE  
REPORTER STAFF**  
The sixth annual Peace Cup – a hockey tournament to benefit the Martin W. Richard Foundation – will be played at the Canton Sportsplex, located at 5 Carver Circle in Canton on Sat., March 30 at 12 noon followed by a post-game celebration and neighborhood fundraiser at Dorchester's McKeon Post at 7 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by Dorchester residents Pat Brophy and Pat Doherty, who are both members of Team MR8, a group of about 100 runners who participate in the BAA Boston Marathon. Brophy won't be running in the marathon this year

due to an injury, but that's not stopping him from raising money. Brophy and Doherty were both stopped right before the marathon finish line in 2013. They knew the Richard family well from the neighborhood. When they saw the opportunity to represent the Martin Richard Foundation, they jumped at it. "We were thinking about a unique way to raise money. We're hockey players and we knew people who wanted to be a part of the movement, but weren't runners, so we reached out to some family and friends and had an incredible response," said Brophy. "The idea of collecting jerseys with

the number 8 on them [to honor Martin] was spurred from the NHL Phoenix Coyotes player, Keith Yandle. His family lives in Dorchester, and shortly after the bombings, he wore a jersey with Martin's name and the number 8 on the back so we thought that was a cool idea and we started to collect jerseys." Brophy and Doherty went on to accumulate jerseys from professional teams and athletes, local universities like BC, BU, Northeastern, Harvard, and youth hockey programs like Dorchester Youth Hockey and Latin Academy. Today, all the players on every team wear a jersey with the number 8 on it, and some are lucky enough to wear

pink, the color of the jerseys Martin's soccer team wore. The tournament is about raising money for the foundation, but also about building bridges and creating friendships that last beyond the hockey tournament. "It's a group of neighbors who play – people from Dorchester, people affiliated with running and hockey – who get involved in helping to organize, draft the team and set the schedule. It's been a really overwhelming experience with the love and support from the Dorchester community," said Brophy. This year's Peace Cup already has about 85 players – some players who have played



Pat Brophy, Bill Richard and Pat Doherty (shown l-r) at a previous Peace Cup hockey tournament.

D1 hockey and others who play for fun on the weekends, some 40-50 years old and some who have just turned 21 – registered to hit the ice. Brophy, who has never actually won the trophy, is looking forward to everyone coming together to support the Richard family and foundation. "I would say the best part about the tourna-

ment is winning, but I've never actually won," Brophy laughed. "But it's sitting in the locker room and getting to know people. It's great when Bill [Richard] shows up and when the family can support it. It's a unique fundraiser partnered with the typical fundraiser at the McKeon post, we have good raffles and raise a few more bucks there, and it's just overall a great neighborhood party." Registration for the hockey tournament is open now until Sat., March 23. It's \$125 to play – that and all other donations will benefit the Martin Richard Foundation. Brophy and Doherty encourage everyone to share this opportunity with friends and family 21 and over. Rosters are limited, but all are invited and welcome to attend. To register, visit the "6th Annual Peace Cup to benefit the Martin Richard Foundation" Facebook page and follow the link to their online Google doc form.



The winning team in last year's Peace Cup are shown with Bill Richard.

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the spectacular houses built in Dorchester was the Torrey House at the corner of Washington Street and Melville Avenue. Today's illustration shows the interiors of two rooms from the late 19th century. When the building was demolished in the late 1920s or very early 1930s, the 67,000 square-foot lot was subdivided and a gas station took the small piece at the corner, a commercial building was built south of that, houses and an Odd Fellows Hall were built on what became Melville Lane and on the next two lots along Melville Avenue. Elbridge Torrey (1837-1914) was the president of Torrey, Bright & Capen, whose carpet importing and sales business was located in Boston proper at 350 Washington Street. The business did well after its founding in 1875, and four years later in April, 1879, Elbridge's wife Alice bought the property in Dorchester. They hired the architectural firm of Cabot and Chandler to design a grand house, and they moved into it in 1880. An artist's rendering of the house appeared in American Architect and Building News in April of that year. The 1880 census showed that they had only one live-in servant. In 1900 the Census listed them living in Cohasset with a housekeeper, cook, maid and coachman. But by 1910 they were back in Dorchester with two maids. Elbridge died before the



The Torrey House at the corner of Washington Street and Melville Avenue.

Census of 1920, and Alice continued to live in the house until her death, sometime in the 1920s. Between her death and the publication of the 1933 atlas, the property was subdivided. Elbridge served as a deacon at the Second Church in Codman Square and supported the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. He traveled extensively, visiting missions in Ceylon and Turkey. He served as a trustee of Mount Holyoke College from 1899 until his death; was elected a member of the Board of Trustees at Hartford Theological Seminary, where he served 17 years, the last 3 of which he held the

office of President. He was President of Central Turkey College, and at the time of his death, of the Cullis Consumptives' Home in Grove Hall. He was one of the original members of the Boston Congregational Club, a member of the Board of Council of the Home for Aged Couples and for fifty years was identified with the Second Church of Dorchester, where he was Deacon forty-five years and Chairman of the Board of Assessors of the Parish. for forty-two years. He was Vice-president of the Congregational Church Building Society and a Director in the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty

to Animals. He was for several years on the Board of Directors of the Elm Hill Home for Aged Couples. He was also for seventeen years on the Board of Trustees of Bradford Academy. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org). Please Note: The Society's historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712 and remodeled 1765); William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806).



# Jassy Correia’s murder stuns the city

The gruesome murder of 23-year-old Jassy Correia — a young woman who was raised near Uphams Corner, attended school in Fields Corner with extensive family ties across the neighborhood — will not likely be recorded as a Dorchester homicide. But, like so many other atrocities that have hit close to home in our corner of the world, this one hurts in places that can sometimes feel numb amid the onslaught of worldly horrors. It’s part of being a 21st century American — swiping through a never-ending tick-tock of man’s inhumanity to man. Whether it be a school massacre in a different region of the US or the latest overnight gunplay in our own zip code — the mind and the heart and the psyche can only withstand so much grief, so much anxiety. At some point, you shut down some of those emotions or at least try to put them on the back-burner. How does one function otherwise?

But there are incidents that have a way of puncturing our protective shields in ways that steal your breath and upend your composure. The abduction and killing of Jassy Correia — a young mother, a daughter, a sister, cousin, friend, classmate — is one of those moments, even for those covered in the callouses of homegrown atrocities down through the decades.

This confrontation is unavoidable. There are monsters in our midst. Predators. Stalkers. Deviants. Individuals who mean to do harm to our children, our friends. They are not just characters on a podcast or an HBO documentary series. They live among us and so do their victims.

The courts will sort out whether or not Louis D. Coleman III is one of those monsters. The 32-year-old Providence man who was arrested in Delaware with Jassy’s body in the trunk of his car is the person that police say grabbed her from a downtown Boston sidewalk and — presumably — murdered her in the subsequent hours. Initial evidence shows that he was scheming to dismember and discard her body when he was caught.

The macabre nature of the crime is gut-wrenching, as is the fact that her killer made Jassy’s young daughter an orphan at age two.

The pain is felt across all quarters and cuts across demographics. But, it’s naturally centered most among young women of Jassy’s age — so many of whom have to fend off constant unwanted attention, often in the form of outright aggression, from men. It’s not just when out at a nightclub, as Jassy was on the night she was abducted. It’s a steady stream of harassment — in person, online, walking to school and work.

It’s not a new hazard. Last week on this page, we carried a column by Jessicah Pierre about the rash of murders targeting black women in Boston back in 1979. Now, forty years later, Boston will bury yet another young woman taken from our midst.

Jassy’s death — and her alleged killer’s arrest — has sparked renewed debate about the safety of women in particular as they move through life in our city. Rachael Rollins, the district attorney, captured the sentiment of many when she cautioned against casting blame beyond the man responsible for her death.

“Let’s not fall into a discussion about whether we should walk home alone or how many people we should call when we’re leaving the club,” Rollins said. “If anything, let’s remind the men in our lives that violence against women isn’t a women’s issue. It’s a problem that men take responsibility for in their lives, in their sons’ lives, and in the social lives with friends and colleagues.”

She’s right, of course. But it’s also true that Jassy Correia’s murder is just the latest atrocity. There are murderers among us.

-Bill Forry

March 7, 2019

# AmeriCorps members are strengthening the Dorchester community

By BARBARA MOFFAT AND EMILY HABER  
In his inaugural address, President John F. Kennedy asked Americans what they could do for their country. Nearly 60 years later, thousands are answering that question by serving in AmeriCorps, a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Across Massachusetts, 2,400 AmeriCorps members are serving this year, addressing the Commonwealth’s most pressing needs in the areas of education, health, workforce development, and the environment.

The week of March 10-16 is AmeriCorps Week, which celebrates the valuable contributions of the AmeriCorps members who pledge to “get things done” for America. In Massachusetts, AmeriCorps members are tutoring and mentoring at-risk youth pre-K through high school, expanding access to recovery and treatment services for those struggling with opioid addiction, preparing communities for natural disasters, teaching young people how to grow and cook nutritious foods, providing support services to refugees and immigrants, preserving and rehabilitating our forests and waters, and more.

This year, over 80 AmeriCorps members are serving in Dorchester through several AmeriCorps programs. City Year Boston members are providing full classroom support and academic engagement services at Mather Elementary, Holmes Elementary, McCormack Middle, and TechBoston Academy. AmeriCorps members serving with Boston University’s College Advising Corps are helping young adults with college readiness, advising, and support at Boston Arts Academy, the Community Academy of Science and Health, the Dr. William W. Henderson Inclusion School, and TechBoston.

Jumpstart Massachusetts has college students from Emerson, Suffolk University, and UMass Boston providing early childhood literacy education at several Dorchester Head Starts and child

learning centers. Other AmeriCorps members serving in Dorchester are assisting refugees and immigrants with job readiness, citizenship, and English language instruction at Mujeres Unidas Avanzado; facilitating academic enrichment and college exploration programs for young adults at VietAID and MassCOSH; mobilizing volunteers at All Dorchester Sports and Leadership as well as Codman Square Health Center; and more.

Whether it’s serving a year in a pre-K classroom or on the trails in our state parks, our dedicated AmeriCorps members are making lasting change in cities and towns all across this great Commonwealth. They are meeting local needs, they are developing leadership skills, and for many, they will choose to stay in Massachusetts after their year of service and remain active and engaged citizens making a difference in our communities every day.

AmeriCorps members in Massachusetts may receive a modest living allowance, student loan deferment, health insurance, childcare, and professional development. Members who successfully complete their service receive an educational award of up to \$6,095 to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay off student loans.

Since AmeriCorps began in 1994, more than 35,000 Massachusetts residents have served through the national service program, generating over \$1.13 billion in community impact. These AmeriCorps members have also earned \$63.2 million in education awards. Those interested in joining AmeriCorps can learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov/join](http://AmeriCorps.gov/join).

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## Letter to the Editor

# Baker lets public utilities off the hook

To the Editor:

On your gas or electric bill, there’s a notice at the bottom in fine print that indicates how much you are contributing to the MassSave energy efficiency program for residents and businesses. It was started a decade ago to help reduce energy consumption. The idea was to create an incentive for utility companies to ensure greater equity and give low-income households access to weatherization and other energy-efficient programs.

The problem is that utilities aren’t keeping track of who gets access to energy efficiency programs that could save customers a lot of money, and there’s growing concern that renters, immigrants, seniors, and low-income families aren’t getting their fair share out of a program they’re paying into.

To find out, and to hold utilities accountable, advocates urged Governor Baker’s Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to require multibillion-dollar utility companies like Eversource, National Grid and Columbia Gas to come clean about how well they are serving our more vulnerable citizens with energy efficiency services.

But last month, the Governor’s DPU rejected our proposal that would have tied a small percentage of utilities’ \$100 million performance bonus to their ability to keep track and serve renters and other vulnerable customers with services to reduce energy consumption.

The state contends that they already offer incentive

payments to utilities for renters and this would constitute a double payment. But big utilities have been unwilling to produce good data about who they are really serving, so the claim is suspect.

The Governor’s decision to let utilities off the hook is baffling and leaving renters in a lurch. We should be holding utilities accountable.

Who gets hurt the most on freezing cold New England days? Low-income families, immigrants, and vulnerable seniors, who can’t afford to keep the heat on. They’re also the ones who would benefit the most from energy efficiency savings.

Utilities have an obligation to serve all of their customers better and to encourage energy conservation. DPU isn’t supposed to be in the pocket of the utilities but rather the people whom they serve. We shouldn’t have to provide incentives to multibillion-dollar utility companies to promote energy efficiency; they should be doing it because it’s the right thing to do. But a moral conscience doesn’t always come easily to some corporations, requiring government to step in. Sadly, Governor Baker refused.

Rev. Mariama White-Hammon and Darlene Lombos

*Rev. Mariama White-Hammond is the pastor at New Roots AME Church in Dorchester. Darlene Lombos is executive director, Community Labor United and Vice President of the Greater Boston Labor Council.*

# IBEW leads way with Green New Deal support

To the Editor:

It is wonderful to hear that Dorchester’s own Local 103 of the IBEW is solidly behind the Green New Deal. (“IBEW chief on board for Dems’ ‘Green New Deal,’” 2/22) The larger message of that federal proposal, co-authored by US Sen. Edward Markey and US Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, is consistent with two of the IBEW’s broader goals: to promote the creation of good jobs in the new green energy sector, and to support communities that have traditionally borne the brunt of pollution and economic dislocation.

Our local IBEW leadership sets an important example for other labor leaders as we transition into an economy that is not only sustainable in the face of climate change, but also fairer in offering

opportunities and resources to all.

I urge the electrical workers to show their support behind state Rep. Decker’s 100 percent Clean Energy for All bill (HD 3092), which would accelerate the conversion to clean energy while insisting on the social justice goals of this transformation. Together we can move Massachusetts forward in this legislative session. Congratulations to the IBEW for leading the way.

Brent Whelan, Allston



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# What to do about Boston’s mounting congestion?

By LAWRENCE S. DiCARA

Walter Muir Whitehill reminded us over fifty years ago that “the streets of Boston are conspicuously unsuited for automobile traffic.” I see no reason to disagree with that statement fifty years later. Boston will never be confused with a modern sterile city such as Los Angeles, with wide streets constructed on a grid. The city street, however, has now become a driving school - like experience for GPS-directed drivers who are told to “turn around” and then do so in the middle of the street.

What do we do about it?

At this point in our city’s history, incrementalism with respect to transportation planning is quite unacceptable. We require bold thinking. We have neglected our public transportation system, resulting in its customers seeking out alternatives. We do not appreciate our inheritance of an underground transit network. As ABC has pointed out, deferring necessary work only means it will cost more, and imperil more people. The latest estimate is that to achieve a State of Good Repair for the MBTA alone will require \$1.9 billion.

I do not understand why most of our leaders have all but forgotten about the proposed Silver Line tunnel, which for a relatively modest expenditure could provide easier access for people from Dudley Square and all along Washington Street via a singular system to South Station, the Seaport and the airport. It would connect people who want to work with the locations where there are jobs. Such an infrastructure expenditure would benefit hundreds of thousands directly and indirectly and simultaneously help diminish income inequality.

I would argue that even more than the Red-Blue Connector [which could be achieved by a subterranean airport-like moving sidewalk] and the North-South rail link, the Silver Line tunnel would be the easiest way to get people underground and to help unclog some of our city streets. Perhaps, we could also find a way for South Boston-bound buses, which currently clog streets Downtown, especially when taking a left turn from the right-hand lane, to also use this tunnel to get across Fort Point Channel.

We are no longer a poor city and we are no longer a poor state. The business community must step up and support new revenue sources which can pay for these needed changes. I know from personal experience that business leaders in Boston banded together to save the city from bankruptcy, rehabilitate Quincy Market, build a new highway system and create Norman Leventhal Park at Post Office Square. And that is only part of what I expect is a much longer list.

Gas taxes and auto excise taxes – classic user fees – are now insufficient to repair the roads, contrary to the intent when they were passed some 100 or so years ago. We must look to various sources of revenue so that those who use the roads should pay for their upkeep.

A few years ago, the fee for deed stamps was doubled to pay for the Community Preservation Act. The world did not end.

Why not a \$1.00 fee for each departure and arrival at Logan? Why not return the auto excise tax to its pre-Prop 2 ½ level? What about revisiting the gas tax? What about peak pricing on highways?

Rhode Island now tolls tractor trailers – should Massachusetts do likewise? We should also review the option of assessing vehicle miles traveled.

Lastly, why not a countercyclical pricing structure for the MBTA? Make it cheaper to ride during non-rush hours. That will spread out the daily

## Flaherty seeks optional 13th year in BPS

Citing the value of offering students additional structured schooling before they enter higher education, City Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty called for a hearing this week to consider a Year 13 program in Boston Public Schools.

Flaherty said the program, which would offer an optional intensive, year-long program that provides additional support to students before leaving high school, could help close the achievement gap.

More than 16,000 high school-aged students study in at least twenty public high schools in the city of Boston, Flaherty noted in his hearing order.

“As we know, we live in a competitive global economy that requires our students to have equally competitive skills to access and fully participate in this economy,” said Flaherty in a statement.

His hearing order highlighted other areas of the country with similar programs, like Oregon or North Carolina, where the 13th year served to smooth the transition into college or a vocational school. Some high schools with the programs partner with local higher education institutions to allow earning early college credits before graduation.

The matter is assigned to the City Council’s Committee on Education and a hearing date will be determined.

– JENNIFER SMITH

commute and encourage millennials – who tend to work flexible hours – to use the T rather than TMCs. More than 40 years ago, it was called “dime time.” Incentives often work.

We also need to revisit, as New York City has recently done, the regulation of transportation network companies and their ride hailing apps, which have created a new category of unregulated drivers circling city streets – cabbies without medallions. How should such for-profit users of our city streets pay their fair share for the upkeep of our roads and the managing of traffic congestion?

One recommendation is to increase fees on transportation network companies. Currently, a \$0.20 fee is assessed on each ride. If Boston could receive \$.50 for each of the 34 million rides which occurred in 2017, those fees can provide the revenue to hire the personnel necessary to manage traffic and alleviate traffic congestion. Chicago is now at \$0.67 per ride, which does not seem to be dramatically impacting business, given that the principal consumers have significant disposable income. On this issue, the city and the state must work together.

A study by MAPC suggests that transportation network companies are actually damaging our public transportation system by drawing away

passengers and revenues, and also are responsible for the extraordinary increase in traffic of which so many complain. A study in New York City found likewise, as did another in San Francisco. A recent study by Bruce Schaller, as reported in Commonwealth Magazine, confirms that what many thought would be part of the solution has become part of the problem. “About 60 percent of ride-hail car users in large, dense cities would have taken public transportation, walked, biked or not made the trip,” Schaller writes in The New Automobility: Lyft, Uber and the Future of American Cities.

The new economy 100 years ago was dominated by the automobile. Boston changed laws to accept that change. Today’s new economy is dominated by technology. How should government respond to be sure that those who benefit shall reimburse the public for the governmental investments in support of which all of us have been taxed?

In our goal to be accepting of technologically-driven change, we cannot permit the disruptive economy to disrupt solely for the benefit of the few. We must tame technology. Encouraging competition cannot enable chaos. Laws must be enforced.

Lawrence S. DiCara is an attorney, a native of Dorchester and a former Boston city councillor.

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Dorchester's Chili Cook-off, an annual event to support the Dorchester Day events, is set for Sunday, March 24 from 4-7 p.m. at IBEW Hall on Freeport Street. Admission is \$20 per person and \$30 for families of up to four people.

ST. ANN \$10K DINNER ON MARCH 29

St. Ann Neponset will host its 35th annual \$10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are \$150 for a numbered ticket and \$50 for a companion ticket. Gpo to stannsbrendan.com/10k-dinner or call 617-436-0310 or email saintannoffice@gmail.com.

CHARBO'S RUN RETURNS ON MARCH 24

Charbo's Run – a five-mile road race held in memory of State Trooper Mark S. Charbonnier, returns on Sun., March 24 after a 15-year hiatus. The race will take place from 11-3 p.m. and the post-race festivities will continue from 3-4 p.m. To sign up for the run and for further information, visit Charbosrun.com.

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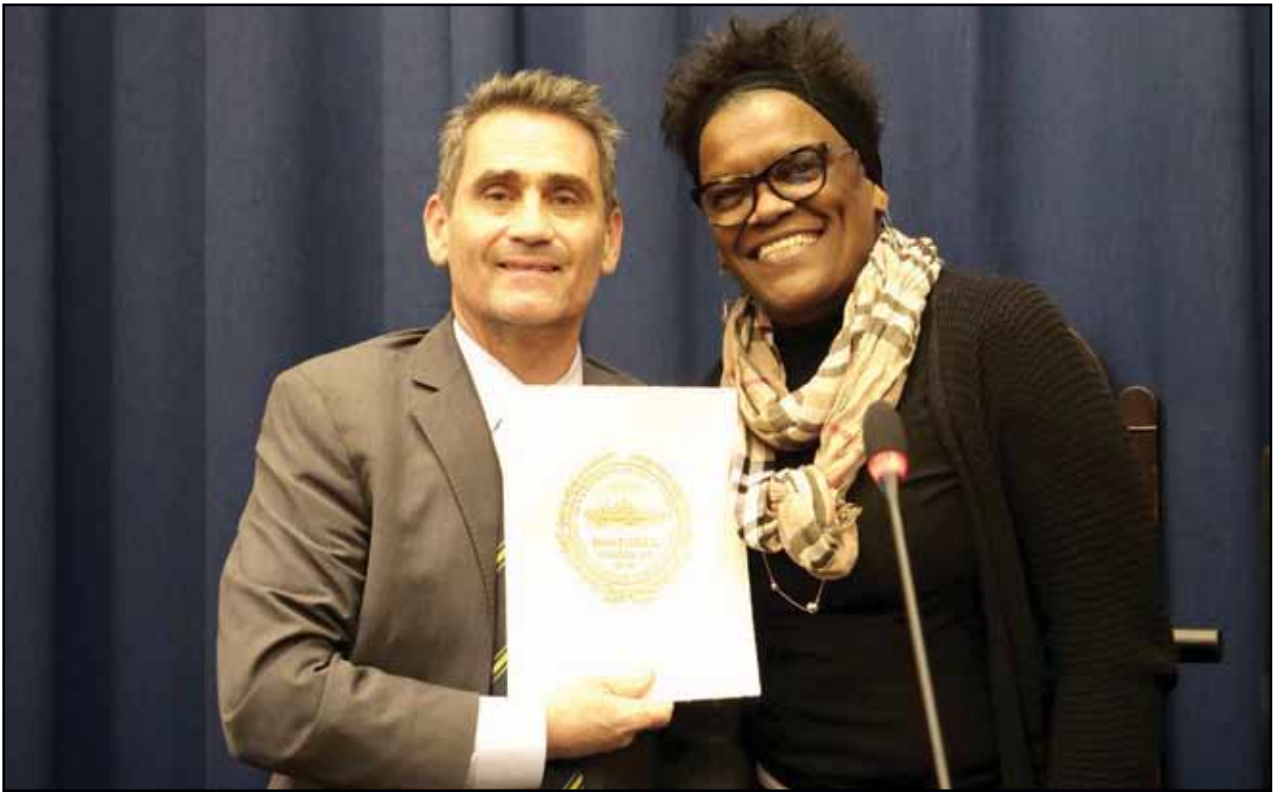
The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services hosts a regular monthly meeting on Wed., March 20 at 6 p.m. at Mildred Ave Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave, Mattapan.

DOTFEST SET FOR APRIL 11 AT DOTHOUSE HEALTH

Join DotHouse Health in celebrating community life in Dorchester's Fields Corner neighborhood and one of the best community-based health and social services organizations in the City of Boston. The celebration will take place on Thurs., April 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at DotHouse Health. For more information, please visit DotFest.org.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP AT UPHAMS CORNER HEALTH

A breastfeeding support group meeting is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30



Councillor Frank Baker honored Queenie Santos for her 25 years of dedication and commitment to the Walter Denney Youth Center in Harbor Point, as well as her love and compassion for the children and families of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester during the Boston City Council's Black History Month event.

Photo courtesy Councillor Baker's office

pm at the Upham's Corner Health Center at 415 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.

BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)

Free Family Gym Program is back for the spring season (through April 13). Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. Children and adults

move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. Families can jump rope, play on an obstacle course, do the limbo, or play parachute games or sports. No pre-registration required however caregivers must participate and remain in the gym with their children at all times. Thanks to a partnership with Northeastern University, student volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Family Gym is sponsored by The Foundation for BCYF, Boston Children's Hospital, and Northeastern University. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.

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Ages	Dates	Times
5 yrs & 6 yrs	March 10, 24	10 am - 11 am
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Date	Group	Time
March 3	Last Names A-I	8:00 - 9:00 am
	Last Names J-Q	9:00 -10:00 am
	Last Names R-Z	10:00 - 11:00 am
March 10	Last Names J-Q	8:00 - 9:00 am
	Last Names R-Z	9:00 - 10:00 am
	Last Names A-I	10:00 - 11:00 am
March 17	Last Names R-Z	8:00 - 9:00 am
	Last Names A-I	9:00 - 10:00 am
	Last Names J-Q	10:00 - 11:00 am
March 24	Last Names A-I	8:00 - 9:00 am
	Last Names J-Q	9:00 - 10:00 am
	Last Names R-Z	10:00 - 11:00 am

Ages 13-16 Evaluations - Marina Bay Sportsplex (Quincy)		
All Players	March 3, 10, 17, 24	11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, April 1 – Teams announced and players contacted by coaches. April 20 – Opening Day





# ‘I just have to stay standing’

## Kendric Price— shot to death on Greenwood Street— was coach, youth worker

By JEROME CAMPBELL  
WBUR REPORTER

The phone wouldn’t stop ringing for Carol Price. A seemingly endless stream of well-wishers called her every five minutes. When they couldn’t reach her, they called her mother.

They called Monday to offer support and prayers after her 32-year-old son, Kendric Price, was fatally shot early Saturday at 12 Greenwood St. in Dorchester — just down the street from her home. Police have not found the gunman and are looking for witnesses.

Meanwhile, Carol Price tried to stay focused on her son’s funeral.

“I just have to stay standing,” she said. “Stay vertical and keep it moving. I can’t just sit down and give up.”

Her focus keeps her going. She fills her time with tasks like arranging the funeral and cleaning her house after guests. The dizzying feat keeps her from crying, she said.

“The moment that I’m not busy, that’s when I start breaking down,” said Price, adding that she had cried for half an hour earlier in the day.



Kendric Price, center, is shown in a 2006 photo when he was a player on the Michigan team. AP photo

“It was scary because I felt like I couldn’t stop.”

The last time she saw Kendric was late Friday, when he had gotten off work. Her son had told her that he wasn’t going out. Shortly before 3 a.m., she received a call from a neighbor who was asking about Kendric. Police were on the street and neighbors knew the victim was tall like her son.

She didn’t see him in his room, so she walked

toward the flashing police lights down the street. She just had a feeling.

“I’m like, ‘You know what, I know I’m going to find out some information that I don’t want to find out.’ But I had to go,” the mother said, starting to cry. “But I knew when I got there, I knew that it wasn’t going to be good.”

She asked officers to describe what the victim was wearing. It was jeans, nice sneakers and

a checkered shirt — her son’s typical attire. Detectives said the victim had been shot in a garage attached to a house.

“When they called me to confirm that it was him, I already knew, but I was hoping that it wasn’t going to be him,” she said.

Days later, Price said the house feels strange without her son. He would always make her laugh and call her random names like “Melma,” just to be funny.

The towering man also had a love of basketball that developed on a court just down the street from his house. Price said he loved it so much that he would occasionally sneak out to play.

“If I came looking for him at the basketball court,” she said, “his friends would actually hide him. They’d be like, ‘Your mom’s coming, your mom’s coming’ and hide him behind the big dumpster that was up there.”

He went on to become a standout player at Buckingham Browne & Nichols School in Cambridge. He then received

an athletic scholarship at the University of Michigan.

One of his former teammates at Michigan, Jevohn Shepherd, remembered Price as a jokester on the court.

“Whenever I would get knocked down, Kendric would run by and ask, ‘Are you gonna stay on the floor?’ and keep playing,” said Shepherd. “It would always make me laugh.”

Shepherd also said Price helped him develop as a man.

“We were young men figuring it out life together,” he said. “He really made that transition easier on me. I have to admit, he was a better man than me.”

After Price graduated, he played in the NBA D-League with the Harlem Wizards. More recently, he served as an assistant coach for basketball teams at UMass Boston and Roxbury Community College.

But Carol Price said sports was not his only talent. He also played the piano.

Perhaps Price’s most notable gift was his community service. He had

started an organization to teach kids business and finance. His inspiration was his childhood friend, Steven Odom, who was killed when he was 13 — also by gunfire.

Price said she had comforted Odom’s parents when their son died. Sadly, now they had a chance to return the kindness.

“[Odom’s father] came over and embraced me yesterday,” Price said. “They knew what I was going through and now I knew what they went through.”

On a Monday afternoon, the ringing eventually proved too much for Price and she had to leave. She fretted over setting an ideal date for the funeral so everybody could come. She said funeral planning isn’t something she’s unfamiliar with.

“I’ve lost a lot of people in my life now,” Price said. “Brothers and sisters. This is the toughest one.”

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# Jassy Correia’s murder should put focus on male predators

(Continued from page 1)

Jassy Correia’s violent death has also triggered a fierce debate on social media and around households about “girl code” — with many questioning why Jassy’s friends didn’t ensure that she made it home safely. While these may be valid questions, they deviate from the main problem at hand: the threat of violence women face every day at the hands of male predators, hardly a new menace for our communities.

In the past two months, two 23-year-old women

have been kidnapped outside of city nightclubs. The events have forced women in our community to be hyper-alert even in moments of celebration like going out to ring in a birthday.

State Rep. Liz Miranda, who represents Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods and — like Correia — is also a woman of Cape Verdean descent, said that she sees pieces of herself in Jassy Correia.

“Often even in our [women’s] deaths, we are blamed and shamed for the actions of those

who harm us, said Rep. Miranda. “Our bodies feel like liabilities and often we live in constant fear of what may happen when we choose to have agency over our own bodies.”

“Every day in our country and around the world girls and women are harassed, abused, brutalized and killed for just being female,” said Rep. Miranda.

Sheena Collier, founder of The Collier Connection and a former Dorchester resident, said the online reaction blaming Correia’s friends for

her death is misplaced.

“In cases of violence against women, women often struggle to have compassion for each other because often we don’t have it for ourselves,” she said. “Unfortunately, many of us have experienced some sort of violation and are often quick to assign ourselves blame because if it isn’t our fault, then what does that mean about the other people in our lives? Or what is acceptable in our culture? It is a scary thing to face.”

Aside from punishing her killer, true justice for Jassy Correia and the countless victims just like her must include shifting the old narrative of victim-blaming towards questioning the role our culture and

society has played in enabling male predators to target and commit brutal attacks against young women.

Linda Wells, a Dorchester woman known as the Wellness Warrior for her work in promoting wellness and healing emphasized that, “being female isn’t criminal.”

“Women shouldn’t have to alter their behavioral patterns because men don’t have self-control,” said Wells. “Let’s pause, reflect and stop blaming women for the behavior of violent men.”

No matter what form of punishment Coleman faces, preventing future tragedies like Correia’s death lie in changing our culture, online conversations, and neighborhoods to stop thinking that women have control



Louis Coleman III

over being randomly attacked. We not only owe it to Jassy Correia and her mourning family and friends, but to the overall healing of our communities in an effort to end violence against women, period.

Jessica Pierre is a resident of Dorchester.

## Report: Correia was victim of prior assault

Jassy Correia, the 23-year-old mother who was kidnapped and killed last week, survived a vicious and violent kidnapping and beating at the hands of her child’s father last January, the *Lawrence Eagle Tribune* reports.

According to the *Tribune*, Correia texted the mother of Miguel A. Castro on Jan. 28, 2018, “You need to help me. Miguel won’t let me leave. Don’t call him. He’ll kill me.”

A photo accompanying the text apparently showed the then-22-year-old with bruised eyes, blood-tinged tears running down her face, her nose distorted and her mouth so swollen it would not close. She had suffered a broken nose and fractured orbital bone, the *Tribune* reported court papers showed.

Castro is the father of Correia’s daughter, born in December 2016. He was charged with the crime of mayhem,

the intentional disfigurement of someone, multiple assault counts, and kidnapping. He was found guilty Salem Superior Court jury on Jan. 14 of kidnapping, witness intimidation and attempting to lie to police.

Officers went to Castro’s Lawrence apartment at 210 Phillips St. after Castro’s mother called them, worried about Correia’s safety. Police found Correia during an apartment search, badly injured and hiding under a staircase, the *Tribune* said the judge’s findings said.

Correia did not cooperate in the trial, refusing to testify and not responding to a summons reportedly after phone contact with Castro. The judge sentenced Castro to 4 1/2 to five years in state prison, followed by three years of probation. Among the conditions was that he have no contact with Correia, who was living in a Lynn emergency shelter at the time of her death.

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# Walsh allots \$26m to preserve, build affordable homes

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF**

Mayor Walsh last week directed that \$26 million in funding from the Department of Neighborhood Development, the Neighborhood Housing Trust, and the city's Community Preservation Fund be put toward creating and preserving 515 units of housing in neighborhoods across the city of Boston, including nearly 100 in Dorchester and Mattapan.

Some of the funding is meant to preserve 56

transit-oriented affordable units in Dorchester's Dudley Terrace, a cluster of four properties in Savin Hill and Uphams Corner developed by Dorchester Bay EDC in 2002.

According to the announcement, the properties at Dudley Terrace "will be rehabilitated to address immediate health and safety issues and critical systems upgrades." The report added: "Through this redevelopment, the developer hopes to add

additional homeless set-aside and supportive housing units."

Money will also be used in the construction of 40 units of mixed-income housing at Morton Station Village, a 45,000-square-foot development located across the street from the Morton Street trolley station that was approved in October of last year.

The project is set to bring 31 rental units for households with incomes of 30 to 100 percent AMI (area median income)

and 9 deed-restricted condominium units for households with incomes of 80 to 100 percent AMI to a site at 872 Morton St. The development will include a serenity garden to be built in honor of Steven P. Odom, a 13-year-old Dorchester boy who was shot and killed in 2007.

In total, the funding is intended to preserve 290 affordable units across the city that will be restricted to households with low, moderate, and middle incomes.

"As Boston continues to grow, we want to make sure everyone has a place to call home, no matter their income," said Walsh in a press release. "It's important now more than ever that we use every tool in our toolbox to build more housing for working families in our city. This announcement is a great example of how we're building strong partnerships in the housing community to create more affordable housing options across all of our neighborhoods."

# MassDevelopment bond jump-starts Codman Sq. project

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF**

The Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) plans to preserve 21 units of affordable housing and build an additional 19 at two Dorchester multi-family housing facilities were given a major boost last week in the form of a \$10 million bond issued by MassDevelopment to Talbot Commons I Limited Partnership, a CSNDC affiliate.

The corporation will renovate three units and construct another 15 units at Talbot Station, a housing development situated at Mallard Avenue and New Eng-

land Avenue in Codman Square. It will also renovate 18 units and build an additional 4 units at Norfolk Terrace, a development located less than a mile to the south, at the corner of Norfolk Street and Norfolk Terrace.

In total, the collabora-

tive project spearheaded by the Codman Square NDC and the state's finance and development agency will secure 40 units of affordable housing in the Codman Square neighborhood.

"Codman Square NDC is pleased to work with MassDevelopment on

financing for our Talbot Commons 1 Limited Partnership," said executive director Gail Latimore. "We look forward to bringing these 40 units of much needed affordable housing to Dorchester as part of our anti-displacement strategy in the face

of rapidly increasing housing costs. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners in the city and state to break ground this spring on this project."

According to Latimore, work on the project could begin in April.

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3. **Counsel for the Minor:** the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.  
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## Community Meeting

### Upham's Corner Implementation:

# Arts & Innovation District

Thursday, March 7  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

650 Dudley St  
The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc  
Corps Community Center  
Dorchester, MA 02125

#### Event Description

Please celebrate with us on March 7th, 2019 at 5pm as we prepare to release the Upham's Corner Requests for Proposals. The City of Boston and DSNI have been working together with the Upham's Corner Working Advisory Group and the community at large to plan for the future of the Strand Theatre and the Upham's Corner Branch Library along with the creation of new affordable housing and commercial space. The three Requests for Proposals have been shaped by the Upham's Corner Implementation community process, which began in October 2017, building off of previous community initiatives.

Light food, refreshments and interpretation services will be provided.

**Contact:**  
Andrew Grace  
Boston Planning & Development Agency  
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201  
617.635.2978 | andrew.grace@boston.gov

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



Dorchester Historical Society  
195 Boston Street

Sunday, March 10, 2019  
2 p.m.

## Boston in the American Revolution

For nearly a year between 1775 and 1776, Boston was a town under siege. Heightened tension made life frightening and unstable for all trapped in the town, including Loyalists, British soldiers, and rebels. Join the Dorchester Historical Society for our March program featuring Brooke Barbier, author of *Boston in the American Revolution: A Town versus an Empire*, as she discusses what led to the siege, what life was like during the siege and how Boston was ultimately liberated on March 17, known today as Evacuation Day.

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# Neighborhood Notables

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**FUN IN THE TROPICS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO**

Longing for an island getaway? Escape to the Tropics with the Zoo’s young professionals group, The Wild Things, at Franklin Park Zoo on Sat., March 23 at 5 p.m. Join us in your best luau gear as you dance and limbo your way through the Tropical Forest with friends. Watch the ring-tail lemurs as they discover tropical themed enrichment in their decorated exhibit, and don’t miss special opportunities to meet some of the Zoo’s animal ambassadors. Join Zoo staff to learn more about the free-flight birds, including scarlet ibis, yellow-billed storks, hadada ibis and more! This is a 21+ event and includes one drink ticket, appetizers and a cash beer and wine bar. Western lowland gorillas, pygmy hippopotamus, and a Linne’s two-toed sloth are just a few of the animals that call the 72 degree Tropical Forest home. Proceeds from Fun in the Tropics will support the operation and continued growth of Zoo New England, its education programs and conservation initiatives. The Wild Things member price is \$25. For non-members, early bird tickets cost \$30 until March 8. After March 8, tickets will cost \$40. See franklinparkzoo.org for more info.

**BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP**

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

**POLICE DISTRICT C-11**

Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The Party Line phone number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week.

**POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS**

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

**APPLE GROVE ASSOC.**

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

**ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattiasmont@gmail.com.

**ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.**

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

**ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP**

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you’ve read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konowitz at klil@hotmail.com.

**ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday

of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

**CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.**

Meetings are held in the St. Brendan’s Father Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

**CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.**

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

**CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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

**COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSOC.**

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

**DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 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.

**FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.**

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@gmail.com .

**WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-8p.m. at VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.

**JONES HILL ASSOC.**

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.com. Information can be found on joneshill.com.

**EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.**

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

**DORCHESTER UNIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Please join the DUN Association contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and phone to DUNAssociation@gmail.com or 617-901-4919.

**FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.**

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

**GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

**HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.**

Hancock Street Civic meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at the community room of 530 Columbia Rd, Dorchester. https://sites.google.com/view/hsca02125/ for more info.

**HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS WATCH**

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

**LINDEN/ELLSWORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH**

For info, call 617-288-0818.

**LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.**

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

**MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSOC.**

Meetings are held at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. More online at McCormackCivic.org. Please bring ID for proof of residency within association boundaries. Dues are \$5 or \$10. Questions, please e-mail McCormackCivic@gmail.com.

**MELVILLE PARK CIVIC ASSOC.**

Monthly meeting is held the third Thursday of each month at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre Street/Shawmut T, 2nd floor library, from 6:30 p.m.- 8p.m. Meetings are generally not held in July and August.

**MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSOC.**

The Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association meets monthly at the First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St. Dorchester. Their next meeting will be on Wed., Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Contact civic president Shirley Jones at joness713@msn.com.

**PEABODY SLOPE ASSOC.**

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

**POPE’S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

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

**PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSOC.**

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

**ST. MARK’S AREA CIVIC ASSOC.**

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

**WEST SELDEN ST. & VICINITY ASSOC.**

The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

**FRIENDS OF RONAN PARK**

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

**CARNEY HOSPITAL’S PROGRAMS**

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

**BASE OFFERS SOFTBALL FOR GIRLS**

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

**ADAMS ST. LIBRARY**

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



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# UMass' Meehan says new 'online college' to launch

BY MATT MURPHY  
STATE HOUSE NEWS  
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University of Massachusetts President Marty Meehan laid out a plan on Monday to create a new "online college" for adult students that he said could become the system's bulwark against increasing financial pressures on college campuses caused by competition for fewer college-aged students.

Meehan, in his annual speech to state leaders and the university community, said that in the coming months he would be meeting with senior officials and faculty on all five of the university's campuses to plan a "new online college focused solely on adult learners." He hopes the online college will gain a national profile.

The college, as described by Meehan, will offer degree completion programs, "rapid response" to workforce demand and customized credential programs for employers.

Meehan said he presented the university board of trustees last fall with a model for the online college that would "allow us to rapidly scale this platform through strategic partnerships, while implementing best practices in digital education for adult learners." The revenue generated from the online programs will be returned to the campuses, he said.

"The time for us to act is now," Meehan said.

Meehan spoke at the UMass Club before an audience of a couple hundred, including political, business and university leaders. UMass is "strong," he said, but will require "resolute action" to preserve that strength.

In his remarks, Meehan did not comment on UMass Amherst's controversial acquisition of Mount Ida College in Newton, nor the search for a new chancellor at UMass Boston, which was abandoned after faculty revolted over the finalists selected for the position. Both issues generated a slew of headlines over the past year, and a search for a permanent Boston campus leader has been put on ice for now as interim Chancellor Katherine Newman, who came from the president's office, continues to lead the campus.

UMass Board of Trustees Chairman Rob Manning acknowledged that Meehan had been "beat up" in the press, but defended the Mount Ida move, in particular, and said UMass would be in position to make future acquisitions as they present themselves if they add value to the system.

"UMass stepped in and



UMass President Marty Meehan gave his annual "State of the University" speech Monday at the UMass Club on Beacon Hill.

Sam Doran/SHNS photo

saved that institution," Manning said. "No one could have ever done what we did to help those students and their families and we picked up an asset."

Meehan, after his speech, said UMass wanted to be in a position to "play a positive role" as the higher education sector goes through a period of upheaval, but when asked specifically about the idea of acquiring Hampshire College, which is facing possible closure, he said, "No, we're not looking at Hampshire College."

"Whether or not a university would acquire another university is a complex process that one goes through so that is not something I have seen any data on that would make me believe that would be good for UMass at this point, but it's early in the process," Meehan said.

Meehan, who has led the university since 2015, made online learning a focal point of his "State of the University" address in 2018 as well. His proposal for an online college comes as state lawmakers are just beginning to consider funding levels for the next fiscal year, but Meehan said UMass did not yet have a projected budget for the online college, and would likely borrow the money to get it off the ground and repay that loan once the program starts generating revenue.

With Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito among those in the audience, Meehan thanked Baker for proposing to fully fund the state's share of university union contracts, but said he also supports the "Cherish Act," a bill that calls for an investment of an additional \$500 million in public higher education.

The bill, offered by Sen. Jo Comerford and Reps. Paul Mark and Sean Garballey and backed by a coalition of labor and education advocacy groups, would

require the state to fund public higher education at inflation-adjusted levels equivalent to those from fiscal 2001, and would freeze campus tuition and fees for five years.

"I will continue to advocate for any reasonable measure seeking to preserve the promise of affordable higher education and remove the albatross of debt from our students," Meehan said.

Citing the Federal Reserve Bank, he said that state funding for public higher education has decreased 12.5 percent since 2008 when adjusted for inflation.

"The equation is simple: As costs go up and state support fails to keep pace with inflation, we are forced to make cuts that impact the student experience, and students and their families pay and borrow more," Meehan said. He did not discuss whether he would be recommending tuition and fee

increases for next year.

Baker's budget proposal for fiscal 2020 budget would increase spending for the University of Massachusetts system by \$37.2 million to \$562.7 million, for state universities by \$10.9 million to \$273.5 million, and for community colleges by \$5.9 million to \$294.5 million.

Baker also recommended a new \$100 million trust fund aimed at reducing costs for students entering public colleges and universities.

Regional foothold  
While Meehan described funding as the "most important" issue facing the university, he described a "looming demographic crisis" that would put further pressure on campus as capacity and demand fall further out of sync.

Meehan said declining birth rates during the last recession will lead to a "dramatic" drop in the number of college-aged people in New England starting in 2026, reducing the potential pool of enrollees by 32,000 to 54,000 in a region with the highest concentration of colleges in the country.

"Make no mistake. This is an existential threat to entire sectors of higher education," Meehan said.

Repeating his prediction that more colleges and universities will close or merge, Meehan said UMass is in "a better position than most" to compete for fewer students due to the combination of quality, affordability and scale.

The online college, Meehan said, is one way that UMass can create a new revenue stream to help keep tuition and fees affordable while also helping the state address a skills gap for employees and a shortage of workers who meet the needs of employers.

Full-time and part-time online degree programs for students pursuing bachelor's or master's degrees will continue, but the online college will allow UMass to expand into a market for adults that other universities are already tapping, Meehan said. He noted that more than 20 percent, or approximately 1 million people in Massachusetts, have some college credit, but no degree.

"Out-of-state institutions without our same reputation for academic excellence are enrolling adult learners in Massachusetts in the types of programs we seek to offer," Meehan said.

He specifically cited Southern New Hamp-

shire University, which enrolls 15,000 Massachusetts residents. He also said Purdue Global and Penn State World Campus are recruiting in Massachusetts, and Arizona State and the University of Maryland have shown that it's possible to scale online platforms quickly.

"It's predicted that over the next several years four to five national players with strong regional footholds will be established," Meehan said. "And we intend to be one of them."

After the speech, Gov. Baker said UMass has already done well developing its online offerings on the individual campuses, and said the push to reach adult learners looking to continue their education or receive training for new work opportunities makes sense.

"I think it's a hugely important part of the future of higher education," Baker said. "If you look at any of the data, it all says that learning going forward, especially for adults, is going to need to be a continuous exercise. Most people, as president Meehan said, have jobs and families and need to be able to fit this in in a way that works for them."

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You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on **03/27/2019**.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
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By MAUREEN FORRY-SORRELL  
REPORTER STAFF

Yes, we know we haven't even had April vacation yet, but have you started thinking about Summer Camp options? Don't be like us at the Kids Menu and find yourself scrambling last minute for stuff to do close to home.

## KIDS MENU

VietAid has announced that applications are currently being accepted for the 2019 Viet Aid Summer Program until Friday, March 15. Preference will be given to BPS English language learners and the program will have a heavy focus on leadership and community building. You can pick up applications at the VietAID office at 2 Charles St. For more info, email [youthprogram@vietaid.org](mailto:youthprogram@vietaid.org)

BC High has also announced their Summer Program registration for kids (boys and girls) in grades 5-12. This program offers academic courses, sports clinics,

and tons of fun stuff to make the most of the long summer days. For more information and to register, go to [bchigh.edu/summer](http://bchigh.edu/summer).

**Calling all writers!** Submissions for Write on the DOT are currently being accepted until March 15. They are accepting creative writing from Dorchester writers in the form of prose, poetry, short stories and art. If you've dreamed of being published, now is your chance! For more info (and more events) check out [writeonthedot.com](http://writeonthedot.com)

**Save the Dates** We know March has started off chilly, but there is Chili in the forecast! Dorchester's Chili Cook-off, an annual event to support the Dorchester Day events, will be held Sunday, March 24 from 4-7 p.m. at IBEW Hall on Freeport Street. Admission is \$20 per person and \$30 for families of up to four people.

"DotFest: A Community Carnival" is a can't miss event that benefits DotHouse Health. This year's event on Thurs., April 11 will honor

Deputy Superintendent of Boston Police, Nora Baston.

Below is a calendar of fun events for your family to enjoy around the neighborhood:

- Fri., March 8: Family Movie Night at Standish Village. Featuring "The Incredibles 2" and popcorn at 6 p.m. at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams Street.

- Sat., March 9: Green- O'Leary School of Irish Dancers at the JFK Library. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with modern and traditional styles of Irish dance. The event will take place from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

- Sun., March 17: Join in a St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Standish Village. Big Smile Entertainment presents their "The Magic of Ireland" show at 1 p.m. at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams Street.

- Thurs., March 21: Youth Justice League Presents... Open Mic Night. Come enjoy pizza



The City of Boston Credit Union was one of more than two dozen local civic and business groups that participated in last year's Chili Cook Off to benefit the Dorchester Day Parade. This year's event will be held on Sun., March 24 from 4-7 p.m. at IBEW Hall.

and an open mic night at the Grove Hall Branch Library (41 Geneva Ave.). Hosted by Dzidzor Azaglo, come share your latest lyrics or poems and meet representatives from local organizations including Year Up, ABCD, Planned Parenthood and more! For teens ages 12-18.

- Fri., March 29: St. Ann's \$10K Dinner. St. Ann Neponset will host its 35th annual \$10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic

HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are \$150 for a numbered ticket and \$50 for a companion ticket. Go to [stannstbrendan.com/10k-dinner](http://stannstbrendan.com/10k-dinner) or call 617-436-0310 or email [saintannoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintannoffice@gmail.com).

Sat., March 30: Peace Cup hockey tourney to benefit Team MR8. The 2019 Peace Cup

will be held at the Canton Sportsplex on Sat., March 30 at 12 p.m. A post-game celebration and neighborhood fundraiser will be held at 7 p.m. at the McKeon Post on Hilltop Street in Dorchester. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration for the hockey tournament is open until Saturday, March 23. \$125 tax-deductible donations will be accepted on game day. (For more, see story on page 7.)

# Collins readies the holiday breakfast table in new venue

By JENNIFER SMITH  
NEWS EDITOR

The bagpipes are getting closer, along with the dulcet tones of the Massachusetts political class, because the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast is just a few weeks off.

Set for the Flynn Cruiseport in the Seaport District on March 17, State Sen. Nick Collins will host the annual event of good-natured political jabs, cringe worthy jokes, and the dual celebration of Boston's Irish community and Evacuation Day, the commemoration of the 1776 ousting of the British forces.

After an in-between year took the breakfast from the larger convention center back to the local Ironworkers Hall, Collins is taking the breakfast to a new location at the Cruiseport. Navy ships and a harbor view will be the background to a local tradition dating back to the early 20th century.

Performances will pepper the event, including a group of multi-instrumentalist sisters with Donegal roots from the Celtic Sojourn. "The ladies will rule the roost that day," Collins said, tipping his hat to the women behind the scenes like seasoned event planner Dusty Rhodes, former Sen. Jack Hart's chief of staff Jennifer Jackson, and the breakfast's most recent Senator host, Linda Dorcena Forry.

"I'm excited about having a good celebration to remind us all about our roots, and how we're all Irish on St. Patrick's Day, but we all have immigrant roots, even the British," Collins said with a laugh.

"We're a center for politics in the U.S.," he said. "Democratic politics and empowerment of immigrant communities and social and economic upward mobility, and I think we still represent that. And in a city that

on March 17, 1776 evacuated the British out of the city, never to be back again, represented the end of tyranny in the U.S. and the beginning of self-government and self-rule."

The breakfast features the gamut of Massachusetts politicians every year, and this March will be no different leading into a busy presidential election season.

"We celebrate that at the breakfast with political leaders from the city and state, and we're likely to see some national figures here this year, given what's on the horizon in 2020, so that should be fun," Collins said.

Many of the guests are old hats at the event, but expect to hear from rising politicians like U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, newly elected Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins, and the Bay State's 2020 presidential hopeful, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren.



State Sen. Nick Collins

But for those still thinking wistfully of Mayor Martin Walsh's 2016 video skit, wrapped in faux fur and singing Adele songs toward Gov. Charlie Baker, the full-scale breakfast will look different this year. No videos, Collins said, but there will be a run of parody songs and banter from the dais as electeds channel their best inner stand-up comedians.

"It's using some of the cool parts of the Irish culture, using laughter and song to keep it going along," Collins said, "and we show you can get together even when you have disagreements and have some fun. We want to be funny if we can be and witty if we can be, but nice, not mean."

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# Hearing drills down on expanding access to city’s exam schools

By JENNIFER SMITH  
NEWS EDITOR

Disproportionately low percentages of students of color in Boston’s lauded exam schools prompted a City Council hearing on Tuesday, where councillors probed school officials and experts from non-profits and educational advocacy groups on the barriers to entry and possible solutions.

Co-sponsored by Council President Andrea Campbell and Councillor Kim Janey, the two-and-a-half-hour hearing delved into data for Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, and the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics & Science. The city’s three exam schools all accept students from grades 7 to 9, though the O’Bryant will also accept students for grade 10 contingent on space, solely based on middle school student performance on the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) and grade point average.

Demographically, the schools are not reflective of the larger BPS student body. Black and Hispanic students are 75 percent of the student body as a whole, but only 40 percent of the exam schools in all and 20 percent of Boston Latin School.

“These are not new



Interim Superintendent Laura Perille

conversations,” said Janey at the hearing. “These are conversations that have been happening for years now.”

Arising from a 2016 School Committee decision that called for revisions to the exam school entrance requirements to “increase opportunities for students of color,” a working group is rolling out policies to increase the number of applicants of color and address systemic barriers, said Interim Superintendent Laura Perille.

The ISEE, the council submits, disadvantages students who are unable to prepare for it inde-

pendently, as it includes information not found in the normal 5th or 6th grade BPS curriculum. A more holistic process drawing from MCAS scores and other metrics would lead to greater access to the elite schools, according to a 2018 study from the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Perille reviewed four recommendations to improve admittance rates for Black and Hispanics students: using a top percentage for students by zip code, a top percentage by elementary schools, a holistic model that ranks students by a

variety of factors, or use a BPS specific test.

“We have been looking at all of those,” Perille said, adding: “Some of these are complicated proposals that really are very large citywide conversations and also looks into logistically, legally, all of those things, how would you make some of the big changes? For instance, conversations around percentages. While those conversations are happening and we think those are important conversations, our strategies have been aimed at things we can do right now to address reducing barriers and increasing access.”

One program “in mid-stream right now” that should help with test taking is a pre-registration protocol that identifies students “that have a high potential of making it into the exam school,” said Colin Rose, assistant superintendent for opportunity and achievement gaps, but also allow an opt-in for those who are not on that list and an opt-out for those on the list that are not interested.

“We’re attempting to be conscious of the fact that we’re introducing another test for students, and so I think it’s for that reason that the team has thought carefully about

this,” Perille said.

Elaborating on Rose’s point, Perille said “BPS has begun using a broader set of criteria, so we’re no longer relying on — for those of you are familiar — the Terra Nova test you take in third grade that sends you to into advanced work class, looking at a range of MCAS statistics, disaggregated, as well as grades to cast the broadest possible net to identify students who would then be strong.”

Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George raised a question on the frequency of students who are on disability or special needs programs who are accepted to exam schools but are not able to stay. “We’ve received phone calls in my office about that, and I think it’s because the special ed services aren’t happening in a satisfactory way at the exam schools,” Essaibi-George said.

Two of the three exam schools are in Janey’s district, and she said she is “encouraged” by some of the efforts made to expand the exam school applicant pool. She asked a panel including Rev. Willie Bodrick II if they had a favorite improvement from the four listed recommendations.

They all said a holistic model is called for, and

emphasized the school district’s responsibility to help invest in extra-curriculars if those are going to be taken into account.

“I think we need to think critically about how do we comprehensively support and fund the realities of our young people,” Bodrick said. “And if we’re going to have the conversation about how to move toward a holistic model, we also need to have a conversation around a budgetary response to these issue where we know there are huge inequities and gaps as well.”

Campbell said after the meeting that they are watching existing short-term solutions like “adjusting grade configurations, so BPS students are not at a disadvantage against their private school counterparts,” and making the ISEE available to all fifth and sixth graders and administered in their schools.

On the long-term front, Campbell said it will be an ongoing conversation with BPS.

“I just want the administration to have a sense of timeline and deadline for the community for when this will actually happen,” she said.



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**BGCD Members Travel to Wachusett Mountain for Ski Trip:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members traveled to Mt. Wachusett to take part in a day of skiing with our friends at Elevate Youth. Participating members were provided all of the equipment and then proceeded to get lessons from the Elevate Youth staff before heading out to the slopes.

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For more information on our winter programming please contact Brendan McDonald at [bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org).

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Members will be asked to fill out one survey between now and April 12 during regular Club hours. For more information please contact Mike Joyce at [mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org).

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For any questions regarding the event please contact Katie Russo at [krusso@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:krusso@bgcdorchester.org) or at 617-288-7120.

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March 16

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Girls Empower Event at EMK Institute  
March 16





**BGCD Members of the Walter Denney Youth Center participated in a "Living Museum" performance last week in celebration of Black History Month.**



**CAPUTO, Judith T.** “Jude” of South Boston. Daughter of Margaret “Margie “ A. (Hughes) Caputo of South Boston and the late Charles T. Caputo. Sister of Susan Hudgens, her husband Bruce of FL. Mom of her dog Fergus. Also survived by two nephews, one niece, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Jude was a graduate of San Francisco University.

**COLLINS, Carol R. (Harrington)** of Quincy., Wife of the late Jeremiah Collins. Mother of William Cain of SC. Sister of Anna Donoghue of Milton, Veronica Bouffard of CA, and the late Kevin Harrington, Paul Harrington, Barbara Callow, Ellen MacDonald-Jensen, and Marga-

ret Davis. Also survived by 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Contributions in Carol’s name may be sent to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

**HORNE, Michael** of Dorchester, 76. He was born and raised in Gulfport, Mississippi and attended the University of Mississippi, where he met his wife, Carole. After receiving his B.S. in 1965, he studied at Boston University with Abner Shimony, where he completed his Ph.D. in Physics in 1970. That fall he joined the faculty of Stonehill College where he taught until his death. He is survived by his wife, Carole Horne, his sister Miriam Northrop of

Memphis; his brother-in-law Paul Robinson, the widower of his sister Patsy Robinson, of Culman, AL; his sisters and brother-in-law Lynda (Hank) Thompson of Birmingham; Jennifer McKeown (Alice Defler); Larry McKeown (Paula Bright); Kate McKeown (Michael Bills), all of Boulder, CO; along with many nieces and nephews. Donations in his memory can be made to The Jazz Foundation of America’s program, The Cause, helping jazz musicians in need of services: jazzfoundation.org/the-cause

**HUTCHINS, Nancy Lillian (Hogan)** of Norwell, formerly of Weymouth. Nancy grew up the oldest of three siblings in Dorchester. She attended Monsignor Ryan Memorial High

School. While working at Howard Johnson’s, she met her husband Arthur J. Hutchins, to whom she was married for 54 years. Nancy and Arthur jointly owned and operated several restaurants over the years, most notably Justin’s Hearthside in Hanover. Nancy raised nine children of her own, but she was known universally as “Mommy.” She was the daughter of the late Richard and Lillian (Arno) Hogan; the sister of Richard Hogan and his wife Donna and the late Jack Hogan and his wife Peggy; and beloved wife of the late Arthur Hutchins. Mother of Linda Hutchins, Patricia Woodruff and her late husband Chuck, Christine Hirsch and her husband Steve, Maureen Keough and her husband Thomas, Geraldine Olson and her husband Ken, A. Justin Hutchins, III and his wife Tamara, Maria DaSilva and her husband Marcello, Paul Hutchins and his wife Susan, Nancy Toland and her husband Jay, her 23 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, along with countless other friends, and family Donations in memory of Nancy may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284.

**JAWORSKI, Irena (Ankiewicz)** in Dorchester. Wife of the late Miroslaw “Maurice” Jaworski. Mother of Elizabeth Wrobel-Szczesney, and her husband Chester Szczesney of Quincy. “Babci” of Edward and his wife Caryn Wrobel, and the late Mark Wrobel and his wife Michelle Wrobel. Great-grandmother of 8. Sister of Felicia Jakowicki of Dorchester, Veronica Russell of South Boston, and the late Genowefa Pokornicki. Survived by several nieces and nephews.

**MAHONEY, Thomas Joseph** age 82, of Milton. He leaves his wife Mary Arvin Mahoney, his three children, daughter Laurene Trout and her husband Tom, daughter Tracy Vaughan and her husband Richard, son Thomas Mahoney and

his wife Julianne, as well as seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Born in Boston, the only child of W. Leo and Mary Agnes Mahoney, Tom was a “double eagle,” graduating from BC High (54), where he was the captain of the basketball team and Boston College (58), where he was the Regimental Commander of his ROTC and 3rd in his class. Please consider a donation in Tom’s memory to the Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation, 601 Sherman Street, Canton, MA 02021.

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**PIETRASIK, Irene M. (Struzik)** age 91, of Billerica. Wife of the late Jan Pietrasik. Mother of John Pietrasik and his wife, Kathleen, of Bedford and Frank Pietrasik and his wife, Jo-Ann of Abington. Grandmother of 8, and great-grandmother of 3. Born and raised in South Boston, she lived in Billerica for over 40 years. Sister of the late Robert Struzik and Mary Weber. Late employee of Jordan Marsh and Macy’s credit department. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation at parkinson.org.

**QUINN, William P. “Bill,”** 89, of Bellingham. He was the husband of Mary I. (Andrews) Quinn, with whom he shared 61 years of marriage. Son of the late James P. and Margaret C. (Mallett) Quinn, he was a former resident of the South Shore, and Needham, before moving to Bellingham 19 years ago. He was raised and educated in Dorchester, and worked as a maintenance clerk for the post office in South Boston. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his children, Kathleen M. Knight and her husband Philip of Bellingham, Theresa A. Labitue and her husband Kevin of Florida, a brother Joseph Quinn of East Weymouth. He was the proud grandfather of 3. Also surviv-

ing are many nieces and nephews. Bill was the brother of the late James P., Richard F., Thomas Quinn, Margaret Gilbert, Rosemarie White & Eleanor Hernon. Donations in his memory may be sent to the United Spinal Association, 54 Nashua St., Milford, NH 03055.

**STONE, Sandra (White)** Wife of Frank Stone. Mother of Frank and Andrew all of Jamaica Plain. Daughter of Dorothy Lawler White of Dorchester and Raymond T. White of Rhode Island she was raised with her sister Barbara White Kelley in Dorchester. Graduate of Girl’s Latin School in 1964, Sandy won a full scholarship to Boston University, where she met her lifelong friend Margarita Muniz. Both went forward from BU to change/improve the Boston Public Schools. Sandy became a 4th and 5th grade teacher at the Agassiz School in Jamaica Plain. (now known as the Margarita Muniz Academy), while Margarita established the first two-way bilingual school in Boston which later became the Rafael Hernandez School near the Jamaica Plain/Roxbury line. After 15 years in the classroom, Sandy decided to become an English as a second language teacher. Sandy’s impact in the classroom can be best understood by the fact that her students were held to the same testing standards as native English speakers and were successful. This despite the fact that she had students with as many as 14 different native languages in her classroom at the same time. Gifts of remembrance in lieu of flowers to The Salvation Army would be appreciated.

**SULLIVAN, Arthur V. “Sully”** of Walpole, age 77. Husband of Kathleen A. (Sullivan) Sullivan. Father of Karen A. Drinkwater and her husband, Gerald, of Walpole, Gail M. Sarnie and her husband, George, of Walpole, William A. Sullivan and his fiancée, Dianna Cornetti, of Walpole, and Brian J. Sullivan and his wife, Colleen, of Walpole. Grandfather of nine. Son-in-law of the late William and Anne Sullivan. Brother of Paul Sullivan of Sandwich, the late Jean Boyle, and the late Ann Sullivan. Memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

**VLASTOS, George** of Dorchester. Husband of the late Georgia (Beldekas) Vlastos. Father of Gary Vlastos, and Spiro Vlastos and his fiancée Kimberly Lenane, all of Dorchester. Grandfather of Gianna and Catherine. Caring brother-in-law of Zoey Karoutos, Peter Beldekas, and Elpida “Hope” Zarkadas. Former proprietor of Joe Glynn Cleaners.



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# Tito Jackson: Cannabis shops would ‘lift communities that have been left behind’

By LISA MULLINS  
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WBUR REPORTERS

The rollout of the recreational marijuana industry in Massachusetts has been slow. And it has barely begun for two important sectors: minority entrepreneurs and residents of neighborhoods that have been disproportionately hurt by the war on drugs.

Those are people and places the new law was supposed to help. The law mandates equity programs to bring them into the business.

Take Mattapan, for example. More than 90 percent of the neighborhood’s residents are non-white. Three-quarters are black. The state says Mattapan residents were disproportionately arrested for possessing and selling pot when it was illegal.

“We have thousands of young people from this neighborhood and neighborhoods across the city who look like me who went to jail over this,” says former Boston City Councillor Tito Jackson.

He says that’s one reason he wants to open a marijuana dispensary in Mattapan Square.

Jackson is awaiting approval for the dispensary from the city and the state. If he gets approved, he’ll be a rarity. So far, the state’s Cannabis Control Commission has given provisional licenses to only two businesses that reported they’re owned by minorities. That’s out of a total of 118 licenses for marijuana businesses.

The commission reports the vast majority of people who have completed applications for recreational dispensaries are white. It’s looking at ways to supplement its equity programs, including no-interest state loans and a more streamlined application process.

Jackson ran for mayor in the city’s last election. Now he’s CEO of a cannabis company, Verdant Medical — not your typical career change.

“The biggest reconciliation I had to have was with my mother,” Jackson reflects. “I also realize that there are individuals who are against cannabis as a whole. And we heard from some individuals, and I get that.”

He is also looking to open marijuana shops in Provincetown and Rowley, as well as a facility to grow cannabis in Rowley. Jackson has reached host community agreements with those communities but is still awaiting a decision by the state.



Rodney Weaver, left, speaks with former Boston City Councillor Tito Jackson about the prospect of jobs at the marijuana dispensary Jackson wants to open at this site in Mattapan Square. *Jesse Costa/WBUR photo*

Jackson says he believes the marijuana trade that disrupted individuals and families when pot was illegal could enrich lives now that it’s legal, producing jobs and bringing families income.

But getting into the industry isn’t easy.

“The problem, really, is the barrier to entry is about a million dollars per store,” Jackson explains. “And understand, this is an industry that is un-banked. You can’t go to the bank down the street and ask for a loan, because it’s not federally legal.”

Jackson’s company is getting capital from a Canadian firm that provides financial, legal and technical support to cannabis entrepreneurs. He says he’s working with that firm to help other people of color get the same leg up in the industry.

He’s not applying for his dispensaries through the state’s equity programs.

Jackson has already picked out a property for his proposed shop on busy Blue Hill Avenue. Right now, there’s a check-cashing business and a laundromat on site. Jackson says he wants to sell both medical and recreational marijuana there, and he is planning to have a lot of security.

“You would actually have to buzz in,” he says. “Then when you walk into that first area, you would be carded. Then we actually have another room after that. You

would then sign in. We’d check your ID again, then you would be on to the sales floor.”

Asked about the location being next to a community health center and whether he’s concerned about people passing the shop while on their way to get help battling substance use disorder, Jackson points out that there’s a CVS inside the health center.

“The front door of the opioid crisis is a CVS. They sell Percocet, Vicodin, Dilaudid and OxyContin,” he says.

As far as hiring goes, Jackson says he’s looking to make up at least 20 percent of his staff with people who have nonviolent marijuana-related convictions.

“What I would like to see is the individuals who were arrested for this, they should be out of jail, and they should have an opportunity,” Jackson says. “In any other space, you would call this transferable skills. They know about this plant. They know about the efficacy and they know about the different types. ... Those individuals actually deserve to be able to be in this marketplace and to be able to take care of themselves and their families.”

He also wants most of his employees to come from the neighborhood.

“I would love for, you know, over 50 percent of our folks to be able to walk to work,” he says. “That means ... that the dollars that come from

this dispensary will go back into the pockets of the people who are in this neighborhood and community, and that is critical.”

As we’re talking with Jackson, several people recognize him and fist bump him or wave. One of them, Yolanda Neal Harris, tells him she wants a job.

“I need work,” Harris says. “Security, or whatever.”

“Yes, ma’am,” Jackson responds.

Harris tells Jackson she’s going to hold him

to his pledge to hire local people to run his cannabis shop.

“Local people of color,” she says. “And then also, too, if it’s legal, 21 and over, let’s make sure it’s like that for each neighborhood.”

Jackson says he wants Boston and the state as a whole to become the “model for diversity” in the cannabis industry. Nine other states have legalized recreational marijuana, but Massachusetts was the first to mandate an equity program.

“This is about making sure that the doors of opportunity [are] open in every neighborhood, in every community, and that we lift people who have been left behind and lift communities that have been left behind,” he says.

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## ‘Dynamic meeting’ on bid for pot shop on Bowdoin St.

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While much of the presentation focused mainly on security, offering descriptions of planned surveillance and access control systems, it did not address other concerns regarding staffing, traffic and parking impacts, or a business model, save for one line that asserted that “As a retail store only, the location will not constitute a nuisance to the community.”

Matt McKenna, a spokesperson for the company, declined to offer more details but gave the *Reporter* a prepared statement regarding the company’s plans and next steps:

“617THC has conducted a robust community engagement process. We are currently final-

izing all plans based on the feedback we got from those engagements. Further details will be shared directly with the community in the coming weeks.”

He added that the proponents are “excited about the proposal because it’s directly in the center of a disproportionately impacted area,” pointing out that the ownership is “100 percent minority.”

Before that presentation, attendees listened to a speech by Kamani Jefferson, president of the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council, a group that advocates for social equity and is currently working on the state and city level to help neighborhoods disproportionately targeted by

drug policies to benefit from the burgeoning marijuana industry.

The group’s advocacy led in part to an ordinance filed earlier this month by City Councillor Kim Janey that would initially give licensing preference to “equity applicants.”

A thorough community engagement process remains before the proponents can enter into a Host Community Agreement with the city and apply for a state license with the Cannabis Control Commission. A follow up community meeting will likely take place in four to six weeks.

“We’re still at the very, very early stages,” acknowledged Jones. “There needs to be more dialogue.”





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