

Exam school admissions are delayed by lawsuit

By KATIE TROJANO
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Letters of acceptance to Boston's three exam schools — Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, and the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science— have been delayed after a group of parents filed a lawsuit last week claiming that the school district's current admission process is discriminatory.

This year's admissions plan, approved by the School Committee last October, didn't include the traditional entrance exam, with the panel citing the dangers of testing during the Covid-19 crisis. Under the provisional plan, 20 percent of available seats were to be allocated to students with the city's top grades. The remaining 80 percent were to be admitted to the schools based on their GPA ranking within their home ZIP code, with eligible students from the lowest-income ZIP codes given first choice.

In their court filing, the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence Corp is seeking injunctions that would bar Boston Public Schools (BPS) from using the admissions process.

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John Barros announced his candidacy for Mayor of Boston last Thursday morning inside Restaurante Cesaria on Bowdoin Street. He was joined by his wife Tchintcia and their four children, along with a handful of other relatives.

Daniel Sheehan photo

Walsh loyalist Barros mounts second bid for mayor's seat

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

Boston's newest entry into the race for mayor of Boston, John Barros, has a skill set and network that make him a real contender for the seat— much like the four candidates he joined in the still-evolving field last Thursday morning. But, there's one element of his resume that no other candidate now in the race can point to: He has done this before.

Barros finished sixth in field of a dozen candidates in the city's preliminary mayoral election in Sept. 2013. At the time, he was a well-respected leader in the city's non-profit world, having run the Dudley Street Neighborhood

Initiative (DSNI), a community-led organization that he has been affiliated with since he was a young teen. He served as DSNI's executive director for 13 years.

Since 2014, Barros has been a member of Mayor Walsh's cabinet, charged with managing Boston's economic development work day-to-day and planning out a vision for the city's future. That experience, he says, coupled with his long-standing profile as a grassroots organizer in Roxbury and Dorchester, makes him a far stronger candidate this time around.

"I know a lot more about government today than I did in 2013," Barros told

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'Don't let up' on virus precautions, says Walsh, citing holiday activities

By KATIE TROJANO
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One year after a state of emergency was first declared in Boston, Mayor Walsh on Tuesday urged city residents to keep their guard up, get tested for Covid-19, seek out vaccinations, and avoid large gatherings ahead of the St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day holiday in the city.

"Now is not the time to let up. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel," Walsh said at a press conference. "More people are getting vaccinated and less are coming down with the virus and we want to keep it that way."

The current infection rate in the city has dropped to 3.6 percent, the mayor said, warning that there has been "a little bit of an uptick over the last 10 days, which is unfortunate."

An average of 176 people per day tested positive for the disease over a seven-day period ending Feb. 28, he noted.

"A 3.6 positivity rate of Covid-19 is a low number and I'd like to be able to stand here next week

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Baker declares a 'state of emergency,' says it allows for 'more flexibility' in virus crisis

Adds Walsh: 'I think in some places we're past containment; we're preparing for the inevitable'

By Bill Fournier
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Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday declared a "state of emergency" in Massachusetts in response to a surge of new cases of COVID-19, the virus that has infected more than 110,000 people globally, resulting in nearly 4,000 deaths. Through Tuesday afternoon, 92 people in Massachusetts had been diagnosed with the disease. Of that number, 70 cases have been tied to a Biogen conference held in Boston last month. And if people have been hospitalized.

In Boston, according to Mayor Martin Walsh, there are 18 presumptive cases and one confirmed case of coronavirus. On Monday, Walsh cancelled the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, an event that can attract as many as 1 million spectators to the South Boston neighborhood, that was set to be held on Sunday in South Boston.

Other St. Patrick's Day events, including a flag-raising at City Hall Plaza set for Thursday and the annual pre-parade breakfast hosted by Sen. Nick Collins in South Boston, were also cancelled.

"We cancelled the parade out of caution and the potential spread of the coronavirus," Walsh said. "This is a very fluid situation, and a national concern. We're seeing it pass through the country and we want to do everything we can to prevent the spread of coronavirus. We're working with the Mass. Department of Public Health and the Governor's office, and they are working with the CDC on getting information out to people and that's where we stand now."

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A year later, what have we learned?

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

People of my generation can tell you where they were when they heard that President Kennedy had been shot. Nearly all Americans over the age of 30 remember what they were doing when they heard that the World Trade Center had been attacked on 9/11.

Such is the way shared community trauma affects us. Although the impact of the coronavirus — and the disease it causes — was something that developed over a series of months, everyone I know can tell you when they realized that the world had catastrophically changed due to Covid-19's arrival in the US.

Last March 10, when Gov. Baker declared a state of emergency for Massachusetts, there were 696 cases of Covid and 25 deaths in the US, a large number of them in Washington State. Massachusetts had 91

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THE BOULEVARD REHAB
City, state to fund new Morrissey study

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

A long-stalled plan to modernize Morrissey Boulevard will be revived this spring as state and city officials combine forces to fund a \$1 million engineering study aimed at advancing the project as a stream of massive new development projects loom on the not-so-distant horizon.

In addition, the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation plans to spend an additional sum this year to



A familiar scene on Morrissey Boulevard: Both lanes underwater leading to UMass Boston campus.

install new underground gate equipment along the vulnerable coastal roadway between the UMass Boston campus and Freeport Street. The work will also include improvements to sidewalks and fencing along the beachfront stretch of the boulevard.

The state's Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will take the lead on the year-long study, which will include the whole length of Morrissey between Neponset Circle and Kosciuszko Circle, the rotary next to Moakley Park. The study will also include stretches of Day Boulevard and Old Colony Boulevard on either side of Moakley Road west to Dorchester Avenue.

"I thank our partners at the Commonwealth for their shared commitment

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A fire inside a three-decker at 16 Rosseter St. in Dorchester's Four Corners neighborhood caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage on Monday, March 8. No one was injured, according to the Boston Fire Department, but 10 people, including five children were displaced, along with two dogs. The cause remains under investigation. *BFD photo*

Dot man held in drug probe

A Dorchester man was arrested by federal agents and Boston Police in Randolph last Friday afternoon (March 5) as part of an investigation into alleged drug and gun trafficking. Omari Peterson, 33, was carrying two plastic bags containing cocaine on his person at the time of the arrest on North Main Street, according to a BPD account.

After his arrest, officers descended on his home on Brunswick Street in Dorchester, where police say they found three loaded, illegal firearms and more cocaine. Six more weapons were found the next day, when the FBI and Boston Police searched a rental locker at a facility in Quincy.

Also found, according to police: "a quantity of assorted prescription pills, 92 strips of suboxone, approximately \$10,000 in US currency along with personal papers in the name of the suspect."

Five of the guns had been reported stolen in New Hampshire, where Peterson has a residence, a BPD report said. He remains in custody pending his arraignment on numerous charges.



From left in photo taken last week at the Engine 16 stationhouse: Baby Safe Haven New England spokesperson Mackenzie Lee Clement, Boston firefighter Sheila Leahy, Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey, and Chantelle Stallworth, Ladder 29 Boston firefighter. *Katie Trojano photo*

‘Baby Safe’ signage campaign follows incident in Lower Mills

A non-profit that seeks to promote child safety joined with Boston Fire Department officials last week to promote the ‘Baby Safe Haven’ law during an event at the Engine 16 station house on Gallivan Boulevard.

Boston Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey joined volunteers from Baby Safe Haven New England as they affixed signage near the station’s front door. Two dozen such signs were installed around the city last week — including 20 at BFD locations and one at the Carney Hospital in Dorchester.

The signs remind parents and others that it is legal to surrender an infant of up to seven days old at a hospital, fire or police station, no-questions-asked.

The campaign follows after a 33-year-old woman abandoned her infant in a trash can in Lower Mills on Feb. 26.

“It’s heartbreaking that women find themselves in a position where they may need to make these decisions and we’re hoping that this program will give them a safe option so that they can take care of themselves and also so that their baby survives,” said BFD Commissioner Jack Dempsey.

– KATIE TROJANO

T plans to restore some service by summer

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MBTA staff are developing a plan to restore a small amount of bus and train service in the summer and fall, laying groundwork to start unwinding Covid-era cuts that in some cases have yet to take effect.

Officials at the transit agency on Monday said they would recommend increasing the frequency of trips on buses and rapid transit in the summer based on crowding observed this spring. For the fall, they suggested additional restorations on the bus network and an assess-and-adjust process for subways and trolleys.

Staff who outlined the planning at a Monday board meeting said they will target an increase in bus service hours from 88 percent of pre-Covid levels in the spring to 90 percent in the summer and then as high as 93 percent in the fall.

Several major details are still not known and the T will not finalize its summer schedules until later this month. The plan presented Monday does not include any additional changes to its commuter rail system, other than a schedule flattening that officials unveiled last month, or to its ferry network.

If the T’s board embraces the idea, it would be one of the first steps to bump service back up after board members in December narrowly approved a package of service cuts aimed at saving money and adapting the system to lower ridership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fiscal and Management Control Board Vice Chair Monica Tibbits-Nutt flagged concerns during Monday’s meeting that the timeline might be too constrained to respond to evolving demand because the T starts to build its summer schedule by the end of March.

While MBTA Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville said the agency could try to force additional flexibility where needed, he said leaders will need to “make some assumptions” about summer ridership trends based on data over the next three weeks.

Tibbits-Nutt said the state’s vaccination schedule could leave ridership stalled for the next few weeks before a jump in late April or May.

Ferry and weekend commuter rail service cuts took effect in January, while the next round — reducing frequency by 20 percent on non-essential buses and the Red, Orange, and Green Lines and 5 percent on essential buses and the Blue Line — will hit next Sunday.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Animal Care and Control Division reminds city dog owners that the annual deadline for licensing their pets is March 31. Dogs must be licensed if they are older than six months. Owners must provide a copy of their dog's current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. The fees are \$15 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$30 for an intact male or female. Dog owners who pay online with a credit card will be subject to a 2.7 percent service fee (the minimum service fee is \$1.00). License applications may also be picked up in person or requested by mail; walk-in and mailed payments are accepted via check or money order. If you are renewing a dog license, you will need to provide your dog's license number. The dog licensing fee is waived for service animals and residents age 70 and older. Please call (617) 635-534 or email animalcontrol@boston.gov with any questions about the licensing process or to update your information in the database.

A new round of federal funding for fuel assistance will allow ABCD, Greater Boston's antipoverty agency, to increase the maximum benefit for eligible households to \$1,110. The deadline to apply has been extended to May 28, enabling income-eligible households to address arrearages dating back to November 1. The increase means that the 16,000 households already signed up for fuel assistance with ABCD will benefit immediately. Last year ABCD provided fuel assistance to more than 25,000 households. ABCD pays the household's fuel vendor directly. Residents can call 617-357-6012 or go to bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance for more information.

Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament starts April 20 — Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2021 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April public school vacation week. The Tournament will begin April 20 and continue through the school vacation week. All games will be played at Joseph Moakley Park at 1005 Columbia Rd. in South Boston. Additional support is provided by P&G Gillette. Teams will compete in two regions in Mite (ages 6 to 8), Squirt (ages 9 to 10), and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12) divisions. Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division. To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damien.margardo@boston.gov or call 617- 961-3083.

Boston Praise Radio hosts Covid-19 programming— Boston Praise Radio and TV will air informational broadcasts about Covid-19 and the Black Community this month through March 30 on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. and Tuesdays from 12-2 p.m. Tune in on bostonpraisradio.tv or on Roku, Apple-TV and Tuneln Radio.

The MBTA's revised spring 2021 subway and bus schedules will take effect on March 14. These short-term service changes for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) help match service levels with current and near-term low ridership demand. There will be no changes in the hours of operation, but service frequency will be reduced by 20% on the Red, Orange, and Green lines. Frequency on the Blue line will be reduced by up to 5%. A number of bus routes will be suspended, consolidated, or have routing or trip changes with service alternatives and details available at mbta.com.

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Police, City Hall leaders no shows at council hearing on rollout of reforms

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WBUR SENIOR REPORTER

No one from the Boston Police Department or the mayor’s office showed up at a city council hearing last Tuesday to update the public on the implementation of police reform measures that were signed into law two months ago.

Among the measures: the creation of a new police watchdog office, the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT). The reform package was signed into law by Mayor Walsh in January and is supposed to be up and running in July.

There are also state reforms now in place that make for sweeping changes, including requiring police officers to be certified and strengthening use-of-force policies.

City Councillor and mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell said she was disappointed and frustrated that nobody from the police department or the mayor’s office was there to answer questions.

“There is a big difference between commitments and action,” she said. “These last and latest police reforms

should be an opportunity for the city to do things differently, since we know that the city has not effectively delivered on its commitments to police reform in the past.”

Nick Martin, a Walsh spokesperson, said no one was able to testify Tuesday, but that “implementing and operationalizing the recommendations from our Police Reform Task Force continues to be a top priority for the Walsh administration.”

In lieu of appearing, Boston police Superintendent Jeffrey Walcott sent a five-page letter to Campbell spelling out anticipated changes and challenges. The department will have to report more information to the new statewide commission overseeing police, increase training and boost staffing in its bureau of professional standards, he said.

Walcott said the department is already making changes in how it plans response to mass gatherings, like protests, as required by the new state law. And the department is working to launch a data dashboard with firearms discharges, field interrogation stops, rate of homicides solved,

and other statistics.

“The BPD is committed to these reforms and to proactive community engagement to rebuild relationships with the community that have been strained due to COVID,” Walcott wrote.

Twelve of the 13 councillors signed onto the order requesting the hearing, and it was filed on Jan. 29. Several said they were troubled by the lack of department attendance. The department is without a permanent commissioner currently, after William Gross abruptly retired. Walsh’s pick to replace him, Dennis White,

was put on leave just days following his appointment after a 1999 domestic violence allegation was reported.

Though no official representative from the department attended the council hearing, two police officers spoke: Larry Calderone, head of the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association, the department’s largest union, and David Hernandez, of the Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston.

Calderone, who had previously complained about a lack of union involvement in the reform task force process,

said he appreciated the invitation to speak and answer questions.

“You need to have police officers involved in those conversations, involved in the decision-making process,” he said. “It cannot be non-police officers that are going to [be] determining training or certification or de-certification by themselves because they have no experience in that arena.”

The reforms also set up a civilian review board and an internal affairs oversight panel that will investigate citizen complaints against police and examine the department’s internal investigations.

The watchdog office will have subpoena power to compel witnesses

and documents as part of its investigations.

Other city reforms include formalizing and expanding the department’s commitment to diversity and inclusion; expanding the body-worn camera program to increase transparency and accountability; creating clear and enforceable discipline for violating use of force policies, and holding the department accountable for violations; and maximizing transparency, accountability, and public access to police records and data.

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Garden ‘Gathering’ set for March 20-22

The Trustees of Boston Community Gardens will host the 45th annual Gardener’s Gathering in an online format next weekend, March 20-22, with a focus on how community gardens are not only food sources, but also potential hubs of social activism.

The Gathering is free and open to both beginners and skilled gardeners, as well as those curious to learn more about urban gardening.

This year’s event will be headlined by Michael

W. Twitty, award-winning chef and author of The Cooking Gene who will give a presentation on culinary justice, sharing knowledge around crops, and practicing integrated learning across intergenerational linguistic and ethnic spaces.

The Trustees maintain ownership of 56 community gardens totaling 15 acres and spanning eight Boston neighborhoods.

In Dorchester, the Trustees maintain com-

munity gardens that are often named for the streets that they are on, including Josephine Street, Audrey Jacobs, Dacia and Woodcliff, Erie Green, Greenwood, Julian, Judson & Dean, Leyland, Lucerne, Balsam, & Irma Community Garden, Lydon, Monadnock, Nightingale, Norton & Stonehurst, Spencer, Wheatland, and Windermere.

They also maintain Woolson Community Garden in Mattapan.

Continuing a long tra-

dition of partnership with the city of Boston, the mayor will kick off the event on Saturday with a keynote address and present the Community Garden Awards to the “Most Valuable Gardener,” “Rookie Gardener of the Year” and “Hall of Fame Garden.” Twitty will deliver his special presentation on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Free registration is available at thetrustees.org/gathering.

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Elementary schools must fully reopen by April 5, per state order

**BY CARRIE JUNG
WBUR REPORTER**

Public schools in Massachusetts have to begin offering in-person learning to elementary school students five days a week next month, said last Friday. It is the first decision state Education Commissioner Jeff Riley made under new authority approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on Friday afternoon.

Under the regulation change, Riley can determine when remote-only education will no longer be an option for districts. “The time is now to bring our kids back to school,” he said during

Friday’s meeting. State officials said the plan to open classrooms for elementary students will allow districts who have been remote-only for most of the school year to take a more graduated approach to fully reopening their buildings. Parents would still have the option to choose remote learning for their children through at least the end of this school year.

Riley did not set a target date for middle and high schools to begin full-time in-person learning, but said that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is planning

for a full in-person return in the fall. Districts will be able to apply for waivers that would allow for a more phased-in approach, especially if they’ve been remote-only for most of the school year.

“The data is clear that students learning in the classroom can be done safely and it is vital to their emotional and intellectual health,” said Gov. Baker in a statement.

Opinions about the policy drew a wide range of responses Friday.

“If you adopt this, you are giving the commissioner broad powers to override any school district’s planned learn-

ing model,” Somerville Educators Union President Rami Bridge told board members ahead of the vote. “There are no parameters, guidelines, and processes for his decisions. Simply the judgement of a single, unelected official.”

Parent and Lawrence High School history teacher Teresa English said local school systems should have the ability to make this kind of decision on their own because risk factors for Covid-19, like infection rates, affect each district differently.

“More state control is not the solution,” English said. “If a school or building is struggling to open fully, the state should be providing the school with resources rather than assuming control.”

But other parents like Zineb Nemoura of Ever-

ett argued the current hybrid model many districts are using in Massachusetts is not working.

“We know a lot about what [infection reduction strategies] work and what doesn’t,” she said. “We are capable of taking the necessary steps to reduce the risk to students and staff. ... We owe it to them to re-establish full-time in-person learning.”

Board members were mostly positive about the policy proposal. Member Matt Hills said he was enthusiastically a “yes” vote. He also encouraged Riley to begin the process for requiring middle and high schools to reopen for full time in-person learning as quickly as possible.

“We need to move on from this,” Hills said. “Whether it’s now, two months, or six months

from now, we’re going to go through the same issues with implementing it in the districts.”

Three board members opposed the move, most citing the fact they only received the details of the commissioner’s plan just hours before the vote.

“At the end of the day this is about trust,” Darlene Lombos said. “I do want to appreciate how much thought you’ve put into this, but this is the first time we’re seeing this plan. We all need to get together to get through this together.”

Riley said he would have more details to share about phasing out remote learning by the board’s next meeting.

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sions system this year and in the future. The group is demanding that a judge declare the policy unconstitutional because it doesn’t treat everybody fairly and because it discriminates against whites and Asian-Americans. The suit is specifically on behalf of 14 families - 10 of them from West Roxbury.

A representative from the group— which is led by Benato Cui— declined the *Reporter’s* request for comment and refused to identify any members of the group.

A Facebook page maintained by coalition members calls the current admission process “harmful and inequitable to all of Boston’s children, particularly Asian students who make up a greater share of the student body at the exam schools than the City as a whole.”

Kay Hodge, a lawyer for BPS, said during a preliminary injunction hearing on March 3 that invitation letters could be delayed until at least mid-April because of the lawsuit.

Their suit prompted fierce push-back from advocates, including the NAACP Boston Branch, which made a motion for an intervention that was granted by US District Court Judge William Young on March 3. The motion was also supported by the Greater Boston Latino Network, the Asian Pacific Islanders Civic Action Network, the Asian American Resource Workshop, and three families of color.

“Intervention is critical to provide the full context of why policies like this one are necessary in Boston,” said Doreen Rachal, an attorney from Sidley Austin LLP, which is representing the intervenors. “The plaintiff

has presented a skewed portrait of admissions in Boston, one that ignores the long history of disinvestment and discrimination against communities of color. Our perspective, as membership organizations representing these very communities, is therefore critical.”

Sidley Austin LLP, Lawyers for Civil Rights, and Greater Boston Legal Services are serving as counsel to the organizations and families.

“History has shown us that when we begin to make progress toward our shared values, headwinds will try to come against us,” said Tanisha M. Sullivan, president of the NAACP Boston Branch. “By joining forces to file this motion, we hope to send a clear message that we are resolute in our determination to fight for the promise of this city to provide all children, in every neighborhood, from every socio-economic background, with equitable access to our public schools. We will not be deterred in our fight for justice.”

A study included in BPS’s plan found that 72.4 percent of all students districtwide were Black or Latino in the last school year, compared to just 21 percent at Boston Latin School. Similar gaps — especially wide at BLS — appear among the share of students classed as “economically disadvantaged.”

Said Lauren Sampson, an attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights:

“We must abandon any idea that so-called ‘objective measures,’ like GPAs or standardized test scores, are effectively identifying academically excellent students.

“As multiple studies have shown, BPS has continually employed

admissions criteria that exclude high-achieving Black, Latinx, and other underrepresented students who would thrive in the rigorous environment of a highly selective public school.”

The plan, developed by BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and a working group commissioned by the district, drew both support and a backlash last year. Some were in favor of nixing the district’s exam criteria altogether, saying that it has contributed to exclusion and discrimination against Black, Latinx, low-income, and other underrepresented students.



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St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn's multi-talented cast to perform remotely, but as a 'real time' presentation

BY SEAN SMITH
BOSTON IRISH CONTRIBUTOR

Fresh from the success of the virtual "A Christmas Celtic Sojourn" in December, WGBH broadcaster Brian O'Donovan and his dedicated production team, plus a cohort of accomplished music and dance performers – including some from Greater Boston – will present an online version of the annual "St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn," from March 11 to March 14, and on March 17.

Joining O'Donovan, the show's creator and host, will be Newfoundland singer Matthew Byrne; Boston-based Irish fiddlers Nathan Gourley and Laura Feddersen; Scottish/Cape Breton-style fiddler Hanneke Cassel and Québécois guitarist Yann Falquet; local uilleann piper Joey Abarta; highly touted traditional Irish duo Caitlín Nic Gabhann and Ciarán Ó Maonaigh; and *sean-nos*, or "old-style" Irish dancer Emma O'Sullivan.

Also performing will be guitarist-pianist-vocalist Keith Murphy, who plays music from his native Canadian Maritimes as well as the Quebec, New England, and Celtic



The Rasa String Quartet will play a specially commissioned piece at "A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn."

traditions, and serves as the "St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" music director.

In addition, there will be a special appearance by the Rasa String Quartet, which has its roots in the New England Conservatory of Music.

According to O'Donovan, the show will follow the blueprint provided by "Christmas Celtic Sojourn": He and the locally based performers – Gourley, Feddersen, Cassel, Falquet, and Abarta – "bubbled up"

recently at the Cabot Theatre in Beverly to work on the production. They serve as the core ensemble, with Byrne, Nic Gabhann-Ó Maonaigh, and O'Sullivan beaming in from remote locations.

And, as with "Christmas Celtic Sojourn," "St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" performances will be presented in collaboration with a partner venue: the Hanover Theater in Worcester (March 11); Shalin Liu Performance Center, Rockport (March

12); Sanders Theatre, Cambridge (March 13); Cabot Theatre, Beverly (March 14); these shows, and the March 17 WGBH special edition, will all begin at 7:30 p.m. as if in "real time" and then be available on demand exclusively for those who buy tickets.

"We learned a lot from our 'Christmas Celtic Sojourn' experience," says O'Donovan. "One thing we learned is that people are desperate for a semblance of their old lives, and that includes enjoying live music. Just as importantly, they miss the routine that goes with it, where you head out to the venue, settle into your seat, and anticipate the dimming of the lights and rise of the curtain. We heard how some people gathered together – safely – to have dinner and cocktails while they watched 'A Christmas Celtic Sojourn.' Clearly, they were glad to have an event serve as a social occasion they could all enjoy."

"Which is why we are again doing this as a 'real-time' performance – here, you can click on the link to the show five or 10 minutes beforehand and see a generic countdown clock, and we'll stream some slides and St. Patrick's Day music until the show begins. The show will have two sets of approximately 40 to 45 minutes each, and there'll be a 10-minute intermission – again, just as if we were all at a theater."

Though it included familiar elements of in-person, pre-COVID performance events, "Christmas Celtic Sojourn" went well beyond a conventional livestream-from-the-living-room approach, with high-quality video, audio, and editing, and other top-shelf production values, seamlessly synchronizing up the local and remote performers. That will be the case again with the "St.

Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn," with some additional flourishes: O'Donovan will narrate a drone video flyover of his hometown of Clonakilty in Cork, for example, and musician Harry Giles will demonstrate his recipe for Irish coffee from Somerville's beloved Irish pub The Burren.

"Many people – and we had almost 6,000 join us – said they were moved by 'Christmas Celtic Sojourn'; it really struck a chord with them," says O'Donovan. "We spent a lot of time talking and planning, going through what would be needed to make the show as good as it could be. Why? We felt it was very important to give the performers a platform where they could shine, to create an individual event with a personality all its own. The technology enabled us to produce something meaningful."

"Because 'Christmas Celtic Sojourn' and 'St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn' each has its own vibe, we've made the effort, again, to give the latter event something special that resonates with the audience. So, for example, this year I'll be able to say, 'Hey, check out where I'm from' and give folks a look at my Irish hometown, which fits right in with the St. Patrick's Day spirit."

The virtual approach also will enhance a "St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" staple: the singalong to "The Leaving of Liverpool" that concludes the first set. Audience members are encouraged to submit videos of themselves singing, and clapping along to, the chorus of this longtime Clancy Brothers favorite (precise directions are provided on the show's website, celticsojourn-live.com), and some will be incorporated into the end product.

While all the performers possess talents equal to the expectations for

a Sojourn set, the Rasa String Quartet comes to the presentation with an interesting background story:

• A union of different cultural backgrounds that formed at the New England Conservatory of Music in 2019, the Rasa String Quartet has become a progressive force on the New England chamber music circuit, performing in less conventional venues such as house concerts, local clubs and breweries, nursing homes, and even health care settings. Their members are the Irish-American violinist Maura Shawn Scanlin – who performs as part of the Celtic-American duo Rakish (among the cast in the 2020 "Christmas Celtic Sojourn") – Japanese-American violinist Kiyoshi Hayashi, Spanish-Vietnamese violist Claudia Do Minh Ramos and Korean-American cellist Eunghye Cho.

O'Donovan had commissioned the quartet to resurrect a mid-20th century classical composition, "Meath Pastoral," by Arthur Duff, for last year's "St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn"; the production's show last March in Rockport – right before the COVID lockdown began – was their only performance of the work.

"We're very happy to have the Rasa String Quartet with us again," he says. "They take chamber music in some exciting directions, and Maura – a highly trained classical violinist but with a folk/trad sensibility – is certainly one reason for that; however, they are all talented and inventive musicians and will be a big part of this year's show. They'll be accompanying Keith on a lovely, moving traditional song, 'Crossing the Bar,' as well as another audience favorite 'Will You Go Lassie Go?'"

However much O'Donovan may sing the praises of virtual performances, he is clear about his preference: "Will they ever replace live music? No. No way. But they can certainly supplement live music, perhaps whet our appetites for the real thing, and provide some creative possibilities as to how music, and other kinds of art, can be presented."

"I think we've all seen in this past year how valuable art is to us, especially art with a strong sense of history and tradition. It reminds us how humanity has managed to outlast those forces which have challenged us: pandemics, politics, or whatever else."

For more about "A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn," go to celticsojourn-live.com.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2021

Massport is currently accepting applications for the following Scholarships:



• Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship

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Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021. For more information on these scholarships, including application checklist and criteria please visit www.massport.com

Reporter's **People**

News about people
in and around our Neighborhoods

Meet Mike Szkolka, new president of Columbia-Savin Hill civic group

**BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**

Mike Szkolka was elected president of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association in an election held virtually last November where the result was never in question.

"I was the only person who ran. So, I won and then here we are," the 41-year-old Szkolka said in an interview with the *Reporter*.

Other than a ten-year stretch of time when he lived in New York City, Szkolka has lived in Dorchester since 1981. "We moved into the [James] Blake House in 1981 when I was two years old, lived there for about four years, then moved to a three-decker on Pearl Street. We bought another house on Savin Hill Ave., where I live now," he said.

He has been an active member of the civic association since moving back to Boston in 2016. "At the start of the pandemic, I started volunteering at

the McCormack School, handing out food, and eventually volunteered to deliver food to families who had reached out," said Szkolka, who had worked as a special education coordinator for Boston Public Schools before taking some time off prior to the pandemic. He is currently looking for an administrative position.

The challenge for the civic association, he said, is engaging more people. "Everything else stems from that. I really want Columbia Savin Hill to more closely represent the actual area that is covered," he said. "At this point, Savin Hill 'over-the-bridge' is very represented and the other parts aren't as much. I looked at census data and found that the area is essentially 55 percent white, but probably 95 percent or more of civic association members are white.

"I don't know what the cause of that is, but it seems like a good

opportunity to get the entirety of the area more involved," he said.

One tool he's using to do that is creating a variety of committees to boost interest, including a new environmental panel. Szkolka is also exploring new, fun ways to build community, including "porch-fest" events.

"People could host events, or bands and live performers on their porches – something loosely organized that could encourage neighbors to travel around and listen in," he said. "We could look into doing this maybe by mid-September. I want to try to put as much time in between people being vaccinated and enjoying something of that nature."

Szkolka is also looking at how to engage more people in the association's committee review process.

"Nothing was broken before, I just think it could be better. We need to do a better job of

directly being in touch with each other," he said, "mainly by including more people in the process, in abutters' meetings, and advertising projects that come before the committee."

"I would be remiss if I didn't mention how awesome and supportive the Columbia-Savin Hill veterans have been," he added, "Especially Des Rohan and Eileen Boyle, who have been just really generous with their time and really immensely valuable input."

Szkolka said he will be encouraging residents to be active in the civic and run for leadership positions. "If someone has a concern, wants something changed – people need to speak up. If we work together, we can do good things. Never suffer in silence; it's unhealthy personal-



Mike Szkolka

ly, and unhealthy for the community, too," he said. Szkolka said he'd like to continue making use of the technology that has kept people in touch throughout the pandemic by hosting both in-person and virtual meetings.

"I also want to make sure that we don't act

like each neighborhood of Dorchester or Roxbury or Mattapan are islands. We're not. We're all extremely connected," he said.

For more on the civic group, contact president@columbiasavin-hillcivic.org or 857-288-8748.

Gaillot joins staff at Mother Caroline Academy

Magdalena Gaillot has joined the staff of Dorchester's Mother Caroline Academy as the school's Admissions and Outreach coordinator through a two-year grant from the Women's Foundation of Boston. Students at the Academy will return to in-person instruction on April 5. The Grove Hall school, Boston's only tuition-free option for middle school girls, is currently celebrating its 28th year. One hundred percent of MCA graduates go on to enroll in college and most receive full scholarships

to competitive secondary schools.

"We are excited to welcome Magdalena Gaillot as our Admissions Coordinator," said Head of School Annmarie Quezada. "MCA is thriving with 75 percent of students achieving a B or above academic success rate. We have room at the school to serve more students and families."

A graduate of Providence College and Master's degree recipient from Northeastern University, Gaillot has been tasked with increasing the school's enrollment.



Magdalena Gaillot

"Black representation matters and that drives my passion for education," Gaillot said.

For more info, see mcaec.org or call 617-427-1177.

Nine from BGCD roster named finalists for Youth of Year award

Nine members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester have been named as finalists for the club's Youth of the Year award, the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can achieve.

Each of the following members has completed the nomination and essay requirements and was interviewed on March 9 by a diverse panel whose members will select the top boy, girl, and youth.

The Youth of the Year winner will go on to compete in the state competition, which may

result in moving on to the regional and national competitions for Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2021 Youth of the Year.

The Dorchester finalists are: Dhoha Hussein, 17; Gabby Gold, 18; Tina Le, 17; Kate McGrath, 17; Cordell Givens, 17; Anthony Curioso, 17; Jamil Boykin, 17; Zhilee Cine, 18; and Patrick DaSilva, 17.

Youth of the Year (YOY) has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program since 1947, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of

Club members.

To achieve the title of Youth of the Year on any level, club members must have demonstrated that they embody the organization's values of leadership and service, academic excellence, and a healthy lifestyle.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is a place for young people to learn, explore talents, play and make friends. Today, as always, its members have access to 200+ activities for just \$5 a year.

For more information go to bgcdorchester.org.

Fontbonne in Milton announced its quarter two honor roll this week for the 2020-2021 school year. Among the recip-

ients are several students from Dorchester, including Ava Duffy, Minorah Frejuste and Mary McDonald, all of

whom received First Honors. Ava Darsch, Joby Frejuste and Caroline Smith received Second Honors.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Aug. 17, 1978, a wayward move by a towering crane involved in demolishing a next door building sent bricks crashing down on the Ashmont Creamery, a popular spot on Dorchester Avenue between Edwin Street and Monsignor Lydon Way (nee Templeton Street), and caving in part of its roof. The Creamery building is now occupied by the Phu Thinh Market and Ann's Coin Laundry.

Today's illustration, by a *Boston Herald* photographer, accompanied the following *Herald* article. **Heroic fireman leads five to safety in Hub** – An off-duty Boston firefighter assisted five persons to safety yesterday when the roof of a Dorchester variety store collapsed in a freak accident. Firefighter James Soletti of Engine Company 1 was stopped at a traffic signal outside the



The day the Ashmont Creamery took a big hit

Ashmont Creamery, 1826 Dorchester Avenue, when the store roof caved in.

Soletti had seen three small boys enter the store just before he heard the crashing of brick and timbers. He got out of his car and rushed into the store where he led the boys and the store owners, Albert and Estelle Winn, of Cherry street, Malden, to safety. Mrs. Winn, 47 was treated for shock at Carney Hospital. The others were uninjured.

According to police, the three-story building next door, 1832 Dorchester Ave., was being torn down by a construction company. Police said the wrecking ball swung by a crane inadvertently knocked bricks and timber onto the roof of the variety store, causing the collapse.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchestherhistoricalsociety.org.

Editorial

Morrissey rehab gets a big boost

There’s renewed hope this week that a confluence of state and city attention and monies will finally break an impasse over how best to move forward in rebuilding our vulnerable, but essential road system along Dorchester’s coastline.

Baker administration officials — joined by aides to Mayor Walsh — rolled out welcome news last week that Boston and the Commonwealth will jointly fund a \$1 million-plus study this year to further advance planning that has already been done to modernize Morrissey Boulevard. The scope of the engineering study will go beyond what the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has already done along Morrissey. The new study will amplify those plans and add in the bottleneck-round-about at Kosciuszko Circle and the roads that feed it: Day Boulevard, Old Colony Boulevard, and Columbia Road to Dot Ave.

The idea behind the new spending makes sense. The improvements eyed for Morrissey— which included, at last review, elevating the roadway to account for sea rise and storm surge and creating a dedicated bicycle lane— are sorely needed. But it would be folly to spend tens of millions of dollars to “fix” Morrissey without bringing Kosciuszko Circle into the mix. Up until now, however, the rotary had not been factored into the Morrissey re-build plan, which has been in limbo since December 2017.

Rebooting the planning effort may seem frustrating to stakeholders who toiled through community meetings that began in earnest in 2016, but it’s not as if those existing plans, currently at 25 percent completed, according to our last reporting, need to be scuttled. They should not be.

According to Commissioner Jim Montgomery, the DCR has been working behind the scenes to refine its plan for the boulevard from Neponset Circle to Kosciuszko, which includes doing fresh assessments of drainage issues and identifying right-of-way and encroachment issues with abutters. Now, Montgomery says, it makes sense to bring in the state’s transportation agency – MassDOT – to coordinate the next phase.

The urgency to get this project “shovel ready” is not lost on anyone who travels Morrissey and the other roadways included in the study. The section that bisects Dorchester Bay between Freeport Street and UMass Boston’s Bianculli Way is a particular hazard for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Even on dry weather days, it is prone to flood under high tide conditions; the passage over the Beades drawbridge is narrow and unforgiving for those not in a vehicle; and it’s a harrowing trip for all involved who must run the chute past the expressway off-ramp.

When the study is complete, we hope to see a number of elements from the existing DCR plan intact, most especially a proposal to “drop a lane” from the boulevard along the beachfront stretch to accommodate safe transit for bicyclists.

Aside from the present conditions, this study is essential as the Morrissey corridor and Columbia Point brace for what will be a massive transformation over the next decade.

The redevelopment of the former Bayside Expo site and the current Santander campus alone will yield 5.9 million square feet of new, mixed-use office, retail, and housing, including as many as 1,740 residential units.

There are others in the pipeline, including hundreds of new units on the old Channel 56 and Phillips Old Colony sites and new office and retail space at the old Boston Globe plant.

Taken together, all these new developments, and others yet to be envisioned, will put great stress on our existing infrastructure. We are pleased to see the state and city join forces here to move the needle on the effort.

– Bill Forry

Economic uncertainty will test next mayor

BY LAWRENCE S. DiCARA
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Editor’s Note: Larry DiCara, the former Boston City Councillor, is making good progress as he recovers from a Jan. 7 accident in which he was struck by a vehicle in Marion, Mass. This is his first essay on the developing race for mayor of Boston.



Larry DiCara

There has been plenty of discussion and press coverage regarding the upcoming Boston mayoral election. At this point, the field is not yet set. Most assume Marty Walsh will be well ensconced as US Secretary of Labor by the time that people go to vote this fall.

The object of this article is not to review which candidate has said what about the issues; it is to set the stage for a discussion of the future of the city.

I have been involved in some fashion, either as campaign worker, or campaign observer, or candidate, with every mayoral election beginning in 1967. Each one is different. Each has a different cadence. The real issue underlying this election is not one that candidates have surfaced: it is the future financial health of our city.

Very few remember the city’s financial difficulties in the 1970s. Boston endured a seven-year recession from 1970 to 1976 that forced painful cuts in city services and programs. That dark period in Boston’s history offers valuable lessons to today’s city leaders who confront historic challenges due to the pandemic and shifts in the local economy.

Let’s face it: There is economic uncertainty in our future. No one really knows how hotels and restaurants will bounce back. No one really knows how commuting and other travel will change and what that means for parking meter and parking ticket

revenues in the future.

In spite of the state’s recent commitment to additional local education aid, no one really knows if we can expect stable state aid in the long term. The precipitous reduction in the number of students enrolled in the Boston Public Schools [setting aside who actually shows up] could be a factor that will impact our state aid negatively.

The economic uncertainty ahead will test the city’s financial strength like few other episodes in our history have. The development of next fiscal year’s budget will be a critical process for reckoning with difficult realities about the near-term outlook. The city has benefited from over a decade of growth in property tax revenue, which has enabled the city to commit to large investments in education, housing, and countless programs. A booming tax base is not something we can rely on forever, though. Without a vigilant focus on financial management and a realistic outlook on declining revenue and controlling spending, the city will quickly lose its ability to meet its growing commitments.

We cannot position ourselves to tempt a reduction in our bond rating or a possible year when revenues are insufficient for us to meet our obligations.

Boston has had over 30 years of extraordinary financial stewardship. Over the last decade, the city has maintained the highest possible bond ratings – which means we have access to capital funds to build parks, buildings, and infrastructure at the lowest possible rate. The city has run budget surpluses each year since the late 1980s.

All of the above were made possible through a growing economy and strong financial management.

Without certainty that the local economy will look the same as it has essentially been for decades, those who vie for the mayor’s office will have difficult financial decisions to make. Whoever is the next mayor must calculate revenues carefully and watch expenses.

Lawrence DiCara is a former Boston City Councillor and a native of Dorchester.

New state sewage notification law marks progress in the fight for clean river water

BY JULIA BLATT

World Water Day is observed each year on March 22.

Since it was first designated as a marker by the United Nations in 1993, the date has served as a time to think about, and take action to address, the international water crisis. Clean water is not something to take for granted.

Here in Massachusetts this year, our state’s communities have particular reason to celebrate. The Legislature recently enacted, and Governor Baker signed into law, a state sewage notification bill, important new legislation that has been a long time coming.

Massachusetts Rivers Alliance has led advocacy efforts with many partners—including the Neponset River Watershed Association— to pass this state law requiring sewer operators to establish a notification system that will let the public know when there is a discharge into a public waterbody, allowing residents can avoid contaminated waters.

Fecal bacteria pose many public health threats, including ear and eye infections, skin rashes, hepatitis, and inflammation of the intestines. Emerging research also suggests that fecal bacteria can spread Covid-19.

Many cities in the Northeast combine sewage and stormwater collection systems, a relic of long-ago urban engineering. These systems are designed to bypass wastewater treatment facilities if the volume of water is too much for the facilities to handle.

For these aging systems, heavy rain sends a mixture of untreated sewage and stormwater into local waterways. Until now, there was no way for the public to know when these discharges occurred, leaving people downstream at risk of contact with contaminated waters.

In 2018, an especially large volume of sewage pollution was discharged into the Merrimack River. As a downstream community, Newburyport bore the brunt of all this sewage winding up in their waters.

The problems experienced in Newburyport, however, are not unique. Sewage discharges regularly harm water quality in our state, including in the Neponset River in Dorchester and Mattapan.



Having fun at the boat launch at Neponset II Park near Granite Ave. Neponset River Watershed photo

In Massachusetts, there are 181 combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls, and 24 CSO permittees. In a typical year, Massachusetts waterways receive almost 3 billion gallons of untreated and partially treated sewage mixed with stormwater from CSOs. These outfalls

are concentrated in urban areas, like Fall River, Lawrence, and Lowell, making CSO pollution an environmental justice issue, as the closest waterways to residents of urban neighborhoods may be contaminated without their knowing about it.

The Massachusetts sewage notification bill was filed during five consecutive legislative sessions. Finally, last summer, the bill passed the Massachusetts House unanimously, and was sent to the Senate, where it sat until the final hours of the legislative session in January of this year. In quick succession that night, the Senate voted to pass it, the House agreed to Senate modifications, sending the bill Gov. Baker, who signed it on Jan.12.

Raw and partially treated sewage should never be discharged into our waters. Public notification of sewage discharges is an important first step and Mass Rivers hopes the new law will lead to a greater public willingness to invest in much needed water infrastructure, including separating these combined sewer systems.

These are expensive projects, but these investments are critical to protecting our environment, public health and safety, and ensuring environmental justice and climate resiliency. On World Water Day 2021, Mass Rivers encourages all Massachusetts residents to pledge themselves to the goal of clean, safe water for all.

Julia Blatt is executive director of Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, which includes 80 organizational members across the Commonwealth. Founded in 2007, Mass Rivers works to strengthen statewide river policies in four areas: water quality, streamflow, wild-life habitat, and investment in green infrastructure.

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One year later, what lessons have we learned?

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cases and zero deaths, and most of us didn't think it would touch us, let alone upend our lives.

As of this writing, the United States has now experienced 29 million documented cases and more than 522,000 deaths from Covid-19. Massachusetts has had 560,000 cases and 16,000 deaths.

As a person who has spent most of my life in public health, my antenna certainly went up when I read about a respiratory virus in Wuhan, China, at the end of December 2019. Though I was aware of the potential of these viruses from the world's experience with H1N1, the Avian flu, SARS 1, Swine flu, Ebola, Legionnaires' Disease, etc., the United States was mostly spared from the worst of those viruses, which wreaked havoc in other countries.

At the time, I was more upset by the blame heaped on the Chinese and Chinese Americans and made sure that we took my son out for his birthday dinner to a Chinese restaurant to show our support for that community. We were the only non-Asians in the restaurant.

In January 2020, I was at UMass Boston to meet Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, then a finalist for the chancellor position at UMB. That very day a student was diagnosed with Covid at the student health office. It was the first case of the coronavirus in the eastern US and only the eighth case in the entire nation. It was scary to think I was there, but officials assured us that our risk was low.

In February, I went about my regular business, although the media reported ominous stories on what was called "community spread" of the virus, meaning that health officials couldn't trace a positive Covid case to a particular individual — it just appeared.

Haley House in Roxbury had the misfortune of reopening on Feb. 1 and my wife and I went to a crowded fundraiser in New York City on Feb. 3, oblivious to the fact that the virus was sweeping into that city. South End art openings, birthday parties, a community college conference in Washington DC, fundraisers, civic meetings — all the normal things continued.

Yet, while President Trump was saying everything was under control, the virus was stealthily and steadily moving into the country.

On Feb. 26, the now-notorious Biogen conference opened at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf hotel, an event that ultimately caused the infection of as

many as 330,000 people and defined what became known as a "superspreader event."

Any hope of avoiding the impact of the coronavirus disappeared in March. In 12 short days, our world turned upside down. Even as cases and deaths mounted worldwide and nationally, the month started normally. I went to a political fundraiser on March 1. The presidential primary was held on March 2. On March 4, my band, the Savin Hillbillies, played a fundraiser for the Uphams Corner Health Center at Dorchester Brewing Company.

There was a celebration of Dr. Suarez-Orozco at the UMass Club on the 6th. I went to Mass at St. Cecilia's Church in the Back Bay on March 8. It was our last in-person Mass with Fr. John Unni, who now attracts thousands of congregants online.

I took the subway to several meetings on Monday, March 9, the day Italy went into lockdown. Massachusetts declared a state of emergency on the 10th. Events were being canceled in droves, but the Irish Cultural Centre decided to go forward with its event at the BC Club the night of the 10th. I remember going and leaving very early, as I felt uncomfortable even being in an elevator. It was my last subway ride home.

On the 11th, the day the World Health Organization declared a pandemic, I rode my bicycle downtown for meetings. On the 12th, I pedaled to BNN for an interview about the coronavirus with Chris Lovett.

My interview with Chris was prescient. I railed against the federal government's inability to provide tests, saying "We don't have enough test kits to screen people. As a result, it's spreading through the community through asymptomatic people who are walking around the community and have the virus and are spreading it to other people, many of whom could be in grave danger because of this."

I laid out the conditions we were seeing that would lead to the horror show that Covid has brought to the US and to the world. After the interview, I rode my bike home, and began my year of social distance, masking, and creating an impenetrable bubble. A couple of weeks later, I co-authored an op-ed in the *New York Times* calling for an immediate national policy for the wearing of masks in public.

The shame of this was how government wasted the time from New Year's Day to the lockdown. The Obama administration had left the Trump administration a 69-page document entitled, "Playbook for Early Response to High-Consequence Emerging Infectious Disease Threats and Biological Incidents" that detailed what to do. Covid-19 should not have been a surprise and authorities knew the things that have worked in the past to suppress transmissible diseases.

We did not have the necessities to manage the virus, such as Personal Protective Equipment, screening tests, and mandating the use of masks. It took way too long for our national and state and city governments to come along to these tried-and-true initiatives. Some officials never adopted these common sense things. The result is the disaster that Covid has been for our country.

A year ago, we had the chance to slow down and manage the virus. Instead, we got denial, obfuscation, and homicidal actions that resulted in trauma for millions of our country's families. These wounds will take years to overcome.

This isn't our first pandemic and it certainly won't be our last. For the sake of future generations, let's hope we have learned something useful from our experience with Covid-19.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and co-founder and former CEO of Codman Square Health Center.

Collins will host a virtual holiday breakfast March 21

State Sen. Nick Collins will host the annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast as a virtual event to support Covid-19 relief efforts that will be broadcast on NESN and WROL Irish radio on Sun., March 21.

"While the event this year will be a bit different, we are excited to bring back this great Boston celebration, support community relief efforts, and enjoy the cultural traditions of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day weekend," Collins said in a press release.

The online event will feature Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Gov. Baker, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, US Reps. Stephen Lynch and Ayanna Pressley, Mayor Walsh, Attorney General Maura Healey, and Senate President Karen Spilka, among others.

The event will be aired on NESN from 10 a.m. to noon, broadcast on WROL Irish 950 AM and 100.3 FM, and streamed live at wrol.com.

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Dot artist explores themes of disruption in South End show

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

“Unraveling,” the latest exhibition by Dorchester-based artist Susan Greer Emmerson, is now on display at Kingston Gallery in the South End through March 28.

Emmerson told the *Reporter* that the title of the show refers to a “general sensation describing all the things we’ve had to confront over the past year—and me personally, too. Things for so many people have come apart in such a major way,” she said. “I’m not saying I’m trying to make sense of it; maybe I’m just putting it out there for contemplation.”

Much of Emmerson’s previous work has focused on natural disasters and forces of climate change that have displaced people and destroyed homes and



Emmerson crafted this sculpture, “Nobody Has It Coming,” with Tyvek house wrap, electrical wire, and tape. Will Howcroft photo

lives in recent years. Last spring, as a deadly pandemic compounded other natural disasters and changed further the relationships people have with their homes,

Emmerson recognized how the crisis exacerbated the destruction that was already occurring. Inspired by her Welsh heritage, Emmerson named a series of works

“Hiraeth,” a Welsh word that expresses “the profound homesickness and nostalgia for a home you cannot return to, or one that may never have existed.”

In her series of six “Hiraeth” paintings, Emmerson creates waves, piles, and masses of rubble, debris, and broken housing materials. The catastrophic scenes reveal the frailty of the home structure up against greater natural forces.

“I draw an analogy between the physical breakup of home structures and everything that means psychologically and emotionally,” explained Emmerson. “You lose your safe space, you lose the place where you dream, you lose your nest where you curl up at night. It’s devastating, and people are losing it in so many ways, between death and evictions and natural disasters, wild-

fires, things like that. It just seemed like the natural world was going crazy, and it kind of refocused my work; I knew I had to explore this.”

The idea for the series was in part influenced by her familiarity with, and interest in, architecture, she noted: “My dad was an engineer and a contractor who put us to work, so I know a lot about how to build a house, and I know a lot about how they come apart.”

In each Hiraeth painting, the houses are more and more demolished and disintegrated. Emmerson used bright colors to evoke the dream-like qualities that people might have of the memories of their homes. She used mainly basic forms of housing stock, but included a nod to her Dorchester digs by sprinkling one or two three-deckers amid the rubble.

For “Nobody Has It Coming,” the foreboding sculpture centerpiece of the exhibition, Emmerson used Tyvek house wrap, electrical wire and tape to craft abstracted, sinister towers that are in the process of either being destroyed or rebuilt. The title reflects how nobody expects or deserves to see their homes vanish; the trauma is naturally inflicted, yet at the same time perpetrated by the man-made threat of climate change.

“I’ve been looking into so many aspects of this, the psychology of losing your home and the psychology of natural disasters, and how treating those who have gone

through the trauma of losing one’s home is, to a psychologist, different than other types of trauma because it involves the whole community; it’s not only a personal loss; it’s the loss of the entire community.”

A former ear, nose, and throat surgeon, Emmerson said learning about the virus and witnessing its toll was particularly gruesome for her. As the death toll steadily rose and days in isolation melded together, she worked on a pair of art pieces — “Unwinding” and “Unraveling” — to pass and mark the time.

Her use of bleach on black paper to painstakingly etch thread and rope that goes from being tightly coiled to loosely unraveled evokes loss through the chemical process itself: “I’m not putting anything into the paper like you would do with paint; I’m taking something away,” she said.

“I started doing this, and it’s not like a specific number of days, but it was kind of tracking Covid because I made it during that time,” explained Emmerson. “It’s the idea of the orderliness of everything and it all falling apart.”

“Unraveling” will remain on display at Kingston Gallery in the South End through March 28. Gallery hours are 12-5 p.m. Wed-Sun and by appointment. Attendees will be limited to eight at a time in the gallery space, with facemasks and social distancing required. For more information, visit kingstongallery.com.





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‘100 percent affordable’ condos pitched for Hancock Street

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**

A Roxbury-based developer wants to build a 4-story, 15-unit condominium building at 120-122 Hancock St. in Dorchester on what is now a vacant, city-owned parcel. Under the proposal, which was discussed in a virtual meeting sponsored by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on Monday— all 15 units would be marketed as “affordable.”

The 20,500-square-foot building would be accompanied by 9 on-site parking spaces and would include a shared lounge, a bike room, and in-unit laundry amenities. The breakdown is a proposed mix of 3 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedrooms, all of which would be income-restricted, according to Kamran Zahedi, president of Urbanica.

The development company responded to a Request for Proposals issued by the city in 2019 to build a 100 percent affordable homeownership project on the city-owned site in partnership with the city’s Department of Neighborhood Development (DND.)

Affordability is proposed at two different levels, with 8 units reserved



Architect sketch of proposed complex.

for households earning at or below 80 percent Area Median Income (AMI), and the remaining 7 units for those who make at or below 100 percent AMI.

“These houses wouldn’t be possible if the city didn’t participate in the initiative for creating homeownership by providing land and a substantial subsidy,” said Zahedi. “Most of these affordable projects have a huge financial gap to cover and they are mission-based and we’re happy to be a part of creating homeownership in these neighborhoods.”

Hansy Better Barraza, principal of Studio Luz Architects, said the latest iteration of the team’s proposal is

the result of feedback from DND and neighbors over a series of meetings last November and December.

Barraza pointed out that the project site is a 15-minute walk to either the commuter rail at Uphams Corner or the Red Line station at Savin Hill and near several bus routes.

Parking was a concern raised early on, so the Urbanica team commissioned a parking study with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD.)

In a Q & A session, the 17 attendees on the call were invited to ask questions and provide feedback.

Barbara Gross, a Dorchester resident, asked: “Why is every building getting built only offering 1- and 2-bedrooms, with very little, if any, 3-bedrooms. There are families in the area looking for housing that need 4-bedrooms. What do you think about expanding the apartment sizes?”

Zahedi replied: “The proposal we gave was based on 15 units, so building bigger units wouldn’t be possible. Plus, this housing is 100 percent affordable and we have certain financial constraints to meet. With all of these factors we came to the conclusion that the scheme we

have is the most feasible,” he added. “Also, if you include more bedrooms, you need more parking and we don’t have that space.”

Aisling Kerr, the BPDA project manager, replied: “I know that at DND, when they work on projects like this on city-owned land, they try to find a balance. They look at the existing housing stock, and figure out what’s necessary and appropriate for the area, and what the need is.”

“I think here’s a good case to be made for smaller units that take the pressure off those triple-deckers that house a lot of families,” Kerr said.

Mike Prokosch said he “appreciated the project,” and asked specifically what measures the team would take to produce a sustainable, environmentally conscious outcome.

Barraza said that all new affordable housing projects in the city must meet passive house standards, and the project would make use of heat pumps and provide a well-insulated exterior and interior.

The BPDA’s public comment period for the project will remain open until March 26.

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City, state to fund new Morrissey study

(Continued from page 1) ment to improve mobility and increase resiliency along Morrissey Boulevard and at Kosciuszko Circle,” said Mayor Martin J. Walsh in a statement announcing the plan last Wednesday afternoon. “The results of this study will lead to near-term improvements and long-lasting solutions that will protect and support this neighborhood, its resi-

dents, and its businesses for generations to come.” State Rep. Dan Hunt, who has been pushing for the Morrissey project and related improvements along this key corridor, said he was pleased to see this new city-state collaboration to focus on new elements of the plan. “This is great news,” said Hunt. “I appreciate the work that the mayor and governor have done on this. The \$500,000 from the city will add to the upwards of several million from the state that have already been put into a plan to elevate Morrissey.” The state-led effort to redesign the critical coastal roadway has not advanced beyond 25 percent design phase since 2017, after the most recent community meetings and comment period on the topic ended. The Morrissey redesign — at that time— was estimated to cost at least \$40 million. Project managers have since said that they expect the construction will take place in phases over ten years, mainly due to financial reasons. Scott Bosworth, the Undersecretary and chief strategy officer at MassDOT, said that the study would likely begin in the coming weeks after a contractor is hired. The city’s Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and MassDOT will both contribute \$500,000 each to begin the planning effort. “It’s been in our sights for many years,” he said. “Within the next few weeks, we will be launching the study. MassDot will lead it in partnership with DCR and City of Boston. “We expect the study to take about a year,” Bosworth added. Jim Montgomery, the commissioner of the state’s Dept. of Conservation and Recreation said: “This is the next logical step in that process. We’ve done the design here and we want to look at the impacts on the entire corridor in terms of economic development and climate resiliency. It’s a great partnership and we’re excited about this.” Said Michael Christopher, a deputy director at the Boston Planning and Development Agency: “The city and state both see Morrissey Boulevard, regardless of economic development, as a major corridor. Economic development plays a role, but I think this is more of a sort of legacy of trying to get this roadway right from a lot of different vantage points.”



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BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
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vs.
WILBERT LOFTON**

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Witness, HON. PATRICIA GORMAN, First Justice of this Court.
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Colleen M. Brierley
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(behalf Guardian)
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Vaccine distributions scheduling remains tough effort to nail down

By **MARTHA BEBINGER**
WBUR REPORTER

Massachusetts received 58,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine last week, the first shipment of what could be a substantial boost in vaccination efforts here and across the country.

But it's not clear how that boost will play out or when it will start. Gov. Baker said he is not expecting any more J&J deliveries until late this month early April. And he hasn't spelled out how Massachusetts might target the J&J vaccine given its unique advantages: it's a single dose shot, and it can be moved around a lot — even jostled — without risking stability.

Seventy-two percent of Americans who received the J&J vaccine in trials were protected from a mild to moderate case of Covid-19, as compared to more than 90 percent for the vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech. The three are similar at preventing the worst outcomes: hospitalizations and death. Public health and medical experts are urging people to get any vaccine offered.

"If someone offered me any one of those three vaccines, I absolutely

would be comfortable and would be very willing to take any one of those three," said Dr. Paul Biddinger, who chairs the vaccine advisory board in Massachusetts.

In fact, you may not have a choice. Many hospitals and health centers say they'll give patients the vaccine that's available at the time of their appointment because managing the timing, logistics, and supply of three different vaccines is complicated enough.

Charles River Community Health, which serves 15,000 mostly low to moderate income patients at clinics in Allston-Brighton and Waltham, has been told to expect alternating deliveries of Moderna one week and J&J the next. Other health centers are getting Pfizer as well. And if patients object to the week and the vaccine they're offered?

"We'll attempt to educate them," says Charles River CEO Elizabeth Browne. "If patients feel really strongly about one vaccine or the other, we'll say, 'We hope you can understand that we need to vaccinate as many people as we can as quickly as possible.'"

It remains unclear whether all of the state's

large-scale vaccination centers will begin receiving the J&J vaccine once supplies increase, in addition to Moderna and Pfizer. Tufts Medical Center, which began

injecting J&J doses this week, is also not offering or entertaining a patient's choice.

"That's for a variety of reasons," says Dr. Helen Boucher, chief

of infectious diseases at Tufts. "The first and most important is that there is no reason to pick one over the other because all three are safe and effective."

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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BOSTON – Recently, **State Senator Nick Collins** was named Chair of the Senate Committee of Community Development and Small Business for the 192nd General Court of Massachusetts. The Committee is tasked with all matters concerning small business operations, local economies, neighborhood and economic development, and community-based job creation.

"I am honored to be appointed to this important leadership role at such a critical time. As we seek to build back a vibrant, equitable, and accessible economy, our small businesses need our support," said **Senator Collins**. "I am excited to get to work with our local partners in Community Development Corporations (CDC's), affordable housing developments, and Main Street Associations to continue that work of building strong and resilient communities."


The appointment comes after the Legislature has dedicated hundreds of millions of dollars for grants, resources, and support for small businesses across the Commonwealth. In the last few months, **Senator Collins** has worked with the Administration to secure over \$10 million in small business relief grants across the First Suffolk District alone, **providing over 300 businesses in Dorchester, Mattapan, South Boston, and Hyde Park an average of nearly \$40,000 each** to support the local economy, create quality jobs for residents, and invest in our communities.

On March 4th the Mass Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) announced another round of COVID-19 business relief grants. "As the consequences of the pandemic continue to be felt, there is considerable adversity in the small business community, especially in communities that have not historically seen significant investment," said **Senator Collins** "I plan to continue to advocate for more grant opportunities for our communities and work to position our economy for a robust and equitable recovery."

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‘Don’t let up’ on virus precautions, says Walsh, citing holiday

(Continued from page 1) and say that number is even lower,” said Walsh. “We’re working on that now to make sure we get those numbers as low as possible.”

As of March 3, more than 113,000 Bostonians aged 16 and older had received their first dose of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine—about 20 percent of the city’s over-16 population. More than 56,000 people—roughly 10 percent—are now fully vaccinated, he said.

There are now 19 vaccination sites in the city, including 8 community-based sites, 9 pharmacies, and 2 mass sites—the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury and Fenway Park, which will be replaced over the next few weeks by the John B. Hynes Convention Center in the Back Bay to make way for the Red Sox and the start of their season.

“We will continue to hold 50 percent of the appointments for local residents of color

from the neighborhoods around Reggie Lewis,” said Walsh.

The mayor urged residents who haven’t been vaccinated to get tested at one of the city’s 25 testing sites, regardless of symptoms. Marty Martinez, the city’s chief of Health and Human Services, said the Covid metrics have decreased steadily since January, but added: “We have started to see them flatten a little bit, so we’re going to continue to monitor for increased activity.”

“It’s vitally important that we continue to get tested,” he said. “Ninety percent of folks are not fully vaccinated and so I stress to people the importance of getting tested. We’ve started to see testing usage go down, and it’s important that we continue to use this critical tool.”

St. Patrick’s Day, and the traditional packing of barrooms and house parties, is clearly of concern to Walsh and his team. Restaurants

will continue to enforce a 90-minute limit on seating in place, the mayor said, and no lines should be formed outside restaurants.

Ahead of the holiday last year, bars around the city voluntarily shut down when long lines formed outside—especially in South Boston. The parade has been cancelled again this year and the mayor urged people residents not to engage in any kind

of large gatherings and not to have house parties with anyone who is not an immediate family member.

“The city is going to be enforcing safety protocols,” he said. “I’m asking the people of Boston to do the right thing. Don’t put our progress at risk because people want to have a party on St. Patrick’s Day. We’ll have plenty of opportunities to celebrate when the pandemic is over.”

He added: “In terms of Boston’s tourism economy... If we don’t get through these next couple of months, and the numbers skyrocket again, tourism might lose the whole year.”

In Boston, limits on private gatherings remain at 10 people for indoor events, and 25 outdoors.

Outdoor dining in Boston is slated to begin April 1, but the mayor noted that city officials

are looking at ways to “see if we can move that date forward.”

By April 1, per a phased-in reopening schedule for Boston Public Schools, all students will have been invited back to classrooms for in-person learning. Last week, Pre-K through 3rd graders were welcomed back, with grades 4-8 scheduled to return on March 15, and 9-12th graders invited into classrooms on March 29.

Mass vaccination site moving from Fenway to the Hynes Center facility

**By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**

As Fenway Park prepares to welcome back players, coaches, and a limited number of fans next month for the start of the new baseball season, the home of the Red Sox will be saying goodbye to the patients who have been churning through the turnstiles of the iconic ballpark since early February for more than peanuts and Cracker Jacks.

More than 25,000 shots of Covid-19 vaccines have been administered at the park in recent weeks, and officials

said that by the end of this month they expect that more than 55,000 vaccinations will have been completed under the grandstands.

But Gov. Baker said last Thursday that by the time the first pitch of the new season is thrown on April 1, all vaccination efforts at one of the state’s seven mass vaccination sites will have been relocated not far away, to the Hynes Convention Center in the Back Bay.

The Hynes will open on March 18, the governor said, and Fenway will take its last patient on March 27, providing

some overlap. Those scheduled for a second dose at Fenway after the park closes will have their appointments honored at the convention center.

“The fundamental purpose of Fenway Park is to provide a place for the Red Sox to practice and play baseball ...,” Baker said, thanking the team and CIC Health for turning the park into a successful vaccination site.

He added, “The Hynes will also be able to scale up to a significantly larger number without the distraction that would come with being part of a ballpark that is actually active.”

Following Baker’s announcement the week before that he would allow 12 percent capacity, or about 4,500 fans at Fenway, to return to

large venues later this month, the Red Sox said they were “fully committed to supporting the state’s vaccination program and expect Fenway Park to continue to operate as a mass vaccination site beyond the start of the regular season.”

The governor, however, said that the return of player and team personnel to the park for both games and practices, the confusion it could create for vaccine patients, and the availability of the Hynes—which Baker has proposed to sell off as a state asset—made the transition to the Hynes a sensible thing to do.

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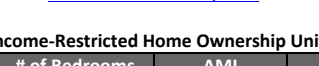
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Walsh loyalist Barros mounts second bid for mayor

(Continued from page 1) the *Reporter* in his first sit-down interview as a candidate for mayor in 2021. “I have helped lead the city for seven years. I understand budgeting and policymaking. I understand the relationship between the local government and the state government. I understand the relationship between the city government and the federal government. And I’m in position, in fact, to be, to a partner with the Biden administration to make sure that Boston is seen as a city that is ready to go on federal programs.

“And we have a friend there in, hopefully, Secretary Walsh in Washington,” he said, “and I will stay very close to make sure Boston is on the list of preferred cities.”

And, whereas Barros—a native Bostonian born to Cape Verdean immigrant parents—was less of a known quantity outside the Dudley Triangle in ’13, this time he has developed extensive contacts in the city’s boardrooms and Main Streets in other neighborhoods.

“I’ve also sort of walked streets in Boston that I hadn’t walked before,” Barros said. “I’ve been to neighborhoods and parts of those neigh-

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borhoods that I haven’t been to before. I’ve had conversations, not only with the residents of, my neighborhood in Dorchester and Roxbury, but also with business owners all across the city. So, I understand the nuances of Charlestown. I understand what’s going on in East Boston. I understand some of the challenges in West Roxbury and some of their vision and what they’d like to see happen.

“That makes me somebody who’s ready to hit the ground today,” he added, “somebody who’s ready to take office and respond to the needs of our city, responding to needs of our businesses respond to the needs of our residents. And that’s that I think is the difference between today and 2013.”

Barros has been mulling an entry into the race since Walsh was nominated to be Labor Secretary on Jan. 7. Why wait until now to

officially jump in? Barros said he has been doing his due diligence, assembling a team of advisers, and making sure that his family—he and his wife Tchichia have four children—are fully on board with the decision. (They are.)

Next came “a series of calls to people who supported me in 2013” along with contacts he has made since that time.

“All of those have been favorable conversations and we’re ready to launch,” he told the *Reporter* the day before a kick-off event inside Cesaria’s on Bowdoin Street. “I believe I can step in and continue to help our city to respond to the risks of Covid and continue to keep us safe. When the new mayor takes over in the fall, my guess is we’ll be at a different place, but they’ll still going to be a lot of risks. We’re not going back to pre-pandemic days. There’ll still be some calls to be made

on how people are participating in different spaces in the public.”

Barros is joining what is already a formidable field of candidates, two of whom—Councillors Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell—have been actively campaigning since last September. Annissa Essaibi George, an at-large councillor who hails from Dorchester, joined the race in January, while Rep. Jon Santiago announced his bid on Feb. 23.

Still looming as a potential candidate is the woman who will definitely be the next mayor—at least in acting fashion: Kim Janey, the council president, who will take the reins from Walsh when he is finally confirmed by the US Senate.

Another reason Barros is just now jumping in, he said, is that he has been committed to helping prepare for the Walsh-to-Janey hand-off. He resigned from his cabinet post last Friday, six weeks after Walsh was first offered the cabinet position in Washington.

“The reason why I am announcing now and why I didn’t announce immediately after I decided that I was interested in running was because I was committed to a transition and committed to the work,” Barros said. Conversations with May-

or Walsh and Council President Janey, he says, “were clear.

“I was going to help with the transition and make sure that she had what she needed,” said Barros, later adding: “I think we’ve done a great job of working with President Janey’s transition team.”

How does Barros fit into the mayoral mix?

Look for him to seek to marry his deep roots in multi-cultural, mainly Black organizing efforts to his more recent portfolio as Walsh’s liaison to business interests. Pre-Covid, the Walsh cabinet could rightly point to significant job gains, a crane-filled skyline, and a top-ranked credit rating that has gone unblemished during the coronavirus crisis. It’s a tantalizing union of street and boardroom that gave his ’13 candidacy some outsized juice and an endorsement from the *Boston Globe*.

Serving as a bridge between the city’s C-suites and Dudley Street is a sweet-spot for Barros. He sees himself as a “facilitator to help align the agendas” of the two distinct Bostons that he insists are not “far off, and that will continue to be how I govern,” Barros said, noting that he co-chaired the Walsh team’s Imagine 2030 initiative, which outlines goals for the city’s growth through that year.

“That kind of planning allows for certainty. Then you can say to a developer: This is what people are going to support here.... When we did that in Uphams Corner, people were shocked at how much density that

residents wanted to see. And that’s because they understood that density means that there are people locally to support those small businesses. It meant that we can be more transit-oriented and really create some demands around the Fairmount Line.”

But Barros’s profile as a Walsh loyalist comes with some downside. The administration’s record on contracting with women-owned and minority businesses has come under new, unfavorable scrutiny after a report—commissioned by Walsh and Barros—found that their leadership has brought little movement in equity spending. The report is an annoyance to the outgoing mayor. It could be more than that to a candidate running—in part—on the Walsh record.


The challenge for Barros, then, will be to wear the upside while deflecting the worst parts of the last seven years. One place to start is the Walsh administration’s widely lauded management of the COVID crisis—still a work in progress.

“We were managing the city in a way that allowed us to not have layoffs during the pandemic. Other cities across the country got hit hard and they were laying off laying off staff. They were cutting programs. We didn’t have to do any of that in Boston, because we were prepared. We did a great job of being ready,” he told the *Reporter*.

Bill Forry is the editor of the Reporter. His wife, Linda Dorcena Forry, is a co-chair of City Council President Janey’s transition team but is not aligned politically with any candidate for mayor.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo
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BGCD Keystone Members Host Food Drive to Donate to Local Dorchester Food Pantry: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Keystone Members Host Food Drive to Donate to Local Dorchester Food Pantry: Teen members of the Keystone Club at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted a Canned Food Drive during the month of February to support the Field's Corner Food Pantry and Dorchester Community Fridge. Charlotte and Kate who are two of the Keystone members gathered the items from the collection and dropped all of the items off for the final delivery this past week. Thanks to all the Keystone members, families and community members who supported the drive. We truly appreciate your generosity in giving back to the community. Keystone members are currently supporting Challenger Basketball and planning a Spring Clean-up. For more information on the Keystone Leadership program please contact Teen Director, Ariana Nazario at anazario@bgcdorchester.org.

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Healthy Lifestyle Enrichment Activities Coming this Spring to BGCD Members: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester will be starting various Spring Athletic Enrichment Programs which are a part of our Healthy Lifestyles curriculum. Classes being offered are: Boxing for ages 13-18 on Mondays at 5pm; Softball Clinic for ages 8-13 on Tuesdays at 5:30pm; Basketball Clinic ages for 12 & up on Wednesdays at 5pm. Some of the programs will start in late March and others will be offered as part of our April School vacation schedule. All classes will take place at our Marr Clubhouse on 35 Deer Street, Dorchester, MA 02125. *Please note that all programs have capacity level restrictions and space is limited. To register or for information, please contact BGCD's Vice President of Programming Brendan McDonald at bmcDonald@bgcdorchester.org.



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Inspirational Displays in the BGCD Clubhouse Lobbies to Kick off Women's History Month: March is Women's History Month, which is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. To kick off our celebration, our Front Desk staff created inspirational displays in the lobbies of our Marr and McLaughlin buildings. Each display honors past and present powerful women that have paved the way for the young girls in our country and serve as role models for both our members and our nation. These displays serve as an educational and inspirational tool for our young girls, and boys, to show them they can do whatever they put their minds to.

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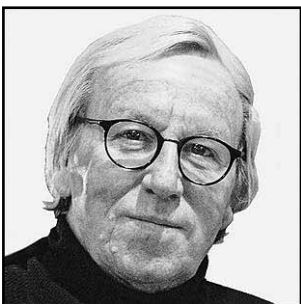


RECENT OBITUARIES



CANTO, Roberta J. of Mattapan, 71. Ms. Canto was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was very generous, loving and spontaneous. She devoted most of her life working at Boston Police Headquarters, where she retired on February 5, 2015.

COTTER, Edward J. "Ted," 70, of North Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Nancy (Kent) Cotter. Father of Kristin Cotter and her husband Nelson



Depina of North Weymouth. Grandfather of 1. Son of the late Edward F. Cotter and June M. (Daly) Cotter. Brother of Kevin L. Cotter and his wife Elizabeth of Quincy, John J. Cotter and his wife Mary Ann of Pembroke, William F. Cotter and his wife Eileen of Dorchester, and June M. (Cotter) Lancot and her husband Peter of Foxboro. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, He

served as the First Assistant Clerk Magistrate of the Middlesex County Juvenile Court while also teaching Business Law at Curry College for 21 years before retiring from both in 2017. Ted had also held administrative positions in the Office of the Attorney General, the Massachusetts Senate Rules Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, and had a private law practice. He was a longtime member of the Clover Club of Boston. Donations in Ted's memory may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation at give.bcrf.org.

DONOVAN, Mary E. (McDonough) of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Jeremiah J. Donovan. Mother of Ellen M. Devane and her husband Bill Ventola of Braintree, Jeremiah J. Donovan and his wife Vickie of Columbus, GA, Christine Catanese and her husband An-

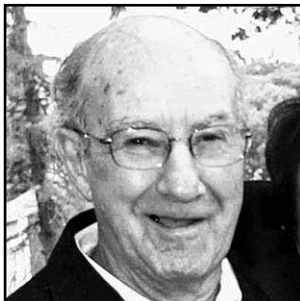


thony of Braintree, and Joanne M. Donovan of Dedham. Sister of Ann Lee of Hingham and the late John McDonough of South Boston, William McDonough of Milton, Rev. Joseph McDonough and Andrew McDonough, both of South Boston. Grandmother of 9. Great-grandmother of 3. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to the charity of your choice.

KELLAWAY, Kendall P. Sr., 84, of Norwell. Husband of Sharon M. (Slinger) Kellaway. Father of Kendall P. Kellaway, Jr. and his wife Su-



san of Norwell, Jeannine G. Sigwart and her husband Mark of Norwell and the late Roxanne (Kellaway) Murray. Grandfather of 7. Brother of Richard Kellaway of Dorchester, John Kellaway of NH, Joanne Kellaway of Middleboro, Susan Creeden of Wareham, and the late Patricia Hess. He was the son of the late Arthur K. and Bertha (Sturtevant) Kellaway and stepson of the late Lorraine (Lowell) Kellaway. He served in the Army National Guard for 8 years. Ken had a successful career in the Public Warehousing Business, originally in South Boston, MA with his father Arthur. He was one of the Original Founders of The South Shore Hospital Charitable Foundation. Donations may be made to South Shore Health Foundation, 55 Fogg Road, South Weymouth, MA 02190-2455, or online at SouthShoreHealth.org/Evergreen. Please reference the Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder program with your contribution.



three. Brother of Dorothy Trovato of Dedham and John McLellan of Michigan. Predeceased by his siblings William Bowman, Anna Carew, Hugh McLellan, Margaret Murray and the mother of his children Shirley (Holmquist) McLellan. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Proud WWII veteran, past member of the Dedham VFW and honor guard. Owner in the 1950's of Pierce's Market in Dorchester. Donations in his memory may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 55876, Boston, MA 02205.



MURPHY, Maureen E., 70, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Francis J. and Mary E. (O'Malley) Murphy, Maureen grew up in Lower Mills. Sister of Kathleen and Paul Lombardi of East Bridgewater, Eileen Tagrin of Randolph, Colleen and Dennis Crowe of South Boston, Brian and Joanne Murphy of Braintree and the late Francis J. Murphy, Jr. Maureen is survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Please make a donation in Maureen's memory to a charity of your choice.



LAWLOR, Thomas F. of Dorchester, formerly of Hyannis Port. Husband of the late Lorraine H. (Robillard) Lawlor. Father of Thomas F. Lawlor, Jr., Diane M. Giardina, Therese C. Fitzgerald, and Patrick Lawlor. Grandfather of 9. Great-grandfather of 3. Brother of the late Crosbie Lawlor, John Emmett, Joseph Lawlor, and Helen Lawlor. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Thomas was a proud disabled veteran of the United States Army. He was a longtime union carpenter and member of Local #40. Donations in memory of Thomas may be made to the Disabled American Veterans at dav.org

McLELLAN, Harry E., 93, of Franklin, formerly of Norwood. Husband and partner of Sandi Brayman for more than 30 years. Father of Linda Delaney of Needham, Harry McLellan of Scituate, Tom McLellan of Dallas, Steve McLellan of North Falmouth and Carrie McLellan of Middletown, RI. Grandfather of ten, great-grandfather of

ROACH, Theresa V. (McDermott), 90, of Milton, formerly of Randolph and Dorchester. Wife of the late Henry W. Roach, Jr. Mother of Christine Ting and her husband John of Groton, Diane Colcord and her husband Wayne of Wrentham, Michael Roach and his wife Kathy of Easton, and Michelle Tancrede and her husband Tom of Upton. Daughter of the late John and Annie (Mahon) McDermott. Sister of the late Mary McDermott, John McDermott, Margaret McCarthy, Thomas McDermott, Helen Gillis, and Catherine O'Brien. Sister-in-law of Mil Kelly. Grandmother of 10. Theresa is also survived by her 4 great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and friends. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in Theresa's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.



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JUNE MEREDITH MACELLO
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A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Paul A. Macello, Jr. of Hull, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Paul A. Macello, Jr. of Hull, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 24, 2021
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P0359EA
ESTATE OF:
MARY THERESA ANDRUSZKIEWICZ
DATE OF DEATH: 11/08/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John S. Andruszkiewicz of Tucson, AZ and Paul Andruszkiewicz of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: John S. Andruszkiewicz of Tucson, AZ and Paul Andruszkiewicz of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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