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A father and daughter team worked on clearing out the sidewalk on Sydney Street. *Daniel Sheehan photo*

Boston gets off easy as storm blasts the region

No tidal surges; quick city rebound Wednesday

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The latest in an early March round of three powerful northeasters rolled into New England in the wee hours of Tuesday morning and turned the region into a wind-driven snowscape as it stayed its course into Wednesday morning, leaving a mountain of heavy, wet snow that essentially closed down the region for the day, made travel by land, sea, and air impossible, and left hundreds of thousands without power for long stretches of time.

In Boston, the storm arrived complete with vicious winds and blizzard conditions, dropping about 14 inches of snow into the city over the course of the day. Unlike recent storms, there were no severe high-tides flooding along the city's edges, but Mayor Martin Walsh said they rolled out equipment throughout the storm to keep roads clear.

“It feels like we haven’t really seen this type of storm since 2015. We’ve had storms in ‘16 and ‘17 and a couple this year, but it seems like this is going to

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Marching along Broadway in 2016. *Chris Lovett photo*

Thoughts of a patron saint, milestones for Boston’s Irish

By PETER F. STEVENS
REPORTER STAFF
As St. Patrick’s Day 2018 nears, the “wearing of the green” will hold sway in Boston and environs. Still, amid all the genuine or faux pride on display in pubs, along parades, and as part of all other manner of revelry, it’s a sure bet that a great many celebrants are unaware that March 17 teams with uniquely Boston milestones.

The Big Parade: “The Parade.” In Boston, the phrase means one thing – South Boston’s annual St. Patrick’s Day event. The 2018 march marks the event’s latest incarnation in a tradition that began in 1901.

The milestone notwithstanding, the procession that so many enjoy today did not arrive easily for the Boston

Irish, who long had to battle prejudice before they could have their celebration. Have their parade, Boston’s Irish would, and proudly so.

As Irish-Catholic immigrants landed in Boston in ever-increasing numbers in the 1840s and staked their claim to new lives in America, they were soon thumbing their noses at Yankee antipathy to any com-

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Evans: Body cams ‘positive’; Walsh: ‘Yes’ to fund them

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Boston police and city officials testified at a city council hearing Monday that they are convinced there is a benefit to police-worn body cameras. Mayor Martin Walsh committed funding for a full rollout, although the cost to expand the pilot program to include all officers on the force remains a point of uncertainty.

Northeastern University researchers released a preliminary report on the yearlong body camera pilot in January that focused on citizen complaints and mandatory use-of-force reports from officers. The analysis found that, “relative to control officers, treatment officers [with cameras] received fewer citizen complaints

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The DYH Squirts won the state championship in their division on Sunday, defeating Amherst 2-1. Shown: Finbar Brophy, Jack Coppney, Nick Loschiavo, James Neff, Thomas Misilo, Liam Tangney, Max Ryan, Conrad Magoon, Charlie Kelly, Stephen Lavey, Kevin Fitzgerald, Conor Kelly, Conor Olsen, and goalie Domenic Conte. Coaches: Patrick Brophy, Sean Coppney, Mark Loschiavo. *Photo courtesy DYH*

Two Dot teams in state hoops semis

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

The boys basketball teams from Tech Boston Academy and Jeremiah E. Burke High School booked their tickets to the Division 2 and Division 3 state semifinal games by winning their regional championship matchups over the weekend.

The teams are the only two from Boston remaining in their respective

tournament fields.

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

Thursday (15th) – Dorchester Historical Society hosts Dorchester Trivia Night starting at 7:30 p.m. at Dorchester Brewing Company, 1250 Massachusetts Ave., Dorchester. Suggested donation: \$5.

• The Savin Hillbillies perform free concert at home.stead bakery and café, 1448 Dorchester Ave. from 6:30-9 p.m.

Saturday (17th) – Dorchester’s 11th annual St. Patrick’s Day Brunch will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. The 2018 Dorchester Hall of Fame Inductees will include Fire Commissioner Joseph E. Finn, Sr. Barbara Gorham, SCH, The Marr Family. Special Guests: Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Martin Walsh. All proceeds to benefit Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry. \$100 per person.

• Evacuation Day is observed in South Boston and Roxbury beginning at 9 a.m. with the annual Evacuation Day Mass at St. Augustine’s Chapel followed by a procession to Dorchester Heights, where General Washington placed artillery in 1776 to force the British out of Boston. Exercises at Fort Hill in Highland Park, Roxbury, begin at 11 a.m. Lunch follows at the Shirley Eustis House, 33 Shirley Street, Roxbury, following the Fort Hill event. For more information, contact the Shirley-Eustis House at 617-442-2275 or email governorshirley@gmail.com.

Sunday (18th) – St. Patrick’s Day/Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston, 1 p.m. Breakfast – hosted by Rep. Stephen Lynch and Councillor Michael Flaherty— starts at 10 a.m. at Ironworkers Local 7 Union Hall. The breakfast and parade will be televised on NECN.

• Concert presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints’ Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Pianist Mana Tokuno has received widespread acclaim for her sensitive and insightful interpretations. Tickets (\$25) available at the door or at ahchambermusic.org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Monday (19th) – Author Gerard Doherty will talk about his new book, “They Were My Friends: Jack, Bob and Ted” today at 2 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Doherty was the only person to have a seat at the table with each of the Kennedy brothers when political strategies and decisions were being made. For more info, contact: henry@omni-pub.com.

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After knocking down the bulk of the fire, firefighters make sure it hasn’t spread. Boston Fire Department photo

Fire on Barry Street displaces 18

Boston firefighters responded to 23 Barry St., off Quincy Street, around 5:45 a.m. for a fire that started in the basement, the Boston Fire Department reports. The fire, which caused no injuries, caused an estimated \$75,000 in damage, the department reports, adding the cause is under investigation.

City community center will move from longtime Charles Street facility

BY BILL FORRY
EDITOR

The Cleveland Community Center in Fields Corner will leave its longtime space on Charles Street in May and relocate to what is now a Boston Public School building on Westville Street. Officials from the Boston Centers for Youth & Families and the public schools will explain the plan at a community meeting set for next Wednesday, March 21, at the center, which is located at 11 Charles St.

The community program will move into comparable space on Westville Street that was once called the Marshall Community Center and is now part of the Up Academy campus. The complex includes a pool, which will be one of the new programming options at the re-located facility.

Starting in May, the

Westville Street site will be known as the BCYF Marshall Community Center, according to Sandy Holden, a spokesperson for BCYF. The Cleveland name – a reference to US president Grover Cleveland (1885-1889; 1893-1897) – will be discontinued.

The move is prompted by a larger Walsh administration plan that calls for the existing Cleveland facility to be used as swing space for BPS schools that need it. The first new occupant of the building will be Boston Arts Academy, which is now based in the Fenway. The academy will relocate to Dorchester for three years while a new building is constructed for its new home across from Fenway Park.

BAA’s headmaster was scheduled to meet with civic leaders at home.stead café in Fields Corner on Tues., March 13, to update the com-

munity on the school’s vision for its temporary home. That meeting was postponed by the winter storm that hit the region on Tuesday.

Holden said that the staff of the Cleveland center will be in place on Westville Street by May 1. She said that more information about programming at the new site will be explained in detail at the March 21 meeting.

More information will also be posted online following the meeting at: Boston.Gov/BCYF-Cleveland.

As part of the transition at the Cleveland campus, the Boston Arts Academy will move into space now occupied by Dorchester Academy. In September, Dorchester Academy, a high school, will move into a building on McClellan Street in Dorchester that formerly housed the Endicott School.

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Police, Courts & Fire

Two more teens charged in Kenwood Street murder

Two additional teenagers have been charged with murder for the death of Chad O’Connor, a 17-year-old who was beaten and shot to death on Kenwood Street on Jan. 14. Malik Albert of Dorchester and Rodney Gamble of Lynn, both 17, were arraigned on Monday morning in Dorchester Municipal Court for their alleged roles in the attack. They join Rishaard Sheppard and Brandon Singleton-Legget, who were arrested last month for the same crime. O’Connor was surrounded and attacked by a group of men. A gun recovered from Sheppard’s home last month is a ballistic match to the murder weapon, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley. Sheppard is alleged to have fatally shot O’Connor in the head. The other young men were charged with kicking O’Connor. Judge Jonathan Tynes ordered Albert and Gamble to be held without bail on Monday.

Prosecutors say they have video evidence that shows the attack and implicates Albert and Gamble, who are due back in court on March 14.

Correction

An article in last week’s Reporter regarding the Suffolk County Register of Deeds election included an incorrect sum for the annual salary of the job. It pays an annual salary of \$138,000, not \$142,000. The Reporter regrets the error.

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 12

Monday meeting in Grove Hall to discuss MLK memorial – MLK Boston, an organization planning to build a memorial in Boston to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. hosts a public meeting at Prince Hall, 24 Washington St., Dorchester on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m. See mlkboston.org for more info.

Public meeting to discuss Dorchester Avenue re-development – Boston Planning and Development Agency hosts public meeting on

Thursday, March 22 to discuss proposal for a mixed-use development on the current site of Dorchester Market and Tom English bar at 951-959A Dorchester Ave. The meeting will be held at St. Teresa of Calcutta parish hall, 73 Roseclair St., Dorchester from 6:30-8 p.m. For further info, contact John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or john.campbell@boston.gov.

Boston State Hospital Committee meets on March 15 – The Boston State Hospital CAC meets on Thurs., March 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Civic groups convene First Suffolk candidates event – First Suffolk Senate “meet the candidates” event at First Parish Church,

10 Parish St., Dorchester on Monday, March 19 from 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by a coalition of Dorchester civic associations and the Dorchester Reporter. Meet the candidates who are running for state Senate and ask questions.

Vietnam and ‘68 election focus of JFK Library Forum – JFK Library forum on Vietnam 1968: The War, the Turmoil and the Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, March 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. featuring Lawrence O’Donnell, host of MSNBC’s The Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell. Free. Register at jfklibrary.org.

Uphams Corner plans discussed at Kroc Center – BPDA hosts a public meeting on Uphams Corner implementation meeting focusing on how housing and commercial space can support the Arts and Innovation District on Wed., March 21 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Light refreshments will be provided. For more info call 617-918-4238 or email kristina.ricco@boston.gov.

Redevelopment plan for Tom English site to be discussed at meeting – Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a public meeting on Thurs., March 22 on a proposal for a mixed-use development on the current site of Dorchester Market and Tom

English bar at 951-959A Dorchester Ave. The meeting will be held at St. Teresa of Calcutta parish hall, 73 Roseclair St., Dorchester from 6:30-8 p.m. For further info, contact John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or john.campbell@boston.gov.

Glover’s Corner planners host office hours at Fields Corner BPL – BPDA sponsors PLAN: Glover’s Corner neighborhood hours on Saturday, March 24

at Fields Corner BPL branch, 1520 Dorchester Ave. from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet the BPDA team and ask questions about the process and Glover’s Corner area data. More online at BostonPlans.org or call Cecilia Nardi at 617-918-4471 or Cecilia.Nardi@boston.gov.

Mattapan plans to honor longtime health leader on March 29 – Dr. Azzie Young will be honored with the Community Health Pinnacle Award at the Mattapan Community Health Center’s Rock the Boat gala on Thursday, March 29 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 606 Congress St., Boston. For more information contact rtb@mpwi.org.

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Markey: Nation should follow Bay State’s lead on gun laws

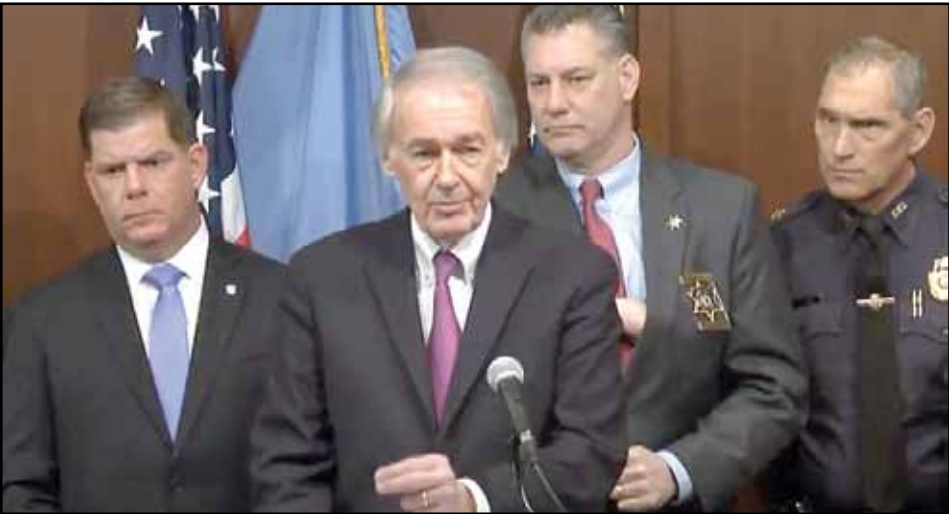
By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Amid growing outcry over mass shootings across the nation, US Sen. Ed Markey said on Monday that he will file a bill aimed at preventing gun violence that will use Massachusetts laws as a model for the federal level.

The Making America Safe and Secure (MASS) Act would incentivize other states to adopt gun safety laws already implemented in Massachusetts through an annual grant from the Department of Justice of \$20 million over the next five years.

The senator made the pitch for his idea at a press conference at Boston Police Department headquarters.

“Our gun safety bills are a model for other states and, I believe, for the US Congress to follow,” said Markey, who was flanked by Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and law enforcement leaders. “Over the past two decades, Massachusetts has adopted some of the most comprehensive and effective gun violence prevention laws in the country. And as a result, since 1994, we have reduced gun deaths by 40 percent.” He added, “It is in part due to these laws that we have the lowest



US Senator Ed Markey, center, spoke during a Monday morning press conference at Boston Police Headquarters to discuss his proposed Making America Safe and Secure (MASS) Act legislation. Image courtesy City of Boston

gun death rate of all 50 states.”

If passed, the bill would give states additional federal dollars if they adopt the Massachusetts system for firearms licensing, which requires all prospective gun buyers to apply for a license and complete an in-person interview with their local police chief as a form of background check.

“The involvement of a police chief in the licensing process is key,” Markey explained. “A license in Massachusetts is only given with the police chief stamp of approval. That’s the way it is in Massachusetts. That’s the way it should across the United States.”

Boston Police Commis-

sioner William Evans cited a study of Massachusetts gun seizures that he said documents how lax regulations in other states impact law and order here in the Commonwealth.

“Of the 3,200 guns recovered in the state, only 32 percent were bought in Massachusetts,” he said. Evans explained that with the majority of illegally obtained guns are being brought into the state via the I-95 corridor— from the north from New Hampshire and Maine, and from the south from Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas.

The mayor endorsed Markey’s bill and emphasized the need for sustained urgency on the matter of gun safety.

“Congress needs to understand the severity of this issue,” he said. “Not the day after a shooting happens, but the month after it happens. How many more mass shootings in schools do we need to have to move this needle forward?” Walsh asked.

The mayor also voiced his support for students who have spoken out against gun violence and organized school walkouts across the country. “We’re proud of the students at Parkland for taking a stand. We’re proud of the students in Boston for taking a stand,” he said.

The outrage expressed by students of Stoneham Douglas High in Parkland, Florida, has

brought the gun safety debate back into the national spotlight in recent weeks. Students around the country are following cues and becoming vocal leaders for the cause. Boston Local Group Leader of Moms Demand Action Angela Christiana said her organization has been in touch with local colleges and high schools about the Boston March For Our Lives on March 24, and is expecting a large turnout.

“It will be thousands,” she said. “We think it’s gonna be around 20,000.”

Another local organization, Operation LIPSTICK (Ladies Involved in Putting a Stop to Inner City Killing), is raising money to send a diverse group of youths from Boston and New York down to the march in Washington on the 24th. So far, donations have already raised enough for one bus and activist Ruth Rollins expects to have multiples by the day of the march.

“This has been something that’s taken on a life of its own,” she said, describing the movement.

A Boston-based nonprofit, LIPSTICK mainly aims to educate women about the dangers of “straw purchasing,” or buying a gun for a hus-

band or boyfriend who then commits a crime.

While school shootings at suburban, mostly white high schools often receive the most media attention, the constant threat of gun violence for kids in city neighborhoods tends to fly under the national radar. LIPSTICK hopes to address this discrepancy by providing city youth an opportunity to express their own voices on a national platform.

“We have mass shootings yearly, in terms of a lot of losses of life day by day,” Rollins said. “Our children are being traumatized by gun violence as well...A lot of these kids marching have lost their classmates.”

Her 21-year-old son Danny was shot to death in 2007, Rollins said, noting that her granddaughter plans to march in Washington in honor of her father. “It’s really emotional for me, the fact that my grand-daughter wants to march,” she said. “Often we hear from parents like me but we never hear from the children. This is their time.”

Donations to Operation LIPSTICK can be made at razoo.com/story/operationlipstick. RSVP for the Boston March For Our Lives at marchforourlives.com.

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Evans says BPD body cam pilot was ‘positive’

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and generated fewer use-of-force reports.”

A full report on the pilot that will include community and officer feedback on their interactions, more thorough cost and personnel assessments, and qualitative data is expected to be released later this year.

“While we won’t know the specifics of what a body camera program in Boston should look like until we receive the final report, Mayor Walsh is committed to making a significant investment in this year’s budget for a potential body camera program,” spokeswoman Nicole Caravella said in a statement.

“This will guarantee that the police department has the tools they need for implementation once this study is complete in June.”

A public safety and criminal justice hearing Monday featured testimony from the researchers and police officials on their initial impressions.

“For the most part I think it’s all been positive,” Police Commissioner William Evans testified at the hearing. “I haven’t heard one complaint from the officers for wearing them at all.”

Across the year-long pilot, the cameras captured 38,200 videos and 4,600 hours worth of footage. Cameras record every interaction between an

officer and a civilian, unless in a domestic violence situation or another circumstance which requires individual privacy. Two officers were cleared of wrongdoing because of body camera video, Evans said, later noting that they had proven to be an invaluable tool in courts.

City councillors said they believed the evidence is substantial enough to support implementing a full body camera program.

“We absolutely should do body cameras,” said Council President Andrea Campbell, though she asked that the city not view these specific cameras as the be-all-end all if other technology is also available to improve policing. Councillor Jim Janey and Lydia Edwards, both elected in November, also said they supported the program.

The study itself is limited by the number of police officers who took part — initially 50 but raised to 100 — and a consistently low incidence of complaints and use of force reports in general, said Anthony Braga with the Northeastern research team.

Use of force and complaints for BPD officers have been on a downward trajectory already, the report notes. The “relatively modest reduction in complaints was significant,” Braga said, in that it was not a random decline unrelated to the cameras, but “these were very small but notable improvements.”

Police officers in five police districts and the Youth Violence Strike Force were randomly assigned cameras and monitored alongside a control group of officers who did not wear cameras. Across all participants, there were 12 fewer citizen complaints filed against officers with body-worn cameras over the year and seven fewer use of force reports, compared with the control group.

One officer who wore a camera during the pilot period was Zachary Crossen, who became the focus of controversy last month when video showing him and a civilian in a tense verbal exchange on a Fields Corner street went viral on social media. John Daley, a deputy superintendent with the police department, told the council hearing that Crossen was not wearing a body camera at the time of the exchange on Charles Street, because the pilot ended



Boston Police Commissioner William Evans: “For the most part I think it’s all been positive.”

last September.

There is some disagreement over the costs and benefits of cameras, Evans said. He referenced a study in Washington D.C. that found little impact in officer behavior when monitored by camera. In a New York Times interview with the Washington D.C. police chief, he said one advantage to the cameras is increased community trust and better documentation.

Another study in Las Vegas found that though complaints decreased, number of arrests rose. Evans worried that the cameras would “take away [officers’] discretion where they might be able to give kids breaks.”

But the main issue is cost, police said. Daley estimated that fully quipping all Boston Police officers would run the city between \$5 and \$7 million for the first year, and around \$25 over five years.

Evans said the department will probably have to hire 12 to 15 people to handle FOIAs, redactions, “input, output, and requests.” At the moment, processing a single request for tape can take 3 to 4 hours to complete, he said.

Representatives from the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Branch of the NAACP testified in support of the program. Rachael Rollins, an attorney speaking on behalf of the NAACP, pressed for immediate implementation and funding in the city budget to reflect it.

With regard to giving officers discretion, Rollins said, “This is a good plug to say that we really need members of law enforcement... that better reflect the rich and diverse communities of Boston. We ask that there are policies in place with respect to when the cameras are turned on and off, and transparency and citizen oversight.”

MLK BOSTON

Please join the conversation about the proposed memorial honoring Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott-King

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City digs out quickly after blizzard dumps 15 inches locally

(Continued from page 1) be a big one,” he said late Monday. “We’re getting ready for it and taking this one very seriously.”

A seemingly endless series of consecutive blizzards broke snowfall records in Boston during the winter of ‘15. Looking ahead on Monday, Walsh warned that the Tuesday’s storm could be followed by another one next week and urged residents to prepare.

By Wednesday morning, snow depths had peaked at around two feet in a number of regions, setting records from the Central Hills to the coastlines. The official figure at Logan Airport was 14.8 inches by 8 a.m. in the wake of snow flurries through the early morning, according to the National Weather Service.

Schools in numerous communities were closed Tuesday and Wednesday. In Boston, Walsh directed all non-emergency city personnel to stay home. Statewide, Gov. Charlie Baker set an 11 a.m. start time on Wednesday for all non-emergency state executive branch employees.

There were limited power outages in Boston on Tuesday and into the overnight; the primary concern was snow removal. State officials



Auckland Street was cleared to the blacktop on Wednesday morning
Daniel Sheehan photo

said there were several injuries due to the storm but no fatalities.

“After the storm winds down, temperatures are going to remain low,” Walsh said on Monday. “We won’t see much melting this week so a lot of this snow will be on the streets for at least a week. And we’re looking at a potential other storm coming in sometime next week, so try to do your best to get down to pavement when you’re shoveling.”

Walsh said 800 pieces of equipment would be out clearing snow, with a city snow emergency and parking ban in effect on main roads beginning at

7 p.m. Monday that was still in effect Wednesday morning.

Those parking in all city neighborhoods but the South End are allowed to use spacesavers for 48 hours from when the snow emergency ends. Roads around Dorchester were mostly cleared down to blacktop by Wednesday morning, although sidewalks were still being shoveled out into the afternoon.

The mayor urged residents to call 311 with any concerns about snow plowing or removal. “Just be patient, we will get to you,” he said on Tuesday. “We’re putting on extra additional staff, and we’ll have additional staff on Wednesday as well, taking any calls you might have... and I promise you we will get to your streets and plow your streets.”

National Grid said they were seeing an “increase in outages due to the blizzard, bringing down wires and equipment,” and about 140,000 were still without power in Massachusetts on Wednesday morning, mainly on the South Shore. The company expected all power to be restored by midnight Wednesday.

Major roads are plowed, the Massachusetts Department of

Transportation noted Tuesday night. The morning commute was roughly on schedule Wednesday morning, with commuter rail operating on “extremely reduced schedules,”

and MBTA subways on reduced frequencies throughout Tuesday. The Mattapan trolley was replaced by shuttle buses, though regular service resumed at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

The St. Patrick’s Day parade faces an uncertain fate, Walsh said. “We’ll play it by ear,” he added.

WBUR reporter Simón Rios contributed to this report.

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Adversity, determination, humor mark ‘The Irish...And How They Got That Way’

By R. J. DONOVAN
SPECIAL TO THE BIR

Frank McCourt is perhaps best known for his gripping 1996 memoir, “Angela’s Ashes.” Detailing the harshness of his upbringing in Limerick, the book remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 100 weeks and was honored with multiple awards, including a Pulitzer Prize.

The following year, McCourt created the book for the musical “The Irish...And How They Got That Way,” celebrating the Irish-American humor, determination, and struggles over the previous century and a half.

The exuberant revue premiered off-Broadway at The Irish Repertory Theatre and was described as an “irreverent but affectionate history of the Irish in America that mingles laughter and sentiment in a tapestry of classical songs and stories. The production encapsulates the most tumultuous times of the past century with the vibrant humor and bitter irony that had become the trademark of the author.”

The Greater Boston Stage Company (formerly Stoneham Theatre) is presenting “The Irish... And How They Got that Way” from March 8 to March 25. The cast includes William Gardiner, Nile Hawver, Michael Levesque, Kirsten Salpini, Nicole VanderLaan, and Ceit M. Zweil.

Although the show profiles a specific time and place in Irish history, the inherent prejudice



and disrespect remain timely, with immigration as explosive a topic as ever.

Dawn Simmons directs the production. BIR readers may recall that Dawn is a Buffalo native who traces her Irish roots through her mother’s grandfather. She studied at Boston University, went home to Buffalo to work for the Irish Classical Theater Company, and then returned to Boston to pursue her career in the theater.

For the past 14 years she has worked as a director, playwright, and arts administrator. She is currently Director of Performing Arts at the Boston Center for the Arts.

The musical numbers in the show range from “Danny Boy” and “Mother Machree” to “Galway Bay,” “No Irish Need Apply” and “The Rose of Tralee,” among others.

“For me,” Dawn has said, “music drives the storytelling in this piece. It was clear early on that I wanted to create a band [for the production], something that calls on Irish tradition, but puts a modern spin on it. Kirsten Salpini, the music director, has been an incredible col-

laborator, drawing out the connections between traditional Irish music and American Folk music.” With one exception, all of the actors play an instrument in the show.

We spoke at length about the production during a break in Dawn’s busy day. Here’s a condensed look at our conversation.

Q. What drew you to the production?

A. (GBSC Producing Artistic Director) Weylin Symes came to me . . . There was all this talk about what was going to happen with immigration, with immigrants, with dreamers, all of that. It was just after Trump had been elected. And Weylin pitched the project in a way that really made sense to me. This is a really great way to get people to remember their own immigrant experience . . . We’re all coming here, or we *are* here, in hopes of making a better life for ourselves.

Q. Is it important for audiences to have a familiarity with the Irish journey?

A. It’s a really interesting question . . . There’s a lot of history in the song; there’s a lot of storytelling in the music . . . You’re going to have

those people who come in and who know the stuff cold and who will be looking for us to tell the story authentically. And we’re going to give them a little twist, so I hope they go with us. But there are also going to be people who come, and they may not know anything of the experience, but I think there is enough in the script and in the music for people to understand and follow along . . . I think we’re in a good place.

Q. While we clearly know of the bigotry experienced by the Irish many decades ago, it’s impossible not to see it reflected, yet again, in the current political climate. Finger pointing just seems to get shifted from one target to another.

A. Without a doubt. It’s always, who’s in the spotlight at the moment . . . It very well could be you . . . We’re all quietly minding our business and then suddenly, Oh, we’re Enemy Number One. It gets crazy . . . I hope that a show like this holds that mirror up to nature so we can all say, wait, we’re in it again. Instead of treating each other like enemies again, find the commonality, find the hope and work through it.

R. J. Donovan is editor and publisher of on-stageboston.com.

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CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH
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Thurs., March 15, 10:30 a.m. – Duplo Days; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 16,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; Tiny Tots Sign Language; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. **Sat., March 17,** 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Hours at Boston Public Library; 11:30 a.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points Library Hours. **Mon., March 19,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., March 20,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., March 21,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – What is a Monument? A Youth Design Workshop. **Thurs., March 22,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., March 15, 3 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours at Boston Public Library; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Thursday Night Movies. **Fri., March 16,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. **Sat., March 17,** 11 a.m. – Sankofa Group. **Mon., March 19,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop in Homework Help. **Tues., March 20,** 10:15 a.m. – ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., March 21,** 11 a.m. – Toddler Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – Bits & Bots. **Thurs., March 22,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Thursday Night Movies.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH
Thurs., March 15, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 16,** 9:30 a.m. – Babytime. **Sat., March 17,** 10 a.m. – Vietnamese Bilingual Storytime. **Mon., March 19,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., March 20,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., March 21,** 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., March 22,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs., March 15, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 16,** 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Mon., March 19,** 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., March 20,** 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., March 21,** 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Grub Street: Spoken Word; Storytime with Wee the People: Black Lives Matter. **Thurs. March 22,** 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., March 15, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Bedtime Story Program. **Sat., March 17,** 9:30 a.m. – St. Patrick’s Day Program. **Mon., March 19,** 10:30 p.m. – Baby and Toddler Singalong; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., March 20,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., March 21,** 11:15 a.m. – Story Craft Program; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Spring Equinox Craft Program. **Thurs., March 22,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; Open Mic Poetry Night. **Sat., March 24,** 11 a.m. – LEGO Club.

Please come and celebrate

Dorchester’s Eleventh Annual St. Patrick’s Day Brunch

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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City Singers founder, Dorcena Forry picks for Quinn Awards

UMass Boston will honor Jane Money, founding artistic and education director of the Boston City Singers, with the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership at the university's annual Community Breakfast on Thur., March 29.



Jane Money

Former State Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry will also be honored, with the Chancellor's Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service, for her public service to the citizens of Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, and South Boston for nearly 20 years.

"Like Bob Quinn, our honorees exemplify dedication to public and community service," said Interim Chancellor Barry Mills. "We look forward to continuing this important tradition of honoring one of our founding fathers and recognizing those who follow in his footsteps."

Money founded the Boston City Singers in 1995 as a Dorchester-based division of Youth

Pro Musica to provide outstanding music training opportunities to low- and moderate-income inner-city youths in the communities in which they live. The organization has since grown to serve more than 500 singers, many of whom reside in metro-Boston's urban neighborhoods.

The selection committee noted Money's extraordinary dedication to providing access to quality music education and life skills training for every child involved in the program and her significant contribution to developing the children of Dorchester and surrounding communities into tomorrow's leaders.

Forry will be recognized for her commitment in the State House as a representative and a senator. Throughout her tenure, she has supported and empowered neighbors and families in Dorchester and other communities in the Commonwealth's First Suffolk Senate District through leadership that encouraged inclusion and diversity, economic growth, and neighborhood revitalization.

The breakfast, which is open to the public and free, begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom. Those interested in attending should register by or before March 15.

Citywide spelling bee set for Saturday

Boston's best youth spellers in grades 4 through 7 will compete in the 11th annual citywide youth Spelling Bee hosted by Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) on Sat., March 17 starting at 10 a.m. at the Boston Public Library's Rabb Lecture Hall in Copley Square. The winner will go on to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the nation's largest and longest-running spelling bee, in Washington, D.C. in May.

Last year the Bee went 14 rounds plus an incredible 13 final rounds before the Championship Round. The 9 year-old champion won by spelling "cacophony" correctly. Twenty-one students are expected to compete in the Saturday event.



The 'Best in Show' winners from DotOUT with the judges, former Sen. Linda Forry and Eleanor Arpino. Dan Sheehan photo

Chili Cook-off packed 'em in, filled 'em up

The 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off saw DotOut claim the prize for Best In Show on Sunday afternoon at the IBEW Local 103 Hall. This year's competition had more than 20 local civic groups, associations, and businesses submit their own chilis in pursuit of the official title of Best Chili in Dorchester.

As usual, all proceeds from the event went towards funding the Dorchester Day Parade, which will take place this year on Sunday, June 3.

This year's hosts and head judges were former State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry



The teens from the Martin Richard Foundation won the People's Choice award. Team MR8 photo

and former owner of local restaurant ester, Eleanor Arpino. Forry, who recently stepped down from her State House position, brought her trademark energy to the event.

"Since she's no longer doing the breakfast, she insisted on doing this!"

joked Arpino.

The City of Boston Credit Union took home the prize for best non-beef chili, while Haley House won Most Creative with their chili brownie recipe and the city's BPDA won Best Team Spirit for their costumes and decorations. The Martin

Richard Foundation won the People's Choice prize.

The event also featured a performance from New Orleans-style second line brass band the Hot Tamales, as well as a variety of kids games and activities.

—DANIEL SHEEHAN

Parkland mayor has roots in Roslindale

By Ed Forry

As the grieving residents of Parkland, Florida seek to recover from the tragic Valentine's Day massacre at their high school, the city's government is led by a woman with Boston roots. Mayor Christine Hunschofsky is a Boston Latin School graduate who was born and brought up in Roslindale, and holds several degrees from Boston University and Babson College.



Christine Hunschofsky

She is the 48 year-old daughter of John McGuire, a native of Ireland's County Mayo and a well-known and respected leader in Boston's Irish community.

On Feb. 25, McGuire joined with pastor Rev. John Carroll and parishioners at St. John Chrysostom church in West Roxbury after Sunday Mass to create a memorial tableau with photos of the 17 victims of the mass murder. The parish planned to send letters of condolences to the principal of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School as a way to show support to the

mayor's grieving city.

The proud father said his daughter was among the invited attendees at a highly publicized "listening session" at the White House immediately after the massacre.

In a broadcast on NPR's Morning Edition, Mayor Hunschofsky spoke about the session.

"The whole community is grieving," said Mayor Hunschofsky. "We lost 17 lives from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas community, and for the last week, we've been going to memorials, to funerals."

"So we're definitely going through a grieving process, and it's going to be a long process," she said. "The good news is - if there is good news in this - because we have such a tight-knit, bonded community, we'll get through this together."

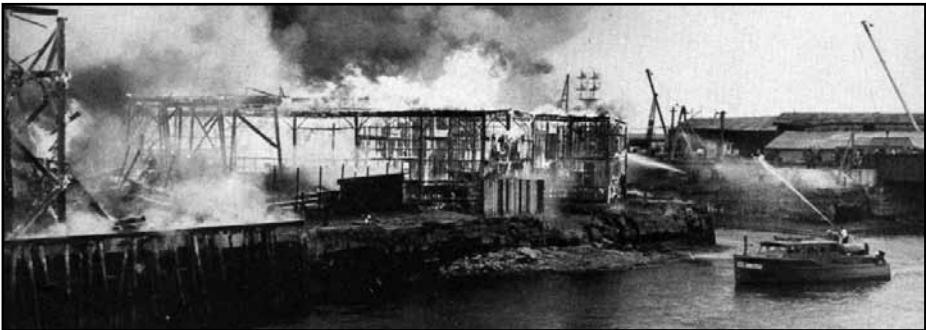
Hunschofsky moved to Parkland, a small city a half-hour drive from Fort Lauderdale, as part of her career as an engineer. She was a coach in youth soccer and little league, a member of her parish school board. She has volunteered for many years at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On April 23, 1944, a fire broke out at the Frost Coal Company, which was located in Neponset on the Neponset River edge, between the traffic bridge and the railroad bridge down behind the present-day Sozio appliance store and Planet Fitness. The company was established at this location in 1869 by George E. Frost, who died in 1920. He had a house built at 2 Frost Avenue, at the corner of Boutwell Street, that later became the clubhouse of the Redberry Council and Knights of Columbus.

The Society has a series of nine photographs of the fire, but the illustration shown today comes from the Boston Fire Historical Society's



Frost Coal

website because it has the most encompassing view of the area.

The 1933 atlas shows that the structures were wood-frame. The *Boston Globe* reported that the five-

alarm fire caused damage estimated at \$300,000 to the coal company and an adjacent shipyard while more than 20 families were forced out of their homes near he site.

Thomas H. Kelley, of Florida Street, one of the crew of 300 men who fought the fire, was injured, suffering lacerations to his right arm. Several wooden storage buildings containing 2,000 tons of anthracite coal billowed up in 1,000-foot high clouds of smoke. The fire spread to the nearby Lockery and Butts boathouse (Thomas Lockery and Edward Butts) and destroyed about 225 pleasure cruisers, yachts and sailboats.

You can reach us at dorchester-historicalsociety.org. Check out the Society's online catalog at Dorchester.pastperfectonline.com; the archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the website.

You say ‘Gondola,’ we say, ‘where’s our Fairmount Line pilot?’

Is building an aerial gondola over the streets of Boston’s Seaport district a good idea? Maybe it is. Maybe it isn’t.

But, whatever its merits or shortfalls, we hope that Boston’s political, business, and media leaders will slow their roll on any new ideas like this \$100 million gondola until the long-deferred question of transit equity for our neighborhoods is resolved.

The Fairmount/Indigo Line— now a commuter rail line that runs through the heart of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park on its way from Readville to South Station and back— should be the first priority for our leaders.

Can’t we invest in making the Fairmount run a full-service, urban line akin to the Red Line *and* plan for a some future, privately funded gondola? Ideally, yes, but the last year has given us fresh concern that city and state leaders aren’t as committed as they claim to be when it comes to making the Fairmount their true focus.

Now, with the tourist-friendly gondola scheme dangling like a snow-globe distraction above our heads, there’s new reason to worry and to push back.

At first blush, the notion of adding an overhead gondola to the menu of transportation options for the Seaport is certainly worthy of consideration. The devil is in the details. While the private firms behind the deal say they’d pay the \$100 million to build the infrastructure, it’s not yet clear who would maintain it in the years to come.

Would it be operated as an MBTA branch or perhaps by a new quasi-public agency? Will long term maintenance and operation costs be shouldered by the public? All fair questions— and ones that will no doubt be part of ongoing coverage of this still-emerging idea.

But where are the deep-dive news reports and the political firepower when it comes to advancing the Fairmount Line? Sadly, it has been all too quiet on this front.

Last year, we reported that Rep. Evandro Carvalho introduced a bill that— if passed— would instruct the MBTA to boost ridership and access along the 9.2-mile line by launching a two-year pilot program in which Fairmount trains would run every 15 minutes at peak times.

Sadly, Carvalho’s bill landed like a dead Red Line engine within the MBTA and it has not moved an inch in the Legislature. Last September, Mayor Walsh said he would propose his own 11-month pilot for the Fairmount Line— which he has hailed as a key part of the city’s 2030 plan. It’s effectively a scaled-back version of Carvalho’s plan.

“One fifth of Boston’s population lives along this nine-mile stretch,” Walsh correctly told a Chamber of Commerce audience as he rolled out news of his idea. “And 83 percent of those folks are black and Latino. They deserve better service, and from an economic perspective, they are an underutilized workforce in our city that we need to activate.”

Walsh is right, of course. But, even this modest proposal by the mayor of Boston has gone nowhere. Why?

Earlier this month, a coalition of transit advocates that is pushing for more thoughtful rail investments by city and state governments made the Fairmount Line a key plank in their report, “Transit Matters.” It’s their “Exhibit A” for how Massachusetts can make sensible investments in existing rail infrastructure and get the biggest bang for our collective buck.

The line, the report notes, already has most of the infrastructure it needs to morph into a high frequency, urban-core line. It has high-level platforms, access to electrical substations, and seven stations within the city, with an eighth — Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan— now under construction.

The report underlines what community leaders have been arguing for decades now: The elements needed to make the Indigo Line a reality are within reach, *if* our state and city leaders get focused and serious about making this line what it should be: a viable transit option for the residents of Boston who for years have watched suburbanites zoom by on trains as they’ve boarded crowded buses.

Do you want to have a serious conversation about building public buy-in for a gondola? Fine. Let’s start by getting down to brass tacks on the Fairmount-Indigo line, which can’t even get a hearing on a test-run for faster, more reliable service. Let’s start with the actual rail tracks that are being underused in our backyards— and then turn our eyes to the Seaport skies.

– Bill Forry

There are pitfalls in generalizing about crime rates in neighborhoods

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

There has been some social media chatter recently about another news organization’s analysis of Boston Police Department crime data that drew its conclusions from a misapplication of demographic information and an overgeneralization of neighborhood boundaries.

The analysis, published by the online-only Dorchester Post, asserted that in 2017 Dorchester had a lower crime rate than most other areas of the city. Judging from the crime data the two reporters who wrote the article cited, they deemed police district C-11 as comprising all of Dorchester, so their analysis, projecting District C-11 and its 10 percent drop in crime as representative of the entirety of Dorchester, concludes that all of Dorchester had 2,034 instances of part one crime in 2017.

But Dorchester is larger than a single police district.

While District C-11 falls neatly within the established bounds of the neighborhood, Dorchester also sprawls into significant portions of C-6 (to the north), B-2 (to the northwest), and B-3 (to the south). The following sections of Dorchester fall outside the C-11 district: villages like Columbia Point and the Polish Triangle; the Blue Hill Avenue corridor; parts of the Dudley Triangle and Uphams Corner; Grove Hall; parts of Codman Square and Codman Hill alongside Mattapan’s northern border; and streets around the Franklin Park and Franklin Field neighborhoods.

These parts of Dorchester should be included in any analysis of the entire neighborhood, and any survey should note the several police districts by name when comparing or and contrasting them in the service of an analysis.

In an attempt to break crime down to a per 1,000 resident-rate, the Post reporters used Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) population data for the entire neighborhood and set the numbers against those from the C-11 alone, leading to the implication that crime that occurs in C-11 is all of the crime in overall Dorchester. The reporters did not add in the incidences of crime that occurred outside of C-11 but still within the city’s classification of the boundaries of Dorchester. With that omission, they calculated an exceedingly low crime rate by dividing the total number of C-11 district incidents in 2017 by 124, based on

Letter to the Editor

There’s a simple gun problem solution: Vote to abolish the Second Amendment

To the Editor: Roy Lincoln Karp, in his Feb. 22 commentary, is absolutely right to assert that even if Douglas High students succeed in moving Congress to legislate gun restriction, “we would still need to address a culture of violence in a nation that currently has more guns than people.”

Karp’s laudable work, integrating socially challenged students into the broader high school community, serves as a model for minimizing the alienation and isolation that spawns delinquency and violence. His approach to the role of schools as part of the solution deserves full endorsement.

Achieving the goal, he says, “requires a paradigm shift in the way we think about young people, especially those who persistently test our commitment to them.”

Critical to solving gun violence, however, would be a “paradigm shift” in the way we think about guns. The commentary’s headline, “We don’t need an act of Congress to create safe and inclusive schools,” is at least debatable. We can certainly expect no effective legislation as long as the NRA and its ilk dictate national gun laws — at least not until society responds to the epiphany it sorely needs: the realization that American gun culture is demented; that the first ever anti-gun law, “Thou shalt not kill,” is a worthy commandment, although widely ignored thanks to the abundance of weapons.

As this commandment implies, any implement specifically designed to kill people is intrinsically evil and has no business in existence, except perhaps in a museum of curiosities.

Ultimately, we need laws that will eradicate guns and all weapons that kill people. Ultimately, we need to abolish that ridiculously archaic sacred cow, the historically racist Second Amendment,

the estimated population of Dorchester (about 124,00), and contrasting that rate to similarly misaligned crime rates for the other neighborhoods and districts in the city.

As for the accounting of crimes by category, part one crime—homicides, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, and automobile thefts — is down in the city as a whole and in many of the Dorchester districts. However, the jumps in murders continue to be disproportionately focused in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, all of which saw spikes in homicides, which make up a minuscule percentage of overall part one crime.

Larcenies, which account for about 58 percent of all part one crime, occur far more frequently in districts like the South End’s D-4 and Downtown’s A-1, each of which saw two homicides in 2017. As a result, smaller proportionate downward swings in larcenies can completely overshadow increases in more serious crimes.

Homicides account for 0.3 percent of overall part one crime in the city, and areas B and C together – including Dorchester, South Boston, Roxbury, and Mattapan – accounted for 48 of the year’s 56 homicides by Christmas 2017. This is a significant discrepancy in crime by neighborhood.

The Dorchester Post analysis suffers from the same homicide rate calculation problems as it does with crime as a whole; it uses mismatched boundaries for districts and neighborhoods, relying on the broad Boston Police classification of a primarily “Dorchester” or “Mattapan” police district as comparable with the city’s official neighborhood boundaries. The assessment of South Boston jumping by 600 percent in homicides — from 1 to 6 — ignores the fact that three of those C-6 homicides took place in Dorchester.

Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury have long been shackled to reputations as unsafe neighborhoods, but countering that narrative by miscalculating crime rates and attributing any flaws in the analysis to the use of broad boundary and population descriptions is ultimately a disservice to the neighborhoods themselves. Violence is distributed unevenly in Boston, and getting to an understanding of the relative crime rates by neighborhood requires a more rigorous statistical analysis than this piece provided.

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MARCH 19 MEETING TO DISCUSS MLK MEMORIAL
MLK Boston, an organization planning to build a memorial in Boston to Dr. Martin Lither King, Jr. hosts a public meeting at Prince Hall, 24 Washington St., Dorchester on Monday, March 19 at 6 p.m. See mlkboston.org for more info.

SENATE CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT FIRST PARISH CHURCH

A coalition of Dorchester civic associations plan to host a “candidates night” for the three Senate candidates on Monday, March 19 from 6-8 p.m. at First Parish Church, 10 Parish St., Dorchester. The Dorchester Reporter is a co-sponsor of the event.

EVACUATION DAY OBSERVANCES ON MARCH 17

Evacuation Day is observed in South Boston and Roxbury beginning at 9 a.m. with the annual Evacuation Day Mass at St. Augustine’s Chapel followed by a procession to Dorchester Heights, where General Washington placed artillery in 1776 to force the British out of Boston. The annual Historical Exercises begin at 10 a.m., featuring the Lexington Minutemen, the South Boston Excel Junior ROTC, the Allied War Veterans, and the Major General Henry Knox Lodge of Freemasons Rep. Evandro Carvalho will host exercises at Fort Hill in Highland Park, Roxbury, begin at 11 a.m. with ceremonies by the Minutemen and local elected officials.State Representative Nick Collins will host lunch at the Shirley Eustis House, 33 Shirley Street, Roxbury, following the Fort Hill event. Shirley-Eustis House served as a Revolutionary War barracks during the Siege of Boston in 1775. For more information, please contact the Shirley-Eustis House at 617-442-2275 or email governorshirley@gmail.com.

GLOVER’S CORNER PLANNERS HOLD MARCH 24 OFFICE HOURS

The Boston Planning and Development Agency sponsors PLAN: Glover’s Corner neighborhood hours at Fields Corner BPL branch, 1520 Dorchester Ave. on Sat., March 24 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet the BPDA team and ask questions about the process and Glover’s Corner area data. More online at



Caption: City Councillor Ayanna Pressley of Dorchester, Kathrine Switzer, Joann Flaminio, Elizabeth Perry Tirrell, Zahra Arabzada were honored at an International Women’s Day event at the Mandarin Oriental on March 8. Switzer was the first woman to officially run the Boston Marathon. The interactive evening was presented by 261 Fearless, the global non-profit network of women who use running to empower each other. Flaminio is the first woman president of Boston Athletic Association; Perry Tirrell is the first Vice President of Athletics for the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association; and Arabzada is Afghan student who founded “The Hijabi Runner” blog.

Photo courtesy Boston Magazine/Melissa Ostrow

BostonPlans.org or call Cecilia Nardi at 617-918-4471 or Cecilia.Nardi@boston.gov.

GOSPEL CONCERT AT STRAND THEATER ON MARCH 22

Take 6 gospel group performs in concert at the Strand Theatre on Thurs., March 22. Doors open at 6 p.m. Part of the Inspire Arts and Music Programs Fundraiser. All proceeds to benefit free after school programs for Dorchester and Hyde Park youth. Tickets online at take6.com

BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEET ON MARCH 15

The Boston State Hospital CAC meets on Thurs.,

March 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

WOMEN OF COLOR CANCER SURVIVOR WORKSHOP ON MARCH 17

Women of Color with Cancer and Cancer Survivor Health Wellness and Beauty Support Group hosts workshop from 12-1:30 p.m. at Kroc Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Free admission. Lunch will be provided. Limited seating. Registration required: <http://bit.ly/2F5bcpq>

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Report: More frequent trips needed on Fairmount Line

By JENNIFER SMITH
News Editor

The Fairmount Line is primed to be on the front end of a major commuter rail improvement, according to a new, in-depth report that advocates for an improved “regional rail” network. The sweeping report by the non-profit TransitMatters calls for a long-term overhaul to the regional system, with electrified rail, raised platforms, faster service, and other changes that would cost billions of dollars.

As laid out in the report, alterations to the statewide commuter rail network would bring the Fairmount line up to a nearly subway style standard of service, focusing on weekday peak travel times. TransitMatters wants station arrivals every 30 minutes in the suburbs and 15 in denser neighborhoods, like Dorchester and Mattapan.

The network should be electrified and the current trains replaced with self-propelled electric vehicles called electric multiple units, or EMUs, the report recommends. Raised station platforms would let people board level to the train, fare adjustments and transfers connectivity between the commuter rail, subways, and bus system would encourage broader use of the MBTA system.

And the first step should be transitioning the Fairmount Line, the report said.

The report notes that all but two of the Fairmount’s eight stations have high platforms, as recommended, and the short, 9.2-mile line with its closely-spaced stations makes the high acceleration rates of EMUs “especially useful.” It’s connection to the Providence Line means it could make use of the existing electrical substations, reducing costs, and “should be the top target for electrification.”

An ongoing effort to add infill stops, like the under-construction Blue Hill Avenue station, to the line is a model for other commuter rail lines, the report said.

Fairmount Line ridership increases are also proof-positive of the effectiveness of fare integration, TransitMatters notes. Ridership tripled on the Fairmount line since 2012, when most of the stations were placed in Zone 1A, comparable to a subway fare. The line should have better integration with subway and bus fares, the report notes.

Allentza Michel, the Fairmount Indigo Network Coordinator with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, said she is feeling “very positive in general about



The 9.2-mile-long Fairmount Line with its closely-spaced urban stations and existing high platforms makes it a “top target for electrification,” according to a new report by TransitMatters. Chris Lovett photo

the focused attention on the Fairmount Line and the push to bring more transit which would lead to increased opportunities in communities.”

However, she wants to ensure that Fairmount Line improvements “are paired with other policies to improve more equitable development and anti-displacement practices in the corridor.”

The TransitMatters report echoes some of the longstanding requests from city advocates, Michel noted, including the push to electrify lines and include more efficient vehicles to serve a corridor disproportionately burdened with health risks from environmental congestion.

Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains have been floated for the Fairmount before to ease its transition to rapid transit. Gov. Deval Patrick’s administration ordered the new vehicles, but the purchase was scuttled by Gov. Charlie Baker’s administration, with officials saying that the investment is now on

hold indefinitely.

The regional rail report recommends starting to lease DMUs on routes like the Fairmount to speed up service before electrification. Subsequent EMUs would be faster still, averaging 30 miles per hour on the Fairmount and up to 55 miles per hour on other longer lines.

“The MBTA should lease DMUs, if possible, to immediately improve service on the Fairmount Line until electrification can be completed,” according to the report. “This is appropriate given the long history of social justice issues tied to the corridor, whose residents have not received equitable and reliable mobility.”

Electrification of the Providence, Stoughton, and Fairmount Lines should begin “as soon as possible, ideally within this decade,” TransitMatters said.

Frequent local service should follow, with trains at least every 15 minutes at rush hour and every 30 minutes off-peak on each

branch. Fairmount and the inner ends of some other lines could provide “supplemental service,” every 10 minutes at peak and every 15 minutes off-peak.

This recommendation outstrips even some ambitious proposals from the city and state politicians. State Rep. Evandro Carvalho filed a bill in Jan. 2017 calling for a two-year pilot evaluation of the Fairmount as a rapid transit line. He called for increasing the number of cars on the route, rebranded as the Indigo Line, to bring at peak arrivals to every 15 minutes and off-peak to 30 minutes. The bill, however, has not gained much traction on Beacon Hill.

This week, Carvalho

lauded the TransitMatters recommendations for the Fairmount, adding, “In particular, increased frequency would turn this line into a true gem, and doing so by electrifying the system would bring us closer to that reality in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner.”

State Rep. Nick Collins, who is running largely uncontested to become the state senator for the First Suffolk District, said he is “in strong support” of the legislation to bring about a Fairmount pilot, of which he is a co-sponsor. “Direct access to the job centers downtown and to the waterfront is critical.”

Re-opening discus-

sions on DMUs is also a priority, he said, continuing the Deval Patrick administration’s investment in the line.

Mayor Martin Walsh last year said he would in the near term set up a Fairmount Line pilot on the city side using existing equipment and infrastructure that would not require large capital expenditures such as electrification. The city is working with MassDOT and the MBTA to design the pilot. GoBoston 2030 also recommends a transition to rapid transit along the Fairmount, the only commuter rail line to operate totally within city limits.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said the TransitMatters team met with state transportation leaders, and “we greatly appreciate their hard work and strong advocacy for a convenient and reliable public transportation system that will serve the region’s needs for decades to come.”

An 18-month state-funded Commuter Rail Vision study launched last year is underway and considering many of the suggested options to improve the rail network — like full or partial system electrification; a change in vehicle technology to EMUs or other lower emitting and more flexible rolling stock; double or triple tracking, including any associated right of way acquisition; and new facilities and infill stations — as well as an assessment of modern rail networks in comparable urban areas.

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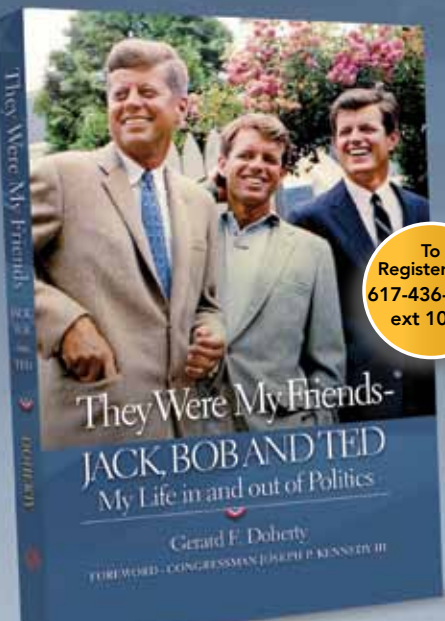
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The games were to be played on Tuesday, but were re-scheduled for Wednesday evening in Burlington due to the forecast of stormy weather.

The Tech Boston Bears cruised to a 69-44 win over Hingham on Saturday, led by a 22-point performance from senior guard Maurice Works. They will play North Andover in the Division 2 state semifinal on Wednesday (March 14) at 7:30 at Burlington High School.

The Burke Bulldogs launched an 11-2 run in the last two minutes of the game on Friday in Taunton to beat undefeated Apponequet, 70-62. They capitalized on a few key rebounds and turnovers to seal the result of a game that that saw 14 lead changes. The win was the first Burke regional crown since 1998. The Dot boys will take on



The Tech Boston Academy Bears celebrated their 69-44 victory over Hingham last weekend. Photo courtesy Tech Boston

Watertown in the Division 3 state semifinal at 5:30 on Wednesday at Burlington High.

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Tech Boston head coach Johnny Williams

pointed to his team's play without the ball as the cornerstone of the championship run. "Our defense has definitely been the key to our success," he said. "It's great

to have a group of guys who are brothers both on and off the court. They have level of chemistry that's not something you see every day." The team's motto is "We Rise and Fall Together," he said, adding that the boys have adopted another slogan over the course of the season – "We all we got." Said Williams: Our players have each other's backs. It's a brotherhood."

When asked how it felt for his kids to be representing Dorchester, in addition to Boston, at the state level, Williams described it as "amazing. When you hear about Dorchester, you hear about violence, negativity, poverty," he said. "These young men are making a positive difference. And you don't always hear that spin. I'm glad basketball is [shining] a different

light on Dorchester, and on those kids."

For his part, Burke coach Sean Ryan credited senior leadership as the driving force behind the Bulldogs' impressive 25-2 record. "I have six seniors on this team, and anytime you have an older group, it tends to be easier because they've been through the highs and lows," he said. "Veteran leadership from them has really been the difference; our experience is what sets us apart." Ryan also spoke to the level of "utmost trust" he has in his players to perform when called on. Against Apponequet, one of Burke's most dangerous offensive weapons was neutralized in sharpshooter Levar Williams. "He has had a fantastic year," Ryan said. "But Apponequet played a

diamond-and-one to stop him." When that happened, he said, other players like Bryan Desir and McCarthy Akinkouye stepped up.

Ryan hopes his team will repeat that performance against Watertown on Wednesday in Burlington. "Throughout the season, we haven't changed and we've had a lot of success...I don't think the opponent is gonna change what we do." ... "To play for the school and the front of the jersey...there's a lot of pride that goes into that."

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In a game last Tuesday, Burke held off Bishop Stang, 67-64, led by an 11-point fourth quarter from junior guard Levar Williams, arguably one of the best shooters in the state. ... Tech Boston advanced thanks to a clutch fourth-quarter performance from junior forward and team captain Shamar Moore, who dropped in 12 points in the final four minutes to lead the Bulldogs past Hanover, 58-47, in last Wednesday's Division 2 South semifinal. ... Tech Boston ended the regular season as City League champions with a 65-47 win over Brighton on Feb. 22. The Bears, coached by Johnny Williams, ended their regular season at 19-1. Walter Dew-Hollis, a senior, surpassed 1,000 points in the win over Brighton and was awarded the Most Valuable Player award after the game.

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Community Health News

Pot sellers will likely face redundant oversight come July

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

The Cannabis Control Commission does not expect to assume oversight of the state's medical marijuana program before legal recreational sales begin this summer, raising the possibility that two state agencies will have duplicative oversight when the first pot stores open.

Registered marijuana dispensaries (RMDs) already selling marijuana

to medical patients are expected to be the first outlets to sell marijuana for adult use when sales begin this July because they are already growing the product and have been vetted by the state.

Recreational sales will be overseen by the CCC, but the Department of Public Health is still in charge of all medical sales – meaning that some of an RMDs business will be subject to the rules of DPH and some will be subject to the

rules of the CCC.

“I think it will create some logistical challenges but I think we’re up to it,” CCC Chairman Steven Hoffman said last week when asked if having two layers of oversight would be problematic as the legal marijuana industry launches. “We have a very good working relationship with DPH and to the extent that there are overlaps or issues of logistics, we’ll work them out with DPH.”

A DPH spokesperson did not directly answer when asked if having the CCC and DPH overseeing RMDs would be problematic, but the agency noted that the RMDs would be viewed as two separate entities governed by two separate sets of regulations and noted that other industries are regulated by multiple entities.

The medical marijuana program has been run by DPH since voters approved it in 2012, but

lawmakers last summer rewrote the state's marijuana laws and required that the CCC assume control of the medical program by the end of 2018. The CCC will also oversee all non-medical marijuana sales in Massachusetts.

Hoffman said CCC Executive Director Shawn Collins and General Counsel Christine Baily are part of a working group that is preparing for the medical program's transition to the CCC. Hoffman said Tuesday he did not have a timeline for when that transition will take place, other than by the end of the year.

“We’re just starting to discuss what is required, what are the resources required, and, therefore, what is the appropriate timeline given everything else on our plate,” the chairman said. He added, “I want to make sure I understand what’s required and what resources are required so we can make sure we’re hitting our other requirements.”

The DPH spokesperson said DPH is “working with the Cannabis Control Commission to ensure a smooth transition” of the medical marijuana program but did not say who from DPH is working on the transition.

Hoffman said the CCC and DPH will jointly decide on the best time to transfer the program and won’t try to rush the process just to avoid duplicating oversight efforts. “It’s not going to be ‘try to do it before July 1 because it would be cleaner,’” he said.

Suicide prevention efforts saluted at State House

By ANDY METZGER
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

When Rep. Timothy Whelan joined the State Police in 1992, job-related stress was always kept hidden, he told a room full of suicide prevention advocates.

“It just was never discussed. It was viewed as a weakness. If you had problems from things that you saw at work you just didn’t tell anybody for fear that you would be judged harshly by your peers, for fear that you would have your gun and your badge taken from you,” the Brewster Republican said at the Massachusetts Coalition

for Suicide Prevention’s awards program Monday.

Suicide is a major health risk for police officers, Whelan said, introducing Janice McCarthy, the widow of his friend, State Police Capt. Paul McCarthy, who took his own life in 2006.

Janice McCarthy has devoted her life to mental health in law enforcement and assisting others in her position, founding the non-profit Care of Police Suicide Survivors and pushing for legislation (H 2496) that would require post-trauma and wellness training for police, according to

organizers of the awards.

“Death is one of the most difficult things that any family has to go through. Death by suicide is almost unimaginable,” said Andover Republican Rep. James Lyons. He said, “The world would be a heck of a lot better if we followed the example of Janice and others.”

The bill – co-sponsored by Lyons and Whelan – received approval from the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security and was sent to the Committee on Health Care Financing.

The coalition also gave a lifetime achievement honor to Carlene Pavlos,

who is leaving her position as director of Bureau of Community Health and Prevention to become executive director of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, according to Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel.

Monday’s event also honored hosts of The South Shore’s Morning News on WATD for giving attention to the issue, the City of Newburyport for creating a community-wide approach to suicide prevention, and Marney Schorr, who helped develop Arts in Recovery for Youth in the Berkshires.

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MARCH 22 BPDA MEETING FOCUSES ON DOT AVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Boston Planning and Development Agency hosts public meeting on Thursday, March 22 regarding a proposal for a mixed-use development on the current site of Dorchester Market and Tom English bar at 951-959A Dorchester Ave. The meeting will be held at St. Teresa of Calcutta parish hall, 73 Roseclair St., Dorchester from 6:30-8 p.m. For further info, contact John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or john.campbell@boston.gov.

ST. PAT’S BRUNCH RAISES FUNDS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Dorchester’s 11th annual St. Patrick’s Day Brunch will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. The 2018 Dorchester Hall of Fame Inductees will include Fire Commissioner Joseph E. Finn, Sr. Barbara Gorham, SCH, The Marr Family. Special Guests: Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Martin Walsh. All proceeds to benefit Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry. \$100 per person.

GERARD DOHERTY WILL DISCUSS KENNEDY BOOK AT FLORIAN HALL

Author Gerard Doherty will talk about his new book, “They Were My Friends: Jack, Bob and Ted” today on Mon., March 19 at 2 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Doherty was the only person to have a seat at the table with each of the Kennedy brothers when political strategies and decisions were being made. For more info, contact: henry@omni-pub.com.

ART COLLECTION GOES ON DISPLAY AT ASHMONT GRILL

A new collection of paintings by local artist Jodie Baehre entitled “Dorchester” will be on display at the Ashmont Grill from March 15 through May 15. It kicks off with a free opening reception at the Peabody Square restaurant on Tues., March 20 from 5-7 p.m. The reception at Ashmont Grill is free and open to the public. RSVP by sending an email to jodiebaehre@hotmail.com. Learn more about the artist and her work at jodiebaehre.com.

MEETING ON PLANS FOR CLEVELAND CENTER IN FIELDS CORNER

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) and Boston Public Schools (BPS) will host a community meeting on Wed., March 21 from 6-8 p.m. at BCYF Cleveland Community Center (Dorchester Academy) to discuss the relocation of staff and services from the BCYF Cleveland Community Center to the Marshall School building (UP Academy Dorchester) 35 Westville Street. See Boston.Gov/BCYF-Cleveland for more info.

MATTAPAN HEALTH CENTER’S ROCK THE BOAT GALA

Dr. Azzie Young will be honored with the Community Health Pinnacle Award at the Mattapan Community Health Center’s Rock the Boat gala on Thurs., March 29 at the Rennissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 606 Congress St., Boston. The event begins with a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. with dinner and program to follow, For more information contact rtb@mpwi.org. Dr. Young was the president and CEO of the health center from 1996 until her retirement last December.

SAINT ANN-SAINT BRENDAN COLLABORATIVE

Join the Saint Ann-Saint Brendan Collaborative’s latest in depth eight-part study on Divine Mercy on March 1, 8, 15, 22; and April 5 and 12 all at Saint Brendan Rectory from 7-8 p.m. For questions please contact Andrew Genovese Director of Faith Formation at agenoveseff@gmail.com.

CAPE VERDEAN-JEWISH PASSOVER SEDER

Save the date to celebrate the connections and shared history between the Cape Verdean and Jewish community on Wed., March 21 at 6 p.m. at Hibernian Hall, 3rd Floor Ballroom, 184 Dudley St., Roxbury. Music and food. Free and open to the public. For more info and to register, visit their website at capeverdeanjewishseder.com.

DOT DAY 10K CASH DRAWING

Dorchester Day Parade Committee 10k Cash Drawing at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester at 7 p.m. on Fri., April 6. Limited number of tickets (300) will be sold for \$100 each. Proceeds from the event support the June 3 Dot Day Parade. Contact Kelly Walsh at kellywalsh@dotdayparade.com or 888-734-2356 for tickets.

DOUBLE DUTCH CLINICS AT MADISON PARK

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a series of free Double Dutch Clinics for ages 9-18 at the BCYF Madison Park Community Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury in the gym at Building 4. These free clinics provide instruction in the fundamentals of jumping rope and rope turning. The sessions will be held from 2-4:30 p.m. on Sat., March 24, and April 7 and 14. Teams will compete in the Mayor’s Cup Double Dutch Tournament on Sat., April 21 from 10-4 p.m. Doors will open at 9. No pre-registration is required for the clinics. Community centers and youth groups are encouraged to

bring their youngsters to the clinics and are invited to schedule dates and times for regular participation in the program. For more information please call Larelle Bryson at 617-961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

JFK LIBRARY FORUM ON EUNICE KENNEDY

On Tuesday, April 3, a JFK Library Forum will be held on Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World starts at 6 p.m. featuring former Boston Globe columnist Eileen McNamara and journalist Larry Tye. See jfklibrary.org for more.

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15

- The Irish American Partnership will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast from 8-10 a.m. at the Boston Harbor Hotel. This year's breakfast will feature keynote speaker Irish Minister for Rural and Community Development Michael Ring, T.D., as well as guest speaker Dr. Maeve Liston, Co-ordinator of the Irish American Partnership's STEM Program. Reserve seats online at irishap.org.
- The Savin Hill billies perform free concert at homestead bakery and café, 1448 Dorchester Ave. from 6:30-9 p.m.
- The Boston State Hospital CAC meets from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Saturday, March 17

- Dorchester's 11th annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. The 2018 Dorchester Hall of Fame Inductees will include Fire Commissioner Joseph E. Finn, Sr. Barbara Gorham, SCH, The Marr Family. Special Guests: Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Martin Walsh. All proceeds to benefit Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry. \$100 per person.
- The Charitable Irish Society will host their 281st St. Patrick's Day Anniversary Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel. This year's dinner will feature guest speaker Hon. Michael John Ring, T.D., Irish Minister for Rural and Community Development. The dinner will also feature music and entertainment by Laurel Martin, Mark Roberts, Kathleen Guilday, and The Boston College Heightsmen. Cocktail reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Black tie optional. RSVP online

by March 13 at charitableirishsociety.org.

- Evacuation Day is observed in South Boston and Roxbury beginning at 9 a.m. with the annual Evacuation Day Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel followed by a procession to Dorchester Heights, where General Washington placed artillery in 1776 to force the British out of Boston. The annual Historical Exercises begin at 10 a.m., featuring the Lexington Minutemen, the South Boston Excel Junior ROTC, the Allied War Veterans, and the Major General Henry Knox Lodge of Freemasons Rep. Evandro Carvalho will host exercises at Fort Hill in Highland Park, Roxbury, begin at 11 a.m. with ceremonies by the Minutemen and local elected officials. State Representative Nick Collins will host lunch at the Shirley Eustis House, 33 Shirley Street, Roxbury, following the Fort Hill event. Shirley-Eustis House served as a Revolutionary War barracks during the Siege of Boston in 1775. For more information, please contact the Shirley-Eustis House at 617-442-2275 or email governorshirley@gmail.com.
- Women of Color with Cancer and Cancer Survivor Health Wellness and Beauty Support Group hosts workshop from 12-1:30 p.m. at Kroc Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Free admission. Lunch will be provided. Limited seating. Registration required: <http://bit.ly/2F5bcpq>
- The Women of Color with Cancer and Cancer Survivors Health, Wellness and Beauty Group is a safe space to engage in topics related to health, wellness, and beauty through the current and post-Cancer

journey. The workshops cover topics such as mindfulness, makeup tips, holistic health and more. The Health Wellness & Beauty Group is open to anyone touched by Cancer and their caretakers/supporters.

Sunday, March 18

- St. Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston, 1 p.m. Breakfast — hosted by Rep. Stephen Lynch and Councillor Michael Flaherty — starts at 10 a.m. at Ironworkers Local 7 Union Hall.
- Concert presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Pianist Mana Tokuno has received widespread acclaim for her sensitive and insightful interpretations and her brilliant virtuosity. Tickets (\$25) available at the door or at ahchambermusic.org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Monday, March 19

- MLK Boston, an organization planning to build a memorial in Boston to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. hosts a public meeting at Prince Hall, 24 Washington St., Dorchester at 6 p.m. See mlkboston.org for more info.
- First Suffolk Senate "meet the candidates" event at First Parish Church, 10 Parish St., Dorchester from 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by a coalition of Dorchester civic associations and the Dorchester Reporter. Meet the candidates who are running for state Senate and ask questions.
- Author Gerard Doherty will talk about his new book, "They Were My Friends: Jack, Bob and Ted" today at 2 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Doherty was the only person to have a seat at

the table with each of the Kennedy brothers when political strategies and decisions were being made. For more info, contact: henry@omni-pub.com.

Tuesday, March 20

- JFK Library forum on Vietnam 1968: The War, the Turmoil and the Presidential Election from 6-7:30 p.m. featuring Lawrence O'Donnell, host of MSNBC's The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell. Free. Register at jfklibrary.org.
- A new collection of paintings by local artist Jodie Baehre entitled "Dorchester" will be on display at the Ashmont Grill from March 15 through May 15. It kicks off with a free opening reception at the Peabody Square restaurant today from 5-7 p.m. The reception at Ashmont Grill is free and open to the public. RSVP by sending an email to jodiebaehre@hotmail.com. Learn more about the artist and her work at jodiebaehre.com.

Wednesday, March 21

- 13th annual Cape Verdean-Jewish Passover Seder. Celebrate

the connections and shared history between the Cape Verdean and Jewish community at 6 p.m. at Hibernian Hall, 3rd Floor Ballroom, 184 Dudley St., Roxbury. Music and food. Free and open to the public. For more info and to register, visit capeverdeanjewish-seeder.com.

- Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) and Boston Public Schools (BPS) will host a community meeting 6-8 p.m. at BCYF Cleveland Community Center (Dorchester Academy) to discuss the relocation of staff and services from the BCYF Cleveland

Community Center to the Marshall School building (UP Academy Dorchester) 35 Westville Street. According to the city, the relocation of the community center is "necessary due to BPS plans to use the Cleveland School (Dorchester Academy) building as a swing space location for the citywide BuildBPS school renovation master plan." The space's first occupant will be the Boston Arts Academy which will relocate there beginning in September 2018. Information will be posted online following the meeting at: Boston.Gov/BCYF-Cleveland.

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Thoughts of a patron saint, milestones for Boston’s Irish

(Continued from page 1) memorations of St. Patrick’s Day. One of the early manifestations of the local Irish love for their “old sod’s” patron saint was the Shamrock Society, a social club that gathered on March 17 to defiantly toast the saint and “sing the old songs,” the revelers’ voices pealing from Dooley’s, the Mansion House, and Jameson’s. No one building, however, would long serve to hold the growing numbers of local Irish longing to celebrate the day in a bigger way.

There was only one way, Boston Irish leaders decided, to include not just Irish men, but also women and children, in a celebration of St. Patrick. Their solution was a parade. The unofficial St. Patrick’s Day marches that wound through every Irish ward in the 1870s, 1880s, and 1890s set the stage for the history-making “Big Parade” in 1901.

On March 18, 1901 – yes, March 18 – the blare of brass bands and pipers and the stomps of marchers’ feet pealed along and above South Boston’s streets. Banners awash with glittering shamrocks, harps, and images of the patron saint himself nodded in the gusts racing in from the Atlantic. It was the 18th for a good reason: The 17th had fallen on Sunday and organizers were subject to Boston’s strict Blue Laws. So, on Monday, the procession commenced with the rattle of drums, the cries of pipes, and the pounding notes of brass bands.

Cheering throngs greeted the waves of marchers as they streamed along Southie’s streets, wound across the bridge, and surged into downtown Boston to the ear-throbbing cheers and applause of thousands massed along the route. The outpouring of “Irish Pride” reached a throaty crescendo at Faneuil Hall.

This year, the same sentiments and traditions will fill the route of the Southie parade’s 109th procession – as they always do.

Celebrating in Style in 1737: Charitable Irish Society

It was 280 years ago, on March 17, 1737, that 26 men gathered in the heart of Puritan Boston to commemorate a decidedly Improper Bostonian event. They were Irish-born men living in a place where most locals loathed anything that smacked of “Popery,” and celebrating a Catholic saint’s holy day could well have proven a risky proposition.

The reason that these men pulled it off was that they were Protestant; however, since some were formerly Roman Catholics who had “embraced” a new faith, their devotion to Protestantism may have been found wanting by some in the citizenry. The religious question aside, the men drew up a charter that professed their pride as sons of the Emerald Isle, and they were meeting on the day dedicated to Ireland’s patron saint. The first St. Patrick’s Day celebration of the Charitable Irish Society was under way.

To become members, men had to be reasonably successful and “natives of Ireland, or Natives of any other Part of the British Dominions of Irish Extraction, being protestants, and inhabitants of Boston.”

Of the first members of the Charitable Irish Society, historian James Bernard Cullen has written: “An important part of the membership of The Charitable Irish Society was the Irish Presbyterian Church, established in Boston in 1727. They first worshipped in a building which had been a barn

on the corner of Berry Street and Long Lane [now Channing and Federal Streets]; and this unpretentious building served them, with the addition of a couple of wings, till 1744.”

Despite 18th-century Boston’s vehement prejudice toward Catholics, the society began ignoring the religious restriction just 27 years later, in 1764, and formally removed the Presbyterian requirement in 1804.

Today, the tradition that began on that March day 280 years ago remains strong. The Charitable Irish Society holds a unique place in the annals of the Boston Irish and Irish America alike.

Two for One

Whether one calls the day “St. Patrick’s Day” or “Evacuation Day,” the Irish can lay claim to both celebrations on Mach 17. Many men bearing surnames of “the old sod” were nestled behind bristling cannons that peered down from Dorchester Heights on that day in 1776. The redcoats, or “Lobsterbacks,” were fleeing Boston aboard Royal Navy vessels straining to haul anchor and hightail it out of the harbor – which lay directly under the Rebels’ heavy guns.

Commanding the Patriots was George Washington, who held a deep regard for the Irish-born troops serving in his ranks. On March 17, 1776, Washington was well aware that it was St. Patrick’s Day and that many Irishmen had fought at Bunker Hill and had just helped drag those cannon up the Dorchester slopes. Washington proffered a tip of his tri-cornered hat to Patriots with Irish surnames as the British troops boarded their transports. On that momentous day, he had General John Sullivan countersign the dispatch making “Saint Patrick” the army’s official watchword.

A few months earlier, Washington had received a letter from Colonel Henry Knox, a Bostonian of Belfast lineage. A bookseller by trade, Knox had been sent by Washington to Fort Ticonderoga, in upstate New York. The fortress, which had been taken by Ethan Allen and his Vermont Green Mountain Boys, contained the heavy artillery so sorely needed by Washington, and it was Knox’s mission to get the armaments down to Boston.

According to historian James Bernard Cullen, “Colonel Knox kept his word. With an enterprise and perseverance that elicited the warmest commendations, he brought, over frozen lakes and almost impassable snows, more than 50 cannons and mortars, [and other material]. With this train Washington was enabled to strengthen his position, and to make a more decisive move against the enemy.”

Once the cannons were brought up to Dorchester Heights and trained on the British in Boston, the Redcoats had no choice but to evacuate their exposed positions. The “lobsterbacks” never returned.

One look at the muster rolls of the Continental Army proves the Irish presence not only on March 17 at Dorchester Heights but throughout the Revolutionary War. They witnessed what their countrymen on the “old sod” could only dream of: the British in full flight.

This month, 241 years later, March 17 fittingly marks both St. Patrick’s Day and Evacuation Day – a dual celebration of Ireland’s venerated saint and the day the Redcoats were forced out of Boston for good.



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Spring Program Registration: Our Spring Session begins in April, and registration will take place on March 20 from 6-8PM in the Marr gym at 35 Deer Street.

Registration for all Spring evening enrichment activities, including athletics, fitness, aquatics, arts, music, education, and leadership groups will take place at this time.

Spring programs include arts classes like Urban Art and Abstract Photography; education classes like Architecture: Small Hands, Big Plans and Girls Who Code; health and fitness classes like Meditation & Wellness, Swimming lessons, Wrestling, Fencing and Indoor Soccer; and teen specific programming, like College Fellows, Chess Club, Cooking Class, and a new Highland Street Youth Philanthropy Program.

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Arts Bash: Our Winter Arts Bash is taking place on March 22 from 6-7:30PM. Arts Bash is our club-wide arts celebration that includes music, dance and visual arts at the end of each session. We showcase all the projects and performances from throughout the session. This serves as a great way for members to show off their work to friends and family, and for community members to see some of the amazing things our members are capable of.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

CARNEY, John J., Esq. of Dorchester. Born in Brookline in April, 1926, to Bernard Carney of Brookline, and Beatrice (Gaquin) Carney of County Roscommon, Ireland. John attended St. William School and Boston English High School, graduating in 1943. He went on to graduate from Boston College as a proud member of the

Class of 1949, having also served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps from 1944 to 1946. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Boston University Law School in 1952. In 1953, John married Madelyn M. (Finn) Carney. Together they raised nine children, who in turn have given them many grandchildren. As legal counsel for the Com-

monwealth of Mass., and member of the Mass. Bar Assoc., he shaped policy to better serve the people. John served on many executive boards, including: Boy Scouts of America, Boston Council; Mass. Mental Health Association; Knights of Columbus, and more. He was an avid mariner, active member of Savin Hill and Dorchester Yacht Clubs, and lifetime member of the N.A.A.C.P. John is survived by his wife, Madelyn, and their children: Bernard and his wife, Mary (Dorchester); Eileen (Winchester) and her companion, Ted Clayman; Maureen (Northampton); Kathleen Thibeault and her husband, Donald Thibeault (Palm Beach Gardens, FL); Claire Griffin and her husband, John Griffin (Westwood); Janine (Provincetown); Joanne and her fiancé, Albert Whitmore (Ft. Myers, FL); Mary and her partner Mitch Jones (Dorchester); and Elisabeth and the late Paul Hansen (Provincetown). John was the cherished grandpa of Andrea, John, Grace and Robert Carney, Andrew, John and Madeline Thibeault,

Maryclare and Norah Griffin, Alana and Mirren Parkinson, William Volya and Elena Madelyn Pavlenkov, Zachary Fox, and Connor, Duncan and Piers Echols-Jones. John is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and his dearest friends James D. Wagner and Prashant Shankar, MD., (Dedham), housemate James Ryan (Boston), and countless others. John was predeceased by his parents, his dear brother and sister, James Carney and Mary Cooper, and his son-in-law, Paul Hansen. In keeping with John's dedication to the arts and to service to others, expressions of sympathy may be made, in his memory, to Pioneer Valley Symphony (pvsoc.org); or to Dot Art, c/o Walter Baker Artists Lofts, 1231 Adams St., Dorchester, MA 02124 (dotart.org); or to Village In Focus, Inc. for Maria Assumpta School, Bbanda, Uganda (villageinfoocus.org) c/o Barney Carney, 231 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester MA 02125. Veteran WW II-U.S. Navy, Corpsman.

CRAWFORD, Rita C. age 94, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John and Ellen (Keane) Crawford. Dear sister of Eileen F. White of Dorchester and the late Mary M. O'Neill. Aunt of the late Eileen O'Neill, formerly of Canton, Jeanne Hadad of Plymouth, Donna Craig of Pembroke, Ellen Dowling of NJ and John White of Dorchester. Retired employee of New England Telephone Co. Donations may be made in her memory to the Ghana Fund, c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 169 Cummings Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131.

DeFEO, Dorothea E. (Mulcahy), 91, a resident of Easton for the past 62 years. She was the wife of the late Charles DeFeo, Jr. Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Thomas F. And Mary M. (Glynn) Mulcahy, she was raised in Dorchester and was a graduate of the Jeremiah E. Burke High School in Boston. Dorothea received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1989 at the age of 63 from Emerson College in Boston. She was a volunteer teacher at the Parkview Elementary School in Easton for 10 years where she taught students to tell and write stories on the computer. In 2002 she was awarded the Senior Citizen of the Year by the Easton Lions Club for her work at the Parkview School. Dorothea is survived by two daughters, Nanette Longley and her husband Charles of Tyngsboro and Suzanne Freitas and her husband Thomas of Jericho, Vermont and she was mother of the late Paul DeFeo; two sisters, Eleanor DeLuco of Brighton and Madeline Moreira of West Bridgewater; two grandchildren, Kim Freitas of Breckenridge, CO, and

Joseph Freitas of Jericho, VT; also survived by several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends. She was also the sister of the late Virginia Hernon, Annette Barker, Claire Johnson, Laurence Mulcahy and Francis Mulcahy. Donations in Dorothea's memory may be sent to McClure-Miller VNA Respite House, 3113 Roosevelt Highway, Colchester, VT 05446.

DOWLING, Fintan O. of Dorchester, formerly of Camross County Laois, Ireland. Husband of Alice (Cuddy). Father of John of Dorchester, Niamh, Marie, Michael and Eilis all of Camross, Ireland. Grandfather of Eoin, Donnacha, Lulu, Cait, Ruairi, Conor, Kian, and Suin. Brother of Michael, Denis and Patrick of Camross, Ireland, Rita Higgins of Coventry, England and the late Ann Deering. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

FINN, Gertrude E. (Cavanaugh) in Dorchester, in her hundredth year. Wife of the late Ret. Frederick L. Finn BFD. Mother of Ret. Paul R. Finn BFD of Dorchester, Katherine A. Finn of Dorchester, Ret. Frederick L. Finn BFD of Weymouth, Diane R. and Reid Kimball of Dorchester, and the late Thomas L. Finn, BFD. Sister of the late Robert Cavanaugh, Helen DeMille, and Alice Drennen. Survived by 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Gertrude's memory may be made to the Charitable Association of Boston Firefighters, 115 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118.

JOYCE, Michael of Dorchester. Husband of Margaret (Lee) Joyce. Father of Michael Joyce of SC, Margaret McDonagh of Braintree, Patrick Joyce of Marshfield, Sheila Joyce and John Joyce, both of Quincy, Siobhan O'Neill of SC and Brian Joyce of Cohasset. Mike also leaves 2 brothers and 2 sisters and 21 grandchildren. If desired, contributions in Mike's name may be sent to St. Gregory's Church, 2215 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.


O'NEIL, Rev. James W., SJ of Boston College High School, in Weston. Fr. O'Neil served at BC High for 44 years as a math teacher, tutor, and proctor until January when he came to Campion Center. Son of the late James B. and Margaret J. (Holland) O'Neil. Brother of Marie T. O'Neil and the late Margaret A. Norton and Rita E. McGonnigal. Father is also survived by his many Jesuit Brothers. Reposing at Loyola Hall, Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Visiting Hours Thursday, March 8 from 3-6 pm with a Prayer Service at 4 pm. Donations may be made to Jesuit

Community, Campion Center, 319 Concord Rd., Weston, MA. 02493 to support its ministry of care for elderly and infirm Jesuits.

RITCHIE, Kenneth J., 90, formerly of West Chatham. Ken was born in Dorchester in July 1927 to Cecilia and Harold Ritchie of Milton. He was the husband of the late Jeanne (Dustin) Ritchie and the brother of Charlotte Mulvaney. He is survived by his sons, Stephen and wife, Holly of Weston, MA; Brian and wife, Kathy of Chatham, MA; Denis and wife, Nadine of Newburyport, MA; and Christopher and wife, Denise of Southboro, MA. "Grampie" of eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren, with three more on the way. Ken grew up in Dorchester, and was a veteran of WW II, serving in Pearl Harbor. He later graduated from Northeastern University with a BSEE and MBA. Throughout his career in the electronics industry, Ken retired to Chatham in 1983, and dedicated his time to the disadvantaged in the lower Cape communities as the Chairman of Chatham Ecumenical Council for the Homeless (CECH). Ken was presented The Business Person of the year award in 1996 by the Rotary Club of Chatham. Contributions may be made, in Ken's memory, to: Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter online or mail a check to The Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or to Chatham Ecumenical Council for the Homeless (CECH) at P.O. Box 81, West Chatham, MA 02669-0081.

SMALL, Flora (Ashjian) of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester and Holbrook. Daughter of the late James and Agavni (Tashjian) Ashjian. Wife of the late Harry Small. Mother of the late Hal Small. Sister of James A. Ashjian and the late Anna O'Neil and Mary Ouzoonian. Aunt of Gary A. Ashjian and Arleen Ashjian and her husband David James. Great aunt of Olivia Ashjian James. Also survived by many other loving cousins and friends. Memorial gifts may be made to the Armenian Women's Welfare Association, Inc., 435 Pond St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

VENTO, Lillian (Butkiewicz) of Braintree, age 101. Wife of the late Joseph Vento. Sister of the late Walter, Edward and Helen Butkiewicz. Aunt of Joanne Foley and her husband Kevin of West Roxbury and the late Walter Jr., and Theresa. Great aunt of Joseph and his wife Lindsey Brooks of Weymouth and the late Eric and Joanne Brooks. Also survived by 5 great grand nieces and nephews.



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DATE OF DEATH: 01/19/2017**

To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kareem Abdul-Aziz of Dorchester, 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 Kareem Abdul-Aziz of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/28/2018.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**Unsupervised Administration
Under The Massachusetts Uniform
Probate Code (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 14, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: March 15, 2018




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Public Meeting



Community Conversation

UPHAM’S CORNER IMPLEMENTATION: ELEMENTS OF AN ARTS & INNOVATION DISTRICT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

650 DUDLEY STREET
*The Salvation Army
Ray and Joan Kroc Corps
Community Center
Dorchester, MA 02125*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Having discussed the Strand Theatre and the Library as anchor tenants in the district, this next meeting will focus on how other uses - namely housing and commercial space - support the Arts and Innovation District.
Light refreshments will be provided.

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PLAN: GLOVER’S CORNER, DORCHESTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

11 CHARLES STREET
*Community Academy Of Science
And Health, Cafeteria
Dorchester, MA 02122*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Housing stabilization and creation will be the focus of the Housing Toolkit Conversation.
Facilitated small groups will discuss facts about the neighborhood and learn about the tools the City currently has in place to address displacement and support the creation of new affordable housing. Afterwards, City staff will be available to discuss further and answer questions.
The PLAN initiative is an opportunity to think strategically about the future of Glover’s Corner. In close partnership with the community, we will explore what and where to preserve, enhance, and grow.
Refreshments from a local business will be provided. Interpretation and translated materials will be provided in Vietnamese and Cape Verdean Creole.

If you are not able to join us, but would like to stay involved, please visit:
[bit.ly/PlanGlovers](#) or reach out to Cecilia Nardi at cecilia.nardi@boston.gov or 617-918-4471.

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