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BPDA still guides building starts and plans under Wu administration

By Jennifer Smith REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Boston Planning and Development Agency is "recalibrating" again as the city settles into its third mayoral administration within a year.

Formerly known as the Boston Redevelopment Authority, mention of the BPDA sparks mixed feelings across the city. In its earlier form, the agency oversaw the mid-century razing of the West End, and in more recent memory, the construction of the Seaport along the South Boston waterfront, often offered up as a cautionary tale of haphazard design and missed opportunities for inclusion for diverse

During Mayor Martin Walsh's tenure, the agency was overhauled and rebranded, both to get its books in order and to incorporate broader planning efforts. According to the BPDA's chief executive,

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News Analysis

Of Wu's thinking on new-deal BPDA

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

As the Boston Planning and Development Agency continues to guide and propel new construction starts

Michelle Wu

across the city, Mayor Michelle Wu offered some new insights last week on how she might seek to introduce some reforms at the powerful agency, which has been a target of her critiques throughout her political

Specifically, Wu is moving ahead with legislative efforts that would eliminate certain powers— such as

eminent domain takings - that were used by BPDA's predecessor agencies to raze the South End and West End neighborhoods in the 1950s and early 1960s, displacing thousands of Boston families.

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Five-story project on Van Shabu site okayed

By Jennifer Smith REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

A proposed five-story, mixed use building at the site of the former Van Shabu hot pot restaurant has received approval from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The project, at 1154-1156 Dorchester Ave., would expand the existing three-story structure into four floors of condominiums over one floor of commercial, community, and storage space.

The latest proposal, by James and William "Buddy" Christopher, of RCA, LLC, is the result of a reconsideration of an earlier plan - a 6-floor version with roof deck space – that civic members

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The Environmental Protection Agency has placed 3.7 miles of the Lower Neponset River on its list of superfund sites that are a top priority for cleanup.

Image courtesy of EPA

EPA puts Lower Neponset River on its Superfund cleanup agenda

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

The Environmental Protection Agency on Monday said that 3.7 miles of the Neponset River as it runs through Hyde Park, Mattapan, Milton, and Dorchester to Boston Harbor, are now listed as a national priority for cleanup as a Superfund site.

By placing that area of the river, known as the Lower Neponset (its headwaters are in Foxborough) on the list, federal environmental officials can spur and fund an investigation and cleanup of sediment and pollution within its waterways.

The sediment contains elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which can affect human health as well as the environment.

David Cash, the EPA's regional administrator, said the polluted stretch of the Lower Neponset was once home to mills and other industrial facilities, economic engines that brought jobs to the area but

may also have contributed to the pollution now in

The fetch of the river in the federal allocation starts in Hyde Park's Mother Brook and runs downstream $to the Walter \, Baker \, Dam \, in \, Dorchester's \, Lower \, Mills$ area. Along the way, the channel runs between 40 feet to 300 feet wide and covers 40 acres.

The funding for the investigation and cleanup will come from a \$3.5 billion pot within the infrastructure law signed by President Biden last fall. The money is geared toward the country's multiple Superfund sites, which are considered to have the most serious uncontrolled or abandoned releases of chemicals.

Ian Cooke, the executive director of the Neponset River Watershed Association, said that people should not eat fish caught in the Neponset, and that residents should stay away from muddy areas. The Neponset typically draws people who canoe or run

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HE PUCKS STOP HERE

Dot's Burke backstops BC High

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Last fall, Dorchester's Jack $Burke\,didn't\,know\,if\,he\,would\,even$ be on the BC High hockey team, let alone be putting in a standout performance as the goalie in the ongoing state tournament, but he was determined to try out one last time during his senior year at the Morrissey Boulevard school.

In the early fall one aftern after a whirlwind of tryouts, the long-time goalie sat on the ice with prospective teammates to hear if he had made the team. He had sat there on three previous occasions and never heard his name called. On this day, though, Coach John Flaherty said that Burke had made the team.

"Everyone just goes into the middle of the circle on the ice after tryouts and Coach Flaherty says if you hear your name congratu-

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Jack Burke making a save earlier this season. He has been almost impenetrable in net during his team's underdog run in the State Tourna-Photo courtesy BC High ment.

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'Violence in Boston' leader arrested, indicted for fraud

A federal grand jury has indicted Monica Cannon-Grant, the founder of the anti-crime nonprofit Violence in Boston, on charges that include siphoning money out of the non-profit, defrauding the state's pandemic unemployment system, and lying to a mortgage lender, the US Attorney's office said on Tuesday, noting that she had been arrested that morning.



Monica Cannon-Grant

The 41-year-old Cannon-Grant and her husband, Clark Grant, 38, who live in Taunton, are charged in an 18-count indictment with two counts of wire fraud conspiracy; one count of conspiracy; 13 counts of wire fraud; and one count of making false statements to a mortgage lending business.

The indictment also charges Cannon-Grant

with one count of mail fraud. Clark Grant was indicted last October on a smaller number of charges of unemployment and mortgage fraud.

Cannon-Grant started Violence in Boston in 2017 and has since raised some \$1 million from individuals, grants from institutions, and the government to combat violence and aid community causes - for example, through a food pantry at its headquarters on River Street in Hyde Park.

The indictment charges that the couple said they were doing the work for free when, in fact, Cannon-Grant withdrew "a substantial amount" of money from the charity's Bank of America and PayPal accounts for personal purposes - and that they tried to conceal those actions from the group's bookkeeper and auditors - and from state and federal agencies.

They also allegedly conspired to defraud the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) by collecting Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits while at the same time collecting income from a variety of sources, including VIB funds utilized for Cannon-Grant and Grant's personal expenses.

The indictment additionally alleges that the couple used Violence in Boston revenue to obtain a mortgage on their home in Taunton. Grant had earlier been charged with doing this after he was initially rejected for a mortgage because he only had \$1,000 in his bank account at the time.

An employee at TechBoston Academy has been charged with two counts of "lascivious posing a child in a state of nudity." Ernest Logan, 31, who works as a technician at the school, was arraigned Monday in the West Roxbury Division of Boston Municipal Court. He allegedly encouraged the victim to send him sexual images. The victim's family contacted Boston Police, who arrested Logan last Friday. He is due back in court next month. Bail was set in the amount of \$3,000 with orders that Logan stay away from the victim and the school.

A fight among a group of "juveniles" resulted in a stabbing near the trolley platform at Ashmont station on Monday afternoon. Two teens suffered non-life-threatening injuries, according to MBTA Transit Police. The incident disrupted service along the Ashmont-Mattapan trolley line for a few hours. No arrests were reported.

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Teacher, student shot outside TechBoston school

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

The Tech Boston Academy (formerly Dorchester High School) was rocked on Tuesday evening when an unknown shooter who is still at large came into the school parking lot and shot a teacher and a student preparing for a school event.

The shooting took place around 5:40 p.m. in the north parking lot of the school. Police Supt. Greg Long said officers from B-3 arrived shortly after the incident and found a 31-year-old male teacher and a 17-year-old male student suffering from non-life-threatening gunshot wounds on the scene. Both were immediately transferred to area hospitals where they are expected to recover.

"The preliminary investigation indicates both victims were in the parking lot of Tech Boston Academy preparing for a school event when a suspect opened fire striking both victims," said Long. "Obviously this is very concerning and disturbing

circumstances. School is supposed to be a safe haven for our students and teachers and not a place where they are subjected to brazen acts of violence. This type of behavior cannot and will not be tolerated."

School was cancelled on Wednesday at Tech Boston, and counseling was available. Mayor Michelle Wu and Supt. Brenda Cassellius said it was

"This is a beautiful community and a school that is loving and it's just so full of opportunity and energy...We will make sure this is an incident quickly addressed," said Wu.

About 90 minutes after the shooting, the heralded Tech Boston boys' basketball team was scheduled to play a high-stakes Final Four State Tournament game in Framingham. That game did go forward, with Tech Boston losing to Watertown, 59-50. Sources said the coaches and players decided they wanted to go forward with the game despite the circumstances at the school.

BPDA gives thumbs up to 'Fieldhouse'

By Jennifer Smith Reporter Correspondent

In a unanimous "yes" vote, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last week gave the green light for developers to move ahead in building a new indoor sport facility on Mt. Vernon Street in Columbia Point. Board chair Priscilla Rojas said the facility will be "an amazing resource to so many young people in the community."

Apartnership between the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and The Martin Richard Foundation, the Dorchester Fieldhouse project will include a three-story building and outdoor programming space. Inside, there will be an indoor multi-sport athletic field and courts, a walking track, fitness and training rooms, classrooms, an event space, a teaching kitchen, and office and conference room. The property will also feature outdoor athletic areas and parking for about 45 cars.

The site sits nestled between the McCormack Middle School, the Dever Elementary School, St. Christopher Parish, and Boston College High School. Since the parcel itself was awarded through the Boston Public Schools, its lease "spells out very clear terms" about access to the facilities, RODE Architects principal Kevin Deabler told the BPDA board.

"I'd imagine during the day this will be available for use for BPS students for just about anything they could ask for," he said.

Along with the primary use of the site for students and local non-profit youth and athletic groups, other community benefits highlighted include an expanded Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and Martin Richard Foundation programming, training and workforce development, employment opportunities for local residents



A rendering shows the proposed Dorchester Fieldhouse on Mount Vernon Street.

and students, and a \$49,000 contribution for nearby Bluebikes stations.

Zoning relief will still be needed for the project, the BPDA recommendation noted. Speaking to the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association last week, Bob Scannell, president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, said they are hoping to open in the summer of 2023. He anticipated design completion this spring, and "if everything goes accordingly," a groundbreaking in the fall.

Scannell asked the group for its backing before heading to the BPDA board. Members voted unanimously to write a letter in support, some of which had already been submitted by local state and city elected officials, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, and the Dever school, among others. Youth sports organizations and many

individual residents and organizations also sent in supportive public comments. The project team emphasized the input of local youths in developing the design and programming.

City Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty spoke in favor of the project before the board vote last Thursday. The proposal "speaks for itself," Flaherty said. "It would be a great addition for the peninsula over there at Columbia Point and I think for generations to come."

Flaherty said the location — near the Harbor Point public housing complex, adjacent to Boston public schools and near other educational instructions like UMass Boston and BC High — offers opportunities for local partnerships. The Boys & Girls Clubs have "done a great job in all their other sites and this will be no different," he said.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The annual commemoration of Evacuation Day at Dorchester Heights (95 G Street, South Boston) on Thurs., March 17, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. will be hosted by the National Parks of Boston and South **Boston Citizens' Association.** This year's event includes an announcement of a multi-million dollar federal investment to restore Dorchester Heights Monument, which was built in 1902. Thursday's event will feature a ceremonial musket fire by the Lexington Minutemen, a reading by Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola, and music provided by the Boston University Band. Confirmed speakers include Mayor Wu, Congressman Stephen Lynch, National Park Service Regional Director Gay Vietzke, and state representatives. The program will be held at Thomas Park in front of the Dorchester Heights Monument. Refreshments follow the event. The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required and tickets are available online. See dotnews.com for registration info.

The St. Patrick's Day breakfast hosted by Sen. Nick Collins will be held on Sun., March 20 at 10 a.m. and livestreamed at boston.cbslocal.com. It will also be broadcast on BNN TV and on the radio station WROL, 950 AM and 100.3FM.

The Dorchester Historical Society will present a virtual program on Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m. entitled "Vintage Tweets: Suffrage Era Postcards" featuring Carol Crossed from the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, Mass. She will share stoties about the

suffrage movements using her personal collection of postcards from the era, "the social media of their day." Register for the free event at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.

The 2022 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament will take place during the April public school vacation week beginning April 21. All games will be played at Garvey Playground at 340 Neponset Avenue in Dorchester. Teams will compete in three age groups: Mite (ages 6 to 8); Squirt (ages 9 to 10); and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12). Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division. To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damien.margardo@boston.

gov, Jennifer Misiaszek at jennifer. misiaszek@boston.gov, or call 617-961-3083.

Saint Mark's Area Civic Association meets the last Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at Saint Mark's Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. at 7 p.m. in the basement. As you face the front of the church, the entrance is on the left side. For agendas and minutes for the meetings, go to our website stmarkscivic. com or email us at smacadot@msn.com for more information. All are welcome.

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Codman Yard neighbors voice frustration over construction plans

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Neighbors abutting the Codman Yard Red Line train yard on Gallivan Boulevard are continuing to push back on the MBTA's three-year construction project plans for the site, specifically the methods of construction.

While the merits of the transformative project, which looks to improve Red Line operations tremendously for its ridership, have no detractors, officials behind the threeyear buildout of the Yard seem to have no answers for the mitigating of upcoming major construction impacts for neighbors on Hillsdale, Richview,

and Rangeley streets.
In a meeting last Thursday, MBTA officials presented the 100 percent design plan and announced that they will soon be seeking a contractor. One more public meeting will be held later this year with that contractor before construction begins in the fall, with work slated to last through fall 2025. The main construction entrance will be on residential Hillsdale Street, though the T hopes to use the Gallivan entrance as much as possible later in the project.

"It's incredible that you would inflict this kind of truck traffic on the residents of a small street

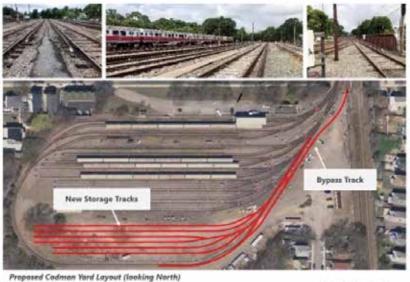
Project Overview | Improved Conditions

Track Improvements

- Add six (6) new storage tracks
- New by-pass track
- Replace all existing tracks
- Rail lubricators
- Upsize diamond crossover

Benefits

- ✓ Additional yard storage for new trains
- ✓ Less noise generated
- ✓ Faster turn back times
- ✓ Increased reliability



the plan for bringing contrucks down Hillsdale and Richview sreets. "I street. There are so many cars down there...It just possible in that location."

The T's Roodly Dorleans said they would try to use Gallivan as much as possible, but Hillsdale is imize the construction impacts," he said. "If we can use Gallivan at the

of a period," said abutter at Gallivan would prevent Matt Bell, speaking about much of the construction equipment and materials struction materials and from getting through there.

"Hillsdale Gate is going don't even know how to be the most conveyou'll get trucks down the nient," he said, noting that they plan to move the gate back 35 feet from could be physically im- its existing position to prevent idling in front of homes.

Neighbor Dan Magoon said the MBTA isn't doing enough for the neighborthe best location. "We're hood when it comes to trying our best to min- its planning. Even with some "good neighbor" upgrades, such as the use of better lighting that won't we will." Still, he added, homes, Magoon said, that Braintree (Caddigan) cars has already been de-

like Hillsdale for this long the angle of the entrance doesn't solve a lot of issues being the others. The about lighting, noise, and yards allow for storage other such problems that of the cars, inspections, come from trains.

"You guys need to do more for the neighborneeds to be talk about not with a chain fence... This project needs a wall need to reconsider what you're doing to people on Hillsdale, Richview, and Rangeley. You need to consider more people than just the people riding these trains."

serves as one of four new cars were delivered yards on the Red Line, in 2019, and the MBTA beginning of the project, leak into the surrounding with Alewife, Cabot, and said one full train of new

repairs, and washing and cleaning.

One purpose of the hood," he said. "There Codman Yard project is to update it for the first time closing in the Yard and in 40 years, primarily to add 6 storage tracks to the existing 16 tracks, so around the Yard, and you that new Red Line train cars can be accepted and put into commission. The big reason, though, is that the agency needs to be prepared to receive the new Red Line cars when the switchover happens The Codman Yard inthe coming years. Some

ployed, with others being tested, and more to come.

"That's why we need more storage space capacity to allow for that time,' $said\,the\,MBTA's\,Douglas$ Woodbury. "There's not enough space now to work with the old and new train cars. In the long term, I don't think we'll need that much capacity there."

During the transition, the agency will need space for approximately 100 cars where they now have 70. That space would be located on the south end of the Yard nearest Hillsdale and Richview streets. The bypass track running to Ashmont Station will also be replaced, as will the entire existing track works inside the Yard. Those replacements, along with a new lubrication of the tracks, will significantly reduce the "wheel squeak" and noise that has become a part of life for many neighbors, officials said.

The Codman Yard project is one piece of the \$8 billion Red Line Transformation (RLT) project that began in 2018. It is intended to allow for faster, more comfortable trips on the Red Line, and expand the number of cars on the Red Line to 252 that will be able to handle 65,000 more riders per day.

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Rehab of Herb Chambers dealership on Morrissey receives BPDA's approval

By Jennifer Smith Reporter Correspondent

The Herb Chambers Honda dealership upgrading project on Morrissey Boulevard received approval from the Boston Planning and Development (BPDA) board at its monthly meeting last week. Featuring a contemporary style dealership space, the parcel would include 222 parking spaces inside and 171 surface spaces.

Project representative Paul Losordo told the board that the one-story Herb Chambers Honda already on site is "probably the most antiquated of all the 50-plus Herb Chambers buildings. It's a partly metal building. It is old. It is dilapidated. It's an old-style car dealership."

The "state of the art

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The "state of the art four-story building" at 710-720 Morrissey Boulevard would include retail, showroom and office space, as well as areas for service, parts, and auto storage, Losor-

do said, describing wide entrances and speedy service in a new customer lounge, playrooms for children, and more glass than the original design anticipated.

Responding to design requests from the Port Norfolk Civic Association to make it "a more interesting building," Losordo said, the team unified elevations and connected areas with more windows. The \$16.5 million car dealership would be

almost "disguised as an office building," he said.

Th Chambers group doesn't anticipate dramatic queuing of cars for the dealership, but it has designed the site to ensure any queues would be inside the lot and handled promptly by valets.

Around the parcel, the team will create a new 10-foot-wide side-walk along Victory Road. Other changes to the existing site include removing two existing access points on Victory Road and a curb cut to "create a safe and contiguous walking/riding path," according to the BP-DA's recommendation memorandum. Green landscaping, including



Proposed facility looking southeast from the corner of Morrissey Boulevard and Victory Road.

two corner public seating areas, will surround the site.

"This is probably the most energy efficient green building Herb Chambers has ever built – solar panels, you name it," Losordo said. Cognizant of flooding, the company is contributing \$100,000 toward the design of a deployable floodgate, he said.

The Chambers group still needs to go before the Zoning Board of Appeal to seek relief on for size and use.

Public comments at the board meeting focused on design and sustainability. Maria Lyons, who is on the boards of the Neponset Greenway and Neponset Watershed Association, said the civic members wished "that they lowered the building and spread it out if they have so much land instead of the higher building." She cited a BPDA study of the Dorchester waterfront that called for lower heights to preserve views and hill breezes and she also worried that the bright white of the structure would disturb wildlife in the area.

Losordo said the team engaged two firms on green building and zero carbon building models. He expects that "as the construction-level drawings get finalized on flood resiliency and on green building technology, we will be working with them and they will be holding our feet to the fire."

Five-story project on Van Shabu site okayed

(Continued from page 1) had objected to. The team presented its new version – 5 floors, no deck, 20 residential units, 3 of them affordable under the city's Inclusionary Development Policy – to the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association Planning Committee early this month.

As presented to the BPDA board, the new room configuration would include 4 one-bedroom units, and 3 three-bedroom units. No parking is proposed for the site, given its proximity to the Savin Hill MBTA station.

"We are a transit-oriented location," William Christopher told the board. "We're within less than a four-minute walk to the T station."

Karen Diep, the property owner, closed Van Shabu just prior to the beginning of the pandemic. 686 Architects has an office on the first floor that it plans to occupy through construction. The new first floor would include two commercial or retail spaces, bicycle storage, and a community room for building residents and local groups.

The plan is "more balanced and symmetrical along Dot Ave," James Christopher said. The team agreed to civic member suggestions that they ask the city to place tree pits around the site and conduct a shadow study to ensure that the building did not cast too much shade onto a property across the street. The team will



The old Van Shabu site in Savin Hill.

also design and install an ADA-accessible crosswalk across Dorchester Avenue at Greenmount Street.

Several attendees at the March civic meeting continued to object to the project's height, asking that the developers consider going down to four stories or simply rehabilitating the existing three-story structure with residential units on the top two floors.

There was also some disagreement about potential impacts to traffic and parking availability, given the lack of on-site parking. A few attendees agreed that being between Savin Hill and Fields Corner stations would attract residents who prefer not to drive; others bemoaned the risk that the building's residents might claim Dorchester residential parking stickers and swallow up nearby public parking spots.

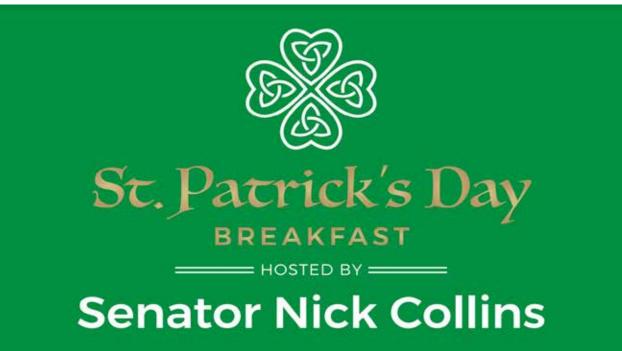
The BPDA board approved the \$6 million project without questions or comments. Variances from the Zoning Board of Appeal for size, setbacks, and parking will still be necessary, according to the BPDA recommendation memorandum.



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Lynch is 'off and running' for 12th term in Congress

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

US Congressman Stephen Lynch, a South Boston Democrat in office since 2001, is making a bid for another two-year term. "I've already got two opponents," Lynch said this week while leaving an event announcing the designation of the Lower Neponset River as a Superfund site, unlocking money and resources for a cleanup of contaminants. "We're off and running again."

Two people have pulled nomination papers to run against Lynch, who represents the eastern half of Dorchester in a Congressional district that stretches down to Quincy and Brockton. (Ayanna Pressley, a former Dorchester resident who now lives in Hyde Park, who is also running for reelection, represents the other half.)

Lynch's two opponents are Hamilton Soares Rodrigues, a Republican, and Derek Smith, who is unenrolled. Candidates for Congress must gather 2,000 signatures on their nomination forms for the federal office.

"You take every challenge seriously, you've got to stay connected," said Lynch.

Asked about the rumor in local political circles that President Biden

may tap him as postsaid, "I know they keep saying that."

Lynch has previously clashed with the current postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, as the Postal Service saw delivery delays and efforts to cut costs under the Trump administration.

The son of a postal employee, Lynch asked DeJoy during a Congressional hearing in August 2020: "How can one person screw this up in just a few weeks?"

Lynch has since softened his criticism, noting that DeJoy worked with the Biden administration and Congress to get a postal reform bill to Biden's desk with bipartisan support. The legislation, which awaits Biden's signature, would require Postal Service retirees to enroll in Medicare and eliminate a requirement for the service to pre-fund retiree health benefits.

"He worked with us in Congress and worked with the administration to get that done," Lynch told the Reporter on Monday. "So, I think he may have turned a corner, so to speak, and he may stay there. I wouldn't recommend any changes. As long as he's rowing in the same direction, I don't see a reason to get rid of him."

Pressed on whether master general, Lynch he would be interested in the postmaster job, Lynch said, "It's not there. It's not there."

SEIU Local 888 backs Liss-Riordan

Shannon Liss-Riordan, the labor attorney running for state attorney general, continues to rack up union support. On Tuesday, her campaign rolled out the support of SEIU Local 888, which represents 8,000 state, municipal, and education workers in Massachusetts.

"Shannon Liss-Riordan's dedication to fighting for civil rights, holding corporations accountable, and protecting workers makes her the strongest candidate for Attorney General, and our choice for the job," Tom McKeever, SEIU Local 888's president, said in a statement. The union is based in Braintree.

In her own statement, Liss-Riordan, a Brookline resident, noted that the union's members have been "on the frontlines of this pandemic. caring for our veterans, taking care of seniors, and ensuring that critical government services continued to function at such a difficult time."

Twenty-six other unions have endorsed the labor attorney, including Dorchester-based Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 534, and Pipefitters Local 537; and Teamsters Local 122, OPEIU Local 453, and Ironworkers Local 7, all of South Boston.

Two other candidates are running for attorney general, an open race due to Maura Healey, the current attorney general, running for governor. They are Andrea Campbell, a former legal aide to Gov. Deval Patrick who represented Dorchester and Mattapan on the City Council between 2016 and 2021, and Quentin Palfrey,

a voting rights lawyer who ran for lieutenant governor in 2018.

Campbell was endorsed by US Sen. Ed Markey earlier this month.

The winner of September's primary is expected to face off against Republican attorney Jay McMahon of Cape Cod, who challenged Healey in 2018.

Warren backs Arroyo in his bid for DA post

US Sen. Elizabeth Warren lent her endorsement to Hyde Park Councillor Ricardo Arroyo's bid for Suffolk County district attorney, calling the two-term elected official an "experienced and



compassionate public servant."

Arroyo, who does not have to give up his council seat for the race, is facing off against Kevin Hayden, a Roslindale Democrat who is running for a full term after he was appointed as interim DA by Gov. Baker. Hayden is filling a vacancy created by Rachael Rollins leaving as Biden's pick for the federal post of US attorney for Massachusetts.



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The search for a BPS superintendent: Are we headed to the edge of a cliff?

By Meg Campbell AND BILL WALCZAK

The search for a new superintendent for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) started on March 2 with a decision by $the\,Boston\,School\,Committee\,(BSC)\,to$

Commentary

hire a firm to do the searching,

which is supposed to happen by early April. The timeline for the eventual hiring of a new BPS leader states that the BSC will sign up the new head of schools by the end of June, so that he or she presumably will be at the $helm\, over\, \bar{t}he\, critical\, summer\, months$ beginning on July 1.

Having been part of many searches for high level positions, we think the timeline is unrealistic. The BSC needs to have a Plan B – unless there is an internal candidate who has already been groomed and selected by the mayor and chair of the school committee.

As pointed out in the podcast "Last Night at the Boston School Committee," searches for superintendent typically begin with an articulated vision outlined by the committee, which then hires someone who can implement it. But at the March 2 school committee meeting, these elements were not discussed. Instead, the panel announced, without articulating goals, a three-month window to hire someone to oversee a system with a billion-dollar budget.

 $The \, latest \, debacle-preventing \, BPS$ student athletes from competing due to a school official's failure to submit paperwork on time – is a red flag of the operational dysfunction facing the district as it emerges from the pandemic. Will the state put the school district into receivership as is currently under serious consideration? BPS has serious issues that need resolution before a search begins.

Despite Wu's view that there won't be a problem recruiting candidates because "Boston is and will remain one of the most exciting places to work in public education in the country, there are other factors that could work against a successful search in the compressed timeline. We assume that prospective outstanding candidates will be considering the following:

ullet A 2024 Fiscal Cliff. For the coming year, the district will be awash in cash from federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, but in 2024, those dollars vanish. Tough financial decisions will have to be made after that money disappears. That fiscal cliff will present major issues that should affect present and future decisions on the annual budget.

• "Build BPS" is mostly a wish list, not a pragmatic plan with mayoral and civic backing tied to major building projects in the Massachusetts School Building Authority pipeline. The pandemic highlighted what students and teachers inside schools already knew: Many buildings are aged, and in dire need of repair or

• BPS is losing administrative staff and school principals at an alarming rate. Last week, seven principals gave their notices and more are expected to do the same. Recruiting and hiring strong, capable principals will determine the success or failure of each school. Is Dr. Cassellius responsible for these critical hiring decisions, or

will they be up to the yet-to-be-hired superintendent?

• What are the priorities, goals, and vision the superintendent will be charged with implementing?

• Who is my boss? If there is a move to an elected or hybrid school committee, those hiring the superintendent will be a different group from those evaluating and holding the system's leader accountable. To what degree will the mayor flex her muscle to be the superintendent's boss if there is a committee made up of municipal and appointed members? And if entirely elected, what role will the mayor play in hiring and overseeing the superintendent? Why would someone want a job where, 18 months after being hired, the position will likely have a different group of bosses, goals, priorities, and visions?

• The School Committee bought out the contracts of the two most recent superintendents, each of whom lasted two years. Neither had prior experience in Boston, nor had they run a big city school system. Overall, we have had five superintendents in the last seven years. Wouldn't this recent history give a prospective candidate pause?

• BPS enrollment is shrinking, not growing, and most of the system's school-based facilities beg attention. No one wants to touch school building closings, but with a 14 percent drop in enrollment (there are at least 8,000 fewer students in BPS since 2013), combined with the derelict state of many facilities, some schools are going to have to be closed. An added note: While enrollment has plummeted in recent years, nearly 1,000 new positions were added to the BPS payroll.

• The achievement gap has widened. An all hands-on-deck push is needed here, but with the pressing operational issues, will curriculum and instruction get their due?

• How realistic is it for the new leader to assume immediate administration on July 1? Summers are when crucial hiring decisions are made, and when issues like building repairs, transportation systems, and a million other critical matters demand attention to ensure a smooth opening in August.

• BPS has a credibility gap. *The* Boston Globe reported on its artificially inflated graduation rate, for example.

Are other BPS data reliable? As a prospective candidate considers applying, where should the individual look for rock solid statistics?

So, the BPS is not at its best at this moment. What's Plan B?

We propose an empowered interim leadership model until such time as a new school committee has been elected, or constituted in a hybrid form, or when the system is moved under the direct control of the mayor. With a stable interim leadership in place, those in charge can undertake a thorough national search for a superintendent consistent with goals, priorities, and vision they have articulated.

The interim leadership model would include a triumvirate: an academic leader, a systems operational leader, and a Build BPS leader. The trio would work on short and long-term problems simultaneously with the authority to make hard decisions. The first order of business should be a thorough audit of positions and facilities, with an eye toward supporting green infrastructure in transportation and facilities. The 2024 superintendent would come in after tough decisions about school closures have been made and implemented.

In other words, the new superintendent would assume leadership of a district that has been right sized for its enrollment in alignment with the strategic vision and priorities of whomever the superintendent will report to.

While it's possible that the perfect candidate will be presented quickly and be available immediately, that's a long shot. It's best if we develop a

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Wu's rent relief panel eyes solutions for '23

Housing reform advocates, real estate developers, organized labor experts are among the control. ride range of voices who will serve on a committee formed by Mayor Wu, who hopes to use the group's work to mount a legislative push in 2023 to deliver on one of her 2021 campaign promises.

Wu last Thursday unveiled the names of 23 individuals who will serve on a Rent Stabilization Advisory Committee, which will be tasked with meeting monthly over the course of the year and crafting a plan to rein in rising rents and protect tenants from displacement.

The committee aims to submit a proposal to the Legislature for the 2023-2024 lawmaking session, which will begin more than a year after

Wu took office after campaigning on pledges to stabilize rents and bring leaders, and academic back some form of rent

> The phrasing around the effort in recent $months\,has\,drifted\,more$ toward "rent stabilization" than "rent control."

> Said Wu at a March 10 event to mark the committee's launch: "This is the number one concern on residents' minds all across our city: how we will afford to stay, how we can make ends meet when housing prices continue to go up and the needs are so great coming out of this pandemic.

> "It is unsustainable how much our residents and families are having to scrape together just tomake rent, often at the expense of food security, of other basic needs, of health care and everything that our families deserve as a baseline."

Legislative leaders have shown no interest in reviving rent control after a 1994 statewide ballot question banned the practice, but, like Wu, they face constituents struggling under the burden of high rents. Bills authorizing local rent control options have not vet been ruled out this session, but may face a veto from Gov. Charlie Baker, whose successor will be elected by voters in November.

According to Wu's office, nearly 65 percent of Boston residents are renters rather than homeowners. More than half of the city's tenants spend more than 30 percent of their monthly income on rent, falling under the definition of "rent burdened."

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Murphy School students raise funds to help Ukrainian children

By Seth Daniel News Editor

When a trio of students at the Murphy K-8 School began asking difficult questions about Russia's invasion of Ukraine, teacher Susan Sousa felt their concern and asked them what they wanted to do.

The three – Abigail Angell, Ryan Austin, and Nathan Marchant – are now known in the school as the Murphy Blue and Yellow Team. They have been raising money — \$2,000 and counting as of early this week — to help Ukrainian kids who have been displaced by the Russian assault.

"What we were thinking about was that some kids in Ukraine have to walk a great distance and can't sleep or eat; they just have to keep going and going," said fourth grader Abigail Angell. "So, we thought to do a fundraiser and donate the money so kids can get on a train and just have time to sleep or sit down as they try to get away from danger."

Added third grader Ryan Austin: "We wanted to do this to help kids in Ukraine to get food and get far away from



Murphy School students Nathan Marchant, Ryan Austin, and Abigail Angell and their schoolmates have raised more than \$2,000 to boost 'Save the Children' efforts in Ukraine. Seth Daniel photo

Ukraine because of the war."

Sousa said the idea bubbled up during a class discussion about activists and trailblazers. That prompted the students to propose a local 'Save the Children' effort to school principal Courtney Sheppeck, who quickly agreed to it.

Nathan Marchant, a fourth grader, hopes their activism will spread to other BPS schools and help end the conflict. "We're trying to stop this war because Russia has a lot of gas and gas is going higher," he said. "We decided to start a fundraiser to help Ukraine defend themselves and so Russia could stop attacking them even though they are so powerful. We're just hoping this money that was raised will help [the children there]."

At first, the students talked about sending cards, but with families on the move and no mail service, that wasn't going to work. So, they began a fundraiser in much the same way they had raised money for breast cancer in the past at the school. The result was Blue & Yellow Day, held at the school earlier this month. Students wore Ukraine's colors to school that day and were asked to bring in \$1 as a donation. The team gave out yellow and blue ribbons to those who donated.

The contributions piled up at a greater pace than expected. Everyone was generous, with one family donating \$100. Abigail, Ryan, and Nathan carefully divided up the work of counting the money. She oversaw the counting of the bigger bills; Ryan put each bill in the right stack, and Nathan handled counting the coins.

Now, they are hoping that the fundraiser effort will spread to other schools in Boston, kind of like the Ice Bucket Challenge. Nathan said it could become a contest among schools.

"In the end they get tricked because it's not a race or a competition, but we say it's a race and the result is we raise so much more for Ukraine," he said with a laugh.

Despite the success of the effort, there remain those tough questions that kids—and adults—continue to ask.

All three youngsters, during an interview on Monday, wanted to know what Ukraine did to cause a war, and all were bothered by the fact that Russia had more resources than Ukraine – meaning that it wasn't a fair fight.

Abigail wanted to know that if the war ended, would the Ukrainians be able to come back and rebuild their country, or would they just start a new life somewhere else. She added: "I saw that all the men over 18 had to stay behind to fight, and the fathers had to say good-bye to their family when they went away."

The fundraiser is still open, and all proceeds go to 'Save the Children,' which has been helping children affected by conflict in Ukraine since 2014. Those interested in donating can contact the Murphy K-8 School on Worrell Street in Dorchester.

Lt. Sara Wulff is on the watch, guarding Americans in Baghdad

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Lt. Sara Wulff, who spent the last five years living in Dorchester while attending UMass Boston, is part of a team of Massachusetts National Guard troops assigned to protect US diplomats and other Americans living and working in Baghdad, Iraq. She and her fellow soldiers are attached to the National Guard's 182nd Infantry regiment's transportation unit, which musters from the Victory Road Armory in Dorchester.

They are tasked with helping to knock down missiles that are fired at the US embassy and other assets. While the US mission there has been out of the news lately, the danger is real. A barrage of rockets targeting a US consulate in northern Iraq were fired last Sunday. No injuries were reported.

And while Wulff, 24, can't discuss specifics, she has definitely seen her share of action while stationed overseas. "We've been prepared for every single one of them," she said in a phone call from Baghdad last week. "Our teams have such extensive training; it's like muscle memory."

Her current deployment to the region has also included a stint in Afghanistan, where she and other National Guard troops gave

support to the US withdrawal from that country last year. She was among those who risked their lives at the Kabul airport to help evacuate people, including many Afghanis. She herself flew out on a C-17 "with a lot of people packed in like sardines."

Baghdad's international zone— where she and other Massachusetts National Guard troops are based— is "like a college campus" compared to that experience, she said.

"We can't leave the deck, but what's provided for us here in terms of amenities is great: nice pools, gyms, restaurants. There are haji shops that sell local merchandise. We play

sand volleyball. It's just a good time."

For all the niceties, Baghdad can also be a very hazardous place to work.

"We are currently at a moderate threat level. We were previously a big threat level at the end of December, early January," she said. "There were specific holidays and memorials that Iraqi locals were taking note of."

Her situation is a long way from some of her favorite Boston destinations, which include Castle Island and the Harborwalk on Columbia Point where she used to live. A New York native who grew up in Andover, Wulff is a 2020 graduate of UMass Boston, where

she took a degree in business management. She worked for two years in the Student Affairs Department as the coordinator for the Student Veterans Center.

"It was hands down the best part of my time at UMB," she said.

She went through the ROTC program at Boston University, where she earned her commission as a US Army officer. Before her deployment, she was a regular at CrossFit 617, a gym on Hill Top Street in Dorchester. "I absolutely loved it there," she said."

When she returns home from her deployment,. Wulff is looking forward to getting a hot dog at Sully's at Castle Island and dinner at her



Lt. Sara Wulff, part of a Massachusetts National Guard unit now on duty, in Baghdad.

Photo courtesy Lt. Wulff

dad's favorite neighborhood spot, Savin Bar + Kitchen.

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Shepard's Bake House

In 1818, Otis Shepard, of Dorchester, completed his apprenticeship and joined his brother Hiram under the firm name of Otis Shepard & Co. They opened a small cracker bakery on Meeting House Hill. They prospered and built the brick building still standing on Bowdoin Street, and long known as a landmark. The Shepard family included eight brothers, Otis being the oldest. In time, Hiram left the firm and was succeeded by James, who, after Otis died, became head of the enterprise. Horatio was employed as driver, and he became head of the





Today's illustration includes a vintage photograph showing the Shepard Bake House at the corner of Bowdoin and Winter Street. The photo at right, from Google Street View, shows the corner today. The Bake House building is still in place, and the third building up the hill is there, too.

firm after James' death in 1869. Horatio had a son, Albert E., who, after leaving school, entered his father's employ and succeeded to the ownership when death claimed his father in 1880.

The business flourished, and two retail stores were operated in connection with the main bakery, one at 417 Neponset Ave., the other at 1401 Dorchester Ave., which site was sold to David Smith in 1907.

The Shepard bak-

ery became famous for its "'Lection Cakes," which were marketed especially on election or town-meeting days, when the company had a counter in the Town Hall. Weighing about a pound and one-half, these cakes were made of a good, rich bun dough and sold for 20 cents a sheet.

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

Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website.

Editorial

Last week, the Boston Planning and Development Agency's board of directors approved a plan to build a new \$50 million fieldhouse in Dorchester's Columbia Point neighborhood. The vote was unanimous, and for good reason: This project, once completed, will be a game-changer for the kids in our city who deserve the sort of state-of-the-art, indoor facility that will be built along Mt. Vernon Street.

The fieldhouse project is special, in part, because of the team that has been planning it for the last several years: The Boys and Girls of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation. (Full disclosure: My son, John Forry, served on a city-led committee that gave oversight to the project; my wife, Linda,

serves on the BGCD board.)

Once built out, the Dorchester Fieldhouse will offer year-round recreational opportunities for city kids, with a particular emphasis on the students next door at the McCormack Middle School. It will also welcome youth from across the city, many of whom have had to travel far outside Boston limits to find facilities like this one in which to compete

There's plenty left to do to get this facility built, including an ambitious fundraising effort by the BGCD and the Richard Foundation. But it will succeed. And when it opens, our kids and teens will get a world-class facility in their own backyard, one that they richly deserve. - Bill Forry

Personnel File

The Dorchester Reporter is pleased to welcome Seth Daniel to our full-time staff in the role of news editor this month. Seth has lived in the Four Corners area of Dorchester with his wife and children since 2003. He and his family are deeply rooted in our neighborhood's social, school, sports, and civic

After growing up in the Ozarks area of rural Missouri, Daniel attended Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated with a degree in journalism and a concentration in fine arts photography while also serving as the editor-in- chief of the campus newspaper. He worked as an intern and apprentice reporter at the Akron Beacon Journal before coming to Boston in the mid-1990s, where he first wrote for the Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill Gazettes.

He later began a career with the Independent News Group as a partner in 2000, covering beats in Charlestown, the South End, Jamaica Plain, Everett, Revere, and Chelsea. He has acted as a contributor to the Reporter since last fall before becoming news editor this month.

Seth joins an editorial staff that includes Ed Forry, our co-founder and publisher emeritus; Tom Mulvoy, associate editor; Bill Forry, the executive editor, and Gintautas (Gin) Dumcius, our managing editor, who returned to his reporting roots here in Dorchester in 2021.

Gin and his wife Amy welcomed their first child, Emily, in December. As such, Gin will be on paternity leave effective March 16 through the end of May. While he is away from the Reporter attending to far more important matters, he will not be available to cover stories. Fortunately, the newsroom will get some welcome help from one of our esteemed former editors and reporters, Jennifer Smith. Jenn, who is a co-host of the weekly Massachusetts political podcast The Horse Race, will be keeping a close watch on Dorchester development, Boston City Hall, and the comings-and-goings in her corner of the neighborhood, Columbia-Savin Hill.

Readers and sources who have information to pass along or story ideas can reach us by sending an e-mail to newseditor@dotnews.com.

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Dorchester Bay City will lead in diversifying Big win for city kids the life science workforce of Massachusetts

By Katherine Newman and Carl Rust

The biotech industry is, by all measures, one of the fastest growing and most successful sectors in the Commonwealth. But here's something that isn't growing fast enough: the representation of people of color among the biologists, computer scientists, and engineers who fuel the field. While Black people represent 13 percent of the US population, they are only seven percent of the biotech workforce; Hispanics now compose 18 percent of the country's people, but only six percent of the workers in biotech.

For Black and Brown students, opening that gateway is particularly important. Income inequality by race is growing by leaps and bounds. These gaps will not be closed until we ease the pathway to the jobs that promise high wages, job ladders that bring people of color into management, and - beyond money — careers that offer the satisfaction of doing good while doing well. Surely this describes the vast array of companies in our region that are based in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

There is something we can do to open these options faster: enable Dorchester Bay City to surge ahead and build a robust, ecologically sound, science park less than a mile from the majority-minority campus of the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Some 3,000 students are enrolled in UMass Boston's College of Science and Mathematics, where they major in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, and related fields. This is the labor force of the future, and it looks like America itself.

But for these talented STEM students to find their way into the heart of bio-science companies, they need experience. Such involvement must come from firms they can get to easily, companies that can open their doors to interns, co-op placements, and part-time jobs that are compatible with full-time study. Most UMass Boston students don't have the luxury of attending school without working at the same time. They have to earn enough money to pay for their college education and support their families. This is a fact of life for them.

If UMass Boston students are able to integrate their professional ambitions into their lives as students, they will speed toward the opportunities that biotech offers. Students are advantaged when their universities integrate experiential learning into their degree programs. And the closer those opportunities are, the more compatible they are with the life of the classroom and research lab that prepare students to be productive colleagues in STEM fields. The sooner Dorchester Bay City starts attracting large firms and startups, the sooner UMass Boston's students of color will begin to populate this industry.

How about siting a robust and ecologically sound science park a few hundred yards from the majority-minority UMass Boston campus?

We know this works because we have seen the explosive takeoff of science parks surrounding other universities. Twenty-five years ago, the Georgia Institute of Technology — a public university in Atlanta — was an island unto itself, full of engineering students and faculty with all kinds of capabilities but little industry nearby. Today, Georgia Tech is surrounded by mixed use science parks and innovation districts with residential units, ground floor retail/commercial space, office, research, and $development \, for \, both \, industrial \, and \, academic \, uses.$ This focus on industrial engagement has been an essential element of Georgia Tech's meteoric rise in sponsored research from \$186 million to \$1.2 billion. This has attracted notable global companies like NCR, AT&T, Emerson, Honeywell, Boeing, Accenture, Siemens, and countless startups that benefit from the innovative, diverse, and inclusive campus culture and talent.

These companies sponsor meaningful internships, co-ops, and part-time employment during their academic years, providing career-building experiences, early professional development, and critical income to sustain their education. Those students go on to high-paying technical careers, often in the firms where they worked part-time during their academic years. Faculty have seen investment in their labs and industry-based sabbaticals that keep them at the forefront of their fields. These are the kinds of opportunities that will be open to UMass Boston when Dorchester Bay City starts sprouting STEM-based industries next door.

Dorchester Bay City is the leading opportunity for long-term racial and class integration of biotech due to its proximity to UMass Boston, the most diverse research university in New England and the third most diverse university in the United States. The companies attracted to the neighborhood will find a wealth of talent and the chance of a lifetime to make good on their intentions to recruit and retain a scientific/technical workforce that befits the Commonwealth.

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Letter to the Editor

Regardless of the crisis in Ukraine, we should revert to ban on US oil exports

To the Editor:

Although Bill Forry was right in his March 10 editorial to call for us to stop imports of Russian oil, I can't agree with his proposal to also send more US arms to Ukraine. I'm with US Rep. Ayanna Pressley on this. In the House, Pressley voted to fund increased humanitarian aid but opposed a huge increase in Pentagon spending and \$billions in new weapons funding for Ukraine, saying:

"Our budgets are a reflection of our values, and we have a mandate to center peace, justice, and human rights in all of our policymaking. As such, I could not in good conscience support the defense spending package that will continue our nation's misguided commitment to the military-industrial complex at the expense of much-needed investments in our communities. This bill would also funnel millions to Ukraine for military purposes—resources I fear would only escalate the conflict, exacerbate the humanitarian crisis on the ground, and lead to an even larger catastrophe.

"There is no military solution to this conflict. I continue to center the Ukrainian people and their loved ones, who are facing devastating trauma daily, and encourage the Biden Administration to remain at the negotiating table in pursuit of diplomacy and peace."

As for the Russian oil, the fact is that the US doesn't have to import petroleum from Russia or anywhere else. Our country produces more than enough oil and gas to satisfy domestic consumption, but for the convenience and profits of the oil companies we are a net *exporter* of oil and petroleum products.

After 1975, US law forbade the export of crude oil. That was changed in 2015 at the request of the

petroleum giants because it is more profitable to export oil from some areas of the US and to import oil to other regions. Part of the reason is that US law (the Jones Act) mandates that cargoes, including oil, transferred between US ports must be carried in US ships with US (and union!) crews rather than sketchy and cheap foreign flagged vessels.

The result is that US oil from Alaska and the West Coast is exported to Asia and US gasoline is typically shipped abroad from Gulf Coast refineries, while other regions – like New England – import foreign oil. Sanctions against Western Hemisphere oil producers like Venezuela also add to the complications and expense of supplying US oil refineries.

All of this contributes to the rise of oil and gas prices we are seeing today. While it is easy to call for 'sacrifice" in supporting Ukraine, poor and working $class\,Americans, already\,suffering\,from\,inflation\,for$ daily necessities, should not have to bear the burden.

For decades, many US politicians have argued for US energy self-sufficiency as an excuse for "more drilling." But we are already self-sufficient in oil and gas and would be even more so if we ramped up green energy production, which would also help to save the planet. Meanwhile, can anyone explain why the US should continue to export oil?

US Sen. Markey and others have rightly called to reinstate the ban on US oil exports. We should support this measure, regardless of the current Ukraine crisis.

Jeff Klein is a retired local union president who $lives\ in\ Dorchester\ and\ works\ with\ Dorchester\ People$ for Peace.

Commentary

Will BPS listen to, and invest in, the P.A. Shaw School community?

BY TRACY CURTIN SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

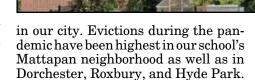
When school administrators break their promises, our children and our communities lose out. Four years ago, a Boston Public Schools district official stood in the Pauline A. Shaw School's library, which was packed to the brim with family members, students, and staff members, and announced the district's decision to abruptly end our planned expansion to serve our kids through 5th grade. Instead, our 3rd graders would have to leave their home school and attend the Mildred Avenue K-8 School starting in 4th grade.

I was in my first year of teaching, and this public meeting was my first interaction with a BPS official, in this case one who was a stranger to our community. At the time, I did not yet understand the systemic lack of transparency and accountability to our school community, and the lack of readiness to listen to the families

who would feel the most impact from this decision.

All I was able to process was the palpable grief, anger, and distrust in the library that day. The dedicated 3rd grade families in attendance pleaded to keep their children at the school they loved. They strongly questioned what had happened to the promise that had been made to them. As it turned out, there was a new plan, and their children would be denied the continuity of a K-5 school experience in their own neighborhood. The community was stunned.

When Dr. Casselius joined our School Site Council Meeting in January to address the outcry, she told us that over the last five years, BPS had lost 7,000 families. The city of Boston is ranked third – after New York City and San Francisco – in housing prices. As my colleague, BPS teacher Jennifer Dines, wrote in a recent essay for WBUR, the rapid and dramatic rise in housing costs in Boston has had a disproportionate impact on Black and Latinx families



This affordable housing crisis, coupled with the district's decision to halt the P.A. Shaw's expansion to 5th grade, has led to a 30 percent drop in enrollment at our school since 2018. Wanting to ensure educational continuity for their kids and to keep siblings together, families have left the Shaw for secure spots in schools with larger grade spans.

Declining enrollment has had a direct impact on the quality of education at our school. In BPS, our weighted student funding model means that when a school experiences declining enrollment, its budget suffers. Over

the last four years, we have lost our Science program, our Music program, and we are now slated to lose our first homeroom class.

In her brilliant comments at the most recent School Committee Meeting, member Lorena Lopera said, "The decisions we make today need to be working toward a vision. The community needs to be a part of creating that vision, and they need to not have anxiety about what the school will look like a year from now, two years from now, three years from now."

Afull 98 percent of our school community consists of students and families of color. We serve more Black families than any other Boston school that has been granted an expansion to 6th grade. We have a community-driven, community-built vision for our school. We want to turn our closing 3rd grade classroom into a 4th grade classroom for next school year. We want to phase into a K-6 school to fit the district's vision for elementary schools. At P.A. Shaw, we want the full inclusion model that our students deserve, and that the district promotes.

We can no longer let systemic failures and external forces dictate the fate of thriving school communities like ours. The district must make the decision to repair the harm they have caused through broken promises by investing in our community school. This means budgeting for a long-term plan that will give families legitimate reason to stay. This is the only way to earn back the trust that the Boston Public Schools need to survive.

The question on the minds of parents and educators at P.A. Shaw is: Will BPS listen to and invest in our community? Or will the Shaw become yet another example of a school serving a majority of Black and Brown students being closed due to historic disinvestment?

Tracy Curtin teaches at the Pauline A. Shaw School.



By Julia Mejia

A person who takes a quick scroll through the top news stories for Boston Public Schools will find no shortage of stories detailing administrative fumble after administrative

Julia Mejia

BPS has been overstating its graduation rates for five of the past seven years, to a persistent underserving of students of color, to a seemingly revolving door of superintendents, parents, students, and teachers are often left to shoulder the consequences of these administrative changes for better or for worse.

There is a common saying that people who can't see the big picture fail "to see the forest for the trees." But too often with BPS we spend so much time looking at the forest

that we miss the individual trees that are strong, sturdy, and have deep roots in the community.

There are schools in Boston with teachers and administrators who come in every day and commit to the work of nurturing and uplifting our students. One such school is the P.A. Shaw Elementary in Dorchester, an example of

a school that prioritizes community engagement, support

for students of color, and the uplifting of mental health.

At a recent school committee meeting, one Shaw student testified, saying "When I started first grade, I did not know how to read. More than anything, I wanted to learn. I worked hard at home and at school. My teachers and my family worked together to help me. Look at me now! I am reading!"

It's hard not to get choked up listening to the testimony of our community's children, who have realized their potential in life, and, as a community, it would seem obvious that programs in schools like the Shaw deserve to be supported to the utmost extent.

Unfortunately, current administrators do not seem to think so. While the Shaw was originally slated to open up a fourth and fifth grade—which would allow students to stay with their friends and teachers in the same school—its has seen those plans cut back. Under the latest plan, not only will they not receive a fourth or fifth grade, but one of their two third grade classes is also being eliminated.

In a time when the cycle of un-enrollment is speeding up, and the district is reconfiguring its elementary schools to be K-6, smaller feeder schools like the Shaw are at risk of closing.

We have an obligation to ensure that schools like these are protected and uplifted because we can learn so much from what makes them successful.

Julia Mejia is a Boston city councillor-at-large and a Dorchester resident.

Letters to the Editor

State Hospital committee says review process was fair, open

To the Editor:

The Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) wants highlight pertinent facts that were not included in the March 10 article entitled "Plan for Last Parcel on State Hospital Site Given Mixed Reviews."

For more than 20 years, the Boston State CAC, working in collaboration with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), has conducted a comprehensive public vetting of all site developers who were designated as site developers. Our tremendous integrity in the neighborhood

was built on our commitment to an open and transparent public review process.

This public process has included scheduling public developer interviews to ensure that the CAC and the public have ample opportunity to raise questions to each team regarding all aspects of the project. In those instances where more time was needed, the developers were required to come back for a second-round of interviews.

The CAC process for the ten-acre parcel went even further by not only scheduling a round of public interviews for the competing developers, but also

including an Open House so that the public could view the project graphics and physical models before the interviews got underway.

Additionally, the CAC and DCAMM met on Dec. 18, 2019, to formalize the Public Review Process, with the decision that two meetings would be required, each with three development teams presenting.

The combined developer interviews and open houses were held on Feb. 4 and Feb. 6, 2020 at the Brooke Charter High School Auditorium.

There is nothing sinister about an

executive session. It is a necessary process in evaluating land use proposals while meeting the confidentiality requirements of the state procurement

Once the selected developer withdrew, DCAMM requested that the remaining "publicly vetted developers" submit a "Best and Final Offer." As required by state law, the "Best and Final Offers" were evaluated in Executive Session.

Donna Young Chairwoman, Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee

It's time for our lawmakers to move on the 'Mobility' act

To the Editor:

Longfellow Street, with its 46 houses, is only one block long. Our neighbors come from different parts of the US, and more than a dozen other countries, from Nepal to Dominica to Cabo Verde, among other places. We are married, single, mixed race, interracial couples, gay and straight, citizens, naturalized and undocumented.

This diversity on our street and throughout the Bowdoin Street/Geneva Ave. neighborhood makes us very supportive of the "Work and Family Mobility Act" that was passed in the Massachusetts House on Feb. 16, with

a veto-proof 120-36 majority.

It is significant that among the "yeas" were the entire Dorchester House delegation: State Representatives Liz Miranda, David Biele, Brandy Fluker Oakley, Russell Holmes, and Dan Hunt. Their votes illustrate their connection to their constituents' needs and are a credit to them as individuals and as a delegation.

The bill now passes to the Senate and it is hoped that, as the senator whose district includes all of Dorchester, Nick Collins will join with his House colleagues in voting for this bill.

Here in Massachusetts, immigrants

without status are unable to obtain a driver's license. It does not matter if they come from Ireland, Jamaica, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, or any other country. They all need to get to work, or visit a doctor, or go to school. Without a driver's license, they are not able to get auto insurance. If they do not have insurance, they are not covered in an accident whether at fault or not. This means that everyone is paying increased auto insurance to cover such eventualities. Their being able to get a license and insurance will make the roads safer for everyone, bring in more revenue for the state (through license

fees), and strengthen our economy. A win-win for everyone.

New York, Connecticut, and Vermont have already seen the common sense of removing immigration status as a hindrance to having a driver's license. In Massachusetts there is a broad coalition behind the "Work and Family Mobility Act," with strong support from labor, faith, and community leaders, the medical community, and law enforcement.

I hope that Sen. Collins will sign on as a co-sponsor, joining with his House colleagues and community leaders.

Edward M. Cook Longfellow Street, Dorchester



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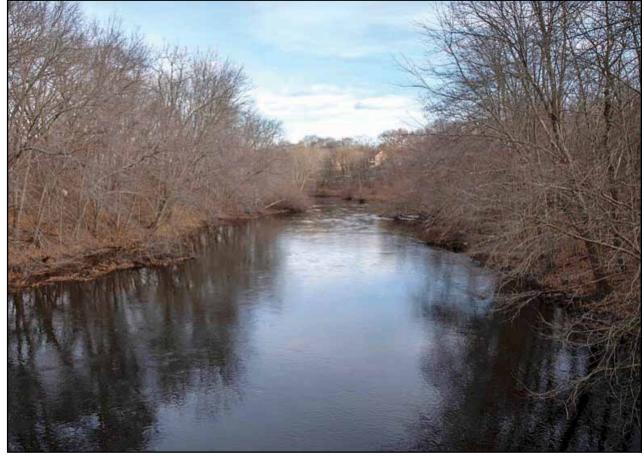
EPA puts Lower Neponset on its Superfund cleanup agenda

(Continued from page 1) and bike up and down the greenway alongside the river.

A timeline and price tag for the cleanup remains elusive, since the EPA must first fully assess the level of contamination, according to Cash, who has been at the EPA for just five weeks after left his job as UMass Boston's dean of the McCormack Graduate School of Public Policy. He previously worked in Gov. Deval Patrick's energy and environmental affairs secretariat.

Cash announced the Superfund listing at the steel-frame Harvest River Bridge, steps away from the river. He was surrounded by federal and local elected officials, including US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Stephen Lynch and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Mayor Michelle Wu, state Reps. Brandy Fluker-Oakley of Mattapan and Rob Consalvo of Hyde Park, and local environmental activists.

Warren called the Superfund designation the "first official step" in cleaning up the river. She noted that Massachusetts, like other states, used rivers and shores as working wa-



Above: The Neponset River seen as it runs between Mattapan and Milton. Right: A sign in Lower Mills warns of the danger of PCBs in fish caught on the Neponset River. Robin Lubbock/WBUR photos

terfronts, "but at the same time that development came with the steep price of harmful pollution and contamination." She added that the public health costs were borne by Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Milton.

Lynch, who sat on the

committee that helped draft the infrastructure law, said the earliest effort to clean up the area started in 1995, before he took office as a congressman (2001). "You can see how long things can take, but they're so worthwhile," he said.

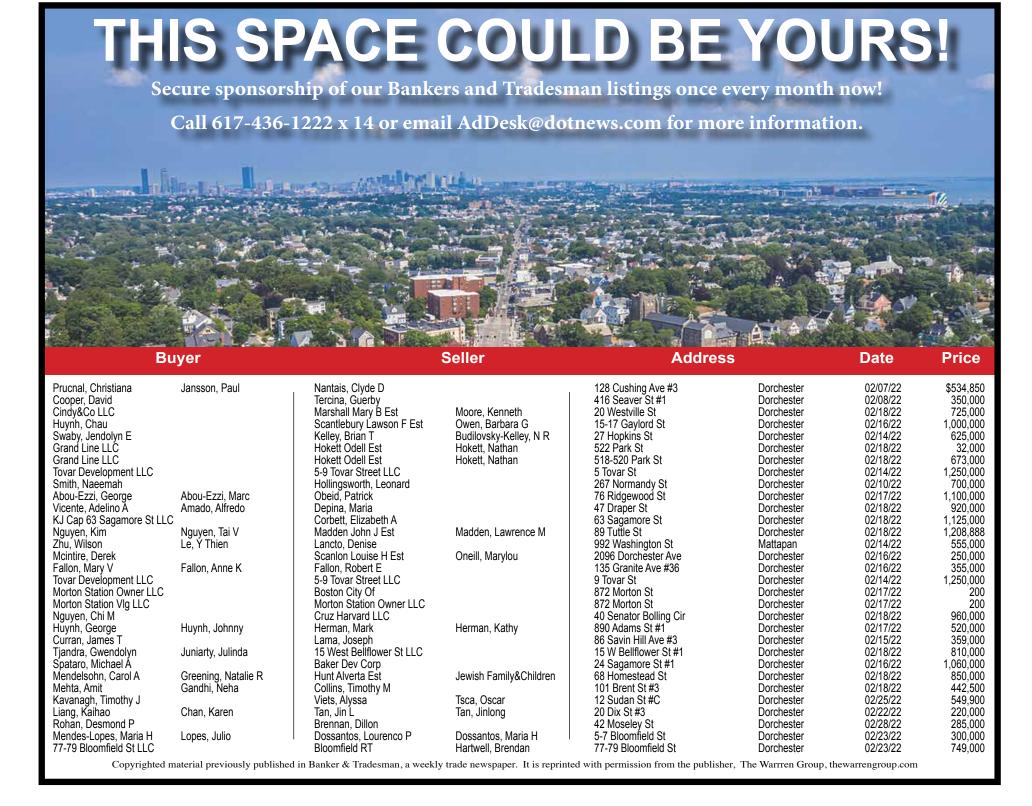


Pressley said the EPA's move is the "result of years of work" by grassroots organizers and advocacy groups. "No one should have to live, work, or go to school near a contaminated site," she added.

About 70 percent of the country's Superfund sites are within a mile of public housing where they pose a threat to the health of Black, Brown, and low-income communities, Pressley said. "Communities like Dorchester, Hyde Park and Mattapan that by no coincidence are home to many of our lowest income Black and brown siblings. This is what we mean when we say environmental racism."

Wu recalled taking a bike ride through the area while she was in law school and working at the Boston Medical Center. She had previously met the Edgewater Neighborhood Association's Vivian Morris, who encouraged her to take the ride with the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition.

"This is a treasure," she said, the river behind her, and city officials will continue to be a "full partner" with advocates and the EPA in clean it up.



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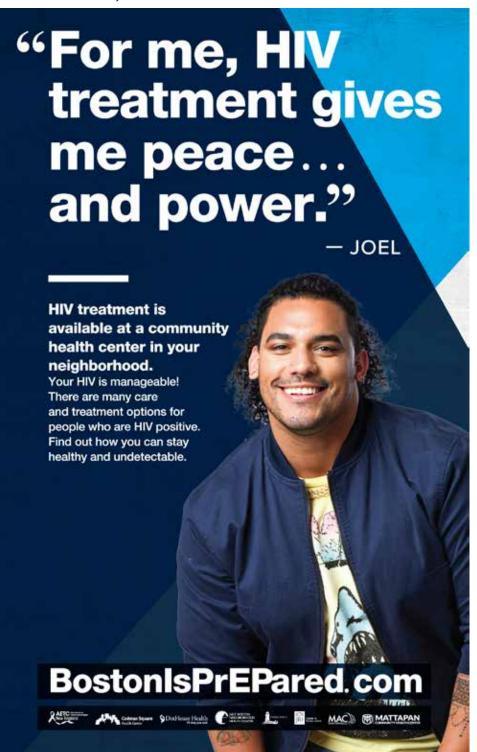
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Dot's Burke backstops BC High Cinderella team

(Continued from page 1) lations," said Burke this week in an interview before practice. "On that day, he called my name. It's what I kept working for every year. I've been going [to BC High] since 7th grade. It's why I came here, so I had to try again one last time. It was just amazing to hear my name.

"Hard work and determination paid off and what we're doing now is what the entire team has really worked for together – going for the chips," Burke said.

Having come into the tournament as the 13th seed in Division 1, BC High has beaten Milton and higher seeds like No. 5 Austin Prep and No.4 Catholic Memorial, its long-time rival, both Burke shutouts.

The Cinderella run came to an end Tuesday night when No. 1 seed St. John's Prep skated to a berth in the championship game with a 2-1 win over the Eagles at Tsongas Arena in Lowell. Burke stymied the heavily favored opponents for nearly three periods before the tying goal was notched with less then a minute left in the third period. According to a report on the game in the Patriot Ledger, it was the first goal allowed in 10 consecutive periods by Burke and the Eagles defense. Burke had 26 saves on the climatic night.

For all that has happened in recent days, Burke wasn't moved into a starting role until well into the season Flaherty said Burke has emerged just at the right time.

"Jack has always worked hard and has taken advantage of skills and practices," he said . "We have just started to see the fruits of that right now. He's playing confident and making the saves he needs to make and a couple of spectacular ones here and there as well."

Burke is one of four

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BC High Goalie Jack Burke in a photo taken in Dorchester's Devine Rink, where he started his playing career with the Dorchester Youth Hockey Learn to Skate program.

BC High photo

Dorchester players on a team that also includes Luke O'Sullivan, Brendan Burke (no relation), and Jackie Murphy.

Goalie Burke said he got his start in hockey watching the Bruins on television with his dad on television, and then playing on the ice with Stephanie O'Sullivan of Dorchester Youth Hockey's (DYH) Learn

to Skate program.

"I loved Dorchester hockey and it was my first experience," he said. After that experience, he then played for Boston Advantage, the Boston Jr. Terriers, South Shore Kings, and the Boston Breakers. He said he started as a forward, and moved to the net with Boston Advantage. "I like being in

the net," he said. "You're not always in the middle of the game, but then it suddenly gets intense. I like being in high-pressure situations."

When not on the ice, he enjoys hanging out in the Florida-Ashmont street neighborhood where he lives with his parents, Derek and Jessica, and his sister Sarah.

He said he loves how people in Dorchester are so involved and laid back. A dedicated student who enjoys English the most, Burke said it has been rewarding getting out to other areas of the state via his hockey playing.

"It really broadens your base of friends, and hockey is a small, tight community," he said. To that point, he said, in this year's state competition, he has faced shots from friends he's played with and against over the years.

But in his preparation for the tournament games, it has been his demeanor that has kept himself and the team loose and confident. "It's really not hard to describe," he said. "There's no special science to it. I show up and play and make sure to stay in the game. You have to get loose and stay calm and not let it all get in your head so much."

GIG ECONOMY IS CRITICAL TO CLOSING THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP

By Colette Phillips

EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK today, you see independent workers. They're delivering our packages, driving us across town, checking us out at the register. And more often than not, they're people of color, Black and brown workers looking to make a few extra bucks with a "side gig."



Colette Phillips is president and CEO of Colette Phillips Communications, Inc., a public relations firm based in Boston. She co-chairs the Massachusetts chapter of the Independent Professionals Association.

Especially in this "new normal" of life in a global pandemic, the gig economy is booming in Massachusetts, with tens of thousands of workers in the Commonwealth working full-time on their own or as a part-time job. It's not hard to understand why. The flexible schedules and ability to earn extra income, especially with the increasing cost of childcare and the instability that too often keeps families one paycheck or crisis away from poverty, makes it a particularly critical tool

to closing a racial wealth gap that finds the median net worth for Black families in Greater Boston is just \$8 compared to a quarter million dollars for white households.

To be sure, COVID expedited a shift toward remote work that we were already seeing in the workplace – workers looking for more autonomy in where they work and when. But a woman I met during a ride share reminds me that the pandemic only tells part of the story. Like me, her mom was from Antigua. Her full-time job was as a nurse's aide doing the night shift at a local hospital from 5 pm to midnight. For her, the ability to drive a Lyft from 7 am to 2 pm allowed her to be home in the afternoon when her kids came home from school to get them started on their homework – while also giving her and her husband the chance to sock a little money away as they prepared to make a down payment on a home.

As the debate over the gig economy heats up in Massachusetts, it's important to consider that independent work has been helping people of color realize their dreams for decades. All the way back in 1986 when the economy had gone south, I had a full-time job at a hotel and wanted to start my own business. I talked my boss into hiring me on as a consultant. It was a good start, but still not enough to pay the bills. So, I took on another part-time job—contracting with a radio station to be a promoter on the side. The opportunity not only provided me with more money, but with the flexibility to rustle up business for my fledgling PR business.

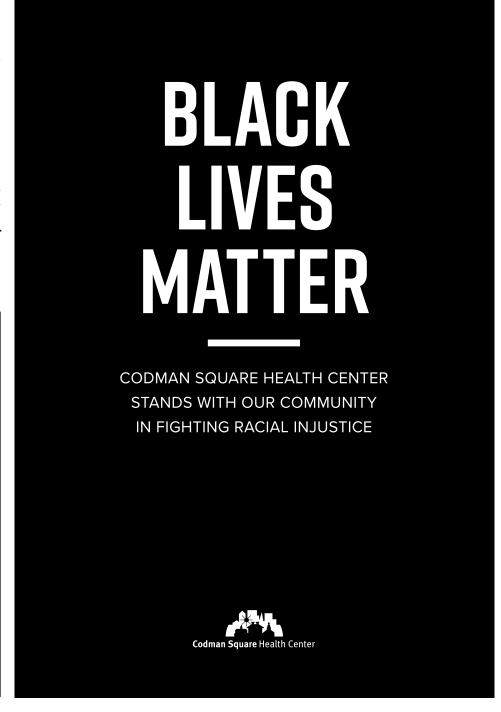
Stories like these remind me that for people of color—particularly women—we've always had to do a little more hustling to make our dreams possible. With more barriers to advancement and lower pay in the workplace, the chance to make a few dollars on the side on our own terms makes a difference.

Of course, not everyone loves independent work – some worry creating more flexibility could reduce productivity and undermine the benefits of traditional work. This was the same thing they said a decade ago when workplaces started allowing moms flexibility to work a few days a week from home. Today, men and women alike are asking for and getting more flexibility because it works better for everyone – and the pandemic proved it.

This fall, Massachusetts voters will be asked to weigh in on how independent workers should be classified as part of a ballot question. I will be watching as the campaign unfolds. But rather than trying to fit a new economy into an old system, the real question we should be asking is: How can we find new ways for independent workers to both remain independent, if they desire, and have access to the benefits of traditional work?

In the meantime, let's celebrate the gig economy for what it is: a natural evolution of the American workplace and a critical piece of the puzzle to help us close the racial wealth gap here in Boston once and for all.

As appeared in the Commonwealth Magazine: Commonwealth Magazine:



BPDA still guides building starts under Wu

(Continued from page 1) Brian Golden, about 75 percent of the staff was replaced in 2014, "disproportionately" in the planning division.

Dating back to 1957, when the BRA was created, "every mayor, from the very early days, had a different take on the agency and what it should be doing," Golden said. "That's no different with Mayor Wu. It was true of Mayor Walsh. It was true of Mayor Menino. Mayor Flynn. Mayor White. Everyone's had something different they wanted to do, either policy-wise or structurally."

Golden and other BPDA officials — Lauren Shurtleff, director of planning; Michael Christopher, director of development review; and Devin Quirk, director of real estate – sat down recently with the Reporter for a review of Dorchester and Mattapan planning initiatives and a look-back and ahead for the city's planning and development arm.

Wu ran for office on a platform of transit equity, climate readiness, and development overhaul. Notably, she pledged to "abolish the BPDA," which would require state legislation.

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uncertainty hanging over its future, waiting along with the rest of the city for Wu's appointment of a cabinet-level chief of planning, the agency continues to drive new construction starts across the city.

In the interview, Golden cited hundreds of public virtual meetings during the first two years of the Covid-19 pandemic, leading to record permitting of 15.8 million square feet, "all through virtual engagement," and maintaining Boston's position as the city with the greatest percentage of deed-restricted affordable housing - 35 percent of all units permitted last year.

"We're really proud of the work we've been doing in recent years," said Golden, "especially given the outrageous challenge of trying to do significant planning for the city to try to position us well for the future, and to do development review that's going to serve the long-term best interests for the people of Boston, all during a pandemic. And not only are we getting the job done, I think we're getting the job done well."

The Walsh-era citywide planning effort, known as "Imagine Bos-

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ton 2030," itemized sections of Boston targeted for rezoning and development. It still serves as "an excellent guidepost," Shurtleff said, though Golden acknowledges that one major shortfall in retrospect is "there's not a lot in there about public health."

In the early Wu administration, these planning efforts are still ongoing but with uncertain endpoints, in part due to ambiguity in the priorities of the new mayor and whomever she picks as chief of planning.

In Dorchester, a planning process began in 2017 to re-envision a swath of land between Savin Hill and Fields Corner centered along Dorchester Avenue. Currently, the area - known as Glover's Corner— is dominated by the construction of the massive DotBlock development, which is being built out in two phases. But, after two years of public meetings, Shurtleff now describes the Glover's planning initiative as paused, a halt brought about near the start of the pandemic.

Since then, she said, a number of projects have come along that "we have been able to use this kind of draft plan and efforts to guide." One example came before the BPDA board this month and received approval: a mixed-use proposal for the former Van Shabu hot pot restaurant that planners said has a height, density, and transit-oriented conception consistent with a draft of the plan for Glover's Corner.

In Mattapan, an ongoing planning effort is "incredibly unique," according to Shurtleff. The study covers the vast majority of the neighborhood and is not seeing the pile-on of land purchases and development that the Glover's area has from investors like billionaire Gerald Chan, who has been busy acquiring properties along Dorchester Avenue.

"A lot of times when we do planning, immediately people start buying up land and immediately start building their projects," Shurtleff said. "We're not necessarily seeing that in Mattapan, and that's not a bad thing because it means we're able to more cohesively plan and think ahead about corridor planning, really think ahead about Blue Hill Ave., different nodes, so we can see what the actual community sees as its needs and

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hopefully stimulate future investment."

Shurtleff expects that an "existing conditions report" for the Mattapan planning area will be issued sometime this spring. The initiative's call for artists is currently seeking a third mural location.

A plan for Newmarket is also underway, with a focus on the area surrounding the commuter rail station. This plan, too, is an "unusual creature," because it is not sited in a primarily residential area. The focus is "mainly on identifying and preserving what 21st century industrial uses could be," while also maintaining "legacy businesses" in the area. "We don't want to see those things leave," Shurtleff said, "because if they leave, they're going far, far away.'

In Uphams Corner, a partnership between the city and the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI) seeks to bring new housing, a new library, and new community spaces to a span of buildings that includes old banks and parking lots. The historic Strand Theatre sits nearby. Though initial community meetings envisioned the Strand as central to the project, a new request for

proposals (RFPs) from developers was approved by the BPDA board early this month. This RFP for the 555 Columbia Rd. and 559 Columbia Rd. sites does not include securing an operator for the Strand. The city's arts and cultural team will lead that element, and the new RFP will focus on developing the vacant property for the other community uses.

One thing not to expect in the near future: a wholescale update of the Columbia Point Master Plan. The existing plan, which dates back to the Menino era, remains a solid guide for transit and density, Shurtleff said, but it did not consider climate resilience to the extent that the BPDA currently does. Its officials are looking to work with their colleagues in the environment department and other city agencies.

Several major developments in the area have prompted recent calls for new planning from local civic group members, notably the 36-acre Dorchester Bay City development and the proposed towers at 75 Morrissey, the former Channel 56 property. The \$5 billion Dorchester Bay City project extended its public comment period until late March, after which more filings will be required from developers and the public process will resume.

The big demand in development at the moment is life sciences, as both Dorchester Bay City and 75 Morrissey show. Golden said that the BPDA will "continue to nurture life science clusters" and "all economic benefits that flow from that," like tax revenues that can be leveraged toward affordable housing preservation. He expects record property tax revenues to flow from the record level of permitting, but the BPDA team said they are

not signing blank checks. "Everybody wants to do labs and life sciences right now," Shurtleff said. "I look at it as we're the guardians of where that is able to go.'

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Of Wu's thinking on new-deal BPDA

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Wu is also in the process of hiring a cabinet-level chief of planning who will be tasked in part with a broad dismantling of its authority. And she filed an order with the City Council at the end of February to sunset - legislation that sets dates when a department or agency's authority expires - the BPDA's powers, calling the move "part of a broader effort to move past the tool's legacy of displacement and neighborhood destruction."

Fourteen urban renewal plans are active in Boston, and the city is seeking the immediate sunsetting of five that are in areas of Roxbury, as well as parts of downtown Boston. The other nine, to be sunset by law at the end of this year, include the Fenway area, and areas of Charlestown, Faneuil Hall, Government Center, and the South End, among others.

At a recent roundtable with neighborhood newspapers, the mayor was pressed on her plans for removing the BPDA's urban renewal authority. Wu said the focus of urban renewal has largely been on downtown areas that are now built out. She declined to comment on the appropriateness of past multiple extensions of urban renewal powers.

"We are one of the few cities in the country that still carries forward a legacy that has been tied to displacement, the removal of communities in the past," she told reporters.

According to Wu, if Boston is to reach its



In Boston, one of the country's oldest cities, almost a third of the old city was demolished-including the historic West End to make way for a new highway, low- and moderate-income high-rises (which eventually became luxury housing), and new government and commercial buildings. The West End Museum photo

goals on housing affordability, access to transportation, and climate change resiliency, the city's communities must be engaged. She noted that urban renewal's approach represented a tilt of power toward internal decision makers in a moment of urgency, when blight was more widespread across the

"The maps don't tie to the places where we see the greatest potential of equitable growth," she said, referring to the areas that are the focus of the sunset legislation she is proposing.

Pressed to describe the areas of greatest potential for that growth, Wu said she meant swaths of land such as Widett Circle off the Southeast Expresswayapproaching downtown, the Allston neighborhood area near

the Turnpike, and parts of Hyde Park and East Boston. Widett, which abuts Dorchester, was pitched as the location of a stadium for the Boston 2024 Olympics, an effort that collapsed due to lack of public support in 2015.

The urban renewal districts focus on downtown, parts of Charlestown and Roxbury, but don't cover Mattapan, Hyde Park, and East Boston, Wu said.

The roundtable, held virtually on a recent Monday afternoon, also touched on housing production goals and the expected influx of biotech company employees in the coming years as developers seek to build lab space to meet market demand. Many of the jobs come with high salaries, raising fears that current residents will continue to get priced out of the city's housing.

Asked about her elected predecessor's housing goals — as mayor, Marty Walsh pushed for the city to have nearly 70,000 new units by 2030 — Wu said her administration is broadening the types of goals she hopes to

deliver on. "At the same time, it's not enough to just pick a number and build this many units of new housing," she added, saying it must all be connected to other goals, such as climate change resiliency, and deployment of federal funds into specific projects that cover affordable homes for artists and seniors. "We need to build the

equitable, sustainable holistic communities that each of our neighborhoods deserve," she said.

Pressed on whether this approach is a matter of too little, too late, Wu said, "In some ways we are already way late on the investments in affordability and infrastructure that are needed. We are doing our best to catch up and use this moment of federal funding and pandemic recovery to try to address, and redress, the past harms and delays. But we are definitely behind." The city has an afford-

able housing requirement for developers, but it applies to proposals with at least ten units, spurring some to put forward nine-unit proposals. Wu acknowledged discussing lowering the threshold further as a way to close such "loopholes."

She said that city officials have to be supportive of several types of housing, and Boston is still waiting to see how the pandemic, and international instability brought about by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, will affect the local market.

The mayor said her administration is putting together a group of community leaders, developers, academics, and others to dig into the volatile issue of rent control — which she has also referred to as rent stabilization — and offer specific solutions to the housing crisis.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU21D1491DR
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WINSOME A. WILLIAMS

SEAN PATRICK JONES

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court.
Date: January 26, 2022

Felix D. Arrovo Published: March 17, 2022

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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jovana Mary Kiss of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jovana Alvarez Depina

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Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: March 17, 2022

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CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Cross Country Skiing Field Trip: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has once again partnered with our good friends at Elevate Youth for another exciting Winter outing. Elevate Youth's vision is to spark a lifelong love of the outdoors through equitable access and routine immersion in nature as a way to foster agency and lead holistic, healthy lifestyles.

This time, a group of 21 members headed to the Weston Ski Track for an afternoon of Cross Country Skiing. The group received lessons, were provided all the equipment needed and had the opportunity to ride the various tracks. We thank our friends at Elevate Youth for making these outdoor experiences available to our members. For more information on our partnerships, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Program Highlight - Music Lessons in Our Music Clubhouse:

Music engages youth in the world of music performance and production through group lessons, classes/workshops and year-round performance opportunities. Our goal is to offer a wide variety of programming that will keep members engaged, stimulated and eager to come back for more.

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For more information, please contact Music Director Carleton Burke at cburke@bgcdorchester.org.



<u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> BGCD Celebrates Women's History

Month this March - Highlighting Mary Scannell 34 Years at BGCD: March is Women's History Month is an annual declaration month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, we celebrate our strong, amazing women today and every day. We want to make sure that every day our women are all equal, valued, and inclusive. Today, we highlight Senior Vice President of Education & Programming, Mary Scannell. Congratulations on 34 years of service at BGCD! Mary is passionate about providing a safe, fun, educational experience for the children we serve. She has been able to nurture a generation of children who have come through our Clubs. We are so thankful for your hard work, dedication,

compassion, and so much more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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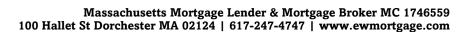
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Want to be featured in the East West Spotlight? Reach out to maureen@dotnews.com or 617-436-1222 x17 for more information.

RECENT OBITUARIES



BRUSO, Ellen M. 70, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Norman P. and Marie J. (Hout) Bruso.She leaves her siblings, Linda M. Bruso of Dorchester, Norman P. Bruso Jr. (Ellen) of Pembroke and Florida and Alan J. Bruso (Marie) of Dorchester. Memorials in Ellen's name may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or www.dana-farber.org

DOUGLAS, Mary, 85, of Braintree and Weymouth, originally from Dorchester. She was the mother of the late Theresa Robertson and is survived by her son. Mark Robertson and daughter, Katherine Gorham. Grandmother of 3. Great-grandmother of 3. Sister of Bernard

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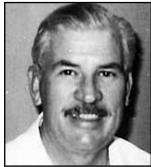


Douglas and the late Frances Douglas and Thomas (Eddie) Douglas. Donations in Mary's honor may be made to her favorite charity-The Home for Little Wanderers, thehome.org



HASSON, Julie Ann (Mahon), 62, formerly of Braintree, Arlington, and Dorchester. Wife of James Hasson (Falmouth); and mother of Jake Hasson (Easthampton), Justine Hasson (Boston), and Jessica Hasson (New York City). She is survived by her parents, John and Ruth Mahon (Seminole, FL; Arlington, MA); her siblings and their spouses, Maureen and Frank Cassidy (Methuen), John and Diane Mahon (Arlington), Catherine and Tom Geary (Mashpee), Susan and Jeff Nocera (Westwood), Nancy and Mike Flynn (Braintree), and Elizabeth and Kevin McNiff (Marshfield); and her husband's siblings and their spouses,

John and Anne Hasson (Falmouth), Jeanne (Marshfield), Boyle and Bill and Maureen Hasson (Plymouth). She leaves behind numerous nieces, nephgreat-nieces. ews. great-nephews, godchildren. Donations can be made to Julie's Joyrunners raising money for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute: http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/ goto/Julies Joyrunners.



HEALY, Nathan E., 87, of Lake Worth. FL, formerly of South Boston. Son to the late Eugenia and Thomas Healy. USArmy veteran. Nat worked as a building inspector with the City of Boston. He is survived by his wife, Rita as well as many children, grandchildren, extended family members, and friends.



HORNE, James W. of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Father of Joseph Hawker of West Palm Beach, FL, and William Horne, II, of Quincy; stepfather of Christian Blunt of Bridgewater and his daughter, Winter; son of William J. (Rt. Lt. BFD) and Ann M. (Swan) Horne of Quincy; brother of Donna M. Downing of Medford; also survived by aunts, uncles, and cousins. Memorials in his name may be made to Office of Development, Beth Israel Deaconess, 330 Brook-line Ave. (OV), Boston, MA 02215.

NEE, Helen Mary, 65, of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Helen was the daughter of the late John V. and Claire (Kinsella) Nee. Sister of John, Claire, Joseph, the late James Nee and Patricia Capuzzo. Aunt to many nieces

and nephews.

O'NEILL, Brigid

"Bridie" (Gaffey) of Dorchester, formerly of Co. Roscommon, Ireland. Wife of the late Michael J. O'Neill, Sr. Mother of Joanne Buonopane and her husband Michael of Saugus, Kevin O'Neill and his wife Elizabeth of Dorchester, Susan Leahy and her husband Thomas of Dorchester, and the late Michael J. O'Neill, Jr. Nana of 7. Sister of Eamon Gaffey and his late wife Mary, Helen Dobbins, Nuala McLoughlin and her husband Patrick; and predeceased by siblings Patrick, Michael, Thomas, Bernie, Maureen Rogan, Nancy Nolan, Joseph, Peggy McLoughlin, Larry, Kathleen Burke, Betty Hegarty, and Seamus. Bridie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Donations in Bridie's memory may be made to St. Marks' Church, 20 Roseland Street, Dorchester, MA 02124.

REGAN, Sister Ann (Sister James Mary), Sister of Charity, Halifax, for 60 years. Daughter of the late James J. and Olive M. (Bradstreet) Regan. She leaves many cousins and her sisters in the congregation. Sister was

missioned to Saint Peter Parish, Lowell, Saint Kevin and Saint Peter Parishes in Dorchester. Donations in memory of Sister Ann may be made to the Sisters of Charity Retirement Center, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.



SKWIERAWSKI, Dorothy M. (Klein), 91, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Frank and Loretta (Samsel) Klein. Mother of Joseph F. Skwierawski and his wife, Joyce of Squantum, James A. Skwierawski and his wife, Diana of Taunton and Thomas M. Skwierawski of Dorchester; and 1 granddaughteri. Former wife of the late Bogus Skwierawski. Sister of Thomas Klein and his wife, Georgia of Falmouth and the late, Lorraine Skwierawski, Isadore Klein, Richard and Robert Klein; also survived by many nieces & nephews. Donations in her name may be made to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 655 Dorchester Avenue, South Boston, MA 02127.

TREBINO, Thomas Edward, 62, of Norwell, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late George and Eileen (Heffernan) Trebino. Husband of Jane (Doyle) Trebino. Father of George, Alyssa, and Joseph Trebino all of Norwell; and the brother of Stephen Trebino and his wife Vivienne of Hingham, Patricia Trebino and her husband Michael Ryan of Needham and Anne Trebino of Kittery, ME. Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner James F Groomes of Dorchester MA: Petitioner Paul Groomes of Lawrence, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. James E Groomes of Dorchester, MA; Paul Groomes of Lawrence, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate

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from the Petitioner. Published: March 17, 2022



NEM, Michelle, 63, born in Boston she was the third of nine children born to Robert and Ernestine Waters. She was predeceased by her parents Robert and Ernestine Waters; and brother Courtney Waters. She is survived by her daughter Krishonda L. Waters, son, Ernest I. Waters (Sarah), daughter Janette Ekanem-Thomas (Montgomery); grandchildren Kalyse Marie Black, Haven W. Waters and Cameron E. Waters; former spouse Eddy Ekanem; siblings Robert L. Waters, Jr., Beverly Daniels, Richard Waters, Stacey Murphy, Valarie Waters, Leslie Waters, Penny Alexander; and numerous niec-



WORNUM, Jane (Lesueur), 91, of Dorchester. Founder of Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center. Mother of Jesse J. Wornum, Jr., Phillip B. Wornum, Denise L. Lamb, Sheila N., Eric L., Kirk A. and Jerome Wornum.



WHITMAN WOOD, Noreen of Hull, formerly of Dorchester and P.E.I., Canada. Wife of the late Cyril A. Wood. Mother Michael, Philip, Alice-Marie, Jo-Anne, Catherine, Thomas, Vernon, Nora, Paul, and Patricia. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother 8. Sister of Irene, Marie, Claire, Bernadette, Mickey, Alban, and Francis. Noreen is also survived by a large loving extended family and many dear friends Please consider making a donation to the Scituate Animal Shelter of Massachusetts, 780 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Scituate, MA 02066.

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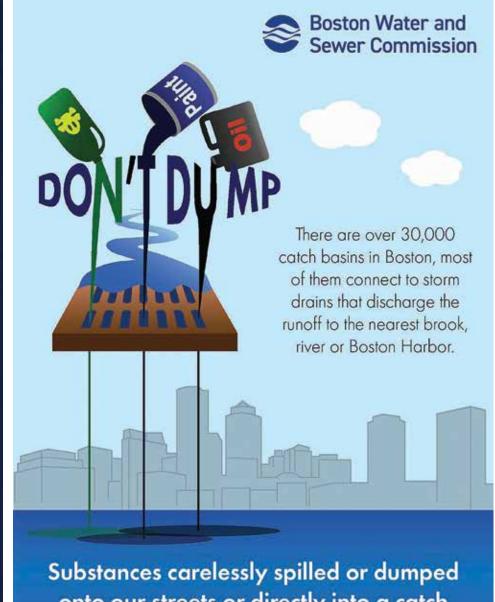
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