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## PASSING THE BATON

### Walsh confirmed as US Labor chief; Janey is the mayor

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It's now Secretary Marty Walsh and Boston Mayor Kim Janey. The United States Senate voted 68-29 to confirm the nomination of the 53-year-old Dorchester native as the US Secretary of Labor on Monday, clearing the way for a transition of the mayor's responsibilities to City Council President Kim Janey that has been months in the making.

Walsh officially resigned from his position as mayor via a letter sent to City Clerk Maureen Feeney at 9 p.m. Monday, an action that immediately elevated Janey to the role of acting mayor. She was expected to be inaugurated during a ceremony on Wednesday and will serve out the remainder of Walsh's term through at least November of this year.

A longtime union leader who served as one of Dorchester's state representatives before ascending to the mayor's job in 2014, Walsh breezed through a

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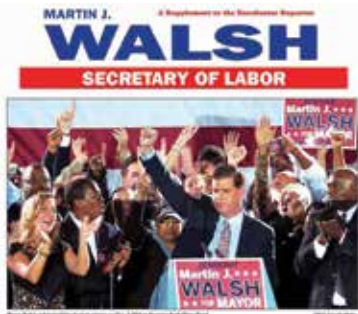


Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh, left, with Boston Mayor Kim Janey in the Mayor's office — before they each assumed their new jobs. Mayor's Office photo

INSIDE — A 44-page supplement looks at the roots and career of the new Secretary of Labor, Martin J. Walsh, including clips from the archives of the Reporter, which has covered his political climb over the last 25 years.

At right: Walsh's original campaign bumper sticker — circa 1997 — updated for his latest job leads the page.

Graphic by Barbara Langis



### Mayor Kim Janey: 'I just want to do the work that's before me'

By WBUR AND REPORTER STAFF

Kim Janey shattered two historic barriers when she became acting mayor of Boston Monday evening after Marty Walsh resigned as mayor to take the job of US labor secretary: She is both the first woman and the first Black person to lead the city.

In a Tuesday interview on WBUR's Morning Edition, Janey discussed her policy priorities and the possibility of joining the increasingly crowded race for a four-year term, which will be decided this November.

On the significance of becoming Boston's first Black & female mayor, she told host Bob Oakes: "I ... think about my own granddaughter, who is six years old. That she's growing up in a time where the mayor will look like her and that will be normal for her. And her two older brothers were born at a time when there wasn't even a Black woman on the Boston City Council. And now here she is. She sees me as mayor, and this is not just important for Black children. This is important

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Left: John Cain, a computer teacher at the Lower Mills campus of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, with a young student. At right: Grade 1 teacher Laura Fitzpatrick and student at the Neponset campus. Photos courtesy SJPIICA



### Said the teachers: 'We wanted to open ... be safe ... and to have the kids back' Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy makes it happen

By KATIE PEDERSEN  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

During a year in which the majority of Dorchester's children have attended school through a computer screen, Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy has offered in-person learning since September. Seven months after opening, the program appears to have avoided community transmission of Covid-19 on its three campuses with close to 1,000 students in all.

Students in the classrooms on Columbia Road in

Savin Hill, on Neponset Avenue, and in Lower Mills on Dorchester Avenue range in age from pre-Kindergrarten to eighth grade. With such a large spread of ages and locations, opening safely last fall took months of planning.

"In the month of June last year, we surveyed our families and asked them what they needed for this coming school year and what their concerns were," Catherine Bradley, the academy's regional

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### Use federal funds to make Boston a hub of equity

By BILL WALCZAK  
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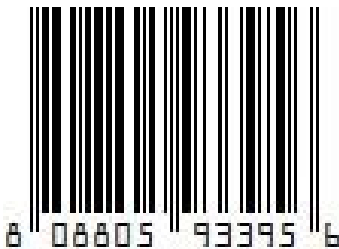
Boston ranks in the top ten cities in the United States when it comes to income inequity. The most cited example is the 2015 Federal Reserve Bank study of assets by race that showed white Bostonian households had a median net worth of \$247,500 while the median net worth for Black Bostonian households amounted to \$8. Addressing this very real wealth gap will be a central campaign issue in this year's race for mayor.

At the beginning of the first Walsh administration (FY 2014) the city's annual budget was \$2.6 billion. As Walsh leaves office near the end of his second term (FY21), the budget number is \$3.6 billion, an increase of 38 percent from 2014, a period during which inflation was 11 percent.

New construction in the city's building boom has dramatically increased the annual tax levy. In 1980,

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Two charged in thefts at scattered bank branches; affidavit lays out activities

By ADAM GAFFIN  
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A couple faces charges that they helped orchestrate a ring that managed to remove more than \$1.4 million from several accounts at banks in Uphams Corner, Kendall Square, and Peabody.

Emeka Iloba and Emelyn Clough were arraigned on March 18 in US District Court in Boston on one count each of conspiracy to commit bank fraud for alleged account thefts in 2017 and 2018. If convicted, they each face sentences of up to 30 years in prison.

Several other people, including bank tellers, were arrested in the case as early as 2018. Some are now cooperating with the FBI in its investigation into Iloba and Clough in the hopes of obtaining reduced sentences in their own cases.

Prosecutors allege the tellers earned several thousand dollars in fees for helping Iloba, Clough, and others withdraw victims' money.

An affidavit by an

FBI agent on the case outlines thefts involving six separate victims at a Santander branch in Uphams Corner, a Bank of America branch in Kenmore Square and a TD Bank branch in Peabody. On April 6, 2017, one of the couple's runners went into the Santander branch in Uphams Corner, looked for the teller who was in on the conspiracy, and showed a fraudulent ID in the name of a trustee of an irrevocable trust with an account at the bank. The runner asked for two banker's checks totaling \$275,000. He returned the next day and made a cash withdrawal of \$9,800.

Iloba and Clough were released on personal recognizance on the condition they surrender their passports. Iloba was also ordered to undergo substance-abuse screening. They are next scheduled to appear in court on April 1.

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A rendering shows what a new \$15 million MAMLEO building might look like at 61 Columbia Rd. Image courtesy Vanko Studio Architects

MAMLEO plans new headquarters in multi-use Columbia Rd. building

The Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (MAMLEO) wants to replace the Columbia Road house it has long used as its headquarters with a new \$15 million building that would include 45 "compact" studio apartments aimed at people 55 and older.

In a filing with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last Thursday, the association said the new building, at 61 Columbia Rd., at the corner of Seaver Street, would include a 200-seat auditorium, a smaller auditorium, and office space. MAMLEO said the

building is designed both to give the group more room and to bolster its income through the rental funds.

"The proposed project would solidify MAMLEO's financial future through income-producing features. Firstly, the applicant plans to rent the main auditorium for weddings and corporate events. Secondly, the applicant plans to rent the small conference room for local activities (e.g. karate, dance). Thirdly, several of the offices will be rented, likely at reduced rates to complimentary organizations. And, lastly, the residences will be 55+, ideally

occupied by MAMLEO's own constituents.

"Through these, MAMLEO will be capable of financing and maintaining a building of this caliber, and further its mission."

Six of the units would be rented as affordable. The studios would be between 400 and 430 square feet under the city's "compact living" pilot. The proposal calls for 4,272 square feet of "amenity" space required for residents under the pilot, but does not specify what it would be used for. And there would be 32 parking spaces.

The group's filing says the building's color pal-

ette has been set to match that of a brick apartment building across Columbia Road.

"The architectural massing takes cues from its neighbor across Columbia Road: a 4 story, red/brown masonry structure with inset balconies. The design team believes that by matching the neighboring building's color tone and scale, a gateway will result - positively identifying the intersectional significance."

MAMLEO estimates construction will take a year and that it hopes to begin the work by the middle of this year.

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State joins US in extending income tax deadline to May 17

Citing powers it can use when the president declares a disaster, the state Department of Revenue (DOR) last Friday unilaterally moved the Massachusetts tax filing deadline to conform with the postponed federal

deadline of May 17.

The DOR's announcement essentially mooted the promise made on Wednesday by Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ronald Mariano, that they would effectuate

a delay in the filing deadline to May 17 via legislation. Tax preparers now will not have to wait for a bill to be passed and signed to get certainty on the state deadline.

Even after May 17, individual taxpayers will be

eligible "for an automatic extension of time to file their personal income tax returns as long as the amount required to be paid for a valid personal income tax extension is paid by May 17," DOR said. - SHNS

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The Neponset River Watershed Association seeks volunteers** for its annual spring clean-up of the Neponset on Sat., April 17 from 9 a.m.-noon. Volunteers will spread out across the Neponset River to help with the cleanup. You can choose the site you wish to be at in the registration form at [neponset.org/cleanup2021](http://neponset.org/cleanup2021). Trash bags, trash tongs, rakes, shovels, gloves, hand sanitizer, and bug spray will be provided. Plan to bring masks, hats, sunscreen, water, snacks — and any favorite work gloves (though we will also have gloves on-site for you.) Long pants and closed-toed shoes are recommended for terrain and poison ivy.  
**The JFK Presidential Library and Museum will host a public forum** "US Immigration: Past Policy and New Directions" on Wed., March 31 from 6-7:30 p.m. The virtual event will include panelists Theresa Cardinal Brown, Bipartisan Policy Center director of immigration and cross-border policy; Roberto Gonzales, Harvard professor of education and director of the Immigration Initiative at Harvard; Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, UMass Boston Chancellor; Daniel Tichenor, University of Oregon chair of social science and Program for Democratic Governance director; and Jia Lynn Yang, The New York Times national editor and author of One Mighty and Irresistible Tide: The Epic

Struggle Over American Immigration, 1924-1965. Julia Preston, contributing writer to The Marshall Project, will host. For more details about the JFK Library's virtual forum schedule and to register in advance, visit [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org).  
**The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has scheduled a virtual public meeting for Tues., March 30**, at 6 p.m. to review City Point Capital's plans for 24 Ericsson St., which includes what is now the MarineMax/Russo Marine site next to Venezia restaurant and function hall. The latest iteration of the project would include "multiple buildings" and "120 residential units, approximately 23,400 square feet of office space, approximately 11,000 square feet of community/office flex space, approximately 3,600 square feet of retail space, a boathouse, and 159 vehicle parking spaces." See [bostonplans.org](http://bostonplans.org) for more info on joining the meeting.  
**The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., March 31** from 5:30-7 p.m. to discuss proposed changes that would make accessory parking a conditional use in neighborhood business subdistricts. For information on joining the meeting, see [bostonplans.org](http://bostonplans.org).  
**The Saint Mark's Area Civic Association's monthly meetings** are held on Zoom

on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held monthly except July, August, and December. Members and other neighbors are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a meeting, please send an email to the civic association at [smacadot@msn.com](mailto:smacadot@msn.com) and we will send you a link to the meeting.  
**Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament starts April 20** — Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2021 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April public school vacation week. The Tournament will begin April 20 and continue through the school vacation week. All games will be played at Joseph Moakley Park at 1005 Columbia Rd. in South Boston. To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at [damien.margardo@boston.gov](mailto:damien.margardo@boston.gov) or call 617- 961-3083.  
**The BPDA is looking to commission a new temporary artwork mural in Mattapan** as part of the city's Plan: Mattapan planning initiative. The BPDA will coordinate and collaborate with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture during the call for Artists Process—currently underway—and selection of the design for installation after selecting the artist or team of artists. This Call for Artists is open

to all artists, national and international, with a strong preference for artists with a connection to Mattapan. BPDA budgeted \$15,000 for the creation and installation of the mural, which must be completed by the end of summer 2021. For more information, contact [kenya.p.beaman@boston.gov](mailto:kenya.p.beaman@boston.gov) or visit [bostonplans.org](http://bostonplans.org) to view the RFP.  
**A new round of federal funding for fuel assistance will allow ABCD, Greater Boston's antipoverty agency, to increase the maximum benefit** for eligible households to \$1,110. The deadline to apply has been extended to May 28, enabling income-eligible households to address arrearages dating back to November 1. The increase means that the 16,000 households already signed up for fuel assistance with ABCD will benefit immediately. Last year ABCD provided fuel assistance to more than 25,000 households. ABCD pays the household's fuel vendor directly. Residents can call 617-357-6012 or go to [bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance](http://bostonabcd.org/fuel-assistance) for more information. .  
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# It's barbs by Zoom at Sen. Collins's St. Patrick's Day breakfast

By MICHAEL P. NORTON  
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NEWS SERVICE

There were awkward unintentional pauses that are par for the course with technology-assisted communications. And during Joe Biden's brief pre-recorded remarks at Sunday's St. Patrick's Day breakfast by Zoom, the host, state Sen. Nick Collins, clipped the president's final line, stepping on his comment about the nation's bright future.

But at this point in the pandemic, who among us has really mastered Zoom etiquette, much less the art of pulling off a virtual comedic breakfast on TV?

After the 2020 St. Patrick's Day breakfast was canceled at the start of the pandemic, Collins, a South Boston Democrat, brought it back Sunday, giving politicians an opportunity to reflect on the pain and suffering of the past year and look ahead with gratitude and optimism.

Between stay-safe messaging and tributes to essential workers, elected officials also reflected on aspects of the old in-person breakfast.

"I'll miss the light breeze of alcohol on everyone's breath at 9 a.m.," quipped US Sen. Elizabeth Warren. "Most of all I'll miss Marty



Sen. Collins and his wife Dr. Olivia Liff opened the breakfast festivities on Sunday.

Walsh because he's a hot shot now and doesn't need to suck up to us anymore."

Warren joked that "dark holes" remain on the nation's landscape despite Covid-19 vaccination progress, a new president, and a \$1.9 trillion "rescue" plan.

"We are still doing the annual Not-Funny St. Patrick's Day celebration," she said. "With a good vaccination plan and a little luck, next year I hope we can be not funny together."

US Sen. Ed Markey also swiped at Gov. Baker, whose popularity has dipped lately. "It's been a very hard year for Gov. Baker," he said. "Now he's getting a lot of criticism for his vaccination rollout. But in his defense, he has managed to do something no one has ever done before – failed to give out free shots in a place full of Irishmen."

In a self-referential

spot, Attorney General Maura Healey zeroed in on some of the deliberate phrasing politicians use when making big announcements as she made light of her own longstanding possible-candidate-for-governor status.

Each time catching herself midsentence by coughing and taking sips of water, Healey declared: "I'm exploring ... my artistic side. 'I'm running ... a lot more.' 'I am planning a run ... along the Charles this weekend.' And finally: 'I'm ready to take on the challenge ... of baking.'"

Mayor Walsh, days away from stepping down to become US labor secretary in Biden's cabinet, reflected on his Irish roots, spent time talking about the impact of missed community traditions, and saluted the widespread sacrifices made during the pandemic.

"We all came together," Walsh said. "We made tough decisions and hard sacrifices. And we endured a crisis by focusing on how we can help each other. That's a core value of the Irish community and our entire city."

Walsh joked about his would-be successors wanting to drive him to Logan Airport, before mentioning his immediate successor, City Council President Kim Janey, who will become acting mayor when Walsh leaves for Washington.

"She'll be walking me to a Silver Line stop and waving goodbye," he said.

Collins in recent weeks has done nothing to confirm or deny speculation that he may run for mayor. Recording his portion of the bring-your-own-breakfast show from inside his South Boston home, he mused, "I have always wanted to have a mayor in my home. Will the next mayor come from the Golden Dome?"

Collins introduced the Republican governor, who enjoys popularity among Democrats, as "the elephant in the room" before quickly adding: "We know he's a RINO anyway."

Baker had a ready response. "Nice to see you, senator," he said. "And

I'm pleased to be part of your campaign to kick off your race for mayor."

Collins just chuckled.

During her turn, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins pounced on Baker's claim that he's 25 percent Irish.

"I honestly guys didn't realize this was going to be an Irish funeral. This isn't even 25 percent funny. Like Gov. Baker's false claim of 25 percent Irish. Come on," Rollins said, before delving into her own Irish roots.

The field of candidates for mayor of Boston was a predictable focus.

Said South Boston City Councillor Michael Flaherty, "They're all left of me. So, it's getting a little crazy in there. It's like a circus, I guess. We've got four of my colleagues running for mayor. So that's a full clown car."

Added Rollins: "We have 37 people who've announced and unfortunately we'll have about 20 more who are unqualified to do the job but of course believe they will be."

One of the candidates, Councillor Andrea Campbell, said there won't be any white Irish men running for mayor "for the first time in a hundred years."

That means the Irish vote is "up for grabs," she said, joking that

candidate Annissa Essaibi George had gotten a shamrock tattoo, candidate Jon Santiago had dyed his white doctor's coat green, and that candidate Michelle Wu has teamed up with Bill Linehan to make him Boston City Council president.

"Because, of course, there's nothing more progressive than electing another Irish man as council president," said Campbell, revisiting Wu's support in 2013 for a Linehan presidency. "Michelle, I'm sorry but no amount of Irish Dunkin' Donuts coffee is going to make folks forget that one."

The political barbs were fewer than in previous years as the seriousness of the deadly and ongoing pandemic was never far off.

"We've been through a difficult time," said Congressman Stephen Lynch, a former host of the breakfast. "Especially among nursing home residents. We lost the most cherished members of our society really. We lost a lot of World War II veterans. We lost a lot of Korean War veterans. And not only did we lose them, but because of the circumstances, we were unable really to provide the comfort that we would have otherwise."

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# Many Dot eateries get ‘A’ grades even as they routinely fail on-site inspections

By COLMAN M. HERMAN  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Three Dorchester restaurants were temporarily shut down within the past three months by City of Boston officials for failing to comply with state health code regulations.

Although such events are not that frequent, the reality is that many restaurants in Dorchester fail their health code inspections on first tries and sometimes on second tries, thus requiring remedial efforts.

The three eateries that were ordered to close temporarily by city inspectors recently are the Saigon Chicken House (32 violations), Saigon One (15 violations), and La Parrilla (10 violations). About half the violations at each of the three operations were serious in nature. After the proprietors fixed the problems, they were allowed to reopen.

Still, these three establishments are serial violators of the health code, having failed a number of their prior health inspections as well. And for two of the three — Saigon One and La Parrilla — the most recent episodes were the second time within the

space of four months that they were shut down by city inspectors.

The *Reporter* contacted the owners of the three restaurants to offer them the opportunity to explain why they’re having so much difficulty passing the inspections. Two responded.

“It’s not easy to understand all the complicated requirements that we have to meet,” said Mary Gil, the owner of La Parrilla, a Mexican restaurant. “We try really hard and we will make every effort to do better.”

Jenny Ton, the owner of the Saigon Chicken House, pointed to the pandemic as the cause of some of the problems at her establishment this time around. “The city did a training session for us and we’re grateful, and we’re now in compliance and plan to stay that way,” she said.

There are 269 restaurants in Dorchester and many of them repeatedly fail their health code inspections. But the city’s Inspectional Services Department (ISD), which is charged with conducting the inspections, was unable to provide any 2020 data on how many Dorchester

restaurants passed their inspections completely the first time; passed with minor violations the first time; and failed their inspections, requiring re-inspection.

ISD inspections, which are unannounced, can trigger three categories of health code violations: non-critical, critical, and critical foodborne illness, also called food poisoning. Left unchecked, both non-critical and critical violations can lead to critical foodborne violations, which can directly cause severe illness. Salmonella is an example of a bacterium that causes foodborne infection.

The three restaurants that were recently shut down by ISD had one or more of these critical and critical foodborne violations: Rodent droppings; failure of employees to wash their hands; workers touching food with their bare hands; failure to maintain food at proper temperatures; dirty equipment such as slicers, knives, and strainers; no hot water; and raw and ready-to-eat food being stored in the same containers.

A number of well-known Dorchester restaurants failed their

most recent health code inspections, including the Lower Mills Tavern, Lucy’s American Tavern, Starbucks, Bowery, and Wahlburgers. All of them failed prior inspections as well.

The Massachusetts sanitary code requires municipalities to check restaurants for health code violations twice a year. But the City of Boston obtained a waiver years ago from the state Department of Public Health that allows it to inspect restaurants based on assessed risk — the higher the risk a restaurant’s sanitary conditions represent to the public, the more often it will get inspected.

There are a dozen restaurants on ISD’s high-risk list for Dorchester, none of them being particularly notable. Many restaurants that seemingly should be on the list are not, but ISD did not respond to a question asking why they are not.

Restaurants at educational institutions in the City of Boston are also subject to health inspections. In Dorchester, UMass Boston’s Dining Commons failed its most recent inspection. It was cited for six violations,



**You can check out the results of the health code inspections for yourself at the city-run website, Mayor’s Food Court: [cityofboston.gov/isd/health/mfc](http://cityofboston.gov/isd/health/mfc).**

two of which were critical foodborne, one deemed critical.

“UMass Boston Dining Services is committed to delivering students a safe, high-quality dining experience,” said UMass spokesman DeWayne Lehman in a statement. “This commitment is reflected in our ‘A’ letter grade from the Boston Health Division of Inspectional Services.”

In that regard, there’s an important backstory that puts ISD’s grading system into proper perspective.

In 2016, ISD implemented a grading system for restaurants based on the results of the health code inspections. If a restaurant does not get an “A” on its initial inspection, it can boost its grade by passing a follow-up reinspection that is typically conducted a week or two later. As a consequence, virtually


every restaurant in the City of Boston winds up with an “A” to post on its windows or doors, even the ones that are repeatedly failing their initial inspections, including the ones that are shut down.

Right now, every single restaurant in Dorchester has an “A” grade. There are four restaurants elsewhere in the city that have a “B” grade and three a “C” grade.

In an interview, Dan Prendergast, the head of ISD’s health division, defended the city’s grading system. “We’re about compliance through assistance,” he said. “Our job is to point out where the restaurants fall short and bring them up to meet our standards. This is a snapshot in time. But we don’t walk away from a food establishment until they meet our standards.”

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# Interim president now in charge at Carney Hospital

**By Reporter Staff**  
Carney Hospital has a new leader. Karen Ahearn, RN, has assumed the duties of interim president of the 159-bed Dorchester hospital. She takes over for now from Tom Sands, Carney's president since 2018. Sands has taken a new position as president of Beverly Hospital. Ahearn previously served as the chief administrative officer and chief nursing officer at the hospital, which is part of the Steward Health Care Network.



Karen Ahearn

"In my five years at Carney, I have come to know and love Carney and the community it serves," said Ahearn. "Along with the leadership team, I look forward to continuing to provide excellent, quality care to our patients and their families, as well as continuing to improve the patient and employee experience." Ahearn brings a depth of expertise as a nursing leader and hospital executive. Prior to joining Carney, she served as the chief nursing

officer at Community Medical Center, Barnabas Health System, a 600-bed facility in Toms River, NJ. Her experience also includes having served as the director of Women and Children's Services with Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey, as well as the director of nursing with Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark, NJ, among other leadership posts. She holds an MPA in Healthcare Management from Kean University

in Union, NJ and she earned her BSN with honors from St. Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ.

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### Trash Incinerator at Neponset



**From the Boston Traveler, Jan. 10, 1961:** A refuse burner, almost 100 feet tall, is under construction at the Neponset dump off Southeast Expressway. It's constructed of steel plates set on poured concrete base. Passersby think it looks like the nose cone of a Cape Canaveral missile." The other photo, published by the Globe on Sept. 24, 1970, shows the abandoned incinerator at the site.



The following is a comment found on reddit.com: "When I was a kid, my father had me convinced King Kong was incarcerated here. The funniest thing ever painted on the tank was in the early '70s when the area surrounding the tank was a garbage dump and the then "Boston Patriots," who didn't have a home field, wanted the city to build a new stadium for them at that location while threatening to move if it wasn't built. "Unlike most cities at the time, the Boston City Council voted not to use public money to pay for a stadium, and the Pats declared they would move to another state. Patriots fans were furious. One night, a crew of them painted in huge letters on the tank: "The Boston City Council Garbage Bowl." It all ended up happily. The Pats built their own stadium in Foxborough, and Boston, unlike a bunch of other cities, was not stuck with millions in debt for a white elephant stadium." The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org).

## Dos Santos joins Mayor's Office staff



Denise Dos Santos


Mayor Walsh appointed Denise Dos Santos to serve as the liaison for parts of Dorchester and the Cape Verdean community for the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS). She started on March 15. Born and raised in Dorchester to Cape Verdean parents who

migrated from Fogo in the early 1990s, Dos Santos graduated from the University of Massachusetts Boston with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. She comes to ONS from her previous role as Community Outreach Coordinator in the city's Office of Public Service. "I'm excited to be in this new role and look forward to getting my community involved in local government so that they can get the proper resources they need," said Denise. "I grew up in this neighborhood, and I want to help improve it by engaging with people and being accessible to them. I hope to inspire folks to stay connected and make our neighborhood thrive."

NOTICE


The Dorchester Historical Society is always looking for photographs and high school yearbooks from Dorchester's past.

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(617) 788-8300  
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Docket No. SU20P1833EA  
**ESTATE OF:**  
ELMA MILLS  
**DATE OF DEATH:** 03/09/2000

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A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marshal Mills of Bradenton, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Marshal Mills of Bradenton, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 22, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
Published: March 25, 2021

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Editorial

# Mayor Janey takes the City Hall helm

Until Monday night, every mayor of the city of Boston — all 54 of them — has been white and male. At 9:01 p.m., a Black woman raised in Roxbury became the first of her gender and race to lead our city. Kim Janey, elected to the city council in 2018 and selected by her colleagues to chair the body in 2019, is number 55.

In an op-ed on Tuesday morning in the *Boston Globe*, Janey wrote: “Today is a new day for Boston. As your mayor, I promise to bring my life experiences and passion to make this city better for everyone. I will strive to make positive change across our city.”

There will be some who will affix an asterisk to her achievement. Janey has not been elected city-wide— yet. And as of this writing, she is not even a declared candidate for a four-year term. That’s all immaterial.

On Wednesday, after the Reporter had been printed for the week, Janey was to be sworn-in during a ceremony that would make news not only here in Boston, but also across the nation. Hers will be a new face of Boston — and one that we hope will forever puncture the cookie-cutter public profile of our city.

Those who live here know the truth: Boston isn’t the one-note act that has been popularized on screen since the 1960s. The Janey’s— a fourth generation Black Boston family— were dropping their Rs on the streets of Roxbury while Marty Walsh’s grandparents were cutting turf from the rock-walled bogs of Connemara. Compared to Janey, the new US Secretary of Labor is a late arrival. But who’s counting? Nowadays in Boston politics, to use the parlance of the legendary rapper Rakim: “It ain’t where you’re from, it’s where you’re at.”

And where Kim Janey’s at— as of this very moment— is at the controls of the city’s most prominent and powerful public office. With a solid six-month runway ahead of her, she can take full flight as both a CEO and candidate.

Should she join the field of candidates already in contention— Councillors Michelle Wu, Andrea Campbell, Annisssa Essaibi George, state Rep. Jon Santiago, and Walsh loyalist John Barros, in order of arrival—Janey will have some catching up to do.

Her campaign coffers topped out at \$130,000 as of this writing. That’s fine form for a district city councillor without a tough challenger, but it’s a pittance for someone girding for a mayoral launch. And it would be a fatal flaw save for one key difference between her and the rest of the field: Janey is now the mayor. The finance faucet, once she gives the nod, will flow like the Neponset after a springtime downpour.

Beyond the donations, Mayor Janey will get to strut her stuff in the coming days and weeks with real, important, and executive level decisions on policy, personnel, and, critically, the city budget. Aided by a team of experienced Walsh hands who are staying on to help her, Janey will chart the course for how we spend our city’s capital into 2022 and beyond. The council— including at least three of her potential rivals — will get a say, too. But it’s the mayor who steers the ship.

All of which is a high-wire act for a relative newcomer to City Hall. But Kim Janey’s personal story, and the historic nature of her swearing-in, make for a compelling case as a city eager to break free of the pandemic blues awaits her leadership.

- Bill Forry

*Editor’s Note: Bill Forry’s wife, former Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, is a co-chair of Mayor Janey’s City Hall transition committee, but is not affiliated with any mayoral campaign.*

# To what degree will Covid change for good the American way of life?

By Lawrence S. DiCera  
Special to the Reporter

My parents were children of the Depression and endured World War II. Things were referenced as happening “before the war” and “after the war.” Are we positioning ourselves as a society so that most everything will be referred to as pre-Covid or post-Covid?

I fear that as a nation our rebound will not be as significant as the rebound after World War II, which had plenty of bumps as well, given that so many people have become accustomed to a sedentary life.

Will we conclude that those who have been the most impacted were those of us over the age of 65? The pandemic has accelerated a pre-existing epidemic of isolation. According to a 2018 report by the Kaiser Foundation, 22 percent of adults in the United States say they often or always felt lonely or socially isolated. In 2017, US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called loneliness a public health epidemic. The United Kingdom has appointed a Minister for Loneliness. Remember, these data and these actions preceded Covid-19.

Are there any young people who have not been impacted by Covid? I have yet to meet a parent, or a student, who rejoices in “remote” learning. It is just not the same as being in a classroom with real people, and everyone knows it. I think all children being in school full time this fall would be a great leap forward.

Will there need to be significant education of younger people who have in many cases been told

that “strangers should be avoided, that you cannot be hugged?” It is a strange phenomenon when children do not get to know or be with their grandparents. You cannot hug a Zoom call!

There is one more similarity to the end of World War II: Many women who were in the workforce have out of necessity turned to either working part time or not working at all, given their obligations to educate their children and otherwise provide for the safety of their families.

We all have seen the posters of Rosie the Riveter. Of necessity, people took jobs during World War II that were not open to them before. Many were high paying; many were blue collar. At the end of the war, most of them were summarily dismissed, and many returned to being housewives.

When my mother was married in 1948, she was forced by law to resign as a schoolteacher in the City of Boston, given that those jobs were reserved for married men and single women who were heads of households. I think it was wrong then, and I know that it is wrong now. Perhaps there should be re-entry programs for women who had to be at-home teachers during the pandemic so that their children would not fall behind. Perhaps there are dollars for this in the federal stimulus bill. In all honesty, I did not read it cover to cover!

I hope that we do not get into the rut of saying “before Covid” and “after Covid,” but I fear there will be significant changes to American life as a result of Covid-19.

# If you can, consider using part of that stimulus money to help others

By Lew Finfer  
Special to the Reporter

The \$1,400 per-person stimulus checks from the American Rescue Plan are on the way to many of us. The pressures of unemployment, fewer paid hours at work, payments for rent and mortgages and student debt will be eased a bit by this money. This law was enacted because of the people who worked so hard last fall to elect members of Congress and the presidency who wanted to do more to help us.

But we know that a significant number of us who will be getting \$1,400 checks don’t really need them if we’ve been getting a decent salary throughout the pandemic. With many hundreds of thousands still unemployed in our state and others getting eviction and foreclosure notices, there’s still a lot of deep hardship and suffering. So, please consider donating some of your stimulus check if you are not struggling economically now.

Here are a few funds to consider. The Massachu-

setts Undoc Fund provides support to 250,000 undocumented immigrants in our state, none of whom are eligible for unemployment benefits. The Mass Redistribution Fund supports 27 local community-led relief efforts for Covid-19 across Massachusetts. The 14 community foundations around the state, like the Boston Foundation, all have had special programs during the pandemic to donate to local mutual aid relief groups in each area.

And here in Dorchester, there are the Codman Square, Bowdoin Street, Uphams Corner, Dorchester House, and Geiger-Gibson health centers to donate to. There’s also Fair Foods, which gives \$2 bags of vegetables at 13 different sites in Dorchester each week. And there are 30 food pantries in Dorchester listed at foodpantries.org.

Let’s use some of the proceeds from these stimulus checks to boost help and hope for others in need.

*Lew Finfer is a Dorchester resident.*

Letters to the Editor

# A clap of hands for T, Keolis, along with a nudge to do more

**To the Editor:**

TransitMatters congratulates the MBTA and Keolis for adopting schedules with more frequent service throughout the day. The new schedules will make taking commuter rail easier and more convenient for customers who will now have more options throughout the day.

The change is a step toward the vision that TransitMatters has called for since 2018 when it released *Regional Rail for Metropolitan Boston*, a report detailing how the MBTA could transform the commuter rail system into an electrified, fast, frequent, and reliable 21st century transportation system that would serve all riders, not just nine-to-five commuters.

This is moving our network away from being so oriented toward commutes and toward all kinds of trips possible. This new schedule is a move towards more frequent service, which is a key element of our Regional Rail agenda.

Unfortunately, the schedules still involve service cuts that will prevent ridership from coming back post-pandemic, particularly on weekends. This will create a self-fulfilling prophecy of cuts leading to more cuts as riders switch to driving. Not only will it ultimately cost the MBTA customers and revenue, but our environment will suffer from increased carbon emissions.

TransitMatters calls on the MBTA to heed the warning from our congressional delegation about future federal funding and restore weekend service.

In the coming months, TransitMatters will detail a proposal for restoring service further as the Commonwealth emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic, bringing the region closer to Regional Rail.

*Submitted by Jarred Johnson, executive director of TransitMatters, and Ethan Finlan, the group’s leader for a regional rail campaign.*

# Heat pumps for your three-decker

**To the Editor:**

Thanks for your coverage (March 18) of the state-sponsored competition for green building design, which featured a three-decker in Somerville. Given the outsized fraction of greenhouse gases being produced by the city’s buildings, the competition is a timely means to generate innovative ideas.

The article doesn’t state how the winning design proposes to heat the building, but a safe bet is that it’s not oil or natural gas. The climate-friendly choice is to use electric air-source heat pumps, which have

improved dramatically in the past few years. And the same pumps can be used to cool the building in the summer.

The Legislature will be considering bills in the current session to make these “deep energy retrofits” more affordable. The next time you find yourself needing to replace a gas boiler, it’s definitely worth considering the heat pump option. If the pending legislation becomes law, the state may make that choice easier on your wallet.

*Frederick Hewett, Cambridge*

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# Use US funds to make Boston a hub of equity

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Massachusetts voters passed an initiative petition, colloquially called “Proposition 2½,” limiting increases in municipal property tax levies to 2.5 percent per year, unless citizens voted for an override to increase taxes beyond that number. Boston has never asked voters for an override. Over the eight fiscal years of the Walsh administration to FY21, the 2.5 percent allowance for an increase added a total of \$411.5 million to the city budget.

Proposition 2½, however, allows additional property tax revenue to be generated from growth, which is mostly made up of new construction. During the Walsh administration, the building boom had added \$578.4 million in new property taxes to the city budget by FY21. Added up, the two increases in the property tax levy grew the city budget by some \$1 billion over the course of Walsh’s terms.

What were these additional dollars used for? The bulk of the \$1 billion – \$632,000,000 – went to personnel, mainly for salary increases and the addition of 903 employees. The department with the largest increase in staff was the Boston Public Schools, with 864 more personnel than in FY14, a surprising increase as the number of students decreased from 57,000 to 52,000 between FY14 and FY21.

During Walsh’s tenure, many plans were drawn up to address major problems the city is facing, including Imagine 2030, a strategic plan for Boston; Build BPS, a plan that included building or rebuilding 12 schools by 2027; the Boston Climate Action Plan, which created a plan to reduce emissions by 100 percent by 2050; the Open Space and Recreation Plan 2015-21; and Boston Housing 2030, which calls for 69,000 new units of housing.

The Walsh team chose to invest a large portion of the additional dollars provided by new construction to personnel, leaving much of the implementation of the aforementioned plans to the new administration, should it decide to adopt these plans.

Still, inequities persist.

We now have another opportunity to address that problem through President Biden’s \$1.9 trillion Covid relief plan. Like the \$2.25 billion in construction growth dollars, the Biden money could be viewed as extra funding to be used for many different purposes.

Boston will be receiving \$434.6 million for city operations and \$275.6 for schools on top of the \$123 million in federal aid received for schools last December. Interest groups are lining up to lobby how the money should be used.

The building boom may or may not continue, but in any event it probably will not be as robust as in the past eight years. As a result, the Covid relief dollars may offer one of our few opportunities to use unexpected dollars to change in a transformative way how Boston deals with its deep problem of racial inequities.

My suggestion is to create universal K-1 and K-0 grades in the Boston Public Schools. I wrote in a recent column why 1,500 new seats for K-1 would guarantee every four-year-old a seat in K-1.

K-0, a grade for three-year-olds, would be transformative in several ways. Research shows it greatly increases success in kids’ subsequent educations. Some 66 percent of Boston’s children ages 0-5 are of color, and three quarters of students in BPS qualify for free or reduced lunch, according to City Hall data. Relieving parents of the expenditure for day care would significantly increase their incomes.

Since BPS’s enrollment continues to drop, inviting Boston parents to enroll their three-year-olds in a high quality public school program would increase the likelihood that they would continue their children’s schooling in the BPS.

It is likely that we would need 3,000-4,000 K-0 seats, which would boost enrollment in BPS, though by fewer than the total number of lost students over

the past eight years.

The City of Boston should also use this change of administration to audit its budget. Much of Boston’s budgets are based on last year’s allotment plus raises rather than from a hard look at what is important and needed from city government, and what can be changed to accommodate what we want to do now and in the future.

For example, we know that the overtime budget for the Boston Police Department is already overspent and that requiring police details anytime a street permit is pulled is both expensive and unnecessary.

We know that fire department pull boxes are unnecessary but cost millions to maintain. Additionally,

## Columbia-Savin Hill leaders ask better planning

*The board of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association (CSHCA) sent the following letter to elected and appointed officials on March 22. Excerpts of the letter follow:*

We have actively supported many proposed development projects, actively opposed many, and most importantly, sought to improve proposals impacting our area. We host informational meetings, debates, occasional clashes, and public actions to ensure that as many of our neighbors as possible can understand development proposals and help create a CSHCA response. Most importantly, we strive to communicate our positions to the appropriate parties.

We are facing an influx of 10,000 new housing units and, at least, 5 million square feet of new commercial space. CSHCA is deeply concerned that the current “popularity” of our neighborhood among developers has the very real potential to lead to infrastructure chaos. The city’s merger of two separate, but contiguous, developments on Morrissey Blvd. and Mt. Vernon Street, for the purpose of joint planning by the city

studies have shown that the Boston Fire Department is the most expensive among 30 major cities in the US because it is overstaffed. This creates the weird and unnecessary situation of having both the Fire Department and EMS respond to the same accidents and incidents.

An audit of Boston’s functions and budget against best practices would be elucidating and may offer opportunities to reallocate dollars to our city’s current and future priorities and needs. Rather than continue the status quo, let’s use this transition to implement a new vision for Boston, one that uses its resources to achieve equity.

*Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and former CEO of the Codman Square Health Center. He was a candidate for mayor of Boston in 2013.*

and state, is progress in the right direction. We ask for an ongoing comprehensive approach to planning for all developments

Currently, we do not see any comprehensive basis for planning that acknowledges 10,000 new units and 5 million sf (at least) of new commercial space. We feel it is imperative that those metrics be officially recognized as the starting point of any relevant and future planning processes. Granted, this “cumulative” approach has not been the norm, but 10,000 units and over 5 million square feet of commercial development is not normal by any means.

We, and the Columbia-Savin Hill community, must be assured that the “planning” categories will include transportation (vehicular, MBTA, pedestrian, and biking), infrastructure (water, sewer, and utilities), parking, allowances for green public spaces, long term climate resiliency, necessary services and shopping, and affordable housing options.

Thank you for considering this important request.



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# ‘We wanted to open ... be safe ... and to have the kids back’

(Continued from page 1) director, told the *Reporter*. “It came down to 50 percent who wanted to be in-person and 50 percent who wanted to be remote. Then we went through the Massachusetts Department of Education documents, and the CDC [Centers for Disease Control] stuff.” After taking everything in, the administrators opted to proceed with in-school learning.

Paula Gaudet, the academy’s head nurse, stepped up to help with the planning. In addition to joining a series of prep meetings throughout the summer, she used her professional experience to order the necessary PPE [personal protective equipment] before the rush in the fall.

“Everyone was on the same page,” she said. “We wanted to open, we wanted to be safe, and we wanted the kids back.”

At the Neponset and Lower Mills campuses, the cafeterias were turned into classrooms. On all three campuses, classes were grouped into self-contained cohorts and spacing stickers were placed on all the floors and walls. Extra custodial staff was hired. By September,



Bill McGoldrick, middle school music teacher for St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, with a student at Columbia Campus. Courtesy SJPIICA

Saint John Paul II was ready to welcome its students back.

“I have to be honest,” Brandley said, “We were terrified. But we thought: ‘We’ve done everything they asked of us.’”

For all that, Brandley’s worst fears have largely failed to materialize. Although the campuses did go remote for a few weeks in the fall due to rising Covid-19 rates in Boston, they have remained open otherwise. And as of this week, there has been no evidence of community transmission.

“Honest to goodness, I was waiting for the other shoe to drop,” Brandley

it without the patience and support of families – because they get it. They would let us know when their child was sick.”

Brandley estimated that by the end of last week, 65 percent of the academy staff had been fully or partly vaccinated. “Right now, it’s getting easier,” she said. “In about a week, everyone will have an appointment if they haven’t gotten one already. The teachers have been great about this.”

Although adjusting to the pandemic posed daily challenges, Paula Callahan and Beth Sheehan, longtime St. John Paul II teachers, are pleased with how their school has handled the crisis.

Said Callahan, an early childhood teacher at the Columbia campus: “I never questioned whether or not to go back. Instead, it was, ‘How can I go back and keep my family safe and myself safe?’ A lot of it came down from having a very supportive administration. They understood what we were doing every day, and they still do.” She cited Friday shout-outs and Teacher Appreciation Week as morale boosters.


She, too, thanked her students’ families. “The biggest thing I was amazed at was how well [three- and four-year-old kids] keep their masks on,” she said. “I think a lot of that comes from home. We’re blessed in that we have great families that understand that if they send their kids back, there’s a certain amount of responsibility that comes with that decision.”

For her part, Sheehan, a second-grade teacher at the Lower Mills campus, said, “I think that at the beginning we had a lot of nervousness and hesitation. My father was still alive at the time, and I was worried about bringing stuff back to him. But as a Catholic teacher, I have great faith, and I knew that God would take care of me.” She added: “I love seeing my children every day.”

Still, both teachers had to adapt longtime classroom strategies to the constraints of hybrid learning.

“How do I teach differently than I have I have for the last 27 years, given that the little ones can’t really be socially interacting?” Callahan said she wondered. “A big part of early childhood education is getting kids to be a good friend, getting them to share, and now [they’re left to



  
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think], ‘We really can’t share and we can’t play with our friends.’” She described her current challenge as “trying to find a way to adapt the curriculum so we can still have them meet their developmental milestones while at the same time keeping them, their families, and ourselves safe.”

With nine students in-person and nine students online, Sheehan initially found the hybrid model difficult. “It was a challenge, because I wanted to make sure I was giving my everything to both groups of students,” she said. “It was almost like having two classrooms.”

The hard work of Saint John Paul II’s teachers has not gone unnoticed.

Said Claire Sheridan, principal of the Columbia campus, “The teachers have been non-stop since March 13, 2020, till today. They have worked overtime. They had to make sure all of their lessons were uploaded, that everything was ready to go. They worked all summer long setting it up. Right now, we’re trying to make sure that the teachers get what they need so they can keep up that momentum.”

She added that the pandemic “has made us as leaders stop and realize what is truly



Above, a second grade classroom at the Lower Mills campus. Below, Adam Cook, a St. John Paul II Catholic Academy Middle School teacher with student in a classroom at the Neponset campus. SJPIICA photos



PICK ME – An eager young student at the Neponset campus.

important.”

Despite all the stress and anxiety of the last seven months, Brandley is grateful for how the school year has gone so far.

“I never thought we’d get here,” she said. “I never thought we would’ve made it five days a week all year. I’m incredibly proud of my staff – my leaders have killed themselves. All my vendors, my custodial staff. Our lunch company has worked around our crazy schedules and protocols.

Everybody has jumped right in to be successful because our kids needed to be in school.”

As more Boston schools reopen in the coming weeks, Nurse Gaudet offers this simple advice about students learning in school: “They should do what they’re supposed to do. It’s very important to keep the masks on, to keep your hands washed, to keep your distance. Kids are kids, so you just have to do the best you can.”

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# Alex Gray hopes to become Boston’s first blind City Councillor

By CALLUM BORCHERS  
WBUR REPORTER

Campaigning last week outside Forest Hills Station in Jamaica Plain, Boston City Council candidate Alex Gray paused at a granite curb with no cutout. Holding a red-and-white cane, Gray took the elbow of his communications adviser, and carefully stepped down. “I’m hopeful,” he said, “that we have an opportunity to talk about infrastructure investment.”

Infrastructure, to most politicians, means roads and bridges. Sidewalks don’t always make the list, but they do for Gray, a senior policy manager in the mayor’s Office of Workforce Development. If elected this fall, Gray would become the first blind councillor in Boston history.

“After one second, seeing the experience he has walking through a bus station, you understand that he would bring something different to the table,” said Francie Wade, the aide who accompanied Gray while campaigning last week. “And I think it’s really important.”

As much as Gray’s law degree or his work in state and municipal government, his disability is part of his pitch to voters. Being blind,



Boston City Council candidate Alex Gray and communications adviser Francie Wade talk with voters at Forest Hills station. Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

Gray contends, helps him notice needs and concerns that others might miss.

“We haven’t really seen a lot of people with disabilities in elected office and, so, I think I could bring the lived experience to that position,” he said.

Some people with disabilities have succeeded in politics. Former New York Gov. David Paterson is blind. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois is a double amputee. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Rep. Madison Cawthorn

of North Carolina use wheelchairs.

But they are exceptions.

Overall, people with disabilities remain underrepresented in elected office, said Colleen Flanagan, executive director of Disability Action for America, a political advocacy group based in Boston.

“So much stigma and shame makes it so a lot of people don’t identify [as disabled] with pride, so we’re often overlooked,” she said. “But I think we’re seeing more and

more people with disabilities running for office — and not hiding that.”

Gray is one of them, making a bid to join the City Council as an at-large member, representing the whole city.

The crowded field of contenders for the four at-large seats also includes Erin Murphy, a special education coordinator in the Boston Public Schools and the mother of a child with a physical disability. Murphy views this year’s election as an opportunity for Bostonians with disabilities to be heard.

“I listened to Alex for the first time the other night at a community meeting, and he mentioned how his mom and teachers always spoke up for him,” Murphy said. “And if they hadn’t, he knows he wouldn’t be where he is today. There are people who need someone to be that

voice. I would definitely be that voice.”

Murphy ran unsuccessfully for City Council two years ago and said experience will make her a better campaigner in her second race.

Gray, 37, is a first-time candidate, and his ground game is a little different. Instead of approaching voters directly, he sends Wade, his communications adviser, a few paces ahead. A former TV news producer who used to love on-the-street interviews, she is a natural conversation starter.

At Forest Hills, Wade cheerfully greeted people waiting for buses: “How are you? Can I introduce you to Alex? He’s running for Boston City Council.”

Gray took it from there, asking voters how life in Boston could be better.

Kailyne Paredes, 21, gave him a blunt assessment. “The bus transpor-

tation sucks,” she said.

Paredes was headed to her mom’s house to do laundry. Meeting Gray broke up the drudgery of her MBTA-delayed chore.

“God puts people in people’s path for a reason,” she said, and pledged to vote for him in Boston’s preliminary election on Sept. 21.

Some other voters said they were impressed by Gray but want to learn more about him.

As part of Mayor Marty Walsh’s administration, Gray helped launch Boston’s Tuition Free Community College program. He said he is proud that more than 500 students have started community college through the program since 2016.


Less than a quarter of students in the first two classes actually graduated, however — a rate no better than the national average for public community colleges, despite the city’s financial assistance.

Gray acknowledged students may need additional support from the city to graduate.

“As a councillor, I would certainly be someone that’s supportive of fighting for the resources, within a budget,” he said.

Gray knows the budget is likely to be tight, as Boston recovers from the coronavirus pandemic. And if he does make history by winning a spot on the council, he also knows tough decisions will follow.

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# Walsh confirmed as US Labor chief; Janey is the mayor

(Continued from page 1)

Senate committee confirmation hearing on Feb. 4, but had to wait six more weeks for the full Senate to affirm the panel’s vote. Among those who voted for Walsh from the GOP ranks were US Sens. Mitt Romney, Susan Collins, and Lindsay Graham.

Minutes after the Senate vote was complete, Walsh took to a podium inside Faneuil Hall for his final press conference as mayor.

“I’m grateful for the senators’ bipartisan support,” he said. “It shows that we know it can be done.”

He continued: “I’m deeply grateful to President Biden, Vice President Harris and their confidence in me and for this opportunity to serve our country in this time of need. I share their commitment to building an economy that works for every single American. I spent my entire career fighting for working people and I am eager to continue that fight in Washington.”

Walsh noted that his immediate successor, Kim Janey, has worked closely with him and his leadership team to prepare for an orderly transition.

“I was texting with Council President Janey last night,” Walsh told reporters. “I texted ‘Think about this for a minute: a little girl from Roxbury is about to be Mayor of



Martin J. Walsh, left, was sworn-in as US Secretary of Labor on Tuesday afternoon by Vice President Kamala Harris. Lorris Higgins, his longtime partner, held a Bible as Walsh took the oath of office. Photo courtesy White House

Boston’ and her response was ‘think about this for a minute: a little boy from Dorchester is about to become the United States’ Labor Secretary.’”

“We are no longer ‘our teams,’ we are one team moving forward,” Walsh said. “I am confident – more than confident – that city government will move forward very smoothly.”

Walsh was emotional and choked up at times as he thanked the men and women who served at his side over the last seven years.

“For a kid who grew up on Taft Street in Dorchester, from a family whose parents came to

this country, immigrated to this country, being mayor was a dream for me. Quite honestly, being elected a state representative was a dream for me.”

He added: “What an amazing city we live in and what an amazing time that we’re experiencing right now. I truly love Boston with all my heart. The work ahead will be hard at every level. We face many challenges, but I have never been more optimistic about our city and our country than I am today. I have never been more grateful to the people of the city of Boston.”

Reaction to Walsh’s

long-anticipated departure poured in from other elected leaders and those who will seek to replace him as the city’s next full-term mayor,

Janey, who has not announced whether or not she will be a candidate for mayor this fall, said on Twitter: “Congratulations on your confirmation, Secretary Walsh. You are a proud son of Dorchester who will bring our city with you to the @USDOL. The working people of America will benefit greatly from your passion. Now, we look ahead to a new day – a new chapter – in Boston’s history.”

John Barros, a former

Walsh cabinet member who is now a candidate for mayor, tweeted “Congrats @martyjwalsh! It’s been an honor to serve alongside you. At this pivotal moment, I know you have what it takes to protect the rights & opportunities of America’s working people as Labor Secretary. Thank you for your friendship & all you’ve done for Boston.”

Like other hopefuls, Barros also saluted the new mayor: “I am proud to call Kim my sister, my friend and, now, my mayor. It’s truly an honor to have you step into this role. Congratulations, Mayor.”

Councillor Annissa Essaibi George, a longtime neighbor and friend to Walsh, struck a similar tone:

“From Taft Street to Washington - congratulations on your confirmation, Secretary Walsh! Thank you for your friendship, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the City of Boston and its residents. #ThanksMarty”

Councillor Andrea Campbell, in a statement, said she “look[s] forward to working with you in this new role to center working people as we build a strong, equitable recovery from this pandemic and for the future of the City of Boston.”

She added: “There’s been so much I’ve been proud to work with Mayor Walsh on to address

longstanding inequities in Boston, including the Youth Development Fund, passing the Community Preservation Act, and, most recently, committing our city to historic policing reforms. I wish him the absolute best as he embarks on this new chapter.”

On Janey, Campbell noted: “This is a historic moment for our City, and absolutely the beginning of a new era of female leadership in Boston. I feel blessed to work alongside Acting-Mayor Janey, incredible colleagues, and thousands of City employees to ensure a smooth transition over the next several months to keep our City safe & healthy as we recover from this pandemic and reopen our schools, businesses, and City.”

Michelle Wu, the at-large councillor who was the first to enter the race for mayor last September, said she “looks forward to partnering with [Walsh] & the Biden administration to fight for Boston’s working families.” She also offered congratulations to Janey “for becoming Boston’s first Black & woman mayor,” adding, “Mayor Janey has a long history of activism uplifting youth & BIPOC voices. I look forward to working with her during this critical moment in Boston.”

## Barros makes mayoral case to Ward 15 Dems; Flaherty, Halbert pitch at-large runs

By Mia McCarthy  
Reporter Correspondent

Boston’s Ward 15 Democratic Committee interviewed mayoral candidate John Barros, incumbent City Councillor at-large Michael Flaherty and citywide council hopeful David Halbert during a zoom webinar on Saturday morning. The candidates were quizzed about Boston’s most prominent issues – affordable housing, education equity, and the Long Island bridge construction, among other topics. Flaherty and Halbert given 20 minutes for their individual interviews, while Barros was offered 30 minutes.

“Boston is ready for a Black man to become mayor and represent a different part of the city,” said Barros, a Boston native and son of Cape Verdean immigrants.

Until recently the chief of economic development for Mayor Martin Walsh, Barros announced his campaign for mayor on March 4. This is his second mayoral run; he ran in 2013 and ranked 6th out of the 12 candidates in a campaign that



John Barros

Walsh won.

Barros noted his service in Walsh’s administration, which he called one of the most diverse in Boston’s history, and said if elected, he will work to make City Hall even more diverse. He also committed to supporting and continuing Walsh’s recent executive order to allocate 25 percent of public contracts to women and minority owned businesses.

“Growing up in Roxbury, I didn’t always feel like all of Boston belonged to me, Barros said. “In fact, there were parts of Boston I would not go to as a Black man.”

“When asked about how the city can make people of color feel more



Michael Flaherty

welcome, he said, “We need to make sure that everyone who calls Boston home feels seen and supported by the community.”

As to his approach to Boston’s affordable housing crisis, specifically in Dorchester, Barros said: “As mayor, I would take immediate steps to create a fund for more land trusts in order to prevent evictions and displacement. I believe it is a great tool. They are emerging in Boston, and we need to support them.”

Members of the committee asked Barros how he would fix Covid-19’s disproportionate effect on Boston’s residents of color.



David Halbert

“We need to make sure those communities that have been hit the hardest by the crisis are able to access vaccines quickly and easily,” he said. “It’s not just the numbers. I lost my grandmother, the woman who helped raise me, to Covid.”

Barros has taken to the airwaves in his parents’ native tongue to encourage other members of the Cape Verdean community to get vaccinated.

“Leaders need to show up in that way by making sure that we are helping people connect and have the information they need to feel that they trust the system, trust the vaccine,

and have it accessible to them.”

Councillor at-large Flaherty pointed to his 16 years as a council member in his time with the panel on Zoom. The South Boston resident was a council member from 2000 to 2008, was reelected in 2013, and has served since then.

“If there is ever a time for experience and leadership and mentorship with fellow city councillors as well as being able to help a new administration – whoever he or she is that gets elected – I’m the one that has the most experience,” Flaherty said. “I’m the one that folks look to not only in the council but also in city government to get things done. I know the building well, but I also know how to navigate the bureaucracy.”

Asked about how he intends to approach development and the need for more affordable housing, he said: “I’ve always made it a point to give priority to the community and to allow the community to have the most say as to how they want their

neighborhood to grow – only because we have a lot of growth in our city. But sometimes too much growth can be devastating to that community.”

Halbert, a Dorchester resident, previously ran for councillor at-large in 2019, finishing eighth in both preliminary and general elections.

He launched his 2021 campaign in December, saying, “The reason that I am running for a seat on the Boston city council is that this city is an incredible city full of opportunity, but, unfortunately, those opportunities aren’t shared equally by everyone.”

“The way that we find our way to a future – toward a better brighter future for the city – is through inclusive, progressive leadership. And that’s what I’m committed to.”

The Ward 15 Democrats will continue to host monthly interviews with candidates this spring, with a round of endorsements expected from the group later this year. For more, see their Twitter feed: @Ward15B.



# Walsh: City plans ‘modified approach’ to next re-opening phase

By COLIN A. YOUNG  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

While most of Massachusetts shifted into Phase 4 of the state’s reopening plan on Monday, Boston adopted a modified version with lower caps on most indoor and outdoor events. “This is consistent with the cautious approach that we’ve taken

throughout the pandemic,” Mayor Walsh said during a City Hall press conference on March 19. “It’s not a lot of changes, but there are some that we are not going to be moving forward with as much as the state.” Instead of allowing up to 100 people to gather indoors and up to 150 people to gather outside, Walsh said Boston will

only allow indoor gatherings of up to 60 people and outdoor gatherings of up to 100 people until the city’s positive test rate stays below 2.75 percent for two consecutive weeks. For private residences, the gathering limits will remain at 25 people outside and 10 people inside. The city’s positivity rate was at 3.5 percent

last week, the mayor said. The city’s more stringent restrictions will not apply to indoor or outdoor stadiums, arenas or ballparks, meaning that Fenway Park and TD Garden will still be able to host fans up to 12 percent of their maximum capacity starting Monday, Walsh said. He said the city will

also wait for its positivity rate to stay below 2.75 percent for two weeks before allowing Fenway or TD Garden to increase the number of fans allowed at games. “The case numbers have stayed below our thresholds of concern for about a month now. We are ready to move forward to reopening, so we’re happy in the

trend we’re going. We’re obviously not where we completely want to be, but we’re getting to a better place,” Walsh said. But he added: “The trend has been flat for several weeks. So, we did see a decline, but it’s been flat for the last several weeks. So, we know that we still have work to do to make sure that we combat this virus.”

# Acting mayor Janey: ‘I just want to do the work that’s before me’

(Continued from page 1) for all children to see what leadership can look like. It’s just incredible to think how far our city has come.” Janey said that confronting systemic racism and inequality in Boston will be her priorities as the city seeks to “recover, reopen and renew” from the pandemic of the last year. “And that is the framework that I am using for the work that is ahead — that we do so with intentionality around closing the many gaps that we see,” she said. “We see with Covid the disproportionate impact when it comes to the LatinX population and the Black population in Boston; we look at the

opportunity and achievement gaps in our schools. You know, there is a life expectancy gap of 30 years from Grove Hall to Symphony Hall. There is a lot of work to do and this work is structural.” “We certainly have to deal with city contracting,” Janey added. “We have to, again, close opportunity and achievement gaps in our schools. We know there’s work to do on our police force. But I would start with Covid in how we deliver the vaccine and making sure that we’re meeting people where they are. That we’re building relationships, that we are using those trusted relationships that exist already to help distribute the vaccine

because that is incredibly important not just to our recovery, but how we reopen in the pandemic.” Janey won’t necessarily upend Boston politics, because she and Walsh agree on many things. And with less than four years on the city council, Janey is still a relative newcomer to politics. Three of her council colleagues — Michelle Wu, Andrea Campbell, and Annissa Essaibi George — are already in the running for mayor. State Rep. Jon Santiago and John Barros, Boston’s former economic development chief, are also campaigning for the job. Janey has yet to announce her intentions about the mayoral race. On Tuesday, she told WBUR: “It’s something that I am certainly thinking about. I have been laser-like focused on the transition, working with the Walsh administration. We are facing



Mayor Kim Janey is shown outside Boston City Hall in a new photo made available this week by her office.

unprecedented challenges in our city, certainly challenges that won’t be resolved in just eight months. So, I will certainly think about that. But for now, I just want to do the work that is before me.” Reports from WBUR’s Callum Borchers and

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Mayor Kim Janey was set to be sworn in at Boston City Hall on Wed., March 24 during a small ceremony with “her loved ones” at 11:45 a.m. Chief Justice Kimberly Budd, the first Black woman to lead the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, was set to administer the oath of office. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, is set to preside over the ceremony and Reverend Willie Bodrick, II, Senior Pastor at the Twelfth Baptist Church, will deliver the invocation.

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**BGCD & body+fuel Featured on WCVB “5 for Good” Segment:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and local Dorchester fitness studio body+fuel is celebrating the 4 year anniversary of the gyms opening and Club partnership. To help celebrate, WCVB Channel 5 came to check out the program and interview participating staff and members. BGCD member Gabby says the partnership has been life-changing for her, as it has given her more confidence and a love of exercise. BGCD member, Chris expressed his appreciation, for allowing him to start his fitness journey for free. BGCD is so thankful to Club Alum and body+fuel owner Packy McDonough for everything he and the gym have done to support the Club and our members. To see the full Channel 5 segment, visit <https://www.wcvb.com/article/massachusetts-gym-owner-offers-free-classes-to-kids-5-for-good/35880269>.

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**BGCD to Host Young Professionals Virtual Event on April 1st - Register Now!** Join Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester’s Young Professionals Group on April 1, 2021 at 6 PM for our virtual Dorchester Brewing Company Tasting & Trivia event. With ticket purchase, attendees will receive a box for 2 people that will include a mixed six pack of beer, 2 branded glasses, and a team ticket to trivia. Team Tickets are \$50 online at <https://www.bgcdorchester.org/young-professionals/>. Please note that boxes will need to be picked up at Dorchester Brewing Company, or you may opt in to our delivery service, with an extra \$20 donation. We hope to “see” you there for some laughs, fun and prizes! For more information on our Young Professionals, please contact Jen Chiero at [jchiero@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:jchiero@bgcdorchester.org). \*This is a 21+ event and space is limited. Tickets will sell out!



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RECENT OBITUARIES



**AUSTIN, Paul T. Jr.,** 91, of Dorchester. Born in Charlottesville, Virginia, Paul was a longtime employee for the City of Boston, working in the Park and Recreation Department. Paul was known for giving back to his community; he volunteered at the YMCA, bingo and was well known as a referee for Pop-Warner, high school, and greater Boston Basketball. Husband of Wanda Harris-Austin of Boston. Father of Deborah P. Austin of Dorches-

ter, Alicia V. Austin of South Boston, Paul Eric Austin of Brockton, Maurice Austin of California, Tracy Austin of Mattapan, Kenneth A. Austin of Boston, and Damon L. Austin of New Hampshire. Brother of the late Ray and James Austin. Paul is also survived by 15 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

**AYERS, Ruth A.** of Medford, originally from Dorchester. Ruth was the daughter of the late Ernest K. and Alice L. (MacLean) Ayers. She is survived by many dear friends. Ruth worked with Polaroid Corp. for 25 years. She retired as a staff assistant and secretary at Tufts University. Please honor Ruth's memory by making a

memorial contribution to the M.S.P.C.A - Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.



**FEEHILY, Paul F.,** 77, originally from Dorchester, of West Roxbury, formerly of Hyde Park and South Boston. Brother of Jack Feehily of Oklahoma, Michael Feehily of Milton, Eddie St. Martin of Foxboro and preceded in death by his brothers, Gerald Feehily, John St. Martin and Paul St. Martin. Son of the late Michael and Lillian (Fitzgerald) Feehily and Marie (Christodoro-St. Martin) Feehily. He is survived by his former wife Christine (Lane) Feehily. Father of Kevin Feehily and his wife Michele of

Marlborough, Christopher Feehily, and Brian Feehily of West Roxbury. Grandfather of 3. Friend of Sharon Thornton. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends and neighbors. He served in The National Guard and was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union before beginning a career in sales for Blake & Rebhan and later as a sales manager for National Car Rental. Donations may be made in Paul's memory to the Gavin Foundation at [gavinfoundation.org](http://gavinfoundation.org)



**FOLEY, Robert Ewing Jr. "Bob,"** 72, of Cedar Park, TX, formerly of Scituate. Born and raised in Dorchester, he was the eldest son of the late Robert Ewing Foley, Sr. and Margaret Aus-

tin Foley. He worked for years in the financial services industry as a Chief Financial Officer and later enjoyed teaching finance at Boston College. Husband of 49 years to Andrea Santoususso Foley. Father to Robert Ewing Foley, III (Bobby) and his husband Anthony Arena-Foley of Quincy and Caitlin Chiacchia and her husband Lt. Col. (Ret.) James Chiacchia of Georgetown, TX. Grandfather of 2, step-grandfather of 3. Brother of Christopher D. Foley and his wife Linda Such Foley of Enfield, CT, Margaret (Meg) VanCisin and the late Kevin T. VanCisin of West Roxbury, and David A. Foley and his husband Michael Loshaw of Hull. Bob is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and fellow alumni.



**FRYE, Lillian Dorothy (Goldman),** 103, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester, Brookline, Framingham, and Spring Valley, CA. Wife of the late Simon "Cy" Frye. Mother of Russell Howard Frye of Brookline. Sister of Evelyn Morris, the late Estelle Golick, late Bernice "Bunny" Feinberg, and late David Goldman. Aunt to all her nieces and nephews and their children. She worked in the financial departments of retail, real estate and travel industry businesses. Donations in her memory can be made to Temple B'nai Shalom of Braintree, MA or Tifereth Israel Synagogue of San Diego, CA.

**HOGAN, Neal Francis** of Dorchester. Husband of the late Jacquelyn Hogan. Father of Tiffany J. Hogan and grandfather of Xavier Clemente, both of Dorchester. Brother of Clarence R. Hogan, Jr. of Roxbury. He is survived by extended family and a host of friends.

**KIRWAN, Christopher,** 86, of Walpole, formerly of Dedham and Dorchester. Husband of Rita A. (Gordon) Kirwan. Father of Michael Kirwan and his wife, Donna, of Rumford, RI and Christopher J. Kirwan, Jr. and his wife, Nicole, of Braintree. Grandfather of 3. Brother of the late Anna Kelly and the late Marjorie Clancy. Memorial donations may be made to one's favorite charity in Chris' name.



**MARLOWE, Maureen A. (Kelley),** 85, of

Boston, originally from Dorchester (OFD). For many years she worked at Stop & Shop and Walgreens prior to her retirement. Maureen was the former wife of Robert E. Marlowe. Mother of Joanne M. Woll of NC, Patricia E. Marlowe of Dorchester, Mary E. Marlowe of Randolph, and Dianne M. Marlowe of Roslindale. Sister of Paul Kelley of FL, Tom Kelley of FL, Peter Kelley of CA, Bernadette Anderson of Norwell, Anna Kelley of Kingstons, Patricia Morris of Hingham, Celia Artes of CA, Kathy Bonfillio of Marshfield and the late Francis Kelley. Also survived by 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



**O'HARA, Julia F. (Lyons)** of Dorchester. Wife of the late James J. "Bud" O'Hara. Mother of Marilyn Cardia of South Weymouth, Barbara Welch of Cranston, RI, Julie Green of Milton, Mary Ann O'Hara of Dedham, and Diane McLoughlin of Norfolk. Sister of the late Mary Vaughan, John Lyons, Ann Murphy, Daniel Lyons, Barbara Lyons, James Lyons, and Robert "Bo" Lyons. Survived by 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Julia's memory may be made to Cops for Kids with Cancer at [copsforkidswithcancer.org](http://copsforkidswithcancer.org)



**SYMONDS, David M.,** 38, of Mattapan, formerly of Malden, suddenly. Son of John and Marjorie Symonds. David was predeceased by his father and his nephew, Damian Laycox. He is survived by mother Marjorie (Charles) Ward of SC; girlfriend Heather Oman (Mattapan); sister Heather (Peter) Lapiere of SC; brother Kevin Symonds of ND; niece Chloe Aiello of Beverly; and uncle Joseph (Judy) Symonds, Jr. of Malden. Please consider a donation in David's name to MSPCA-Angell in Boston [mspca.org/memorial](http://mspca.org/memorial)



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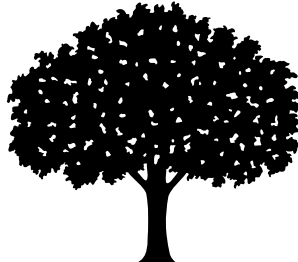
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DOCKET NUMBER: 19E0176  
TO Heirs of the late Odell Joyner, late of Boston, in said County of Suffolk and to all other interested persons.  
A petition has been presented to the Probate and Family Court of Suffolk County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by Joy Speed of 145 Intervale Street, Dorchester, MA, representing that she, hold as Tenants in common and an undivided 25% share of certain land lying, Boston, MA in said County described as  
The land with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of Boston, called Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:  
Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Warner Street, forty-four and 61/100 (44.61) feet northerly from the northerly line of West Park Street, thence extending northerly along the said easterly side of Warner Street forty-four and 72/100 (44.72) feet to land of owners unknown thence turning and running easterly along said land one hundred and one (101) feet to land formerly of Asa A. Westcott; thence turning and running southerly along said Westcott's land parallel to said easterly side of Warner Street, or nearly so, forty-five and 43.100 (45.43) feet to the other land formerly of said Asa A. Westcott; thence turning and running westerly along said last mentioned land one hundred and one (101) feet to the point of beginning.  
Said parcel contains 4552 square feet of land, more or less.  
The above described premises are conveyed subject to an easement granted to the City of Boston for water purposes as set forth in instrument recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 2155, page 402.  
setting forth that she desire that all of the following described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$600,000.00 praying that the partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to the law and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.  
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the April 23, 2021 the return day of this citation.  
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