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Warren town hall set for Dorchester next week

The Reporter will host Thurs. April 5, event at BTU hall

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The *Dorchester Reporter* will host a town hall event with Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a candidate for reelection this year, next Thursday evening, April 5, at the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) hall on Columbia Point in Dorchester.

This will be the senator's first town hall in Boston since summer 2016, although

she is a frequent presence at local union rallies, political marches, and visits with health centers and other institutions vulnerable to federal budget alterations. Her campaign headquarters are in the Mt. Vernon Street building that also houses the *Reporter* offices.

“I’m thrilled to be in Dorchester for our next town hall, and with the *Dorchester Reporter*,”

Warren said in a statement.

“Having a chance to connect with residents is one of my favorite parts of being a senator. People are energized. They see how what happens in Washington is fundamentally changing our country and neighborhoods, and I want to hear their voices.”

The forum, which will be moderated by *Reporter* news editor Jennifer Smith, will

begin at 6:30 p.m. at the BTU hall — 180 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester — with doors opening at 6 p.m. Parking is available at the site, which is also accessible from the MBTA via the JFK/UMass station. Registration will take place at the hall and audience questions will be chosen through a randomized lottery. Massachusetts's state primary is Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Lottery OKs a move to Columbia Point

By ANDY METZGER
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The Massachusetts Lottery plans to try a change of scenery, moving its administrative staff from its longtime headquarters in Braintree a few miles north to Dorchester's Columbia Point.

Putting the roughly 140 headquarters staff near UMass-Boston and within walking distance of the Red Line could appeal to a more diverse and younger workforce, according to Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, who heads up the Lottery Commission.

The Lottery would occupy more than 32,000 square feet at 150 Mount Vernon Street, with roughly \$1.4 million in annual rent for the first few years. In the tenth and final year of the lease with Corcoran Jennison, the cost would be \$1.6 million annually, according to the Lottery.

“The cost is significantly higher than the old lease,” Lottery Executive Director Michael Sweeney acknowledged during Tuesday's commission meeting. The 10-year lease would cost a total of \$15.2 million.

Rep. Mark Cusack, a Braintree Democrat, said he wanted to learn more about the reasons for the move and said any extra cost would come out of the profits the Lottery distributes as local aid.

“There has to be some basis why they think this is in the best interest of the Commonwealth,” Cusack said.

The Lottery's offices, grand prize claim center and warehouse have been located on Columbian Street in Braintree

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Azariah Mamousette, with his swimming coach, Jason Chung, after a national competition in Florida last year. Azariah finished first in his age group at the meet. Photo courtesy YMCA

Swimmer, 10, makes a big splash at Dot Y

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

One of Azariah Mamousette's fondest memories is the moment when he first jumped into a swimming pool. “One day when I was younger, my mom was at work and my Dad and I were at home,” he said, “and after lunch we went to the Lee School in Dorchester, and we jumped in the water and right away I was so happy.”

Now, at age 10, Azariah is breaking records and turning heads wherever swimmers congregate. A standout on the Dorchester YMCA swim team, he finished in first place in last year's Dolfin Elite Showcase Classic National Zones Competition in Florida. And over the past year, he has broken multiple New England YMCA records for his age group in

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Reform allies say criminal justice bill includes ‘real positives’

By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

A handful of mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses would be repealed and the state's approach to juvenile offenders overhauled in a sweeping criminal justice bill released last Friday by House and Senate lawmakers.

The completion of the compromise bill marks the end to months of private negotiations in the Legislature over what could become a signature achievement for the Legislature this election year.

While votes in both the House and Senate are not expected for another week, reform advocates are already celebrating the breadth of a bill they said would make a major impact for people

and minority communities negatively impacted by past tough-on-crime policies that emphasized punishment over rehabilitation.

“The agreement we've reached is about lifting people up, not locking them up,” said Sen. William Brownsberger, the Senate chair of the Judiciary Committee and the lead Senator negotiator on the bill.

He described the current system lawmakers are looking to reform as a “sprawling bureaucracy that ensnares people but from which they cannot escape.”

Lew Finfer, a Dorchester resident with the Massachusetts Communities Action Network, said he was pleased with many sections of the bill, (Continued on page 4)

Ballot Round-up

State Senate primary set for Tuesday; DA field widens

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

A milestone is looming during a busy election season in Suffolk County. State Rep. Nick Collins will be unopposed in the April 3 Democratic primary as he seeks to fill a vacancy in the First Suffolk Senate seat.

The Tuesday election has Collins alone on the ballot, next to a write-in option, and the Republican and Libertarian slots will be write-ins. Polls open at 7 a.m. for the district, which includes broad swaths of South Boston, Dorchester and Mattapan.

While Collins will need to face off with unenrolled candidates Althea Garrison and

Donald Osgood, Sr. on the May 1 final election, the South Boston representative enters the primary in strong shape. He has some \$160,000 in his war chest and the endorsements of politicians including former state Sen. Linda Dorcea

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DOT BY THE DAY

March 29 - April 6, 2018

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

Thursday (29th) – BPDA public meeting on Plan: Glover’s Corner starts at 6 p.m. at 11 Charles St., Dorchester.

Saturday (31st) – Taxpayers who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 can have their taxes prepared, and claim important tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, at free tax clinics held at the Wellness and Fitness Center, at 450 Washington St., today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The free tax preparation is offered by the Codman Square Health Center in partnership with the Boston Tax Help Coalition.

• Today is the final day of the Winter Farmers Market in Codman Square, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, MA. Free admission.

• Team MR8 Peace Cup cocktail reception at John P. McKeon Post, 4 Hilltop St., Dorchester to support the Martin W. Richard Foundation. 7 p.m.- midnight. \$20 suggested donation. Hosted by 2018 TeamMR8 team members Patrick Brophy and Patrick Doherty.

Tuesday (3rd) – JFK Library Forum on Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World starts at 6 p.m. featuring former Boston Globe columnist Eileen McNamara and journalist Larry Tye. Free. Register at jfklibrary.org.

• A special primary election to select a new state senator in the First Suffolk district will be held today in Dorchester, South Boston and parts of Hyde Park and Mattapan. Polls open 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. For a list of all polling locations in the district – or to check your ward and precinct– visit Boston.gov/elections or call us 617-635-VOTE.

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

• The Gaelic Players Association will host their second annual Boston GPA Dinner on April 6 at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston. They are projecting to have over 500 attendees. Registration will be available soon on the GPA website.

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Victim makes online appeal for help after car, wallet theft

Boston Police are investigating a bizarre series of crimes that started in Lower Mills and continued in Fields Corner on Tuesday afternoon.

Around 4 p.m., an employee of the Lower Mills Tavern discovered that her purse, car keys, and her car, which was parked outside on Dorchester Avenue, were all missing.

The victim, Ashley Poles, called the Boston Police and then learned

from her credit card company that someone had just used her stolen card to make a purchase at a Fields Corner liquor store.

Poles and her boss at the tavern went to Rosa’s Liquors in Fields Corner and viewed a recording, which showed a woman buying alcohol and cigarettes using Poles’s card. She then posted the footage on Facebook and appealed to the public to identify the suspect and help police locate her

still-missing car, a blue Ford Explorer, MA plate 7EC478.

BPD detectives are on the case, but as of Wednesday morning, Poles said, her vehicle—and the two child seats that she needs to move her children around safely— had not been found.

“The suspect is not a patron at the tavern,” she said. “It’s a very welcoming and respectable place. It all happened very quickly.”



Liquor store camera caught the image of the subject in the case.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Boston Police at 617-343-4470.

Police, Courts & Fire

Winthrop man ordered to surrender weaponry after traffic stop

A 70-year-old Winthrop man who was arrested last week for driving around the city with illegal an assault weapon and accessories has been ordered to surrender all of his firearms under by a Dorchester Municipal Court judge. Stephen J. White was taken into custody last Tuesday afternoon (March 20) near Edward Everett Square after Boston Police say they observed a 29 year-old Winthrop woman — who was riding in his Ford Explorer— buy heroin inside the KFC restaurant just after 1 p.m. on Columbia Road.

Boston Police say that White — who was also packing a handgun on his person as he drove through the city— was ferrying an arsenal of heavier weaponry, including an AR-15 style assault rifle — which is banned in Massachusetts— and a “large-capacity feeding device” along with 350 rounds of ammo.

Prosecutors asked for \$50,000 cash bail during White’s arraignment

on Wednesday. Judge Serge Georges imposed \$7,500 cash bail— and ordered that Whiute immediately turn over all of his firearms to the Winthrop Police Department. The woman he was with at the time of the BPD stop was not held on bail but will face heroin possession charges. White is due back in court on May 3, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley’s office.

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans had this to say about the arrest: “There is no need for any citizen in the city of Boston to be carrying high powered weapons of this kind, and there are just too many of these guns out there. My greatest concern is the safety of our residents and neighborhoods, and my officers and I will continue to do our part to keep high capacity firearms and assault rifles off the streets of Boston and out of the wrong hands.”

– REPORTER STAFF

Chef charged with arson in Flames case

A 45-year-old employee at a Mattapan restaurant has been charged

with intentional setting the Morton Street eatery on fire last year. Byron Anthony Hewitt, identified as a former chef at the Caribbean barbecue restaurant Flames, allegedly set fire to the building at 633 Morton St. on Dec. 15.

Hewitt was arrested on Monday without incident, according to the Boston Police. He was set to be arraigned on Tuesday in Dorchester Municipal Court on a charge of burning a building. Flames has been closed since the fire.

Man stabbed to death in Uphams Corner

Boston police are investigating a fatal stabbing in Uphams Corner on Sunday morning. Police were called to the scene outside 7 Cushing Ave. just after 3 a.m. and found a man suffering from stab wounds. The victim has not been named by authorities. Anyone with information is asked to call the BPD at 617-343-4470.

JP man found guilty in ’16 River Street murder

A 24-year-old Jamaica Plain man was found

guilty of second degree-murder on Monday for a brutal attack that claimed the life of 26 year-old Chaz Burton during a River Street house party two years ago. Abdullah Yasin was convicted by a jury in Suffolk Superior Court. A second man on trial for his role in the incident— Fabian Llano, 27, of Lynn— was acquitted of first-degree murder, but was found guilty of assaulting Burton and for “misleading a police officer.” The men were part of a group of people who brawled inside and outside a home on the early morning hours of March 27, 2016. Burton was beaten and shot during the incident.

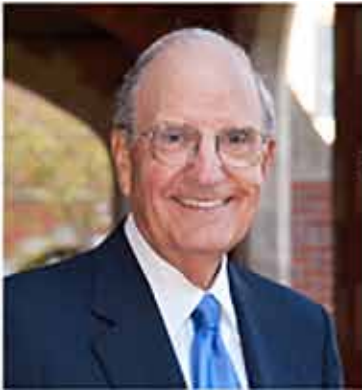
Prosecutors showed jurors security camera footage that showed Yasin and Llano stomp on Burton’s head as he lay mortally wounded. Seven other people have been charged in the attack.

Benjamin Tate, 25, has also been charged with first-degree murder. Sentencing before Judge Janet Sanders will occur at a later date, according to DA Dan Conley’s office.

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BPDA Glover’s Corner meeting on March 29 – Housing stabilization and creation will be the focus of a meeting on Thurs., March 29 sponsored by the Boston Planning and Development Agency at 11 Charles St., Fields Corner, Dorchester starting at 6 p.m. The “community conversation” is part of the ongoing PLAN: Glover’s Corner initiative. For more info, contact Cecilia Nardi at 617-918-4471 or Cecilia.nardi@boston.gov.

Polling location change for April 3 election – A special primary election to select a new state senator in the First Suffolk district will be held on Tuesday, April 3. In Ward 17— precincts 1 and 3— will have a change to their normal polling location, according to the Boston Election Department. The new location is the cafeteria of Roxbury Prep— Lucy Stone campus at 22 Regina Rd. The final election location for those two precincts is normally Codman Square Tech Center. Absentee applications and voting absentee in person deadline is noon on April 2. For a list of all polling locations in the district — or to check your ward and precinct— visit Boston.gov/elections or call us 617-635-VOTE.

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

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Greater Ashmont Main Street’s Coattails & Cocktails Gala – The annual Greater Ashmont Main Street fundraiser Coattails & Cocktails is set for Sunday, April 8 from 7 - 10 p.m., at Tavolo Ristorante, 1918 Dorchester Ave. Neighbors are invited to a fabulous evening of delicious food and lots of fun, to support and celebrate the work of our local Main Street organization. “Creative black tie” attire is optional. Tickets are \$80 (\$40 tax-

deductible); pay online at greaterashmont.org/donate/ or pay by phone with credit card at 617-825-3846.

EMK Institute to mark 20 years of Ireland peace pact – A program at Dorchester’s EMK Institute on Thurs., April 5, 5:30 p.m. will salute the effects of the Good Friday Agreement that was signed 20 years ago on the island of Ireland. A keynote address by former US Sen. George Mitchell, the US special envoy to Northern Ireland during the pivotal period of 1995 to 2001, including the signing of the Agreement on April 10th, 1998. Co-hosted by the Consulate General of Ireland, the British Consulate General and Irish Network Boston, the program will also feature a panel discussion with representatives of the Irish and British Governments, Nationalist and Unionist communities in Northern Ireland and representatives of civil society reflecting on the peace process, past and present, discuss key milestones in the journey of peace and reconciliation. Free. Register at emkinstitute.org.

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Dot teacher wins grant from Lady Gaga’s foundation

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF**

A Dorchester teacher has won a \$5,000 grant from the Born This Way Foundation to support her series of mental health-focused projects at the Lilla G. Frederick Middle School on Columbia Road. The foundation, started by pop singer Lady Gaga and her mother Cynthia Germanotta in 2012, seeks to “support the wellness of young people and empower them to create” — two objectives shared by Jennifer Dines, an English as a Second Language teacher at the Frederick.

“What she’s doing hits right at the heart of our work, in the mental health space,” said Germanotta.

Dines’ classrooms and her after-school program are filled with kids from all around the world— including the Dominican Republic, Somalia, Vietnam, and Cape Verde— many of whom are dealing with the stresses and difficulties that accompany beginning life in a new country.

“A lot of them have experienced trauma from immigration,” explained Dines. “Some of their relationships are brand new to them. They’re getting parented by someone different, they’re adjusting to a new language, new culture, snow...there are some who are refugees, or had a parent pass away, or have seen horrible violence.”

One of the therapeutic projects Dines leads her students through involves making



Jennifer Dines, an English as a Second Language teacher at the Lilla G. Frederick Middle School on Columbia Road, is shown with some of her students. Shown from left: iNeima Pena, Faiza Yusuf, Bich Biue, Anisa Yusuf, Fatoumata Seck, Mrs. Dines, Diocarl Abreu (kneeling), Frayni Calderon.

“sensory bottles”— water bottles filled with water, sand, glitter, and gemstones that students can play with or hold onto as a means to calm their nerves or treat their anxiety.

Dines’ students also paint “peace rocks” and record their stories in journals as part of a cathartic activity that combines art and writing.

“Basically it’s using art and writing as a way to have a safe space, where they can share their stories,” said Dines.

Through these exercises, Dines has observed that her immigrant students possess “a combination of incredible stories and a sense of purpose.”

“One of my students is a refugee from Somalia,” Dines explained. “She wrote about seeing people dying all around her and then getting to a refugee camp in Kenya and being so happy to have food and water...her goal is to go back to her country and build houses for her people.”

But it’s not only past trauma that students at Frederick have to reckon with. Dines referenced a fatal January shooting at a nearby Burger King parking lot near Grove Hall as just one of the examples of how gun violence continues to shape her students’ lives.

Dines’ use of innovative

ways to cope with the sadness, anger, isolation or other emotions that arise due to trauma is what caught the attention of the Born This Way Foundation, which chose Dines’ project as one of five winners out of over 600 submissions.

“Her project really resonated with our core message, which is all about making a kinder and braver world,” said Germanotta.

Partnering with DonorsChoose.org, an education crowd-funding non-profit, the Born This Way Foundation contributed \$150,000 to match funds for mental and emotional wellness projects

submitted on the platform. Germanotta explained that the selection criteria for the initiative included creativity, a solid grounding in research, potential to decrease the stigma around mental health, and the ability to teach student skills.

“Our foundation has been rooted in research since its inception,” she said. “The whole idea of ‘peace areas’ demonstrated that [Dines’] project was informed by research from Mass Advocates for Children on creating spaces for students to regulate their emotions.”

Germanotta also cited a report showing that, while 9 in 10 kids view mental health as a priority, 36 percent say topics regarding mental health are not included in their curriculum. Her daughter and co-founder Lady Gaga has long campaigned against bullying and for increased gun control and mental health awareness.

“As a foundation we hope this is the beginning of longer-term integration of mental health in schools,” said Germanotta.

In the wake of the nationwide March For Our Lives movement, Dines says prioritizing projects that teach kids empathy, respect for living things, and let them hear each others’ stories can have a transformative impact on individuals who may be hurting or feeling desperate.

“Just by building opportunities to connect and creating a welcoming place, I think that’s a preventative step,” she said.

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Campbell seeks to require more notice from fast-food outlets

By Reporter Staff

The outrage of Codman Square residents who recently learned that Popeyes was building an outlet where it had been denied permission two years ago could lead to new regulations about notifications.

Last Wednesday, City Council President Andrea Campbell asked for a hearing to consider how to require companies such as Popeyes to notify and then meet with nearby residents even if they don't need zoning permission - which would normally be the trigger for neighborhood notification.

The Board of Appeals denied permission for the fried-chicken outlet in 2016 after nearby residents cried foul, saying such a site would add fat-laden food to the neighborhood. Rather than re-apply for permission for a new restaurant, Popeyes said it was simply modifying an existing restaurant at 572 Washington St. that would not require zoning approval.

Campbell said later that she wanted to sit down with planners from BPDA to figure out how to keep this from happening again. She added that she might seek additional regulations on fast food outlets after hearing suggestions from Codman Square residents that it might be time to let neighborhoods limit the total number of unhealthy food outlets in a given stretch. The city already has a similar geographic restriction for marijuana dispensaries and shops.

Fellow councillors supported Campbell, and some voiced other complaints about how residents get notified about new projects. Councillor Tim McCarthy (Hyde Park, Roslindale, Mattapan) said the current city distance of 300 feet for abutter notification "is ridiculous." Councillor-at-large Michael Flaherty said he's annoyed that developers who get deferrals from the Board of Appeals don't have to notify residents of new hearing dates, which leads to hearings where it seems like nobody opposes a project because residents didn't know of the new date.

Reform allies say Criminal Justice bill includes 'real positives'

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including bail reform and the elimination of some mandatory minimums. Though he would have liked to see the age of juvenile court jurisdiction raised to 19, he said, "There's a lot of real positives in the bill. Looking back a year ago, it's better than we thought might have been possible."

The bill would eliminate some mandatory minimum sentences for what lawmakers described as "low-level drug offenses," including first and second offenses for cocaine possession, and require district attorneys to create pre-arraignment diversion programs for veterans and those suffering from mental health and substance abuse disorders.

It would also make eligible for expungement from criminal records some crimes committed by offenders up to age 21, while adults would be able to apply to have their records expunged of crimes that are no longer considered illegal in Massachusetts, such as possession of marijuana.

The compromise bill (S 2371) filed by a six-member conference committee Friday marries competing versions that passed the House and Senate last year, and will move first to the Senate floor where a vote is not expected until the first week of April.

The Senate at the same time will take up a separate piece of legislation that Gov. Charlie Baker filed last year, and which passed the House on Nov. 14, that was born out of a Council of State Governments study of the state's criminal justice system and recommends pathways for some inmates to rehabilitate themselves and get out of prison early.

The bill includes a measure pushed by Baker this week that would amend the state's fentanyl trafficking law to allow prosecutors to bring a trafficking charge, which carries a sentence of up to 20 years, for offenders caught with a mixture of 10 grams or more that contains any amount of fentanyl. Baker and law enforcement officials this week noted the current law requires prosecutors to prove that a drug sample has at least 10 grams of pure fentanyl, which the state drug lab is not equipped to detect.

The conference committee also recommended scheduling fentanyl and carfentanil, two deadly synthetic opioids that have contributed to a rising percentage of opioid overdose deaths, as Class A narcotics, and adopting the federal drug registry for all synthetic opioids so that the state can keep up with the evolving drug market.

"Let the message be clear. Fentanyl and carfentanil are not welcome in Massachusetts," said Rep. Claire Cronin, the House chair of the Judiciary Committee and that branch's lead negotiator on the bill.

Cronin said that the bill broadly aims to reduce recidivism, enhance public safety and save money for taxpayers by diverting people that would otherwise be sent to prison to treatment and other programs.

Neither Cronin nor Sen. William Brownsberger could put numbers to the amount of money the state will save, or how many people could avoid jail time as a result of the bill.

"It's impossible to actually measure all that, but we expect it will have a significant effect. Ultimately, it depends on how people use the tools we've created for them," Brownsberger said.

The final bill does not propose to raise the age of juvenile court jurisdiction from 18 to 19, but it does raise the age of criminal responsibility from 7 to 12. It also prevents correction facilities from using solitary confinement as a punishment tool for juveniles and pregnant women.

The bill also makes reforms to the bail system by making sure no one will be imprisoned for their inability to pay court fees and fines, lifts the threshold for felony larceny from \$250 to \$1,200 and creates new penalties for repeat offenders who are charged with their sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth operating under the influence violation.

There is also a provision to allow for the compassionate release of terminally ill inmates, and the bill stipulates parents and children can't be required to testify against one another in court.

The House will get to debate and vote on the final package after the Senate before it reaches Gov. Baker's desk for his consideration. The report, which was filed with the Senate clerk on Friday, cannot be amended under legislative rules.

Baker has not filed comparable legislation, so it's difficult to know how the administration will receive the comprehensive proposal, or if there are sections that might prompt the governor to return the bill with amendments.

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Overall, however, Wolfe said the ACLU was encouraged by the bill, including a provision that requires the collection and publishing of arrest data that he said would help create a more complete picture of the criminal justice system.

"This represents really important progress for criminal justice reform in Massachusetts," he said.

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"This represents really important progress for criminal justice reform in Massachusetts," he said.

English-Dorchester Market plan eyes ‘development without displacement’

By ELIZA DEWEY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held another community meeting last Thursday to update residents about the progress of the proposed mixed-use development at the current site of Tom English’s bar and Dorchester Market on Dorchester Ave.

There were no significant changes made to the proposal since the last community meeting on Jan. 20. But for those who missed that meeting, last week’s gathering at Saint Teresa of Calcutta church was an opportunity to get familiar with some of the changes that have been made to the proposal since its first inception last year.

“It’s development without displacement, which we’re very proud of,” said Joseph Hanley, the attorney representing developer Adam Sarbaugh, in noting the team’s efforts to incorporate the existing Dorchester Market into new space on the first floor of the proposed building. “We think we can be part of a new discussion about how development happens on Dorchester Avenue at the gateway to the neighborhood.”

The changes since the original design include reducing the building’s height from six stories to five and increasing the number of off-street parking spaces from 22 to 26. The team held four meetings with the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association on the project from June to November last year and submitted the required small project application to the BPDA this February.

Many at the meeting of approximately two dozen people also offered their positive responses to the planned project.

“Having lived in Southie, this is a breath of fresh air,” said one nearby resident, speaking about the community planning process. “Over there, it seemed like buildings just went up overnight.”

“I’m totally supportive of this,” said Mark Culliton, CEO of College Bound Dorchester, which runs a program at the Little House site abutting the parcel. “You’ve been supportive of our work and communicative with us.”

One couple was less pleased, voicing their concerns about how parking would impact people who live on East Cottage Street.

“You can’t be excited

[about this] when you have traffic all the time and you can’t find parking,” said a man who noted he was a resident of that street. He told the *Reporter* after the meeting that he often has problems finding street parking after work, describing the typical scene as “people waiting like vultures” for a spot. He and his wife said that parking was a main issue raised at the abutters meeting, but that many residents from that January meeting were not able to make it to last week’s meeting.

The parcel in question was acquired by Adam Sarbaugh’s 959 Dot, LLC last August. He has worked closely with the decades-long manager of Dorchester Market, Peter McGee, to ensure that the business will be incorporated into the first floor of the new building. Sarbaugh also noted his strong desire to ensure that the store will have as little interruption in operations as possible during construction. McGee was at the meeting and expressed his happiness with the idea.

The development team is looking for a restaurant to occupy a large part of the first floor, stressing several times during the meeting that they were

hoping to shift away from the drinks-only option of Tom English’s to a full service casual eatery. “No one seemed to suggest we continue the bar,” said Hanley, who noted that the owner of Tom English’s is the seller.

The team has met with three restaurant operators so far, but said they are open to considering others — and encouraged attendees at the meeting to spread the word. Tom English’s liquor license was transferred to Sarbaugh’s Dot Liquor, LLC last June. A separate public hearing will have to happen for that license to be transferred to whatever restaurant occupies the space.

The upper floors of the new building will be all residential with 38 units in total, five of them marketed as affordable, in accordance with the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy, which specifies that private developments must keep 13 percent of units affordable. Affordability is defined by the city based on the Area Median Income, or AMI.

Developers said they have not yet nailed down prices for the market rate units, as that will depend on various factors, including construc-



A rendering shows the proposed new building at 959 Dorchester Avenue, left, that would replace what are now two buildings that house the Tom English pub and Dorchester Market.

tion.

Hanley and Sarbaugh said that the team had moved away from a previous idea of potentially converting the units into condominiums, saying they received feedback from the public in favor of rental properties instead. The goal, they said, is to have long-term rental tenants.

One resident asked whether the building would be used for Airbnb rentals -- a reflection of the public discussion on the home-sharing company’s impact on the local housing market that have been raised by both Mayor Walsh and City Councillors Michelle Wu and Lydia Edwards. The developers gave a firm ‘no’ in response. “Airbnb creates too much flux,” said Hanley.

In terms of parking, the building will have 26 spaces, all below street

level, with an entry ramp on East Cottage Street. The developers emphasized the project is transit-oriented — a key element in many Boston discussions on housing — noting its proximity to JFK/UMass and the convenience of having a store and a restaurant downstairs, which reduces the need for residents to drive to such places. They said they would also promote ride-sharing and Charlie card sign-ups with residents.

Sarbaugh said they hope to break ground in the fall, although the timing depends on the permitting process. Construction is expected to take 14 months. The public comment period for the project is open until April 6. Residents can submit their comments to the BPDA at bostonplans.org.

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Gilman Chapel in Cedar Grove will undergo major renovations

BY BILL FORRY
REPORTER EDITOR

A chapel on the grounds of Cedar Grove Cemetery will be the focus next month of a significant restoration project meant to bring the impressive stone edifice back to its former glory. The Gilman chapel— named for the husband-and-wife benefactors who funded its construction in 1930— is in urgent need of repairs, particularly to its stone exterior and windows, where moisture infiltration has become a worsening problem in recent years.

Capital Construction, a Dorchester company with expertise in repairing historic structures across the region, has been contracted to begin the initial phase of work, at an estimated cost of about \$105,000.

David Arrowsmith, who owns Capital and the popular Adams Village restaurant The Industry, said that his team is eager to get started on a project that has special significance to the community where they are based.

Arrowsmith said that work crews will begin assembling scaffolding on the exterior of the

church building in late April. The work will include the painstaking removal of existing stonework around the 12 windows of the chapel to allow for new flashing to prevent future moisture damage. Crews will tear down some of the interior walls inside the building and put up new plaster that will then be painted. Parts of the original slate roof — some of which is in disrepair— will also be replaced.

Thankfully, much of the chapel’s beautiful wood ceiling and decorative doors are in great shape and will not need to be fixed at this time.

Capital’s team of workers has experience in working on some of the city’s most iconic historic treasures. The Dorchester firm was brought in to install copper panels on the USS Constitution last year when it was in dry dock for repairs. Their team also worked on repairs to gutters of the Ebenezer Hancock building in Boston, one of the city’s oldest brick structures.

The stained glass that frames the chapel’s two largest windows front and rear will also need some repairs, but will not be included in the first



The team from Capital Construction outside the Gilman Chapel in Cedar Grove Cemetery includes, from left, Steve Carreiro, Nicole Riggio, David Hubbard, Barry Eldershaw, and Capital’s owner David Arrowsmith. *Bill Forry photo*

phase of restoration, according to Arrowsmith.

Paula Rush, who serves as the cemetery’s office manager, said that the cemetery’s trustees voted recently to authorize the project, which is expected to take about six to eight weeks to complete once it begins in late April.

“We did look at other vendors, but it was important to us that we go with a Dorchester company,” said Rush. “Capital understands what this chapel means

to the neighborhood.”

Rush says that the building is often used for funeral ceremonies, but is also a regular destination for other special events, including weddings. There are two memorial Masses held inside the chapel each year— one in May before Memorial Day and another in December— which are traditions for Dorchester families.

The cemetery is one of the neighborhood’s most treasured spaces— and not just for people who have loved ones buried there. Consecrated as a burial site in 1867, it is the final resting place of many of Dorchester’s military dead from the American Civil War up to Iraq. The annual Memorial Day observances inside the cemetery draw large crowds to Cedar Grove each year, a tradition that dates to 1868.

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Thurs., March 29, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Thursday Night Movies. **Fri., March 30**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. **Sat., March 31**, 2 p.m. – Original Black Panther Cartoon Screening. **Mon., Apr. 2**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop in Homework Help. **Tues., Apr. 3**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Apr. 4**, 11 a.m. – Toddler Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – Bits & Bots. **Wed., Apr. 4 through Tues., Apr. 10** – BARCC Clothesline Project – April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. To honor the survivors of sexual assault, we will be displaying the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)’s Clothesline Project. **Thurs., Apr. 5**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Thursday Night Movies; 6 p.m. – An Evening of Chamber Music.

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Thurs., March 29, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 30**, 9:30 a.m. – Babytime. **Sat., March 31**, 10 a.m. – Vietnamese Bilingual Storytime. **Mon., Apr. 2**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Apr. 3**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Apr. 4**, 3 p.m. – Teen Tech Club: LEGO Robotics with Empow; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Apr. 5**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

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Thurs. March 29, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., March 30**, 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Sat., March 31**, 2:30 p.m – Creole for Beginners. **Mon., Apr. 2**, 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Apr. 3**, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Bullied. **Wed., Apr. 4**, 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Grub Street: Spoken Word. **Thurs., Apr. 5**, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., March 29, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Mon., Apr. 2**, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Singalong; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Apr. 3**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Apr. 4**, 11:15 a.m. – Story Craft Program; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Apr. 5**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.



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Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Stacey L. Elliott of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Joel D. Demass is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Stacey L. Elliott of Tewksbury, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/19/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

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2014 marathon winner Keflezighi will run with Team MR8

By Reporter Staff
Meb Keflezighi, the 2014 winner of the Boston Marathon, will be among the 115 runners who run next month's marathon as members of Team MR8— named for eight-year-old Martin Richard of Dorchester, the youngest victim of the 2013 bombings near the marathon finish line. The team hopes to raise \$800,000 this year for the Martin Richard Foundation, which provides opportunities for young people to learn, grow and lead through volunteerism and community engagement. The team includes many familiar names from Dorchester, including Cailin Pagel, Derek Mourad, Dianne Lescinskas, Eric Gagnon, Grace Choi, Mike McCarthy, Pat Brohpy, Pat Doherty, Pat Ryan, Patricia Millerick, Stephen Wilkins, Talia Siravo, and Tricia Dillon. Keflezighi, an Eritrean-born American



Meb Keflezighi was shown crossing the Boston Marathon finish line in April 2014. Now retired from competitive running, the champion will join Dorchester's Richard family and Team MR8 for this year's marathon. AP photo
long-distance runner who is now retired from the sport, will be running Boston on a non-competitive basis. "We couldn't be more honored to have Meb and all of our runners lace up their sneakers to take on this historic course for the mission of our Foundation," said Denise and Bill Richard. "Our family has a love of running and the accomplishments of all of our runners is inspiring." Keflezighi leads and inspires the Meb Foundation, a 501(c)(3) guided by the importance of "Maintaining Excellent

encouragingsportsmanship and positive life skills." This year's team includes 14 runners under the age of 25 and 35 runners under the age of 30 taking on the 26.2 mile challenge. "I ran for Team MR8 in the past three Boston Marathons and it has been the best experience of my life," said Maggie Crowley, 23, a BC student. "I have learned about my love for running but more importantly, I have learned about the importance and impact that kindness can have on a single person or an entire community. In the past three years, I have seen all the good that the Martin Richard Foundation has done to better the world. I am honored, enthusiastic and excited to be accepted again to run and to help support all the wonderful things this organization does," Funds raised by Team MR8 will support all of the Martin Richard Foundation programs and their partners. For more information on all of the team members— and to support the runners in their fundraising— visit www.MartinRichardFoundation.org As part of their work, the Foundation mobilizes schools and organizations to carry out their own service projects through their Bridge Builder Campaign, a grant program that funds projects that advance the mission of kindness, justice and peace; supports inclusive athletics through the Challenger Sports Program; challenges their volunteer network to do more by hosting several days of service and volunteer opportunities throughout their community and across the state; and has invested in a state of the art inclusive park, Martin's Park, now under construction on Boston's waterfront.

Dorchester's **Keila Barros** has been hired as Vice President of Human Resources of JVS Boston, the region's largest workforce development organization. She starts on April 2.



Keila Barros

"We are excited to welcome Keila Barros to the JVS team," said Jerry Rubin, JVS CEO & President. "Keila brings a strong record of human resource experience in the non-profit and

private sectors to this position, as well as many years of dedicated community leadership in Boston. Having Keila join JVS will enable us to continue our growth as a highly effective organization and a great place to work." She is a life-long resident of Dorchester where she has been an active member of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI) Board since 2001 and is currently the president of the board. Keila has been an active parishioner of Saint Patrick's Church in Roxbury where she has served as Sunday School catechist for over ten years. As the Vice President of Human Resources, Keila is responsible for driving initiatives for all people functions of the organization, including Talent Management, Cultural Change, Organizational Development, and Diversity & Inclusion.

Keila joined JVS from Suffolk Construction where she was the Director of People & Culture Operations. Her responsibilities there included onboarding & off boarding processes, benefits implementation, day-to-day HRIS maintenance and all operational function within the Human Resources, Talent Acquisition, Learning & Development and Community & Employee Engagement Teams. Keila has spent the majority of her Human Resources career in the non-profit space; working as a Human Resources Manager at The Bridgespan Group and The Salvation Army, and in Human Resources at Massachusetts General Hospital and New England Baptist Hospital. Keila holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Boston College.



Jack Doherty (center), President/CEO of College Hype, is shown with celebrity printer Bill Brett (right), and Arthur Walhberg (left).

Brett kicks off College Hype's celeb series

College Hype, a Dorchester company providing screen-printed and embroidered apparel, welcomed Boston photographer and author Bill Brett as the first guest in their newly-launched "Celebrity Printer" series last week. Jack Doherty, CEO of College Hype, said that the series is intended to educate the public on screen printing, and "have a little fun heightening awareness of the process with the help of some celebrities and well-known business owners." Additionally, with the airing of each episode, College Hype will make a donation to a charity. Brett was the first Celebrity Printer and visited the College Hype

Weymouth facility last week. College Hype selected ALS ONE as the recipient of a \$500 donation. During the filming, Brett was also joined by Arthur Walhberg, the oldest brother of the famous Walhberg family. College Hype will host its second Celebrity Printer episode in April.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we are continuing to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of World War I by featuring soldiers who served in that conflict in a number of short biographies. This biography features James Archibald McDonald, who was born on June 8, 1893, in Boston to immigrant parents Archibald (Nova Scotia) and Delia (Dervan) McDonald (Ireland) who were living on Huntoon Street in the Lower Mills section of Dorchester. Archibald's occupation was listed as "watchman." It is unclear what happened to Archibald, but the record shows that in 1910 Delia and James were living on Cedar Street; Delia was not working but James, then 16, was working as a roofer. By the time he enlisted



James A. McDonald

in 1917, he and Delia were living on River Street. James signed on with the National Guard at the East Armory in February of 1917 and was with the 101st Infantry Regiment, where he was its champion boxer, throughout his time in the service. He left for overseas duty on Nov. 13, 1917 and did not return to the United States until April 1919. While in Europe, he took part in many engagements, including Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Chemin des Dames, Toul-Boucq, Pas Fini, Rupt, and Troyon. He was honorably discharged with the rank of private on April 28, 1919 at Camp Devens. Back home, he returned to his roofer's occupation and in 1924, he

married Mary Margaret Casey and they moved, with his mother, to Linden Street in Fields Corner. He and Mary Margaret had six children: Gertrude, Theresa, Barbara, James, and Martin. By 1940, James was working as a roofer in the subway for the Works Progress Administration (WPA). In 1953, City Directories have him working as a chauffeur. He passed away on June 29, 1979, leaving a family that included 35 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. You can reach us at dorchester-historical-society.org. Check out the Society's online catalog at Dorchester.pastperfectonline.com; the archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the website.

Poll: Most support BPD cameras

A MassInc Polling Group report commissioned by the Hyams Foundation and made public this week underscores the need for body-worn cameras to be deployed with all Boston Police officers. The poll of registered voters living in the city showed that a majority who spoke to researchers— 58 percent— think body cameras on police “would be very effective.”

According to the report, 90 percent of black and Latino voters polled felt that body cameras would be either “very effective” or “somewhat effective.” A smaller percentage— but still a majority— of white and Asian Bostonians agreed.

The results support the argument for body-worn cameras that has been advanced by groups like the Boston Police Camera Action Team (BPCAT), the Lawyers Committee for Civil and Economic Rights, and the NAACP Boston chapter. It’s time at long last for Boston to make this our official policy.

Two weeks ago, Mayor Walsh and Commissioner William Evans spoke out publicly in favor of embracing body cameras as a permanent BPD policy, which is encouraging. A pilot program that ended last year was initially very unpopular with rank and file officers— not a single patrolman volunteered to test the cameras and the city’s patrolmen’s union sought to block the pilot in court.

But Evans told a hearing of the city council that the results of the testing were largely positive. Mayor Walsh then added his own support for the idea of expanding the program to more officers, but has not yet said how many, when, or how much it will cost. City Council president Andrea Campbell— who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan and has been a proponent of body cameras— has suggested that the BPD phase in full use over the coming years, partly to manage the budget implications of the new equipment and the personnel needed to operate the technology.

This week’s report from the Hyams Foundation is further illustration of why it’s important for the city to follow through as expeditiously as possible. Bostonians — particularly Bostonians of color— feel that this tool will enhance public safety and improve confidence in police-community relations. We hope that the city budget will make it a priority in our law enforcement strategy moving forward.

– Bill Forry

EDITOR’S NOTES

A story that was published in the March 22 edition of the *Reporter* — “Report shows jump in students living in private Dorchester housing” — may have included incomplete or erroneous data. The City of Boston’s 2017-2018 Student Housing Trends report, on which our reporting was based, was withdrawn by city officials last week due to concerns about the accuracy of the data supplied to them. The city’s report tracks year-to-year changes in enrollment and housing data that is supplied to the city by colleges and universities. Our story will be revised and re-published when the city of Boston makes its corrected report available.

– Bill Forry

The *Reporter* has made adjustments to our weekly printing schedule that we hope will mean improved service for our readers and advertisers. In printing the *Reporter* earlier in the day on Wednesday, we expect that the edition will be mailed earlier— and dropped off to newsstands sooner. This production change will necessitate strict enforcement of our existing deadlines for advertising and editorial copy on Monday and Tuesday each week. Thank you.

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Criminal justice reform legislation a turning point for Massachusetts

By STATE SEN. SONIA CHANG-DÍAZ

Our state is turning a moral corner. For decades, we have lived with a costly, ineffective, and systemically racist criminal justice system. It has stubbornly continued the tactics of the “War on Drugs.” It has drained resources from our budgets every year, funding that could otherwise have gone to increasing education and opportunity. It has trapped whole communities in destructive cycles of incarceration and crime.

But the last year saw advocates, community leaders, and their allies in the Legislature make unprecedented headway on comprehensive criminal justice reform. Together, we pressed legislative leaders and the governor to stop waiting to fulfill their promises and pass real reform legislation. After an incomplete Council of State Governments report — that pointed to needed, but “back end” only reforms — we fought hard to keep sentencing reform on Beacon Hill’s agenda and ensure that any legislation encompassed the whole criminal justice system, from start to finish.

Hundreds of people turned out to push for comprehensive reform, by their phone calls, letters, emails, rallies, speeches, hearings, and one-on-one meetings. Poll after poll showed that we were making headway with the public, as a wide majority of Bay Staters supported key reforms.

We got two different bills through the Senate and House last year, but it still wasn’t clear whether the final legislation would include crucial and deeply necessary reform. Until now.

Last week, I was proud to stand with my colleagues and advocates as the Legislature’s conference com-

mittee released the finalized version of the criminal justice package that includes a comprehensive array of reforms that will fix issues throughout the criminal justice pipeline.

This bill is a massive and joyful turning point for our state.

It includes key reforms to institute implicit bias and de-escalation training for local law enforcement; reduce the school-to-prison pipeline; fix our broken bail system; increase diversion to drug treatment; raise the felony threshold to make sure punishment is proportional to the crime; put important limits and data collection around the use of solitary confinement; significantly reform the CORI system to better support re-entry; reduce fines and fees on ex-offenders that tend to criminalize poverty and pull people back into incarceration; and repeal some of the ineffective and racist “mandatory minimums” for nonviolent drug offenses.

These reforms will finally start to honor the needs of communities that experience the most crime and are too often ignored. As Massachusetts increased the proportion of our people that we have locked up *four fold* over the past few decades, these communities are the ones that have born the damage as they were pulled into generational cycles of crime and poverty. This bill includes serious evidence-based reforms that will make our criminal justice system—from start to finish—more effective. And it will put our state on a path to right a moral wrong, and truly live up to the values we hold dear.

There is, of course, more to do to fully reform the criminal justice system, and we will keep fighting to build on this progress. But this is a moment to celebrate our substantive victory for justice.

The people of the Commonwealth owe a debt of gratitude not only to Sen. William Brownberger and Rep. Claire Cronin, who co-chaired the committee that worked on this bill, but also, and especially, to the thousands of advocates who’ve worked hard for these reforms.

It has been my distinct honor to work with all of you to fight for true justice in our Commonwealth. I’m inspired to see the outstanding victories that we can win together.

Sonia Chang-Diaz represents the Second Suffolk District in the Massachusetts Senate.

On liquor license reform, we are ‘encouraged,’ but not yet ‘satisfied’

By CITY COUNCILLOR AYANNA PRESSLEY

Locally owned restaurants are the backbone of our business districts and our city’s fabric. They are often the path of least resistance for our returning citizens, immigrants, and others who face barriers to employment. They are proven pathways to small



Councillor Ayanna Pressley

business ownership, wealth-building, and job creation, which is critical to closing our growing income and wealth inequality. Restaurants make our neighborhoods safer because of the foot traffic they attract. They invite vitality and foster vibrancy, and they enrich

quality of life by creating spaces for celebrating, socializing, and building community. Unfortunately, these opportunities are not equitably distributed throughout Boston.

Admittedly, reforming a 100-year-old law is not usually an attractive or flashy prospect. It can be hard to figure out and unpack the myriad changes from decade to decade in Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws with regard to Liquor Licenses. But the deep dive and overhaul are worth it to realize healthier, livelier neighborhoods for everyone.

In 2014, in partnership with Mayor Walsh, my Council colleagues and the Legislature, we returned the Boston Licensing Board to the city of Boston and created 75 new liquor licenses. It was a game changer for our city.

Since then, dozens of new restaurants, and hundreds of new jobs have been created. Existing restaurants could finally complement their burgers

and fries with a beer, or offer a well-mixed Moscow mule to keep the conversation going after dinner.

In Dorchester alone, we saw the emergence of 17 new restaurants, including Landmark Public House in Adams Village, Dorset Hall in Neponset, Homestead Cafe in Fields Corner and an improved bottom line for existing restaurants like El Barrio in Ashmont and BRED in Lower Mills. This is the tangible impact of liquor license reform, and it also means we are closer to realizing an equity in opportunity for aspiring entrepreneurs.

While Boston continues to be in the news as the potential future home of the next corporation looking for new headquarters, I know that the real work of reducing income inequality happens in our neighborhoods, and that is the power of opening the doors to new participants in an industry that can never be outsourced or move online — dining.

So in partnership with the Walsh administration, my colleagues on the Council (with some new faces) and the Legislature, I am taking the next step to create an ecosystem that supports our neighborhood sit-down restaurants. And we are being even more intentional with this round of licenses by tying each one to a specific neighborhood, because we know our neighborhoods grow at different paces.

Restaurateurs have put their hopes and their dreams into their businesses, and I know some are uneasy about this home rule. We were told that our first round of legislation would devalue existing licenses, but our neighborhoods demand even more walkable, sit-down amenities, and licenses are currently selling for the same price as in 2013. I will always bet on our neighborhoods; the demand continues to grow, and the disparities are still stark. This legislation will go a long way in creating the culinary clusters to support all of our restaurants.

In every other city and town in our Commonwealth, licenses are tied to and commensurate with population growth. It is time for Boston to unlock our culinary potential. It’s a time that is long overdue, but we are finally on our way.

I don’t know about you, but I’ll drink (in moderation) to that. See you at Tavolo. Cheers!

Ayanna Pressley is a Boston City Councillor-at-large.

Judge issues warning to owner of Mt. Ida eyesore

By Reporter Staff
For the third time, a federal judge has rejected an effort by the owner of a fire-ravaged building at 97 Mt. Ida Rd. to move his case from state Housing Court to federal court – this time with a warning for the man to knock it off.

Boston’s Inspectional Services Department and James Dickey, who lives in Sudbury, have been battling for years over the property. ISD now wants permission from a Housing Court judge to raze what’s left of the boarded-up eyesore as a threat to public health and safety — neighbors complain it is infested with rats— and to then



The blighted, fire-damaged property at 97 Mt. Ida Rd. has frustrated neighbors and city officials alike for about a decade.

charge Dickey for the demolition cost.

Dickey, in turn, has managed to keep winning delays in court as what’s left of the structure continues to fall apart. Last year, he moved, for the second time, to have the Housing Court case transferred to the US district court in Boston. That won him a three-month reprieve while a federal judge considered the case before deciding it belonged in local housing court and sent it back.

A housing court judge was scheduled to consider the case in January, but called off the hearing because Dickey once again moved to transfer the case to federal court, alleging a conspiracy among city officials to deprive black Bostonians of their civil rights.

In a ruling on Tuesday, US District Court Judge Richard Stearns sent the case back to Housing Court again and warned Dickey to stop showing “complete disregard of prior court orders” and leave the federal court system out of it, saying, “Accordingly, this court warns Dickey that any further frivolous filings in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts - whether removals or Complaints - will result in an injunction barring him from filing without prior permission of the court.”

Cleveland Center will move to new quarters by May 1

**By Jennifer Smith
News Editor**
The Cleveland Community Center in Fields Corner will relocate to a Boston Public School building on Westville Street by May 1, city officials said Tuesday night. At a meeting so sparsely attended that organizers plan to reschedule it, school and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) officials offered a brief update on plans for the relocation from

11 Charles St. and the future of the space.

The move is actually a return of sorts to 35 Westville St., said Michael Sulprizio, deputy director of administration and finance with BCYF. They used to have a presence at the site, which is now part of the UP Academy Dorchester campus, though BCYF moved out in about 2012. The new center will be called re the BCYF Marshall Community Center.

Boston Public Schools

approached BCYF with the option to relocate to allow for the Boston Arts Academy, which is now based in the Fenway, to relocate to Dorchester for three years while a new building is constructed for its new home across from Fenway Park.

“It started as an option from BPS, and BCYF really realized it was going to be of mutual benefit to everybody and we also hope to be a benefit to the community at large, too,” Sulprizio said.

Moving to the Marshall

offers additional space and activities that are a boon to the program, Sulprizio said. They hope to work with UP Academy to develop an after school program next year, as well as a possible summer camp for next summer.

Integral to the move, Sulprizio said, is in re-opening the pool at the Marshall center year-round. BCYF operated the pool for two or three summers even after they left the Marshall initially, to keep the pool access during the summer. Though the locker rooms got a recent update and are in good shape, mechanical systems with the pool will need an upgrade. The Marshall pool might be 12 months away from usability, but BCYF plans to partner with either UP Academy Holland or Perkins Elementary to ensure the kids still have access to a pool.

Mela Bush-Miles, chair of the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition and lead community organizer for the Greater Four Corners Action Coalition attended the meeting and noted the value of having a pool available in communities of color.

The computer lab will also be relocated to the new site, as will a computer instructor.

They will provide transportation for students who want to travel to the new locations, Sulprizio said, and will consult with youths who use the center on the best pickup times.

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Grammy Award-winning a cappella group Take 6 performed at the Strand Theatre on Saturday, March 24 to benefit Inspire Arts & Music, a Hyde Park-based performing arts non-profit, and their local music education programs. For more information visit iaminspired.org Photo courtesy Inspire Arts & Music

The event is Greater Ashmont Main Street's biggest fundraiser; proceeds help make possible the programs and activities that support and enhance businesses in the district's 1.1- mile stretch of Dorchester Avenue. Tickets are \$80 (\$40 tax-deductible); pay online at greaterashmont.org/donate/ (you do not need a PayPal account to pay there), pay by phone with credit card at 617-825-3846 during business hours, or mail check to Greater Ashmont Main Street, 1914 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester 02124. The event sold out last year, so do plan ahead!

POLLING LOCATION CHANGE FOR APRIL 3 ELECTION

A special primary election to select a new state

senator in the First Suffolk district will be held on Tuesday, April 3. In Ward 17— precincts 1 and 3— will have a change to their normal polling location, according to the Boston Election Department. The new location is the cafeteria of Roxbury Prep— Lucy Stone campus ay 22 Regina Rd. The final election location for those two precincts is normally Codman Square Tech Center. Absentee applications and voting absentee in person deadline is noon on April 2. For a list of all polling locations in the district — or to check your ward and precinct— visit Boston.gov/elections or call us 617-635-VOTE.

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Council hears calls for more money, planning for flooding

By JENNIFER SMITH
News Editor

Climate change is heading toward Boston on the high tides, city officials agree, and they say strategic infrastructure improvements can help shore up vulnerable coastal areas while longterm adjustments are made in the most flood-susceptible spots.

The topic was plumbed in depth on Monday at a nearly three-hour Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation hearing sponsored by At-Large Councillor Michelle Wu.

“Our goal is to go beyond planning to implementation,” Wu said in a statement after the meeting. “Boston needs to make sure all our buildings and infrastructure can withstand more frequent and intense flooding, not just new commercial developments. That will take money and policy.”

Experts from the Boston Society of Architects, Boston Society of Civil Engineers, UMass Boston Sustainable Solutions Lab, and the Boston Green Ribbon Commission joined leaders from the Conservation Law Foundation, Harborkeepers, and Boston Harbor Now in testifying at the hearing.

Regulators from the Boston Planning and



Morrissey Boulevard was inundated during a recent high tide event. *Boston Harbor Now image*

Development Agency (BPDA) and the Environment Department were also on hand to discuss the legislation, funding, and governance structures needed to protect Boston’s residents and infrastructure for a future that experts say will include frequent flooding events.

Boston has a number of efforts under way to address the challenges of climate change, said Alison Brizius, the city’s director of climate and environmental planning.

“As we have seen in recent months, Boston residents are already affected by extreme rain, snow, flooding, and increased heat,” Brizius said. “With climate change, these trends will likely continue.”

The city was walloped by a series of March northeasters, after a mild February that offered some respite from a vicious January storm. City waters rose about 15 feet during a Jan. 5 storm that flooded the Seaport and turned

downtown roads into waterways. Traffic in and around Dorchester ground to a halt for hours at a time as Morrissey Boulevard flooded during the extreme high tides.

A recent WBUR/MassINC poll found that 65 percent of voters believe that climate change is “bringing more frequent severe storms to Massachusetts,” although it was heavily split along partisan lines. Of Democrats, 78 percent agreed with the position, compared to 34 percent of

Republicans.

Following the January storm, Brizius said the city began a project focused on analyzing the flooding response to isolate opportunities of improvement.

Climate Ready Boston, which was launched in 2016, identified areas particularly vulnerable to flooding and other climate risks. It predicts that sea levels will rise 10 feet by 2030 and 37 feet by 2050. In the city’s 2018 budget, about \$573,000 is allocated to the climate project, along with \$400,000 in grants and outside contributions.

Richard McGuinness, the deputy director for Waterfront Planning at the BPDA, said the city’s planning arm is including climate protections in new projects. In areas like Glover’s Corner, which is alongside a part of Savin Hill that poses a risk as a potential flood channel, “our actions are guided by the most accurate flood modeling available,” he said.

“Projects are currently under way in East Boston, Charlestown, South Boston, and Dorchester to address how to modify our shoreline to protect the city from current or future flood risks,” Brizius said. In some neighborhoods, relatively minor

alterations could have major preventative impacts, she added, such as installing a deployable flood wall in East Boston and elevating a section of Charlestown’s Main Street to protect more than 4,500 residents and 130 businesses.

South Boston and the northernmost edge of Dorchester are particularly vulnerable to flooding pathways. The Moakley Park Vision and Planning Process, which the city recently launched, will “integrate coastal and storm water flood protection into the park’s updates plan.” Another open house for the visioning is planned for April 11.

On the city policy level, participants called for increasing priority and urgency for building with resiliency. Flooding overlay districts could be added to existing zoning, for more precise planning by vulnerable neighborhoods and districts.

Bud Ris, a senior advisor to the Green Ribbon Commission, estimated that it could cost between \$1 billion and \$2.5 billion over the next decade to build infrastructure for flooding resiliency, though the cost would be far outweighed by that of inaction, panelists and residents testified.

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Landmarks Commission pauses demo on Washington Street

A controversial plan to build new a new condo complex with retail space along Washington Street in Lower Mills will be delayed for at least a few months after a ruling by a city of Boston board

this week found that one of the existing properties on the site may be historically significant.

The Boston Landmarks Commission, which monitors historically significant properties in

the city, invoked a 90-day demolition delay at its meeting on Tuesday. The middle of the three structures currently on the lot, 1126 Washington St., “could be as old as 1750 and is likely one

of 30 oldest buildings in Boston,” the Commission said in a Tweet announcing the demolition delay.

This stalls movement on a controversial proposal to construct a residential building with

57 condo units at the site, which once included the former Molloy’s funeral parlor. City Point Center, LLC, the developers, last month showed members of the Lower Mills Civic Association

an alternative building plan for the site in case the three houses stay on the lot. The proposal is still under review by the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

— REPORTER STAFF

State Senate primary set for Tuesday; DA field widens

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Forry, state Rep. Dan Hunt, and most recently Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins.

Several have already pulled papers for the general election race later this year for the First Suffolk: Collins, Osgood, Duckens Petit-Maitre (D), and unenrolled candidates Garrison, Jesus Rosa, and Elciana M. Ogunjobi. Garrison, however, announced at a Reporter-moderated panel that she plans to run for the First Suffolk only in the special election, and instead run in the fall for the Fifth

Suffolk seat, which she represented for one term in the 1990s.

Meanwhile, the field to replace Dan Conley as Suffolk District Attorney widens still further. Lawyer Linda Champion pulled papers on March 9 to seek the post, after Conley announced last month that he would not run for re-election.

Champion is the fifth Democrat openly seeking the seat: state Rep. Evandro Carvalho, of Dorchester, who is an attorney and a former prosecutor in Conley’s office; Greg Henning,

of Dorchester, who led the Suffolk district attorney’s office gang unit and has worked in the office for about a decade; and Shannon McAuliffe, of the North End, who was director of Chelsea-based Roca, which works with gang-involved youth; and Rachael Rollins, of Roxbury, former chief legal council for Massport and former Assistant US Attorney.

Still mulling a run for DA are Boston City Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty, of South Boston, and Mayor Martin Walsh’s

chief legal counsel Eugene O’Flaherty, of Charlestown.

Candidates for all state and district races have until May 1 to file nomination papers.

Henning turned in over 1,600 signatures at City Hall in mid-March, his campaign said. Carvalho this week touted endorsements from state Reps Jay Livingstone of Beacon Hill, Liz Malia of Jamaica Plain, Mike Moran of Brighton, Jeffrey Sanchez of Jamaica Plain, and Chynah Tyler of Roxbury a week after former US Attorney for Massachusetts, Wayne

A. Budd, was announced as Carvalho’s campaign chair.

In the Fifth Suffolk state representative district, up for grabs after Carvalho decided to seek the district attorney post, seven interested parties have pulled nomination papers, though not all are still hoping to claim the seat.

Community activist Elizabeth Miranda jumped into the race on March 22. Darrin D’Wayne Howell, a Dorchester resident and former staffer for then-City Councillor Chuck Turner and a political organizer at the 1199SEIU healthcare workers union, pulled papers on March 12, according to the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office. Howell sought the Sixth Suffolk seat, won by state Rep. Russell Holmes, in 2010. In an interview with the Boston Globe in March 2017, Howell said he may seek elected office again.

Other names in contention for the Fifth Suffolk include Democrats Brad Howze, and Roy Owens, and unenrolled

candidates Garrison and Steven A. Wise. Ceferina Murrell, former chief of staff for state Sen. Forry, initially pulled papers to run, but confirmed on Tuesday she would no longer be running.

State Rep. Dan Hunt, running unopposed for his 13th Suffolk seat, has submitted some signatures already, according to the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office. State Rep. Russell Holmes is also presently unopposed in his re-election bid for the Sixth Suffolk rep’s seat. Only one person— Ryan McGoff—has so far pulled papers to fill Collins’ open Fourth Suffolk seat in South Boston and parts of Dorchester.

In the 12th Suffolk House district, representing Mattapan and parts of Dorchester and Milton, incumbent state Rep. Dan Cullinane may face a second challenge from Jovan Lacet, who has pulled papers for the House seat. Cullinane faced Lacet in 2016, winning the race and defending his seat in 2016 with 54 percent of the vote to Lacet’s 34 percent.



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State lottery OKs move to Columbia Point

(Continued from page 1) since 1994; that lease ends next January. The total lease for the Braintree location is \$2.2 million per year, according to a Treasury official.

Braintree Mayor Joe Sullivan, who formerly ran the Lottery under former Treasurer Tim Cahill, said he thinks the Lottery could have kept its headquarters in Braintree and it is his understanding that the warehouse and other functions will remain in the current space.

“It is the treasurer’s prerogative. This move was a Treasury decision,” Sullivan told the News Service. He said, “I’m disappointed. Braintree’s always had a strong relationship with the Lottery and that will remain in part.”

The Lottery has been located somewhere in Braintree since the agency was established, according to the mayor.

Goldberg hinted that some Lottery functions would remain in Braintree, saying future decisions might make “local officials very pleased.”

“I wish the entire operation had stayed here. I think we’ve been a good host community,” said Sullivan, who said there are a total of 220 employees at the Lottery’s headquarters.

Rep. Nick Collins, a



The Bayside Office Center at 150 Mount Vernon St. in Dorchester, above, is owned by Corcoran Jennison Companies. The Mass Lottery plans to lease space in the building. Corcoran Jennison photo

South Boston Democrat, who is the lone Democrat in the running in a special Senate election for the district encompassing the new Lottery location, declined to comment.

Tom McKeever, secretary-treasurer of SEIU Local 888, told the commission that he didn’t want the Lottery to move out of its Braintree offices and he would have liked the union to have more of a say in the process.

“The membership does not want to move,” McKeever told the commission, asking the group to put off a decision.

“Inclusion is always better from the beginning,” Goldberg agreed.

Sweeney cautioned that if there was a delay there would be “ramifications” on the plans to build out the new space over 39 weeks.

The State Lottery Commission voted unanimously to authorize the Lottery to execute the new lease.

Saying that the average age of Lottery employees is “quite high,” Goldberg said the commute to Braintree has been an impediment to recruiting younger staff. The treasurer said that many offices in the Braintree location lack windows while there would be ample natural light in Dorchester.

Goldberg said the move had nothing to

do with changes to the marijuana law, which removed regulation of the new industry from her office.

“I take the treasurer at her word that these two issues aren’t linked because they’ve never been linked for me,”

said Cusack, the House chairman of the Committee on Marijuana Policy.

Goldberg has advocated for authorization to move Lottery products online in part to appeal to younger people. Year-to-date net profit for the

first eight months of fiscal 2018 was \$672.7 million, down from \$723.7 million at that point last year.

Lottery officials on Tuesday were buoyed by the success of a \$10 “blowout” instant ticket game, which offers prizes of \$50, \$100 and \$500. The \$43.7 million in sales over four weeks is the highest sales figures since 2006, according to the agency.

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MAYOR’S STREET HOCKEY TOURNNEY BEGINS APRIL 17

The 2018 Mayor’s Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins takes place on April 17, 18, and 19 during the public school vacation week. Teams will compete in two regions in Mite (ages 7 to 8) and Squirt (ages 9 to 10) divisions. Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division. Region 1 playoffs will take place Tuesday, April 17, at Fallon Field located at 910 South St. in Roslindale. Region 2 playoffs will take place Wednesday, April 18, at Garvey Playground located at 340 Neponset Ave., in Dorchester. Winning teams will meet for the finals at Ryan Playground, located at 74 Alford St. in Charlestown, on Thursday, April 19. To register or for more information, please contact Billy Sittig at billy.sittig@boston.gov or call 617-961-3082.

GIRLS SPORTS FESTIVAL SET FOR APRIL VACATION WEEK

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families invite girls from throughout the city to spend their April school vacation at the All Girls Sports Festival in Roxbury. The free four-day event will take place April 17 to April 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Activities will be held at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College, 1350 Columbus Avenue, and the nearby BCYF Madison Park Community Center, Building 4, 55 Malcolm X Boulevard. The All Girls Sports Festival features a variety of sport clinics and health and wellness workshops supported by local colleges, non-profits, and City of Boston agencies. Free lunch will be also be provided. Participants must be Boston residents ages 11 to 14 and should wear activity-appropriate clothing. To pre-register go to apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart. For more information, please contact Barbara Hamilton at 617-961-3093 or barbara.hamilton@boston.gov.

ART COLLECTION GOES ON DISPLAY AT ASHMONT GRILL

A new collection of paintings by local artist Jodie Baehre entitled “Dorchester” will be on display at the Ashmont Grill from March 15 through May 15. Learn more about the artist and her work at jodiebaehre.com.

MATTAPAN HEALTH CENTER’S ROCK THE BOAT GALA

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

APRIL VACATION CAMP AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Register for the four-day April school vacation education program at Franklin Park Zoo. In this program, campers will become experts in animal tracking and identification. Geared toward children ages seven to 11, this exciting program will include a variety of fun activities including animal encounters, arts and crafts, behind-the-scenes tours, and games! 9a.m. to 3:45pm. One Franklin Park Rd, Dorchester. Cost is \$235 for a member child and \$275 for a non-member child. Sibling discounts are available. Pre-registration is required. For additional information and registration, call 617-989-3742 or e-mail education@zoonewengland.com

SAINT ANN-SAINT BRENDAN COLLABORATIVE

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

DOT DAY 10K CASH DRAWING

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

COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM AT BU

Boston University Upward Bound is currently accepting applications for their free college preparation program from 9th and 10th graders. There are also a few spots for 11th graders this year. Program services include an academically intensive six-week summer residential program (where students stay at Boston University for free each summer!) and an afterschool program of tutoring and courses, including MCAS English, Math and Science prep; and SAT prep. The program is free. To apply student need to attend Brighton HS, The English HS, CASH, Margarita Muniz Academy or Snowden International School. Public school students living in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and Roxbury can also apply. The priority application deadline is April 15. For an application and more information on the program, go to bu.edu/ub or contact reggie@bu.edu.

DOUBLE DUTCH CLINICS AT MADISON PARK

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

times for regular participation in the program. For more information please call Larelle Bryson at 617-961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.

JFK LIBRARY FORUM ON EUNICE KENNEDY

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

SALSA LESSONS AT TALBOT AVENUE CLUBHOUSE

The Latino Law Enforcement Group Of Boston is offering salsa dance lessons in advance of their gala on May 12. Classes will run for 8 weeks every Sunday afternoon from 4p.m. to 5:30p.m. beginning March 18 and ending May 6 at the Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club, 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Cost is \$12 per person and per class (drop-ins welcome.) The lessons are in partnership with Noche Latina Dance Company, The Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Club, the Boston Police Department and the city of Boston. Contact Jeanette Origel at jeanetteorigel@gmail.com.

FREE TAX CLINICS IN CODMAN SQUARE

Taxpayers who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 can have their taxes prepared, and claim important tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, at free tax clinics held at the Wellness and Fitness Center, at 450 Washington St., running into April. Hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The free tax preparation is offered by the Codman Square Health Center in partnership with the Boston Tax Help Coalition.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET IN CODMAN SQUARE

Every Saturday from until March 31 from 10-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, MA. Free admission. For updates and further information, check out their Facebook at dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket and Twitter @dorchesterwfm.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED CENTER

New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

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

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

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

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

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

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

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



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Thursday, March 29

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Saturday, March 31

• Team MR8 Peace Cup cocktail reception at John P. McKeon Post, 4 Hilltop St., Dorchester to support the Martin W. Richard Foundation. 7 p.m.- midnight. \$20 suggested donation. Hosted by 2018 TeamMR8 team members Patrick Brophy and Patrick Doherty.

Tuesday, April 3

• The special primary election to choose a successor to former Sen. Linda Dorcea Fory will be held today. Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. A final election will be held on May 1. Absentee applications and voting absentee in person deadline is noon on April 2. For a list of all polling locations in the district — or to check your ward and precinct — visit Boston.gov/elections or call us 617-635-VOTE.

• JFK Library Forum on Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World starts at 6 p.m. featuring former Boston Globe columnist Eileen McNamara and journalist Larry Tye.

Thursday, April 5

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing at 11 a.m. on a request to remove two public shade trees at 240 Mount Vernon St., Dorchester. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Ave. The request is for the removal of two London plane trees measuring 10 inches dbh (diameter at breast height).

Friday, April 6

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

888-734-2356 for tickets. • The Gaelic Players Association will host their second annual Boston GPA Dinner on April 6 at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston. They are projecting to have over 500 attendees. Registration will be available soon on the GPA website.

Saturday, April 7

• Wizarding Day at Franklin Park Zoo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attend Quidditch lessons with the Tufts University Quidditch team, The Tufflepuffs, and enjoy magic tricks performed by professional magician, Darren Yong. Science on the Streets from Cambridge Science Festival will put your magical skills to the test as they teach you how to make things fly. For ticket information, visit franklinparkzoo.org.

Sunday, April 8

• Greater Ashmont

Main Street's Coattails & Cocktails Gala. The annual Greater Ashmont Main Street fundraiser Coattails & Cocktails is set for 7 - 10 p.m.,

at Tavolo Ristorante, 1918 Dorchester Ave. Tickets are \$80 (\$40 tax-deductible); pay online at greaterashmont.org/donate/ or pay by phone

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU18P0336EA
ESTATE OF:
JAMES J. O'BRIEN
DATE OF DEATH: 12/07/2017

To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Desiree A. O'Brien of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Desiree A. O'Brien of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/19/2018.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 19, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: March 29, 2018

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Docket No. SU18P0044EA
ESTATE OF:
JOSEPH J. KISIEL
DATE OF DEATH: 08/31/2017

To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richarda Baker of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Richarda Baker of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/19/2018.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 08, 2018
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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Docket No. SU07P1510G1
IN THE INTERESTS OF
LAVOISIER JOHNSON
OF BOSTON, MA
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN
OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian.
The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or the the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/10/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 05, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: March 29, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU08P0431G1
IN THE INTERESTS OF
DIANE JENKINS
OF DORCHESTER, MA
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN
OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Frank Grimaldi, Esq. of Cambridge, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian.
The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or the the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/10/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 02, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo
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OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU18P0449GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
LAVOISIER JOHNSON
OF BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Lavoisier Johnson is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/10/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 05, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: March 29, 2018

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Docket No. SU18P0444GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
DIANE JENKINS
OF DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Diane Jenkins is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/10/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 02, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: March 29, 2018

UMass Boston's Larkin named nation's best D-3 hockey player

UMass Boston men's hockey senior forward Colin Larkin was recognized as the Sid Watson Award winner for being the top player in Division III at last week's Frozen Four Banquet hosted by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA.)

Larkin, who was the first-ever Beacon to be named a finalist for the award last year, is the first player in program history to win the award. The Sid Watson Award honors the memory of former Bowdoin College head coach and athletic director Sid Watson. A three-time AHCA Coach of the Year, Watson served Bowdoin for more than 30 years, winning 326 games in 24 seasons as head coach.

The Michigan native was also named to the CCM Division II-III All-American teams alongside freshman defenseman Nick Albano



UMass Boston's star forward Colin Larkin, above, ended his college career on a sensational note last week when he accepted the Sid Watson Award as the best Division 3 player in the nation. *UMB photo*

of Beverly. Larkin carved out a spot on the East First Team for a second-straight season, while Albano picked up East Second Team honors.

The Beacons' senior All-American honors in back-to-back seasons-and the first to be named

to the First Team on multiple occasions. He joins former teammate Tyler Bishop ('17) as the only two-time All-Americans in program history.

Albano made history of his own, as he became the first freshman in program history to be named an All-American.

With their two honorees, UMass Boston men's hockey had two players recognized by the AHCA for a third-straight season. The Beacons two AHCA All-Americans tied their program high-water mark.

Larkin finished his career as UMass Boston's record holder in games played (111) and power-play goals (23). He also ranks in the top-five in program history in goals (64-t-4th), assists (84-3rd), points (148-4th) and game-winning goals (nine-3rd).

April 6th dinner to support Ireland's amateur athletes

By BILL FORRY

The Boston Friends of the Gaelic Players Association will host their second annual dinner event on Friday, April 6 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Boston. The event seeks to build on the incredibly successful inaugural event

last spring that drew a packed crowd to meet and hear from an all-star line-up of Ireland's sports heroes past and present.

This year's gala is expected to be an even bigger room—with an array of current and former GAA players on hand direct from Ireland

to promote the games and the GPA, which represents more than 2,200 current Gaelic footballers and hurlers in Ireland.

The April 6th dinner will also include remarks from DeMaurice Smith, the executive director of the NFL Players Association. Smith will address

the Boston Friends of the GPA about the importance of supporting amateur athletes.

The event is chaired by Aidan Browne, a partner at event sponsor Sullivan & Worcester and chairman of Boston Friends of the GPA. The Irish American Partnership is the key local organization in support of the dinner. Details on tickets and sponsorship

opportunities may be found at their website, ipaboston.org/gpadinner.

The Boston Friends of the GPA was established in 2016 to support the athletes and to increase the profile of the Gaelic Games in the United States, a cause that has been mightily advanced after two very successful exhibition events held at Fenway Park in

2015 and 2017. The AIG Fenway Hurling Classic and Irish Festival drew nearly 30,000 fans to Fenway to watch a 2015 match between Galway and Dublin. Last year, the crowd size grew even more to watch a tournament play featuring a Dublin-Galway rematch and Tipperary facing Clare, which ended up flying home with the championship trophy.

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Annual Ski Trip: BGCD would like to thank Chet Homer and Shawnee Peak for hosting us on the Annual Ski Outing this past weekend. Shawnee Peak covered all expenses for our members to enjoy a day of skiing and snowboarding.

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Rockland Trust Gives: We would like to thank Rockland Trust for generously supporting Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester this year, helping us continue to offer high quality education programs to our members of all ages. Our education programs include basic homework help, a library of engaging books, computers for schoolwork and knowledgeable staff who motivate kids to learn. Members can sign up for enrichment programs every day of the week to explore a topic or interest in depth. Our STEM programming offers youth the chance to explore science, technology, engineering and math topics, building on what they learn in school.

Thank you to Rockland Trust for generously supporting these important educational opportunities for Dorchester's youth.

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Spring Program Openings: Spring programming is beginning in April and there are still spaces available in certain programs.

ART:
Urban Art - Mon 5:45PM
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ATHLETICS:
Indoor Soccer - Tues/Thurs 5:00PM
Boxing - Tues/Thurs 6:30PM
Wrestling - Mon/Wed 6:00PM
Indoor Golf - Wed 6:00PM
Basketball (13-15) - Mon 6:15/7:15PM
Basketball (16-18) - Tues 6:15/7:15PM

EDUCATION:
Reading Buddies - Wed 6:30PM
Global Explorers - Wed 6:00PM
CS First - Mon/Tues 6:00PM

If you are interested in signing up for these or other open programs, call us at 617-288-7120.



Young Artists: Ashli Harris, one of 9 submissions to the Regional Fine Arts Exhibit was selected as a winner and will now move on to the National Fine Arts Exhibit in San Diego, CA in May. Her drawing is entitled "Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder."

DID YOU KNOW
A Night of Laughs: We're holding a brand new event this year as a spring fundraiser! On April 6th, we're hosting a comedy show at The Neighborhood Club of Quincy at 7pm. The show will feature three local comedians: Christine Hurley, Tony V, and Graig Murphy will each perform for us.

Tickets are \$40 and ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar and raffle prizes. Doors open at 7PM and the show starts at 9PM. Come out for a night of fun and laughs to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester!

Visit bgcdcomedyevent.eventbrite.com for tickets. Parties of 10 can reserve a table for the group.

For questions contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

CONLON, Noreen J. (Finn) age 77, of Lowell. Wife of the late John F. Conlon. Daughter of the late James and Christina (Downey) Finn. She is survived by a son, James Conlon; a daughter-in-law, Lori Conlon; a sister, Mary Finn; five brothers, Fr. Dan Finn, Eugene and his wife, Denise Finn, Fr. Seamus Finn O.M.I, Denis Finn,

and Gerry and his wife, Ann Marie Finn; grandchildren, John Conlon, Aidan Conlon, Cole Conlon and Kiley Conlon, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins from Ireland and in the USA. The Tighe Family whom she considered family. Mother of the late John Conlon. Memorials may be made in her name to the Jack and Noreen

Conlon Scholarship c/o Washington Savings Bank, 30 Middlesex St, Lowell, MA 01852.

FINNEGAN, Thomas F. of Falmouth, formerly ofDorchester. Husband of Donna J. (Johnson). Father of William Finnegan and Kari Finnegan, both of Dorchester. Grandfather of Adrianna, Kelsey, Thomas, and Matthew and great-grandfather of Blake. Brother of Eleanor Golden of Delray Beach, FL, John Finnegan and his wife Elizabeth of Naples, FL, Stephen Finnegan and his wife Carol of Milton, Julie Matzel and her husband Rob of Mashpee, and the late Joseph Finnegan, Anne Finnegan, Patricia Collins, and David Finnegan. Brother-in-law of Michael Collins, Hildegard Finnegan, Ellen Finnegan, and the late Bernard Golden. Uncle and grand-uncle to dozens of nieces and nephews. Visiting hours in the John J. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, 740 Adams St. (near Gallivan Blvd.) DORCHESTER, Tuesday April 3, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral Mass in St. Ann's Church Wed., April 4 at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Remembrances may be made in Thomas' name to the Alzheimer's Association or to Visiting Nurses Association of Cape Code – Hospice. Interment private.

GOEPFERT, Eric John, 37, after a three-year battle with brain

cancer. In 2006, Eric graduated from Baylor School of Medicine and in 2009, he met his de-husband Brian McDonnell. He loved to teach, to learn, to facilitate relationship building, and to fight for people and things that demanded advocacy. Eric was a committed physician and was a founding faculty member of the Autism Behavior Clinic at Tufts where the Annual Faculty Teaching Award has been renamed the Eric Goepfert, M.D. Faculty Teaching Award in his honor. He will be sorely missed, but his warm laughter, inquisitive mind, infectious energy, and kind words will live on in those he touched. Donations can be made per Eric's wish to the American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA.org)

LEWIS, Isla, age 86, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Clifford R. Lewis. Mother of Maria Fleming, Yolanda Spence, and Yvette Lewis-Jeter. Sister of Cynthia Lawrence. She also leaves 11 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

MURPHY, James C. U.S. Army Veteran of Charlestown, formerly of Dorchester. Former husband of Rosemary (Shaw) Murphy of Beverly. Father of Marc C. and his wife Pam Murphy of Milton, Erin P. Murphy of Beverly, and Tara J. and her husband Andy Arnold of Beverly. Brother of Maureen Coffin of Stoneham, Margo Garvin of Missouri, Edie Barry of Georgia, and Connie Murphy of Squantum. Grandpa of Nolan and Kelly Murphy, and Maura Arnold. Jim was a proud Vietnam War Veteran in the U.S. Army and retired employee of the MWRA for over 20 years. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to Mass Fallen Heroes, 100 Hallett St., Dorchester, MA 02124.

O'BRIEN, James P. "Jim" "Bud" 86, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Jim was predeceased by his wife Margaret "Peg" (Goggin) O'Brien. He was the son of the late James J. and Mary (Sullivan) O'Brien and siblings Nora and Patricia. Jim was a long time resident of Milton and will be sadly missed by his many loving neighbors, especially Jean and Kent Lamere and their children, Drs. Kathleen Patton and Ned Barden and their son, and Maria Elisa and Rick Connelly and their children. He is also survived by his cherished beagle, Vicki. Jim attended St. Gregory's in Dorchester and was a graduate of B.C. High School. He proudly served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. Jim was a graduate of Suffolk University where he received both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Education. He was a devoted high school

REVEREND JOHN FRANCIS O'DONNELL

Entered eternal rest at Regina Cleri. He was in his 81st year of life. He was the youngest child of the late Henry J. Sr. and Maude (McManus) O'Donnell. He was baptized at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Salem and attended St.



Mary's Grammar School, graduating with the class of 1951. As a graduate of St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, he was educated by the Xaverian Brothers. He studied for two years at Cardinal O'Connell Minor Seminary, Jamaica Plain and entered St. John's Seminary, Brighton,

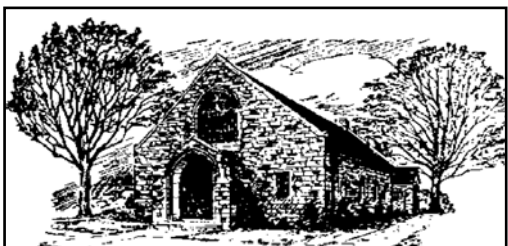
where he concluded his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by Richard Cardinal Cushing on February 1, 1963 at St. Anne's Church in Gloucester. Father John became dedicated to the lifelong learning and religious formation going on to attend numerous national conferences, retreats and workshops. He earned the following graduate degrees, a Masters in Divinity (M.Div) from St. John's Seminary, Brighton, and after ordination, a Master's in Education (M.Ed in Community Counseling) from Salem State University in 1974, and a Doctorate in Psychology and Pastoral Counseling (D. Min) from Andover Newton Theological School in 1980. His first assignments as a young priest included Our Lady of Sorrows, Sharon, St. Claire, Braintree and St. Mary of the Hills, Milton. Later he served as Pastor at the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, East Cambridge and St. Anne, Littleton. He concluded parish ministry as a Parochial Vicar at St. Gregory the Great Parish, Dorchester. Between 1974 and 1984, Father John worked in the Archdiocesan ministries serving as Vice President and President of the Priests' Senate, and as a Staff member for the Office of the Pastoral Planning and Development for the Evangelization with Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Hart. During the above period he also served a three-year term as the New England Priest Representative on the National Advisory Board of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In recent years and during retirement he served on the Board of Directors for Laboure College, Milton and assisted part time at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Tyngsborough, and at St. Lawrence Parish, Goffstown, NH. Father John is survived by his sister, Marie Keller, the widow of Charles Keller and Nancy O'Donnell, the widow of his brother, William O'Donnell. He is also survived by his nephews and nieces. Father John was proud of his grandnephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his older brother, Henry J. O'Donnell Jr. and his wife Dorothy (Dunn), Phillip "Gus" O'Donnell and his wife Alice, William O'Donnell, his brother-in-law, Charles Keller, his nephew, Brian Keller and his niece-in-law, Christine O'Donnell.

English teacher as well as an administrator at Brighton High School for his entire career. Donations in Jim's name can be made to St. Gregory Church, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton or the Milton Animal League.

PHELAN, Mary P. (Sullivan) formerly of Dorchester and Milton. Born in Pittsburgh and raised in Milton, she was one of nine children born to the late Sylvester E. and Catherine T. Sullivan of Milton. Mrs. Phelan is survived by her children; Edward and his wife Michele of North Attleboro, Mary of Bridgewater, Joseph and his wife Carolyn of North Easton and Paul of Milton and her grandchildren; Patrick, Erin, Christopher and his wife Katie, Michael and Matthew, as well as a great-grandson Conlin and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her brothers; Joseph of Braintree, Thomas of Yarmouthport and Sylvester "Eddie", Jr. of NC. She joins her deceased parents and her sisters Agnes Sullivan, Catherine McCarthy, Clare Grinham, and her brothers John Sullivan and Francis Sullivan.

VITELLO, Bernice T. "Dolly" (Manning) age 85, after a long illness. Dolly was born, raised, and educated in Dorchester. After high school, she worked for Green Shoe Factory in Dorchester. Soon, she met her husband Peter and they were married in 1962. They lived in Roslindale for a few years before settling in Weymouth where Dolly has resided for 53 years. Dolly worked for the Weymouth School System in the cafeteria for many years enjoying the interaction with students and faculty. Dolly was predeceased by her husband Peter Vitello. She is the mother of Lorraine Cazeault and her husband Thomas (Tucker) of Weymouth and Diane Crisileo and her husband Stephen of Weymouth. Grandmother to Nicole and Jake Cazeault and Peter and Lauren Crisileo. Dolly is also survived by her brother Edward Manning of E. Longmeadow, MA and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, MA Chapter, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU18P0354EA
ESTATE OF:
JENNIE L. STANTON
DATE OF DEATH: January 25, 2018
SUFFOLK DIVISION


To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner John Stanton of Naples, Florida, Marjorie J. Stanton of North Quincy, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. John Stanton of Naples, Florida, Marjorie J. Stanton of North Quincy, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.


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Swimmer, 10, makes a big splash at Dorchester YMCA

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both freestyle and backstroke. Earlier this month, he was recognized for his accomplishments at a Boston City Council meeting. This coming weekend, along with three other members of his team, he will be competing in the national championships in Rochester, NY.

The person behind this talented team of Dorchester swimmers is head coach Jason Chung, who works for the Boston Fire Department and coaches swimming at the Dorchester Y as a hobby. In an interview, Chung noted the progress Azariah has made and recalled his first-ever swim meet. “We put him on the 50 free in Rhode Island, and he was crying, he thought he was gonna puke,” said Chung.

Despite his initial nervousness, Azariah has come to love the competition, winning regional races in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and New York.

Chung sees Azariah’s “natural freestyle kick” as one element in his growth, but in the end he chalks up the fifth-grader’s success to his attitude and his parents’ support. “He respects other teammates, and he is willing to learn and listen and always pay attention,” said the coach.

Chung, who Azariah’s father, Abednego, calls “family,” treats all of his swimmers the same, laying out the standards of respect and focus, and in turn getting the most out of his small group of kids.



Azariah Mamousette, left, earned the top spot in a national swimming competition in Florida last year. He swims competitively with the Dorchester YMCA. Photo courtesy YMCA

Among Azariah’s teammates is another record-breaking ten year old, David Sapozhnikov of Natick.

In addition to breaking

records, Azariah is also bucking a troubling trend that puts African-American children at a far higher risk of drowning than their white counterparts.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the drowning rate of African-American children between ages 5 and 14 is three times that of white children in the same age group.

The discrepancy is said to largely come down to opportunity: If kids don’t have regular access to a pool or a body of water, they’ll never get over that fear of swimming.

James Morton, president and CEO of YMCA of Greater Boston, described the Y’s Learn to Swim programs—where Azariah and other city kids have gotten their start—as key resources in the fight to reverse that trend.

“One of our goals is to make sure to provide swim lessons to as many children in greater Boston as we can,” said Morton. “With the increased number of drowning among black and brown children, that commitment becomes even more important.”

Neither of Azariah’s parents is a swimmer, but they say the Dorchester YMCA has made a life-changing impact on their son.

“We just happened to walk into a Y because we live in the area, and we were able to make this great connection with Coach Jason that has now kind of shaped the future of our family,” said Azariah’s mother, Sophia. “I think a lot of people can make that same connection.”

Morton agrees. “Part of our strategy is to make sure all children can see themselves as swimmers,” he said. He recalled the 2016 Summer

Olympics, when Simone Manuel became the first African-American woman to win gold in a swimming event. “For kids to be able to see that, it’s a big deal,” he said.

The success of the Dorchester YMCA swim team is already having an impact on the neighborhood, and according to the Mamousettes, that success has turned into a movement of sorts. Of Coach Chung’s four swimmers headed to nationals, three are African-American.

“Azariah one of the best examples of what happens when people have opportunities,” said Morton, adding, “It’s as simple as having access to swimming pools and swimming lessons. That’s our responsibility – to provide those opportunities wherever we possibly can, and to generate the philanthropic support to make sure those lessons are free.”

Morton expects to see increased interest in swimming in the area, and he foresees long-term benefits, like college scholarships, from getting into the swim of things.

For his part, Azariah, who says swimming has helped provide structure to his homework schedule, is already thinking about majoring in mechanical engineering in college. However, swimming remains a big part of his future aspirations. “I want to make the Olympics,” he said with a sheepish grin.

If his early success in the pool is any indication, there may indeed be more medals in Azariah’s future.



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