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ALMONT ART

A chimney mural lifts a street's spirit

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

If you see hummingbirds and colorful flowers rather than smoke emerging from a chimney on Almont Street in Mattapan, your eyes are not deceiving you. It's chimney art, and it's something the neighborhood hopes will take flight.

Homeowner Pam Leins says not a month goes by without someone ringing the doorbell at her Almont Street home to find out more and marvel at the unique five-year-old mural full of hummingbirds, trees, and flowers that decorates her otherwise typical chimney from top to bottom.

Rather than pay for a plain white paint job on the three-story, brick chimney—or stripping it to brick, Leins got in touch with an artist friend, Alvin ‘Acoma’ Colon, to give it a paint job few will forget.

What came out of that was a brilliant blue structure featuring four large hummingbirds, several trees, and some flowers native to Chile and Puerto Rico—all of which scale up to the top of the home in a way that is in harmony with the surrounding area.

“It was badly in need of painting,” said Leins, who is the director of the Boston



Noted mural artist Alvin ‘Acoma’ Colon has done traditional paintings and all sorts of artistic ventures, but when his friend Pam Leins asked him to put a mural on her chimney on Almont Street in Mattapan, he wasn’t sure how to approach it.
Seth Daniel photo

Educational Development Fund. “Instead of just painting it white again, I envisioned something distinctively dif-

ferent from what it was. I’m a huge fan of murals and I don’t think there are enough
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State agency review of BPS system is underway; 3rd audit in less than 3 years

By CARRIE JUNG
WBUR REPORTER

State education leaders on Monday began a review of the Boston Public Schools system during which officials will observe classrooms, interview staff, and analyze data at more than three dozen schools and the district’s central office.

This study marks the second time in nearly three years that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has undertaken a review of the district. An audit in 2019 found “major structural challenges” inside Boston Public Schools (BPS). It showed that nearly three dozen of its schools were low-performers, according to state standards; that the district was not adequately serving English learners; and that the special education department was in “systemic disarray.”

Education Commissioner Jeff Riley said the review is intended to give him a better picture of BPS’s progress toward a series of goals established after the 2019 audit.

Riley said last week that state education board members asked him to deliver an update on Boston later this spring, and that in order to provide a “good update” he has decided to conduct a district review. Outgoing superintendent Brenda Cassellius “is welcoming” the review, Riley said.

In addition to analyzing services for English learners and the special education department, Riley said he hopes to learn more about school bus arrival time issues and graduation rate data.

Roxann Harvey, a BPS parent and chair of the Boston Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SPED PAC), said she welcomes the review.

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MassBiologics looking to expand its campus on state hospital land

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

MassBiologics — a branch of the UMass Chan Medical School in Worcester — is looking to expand its current 25.5-acre campus on Walk Hill Street in Mattapan for a new manufacturing facility on adjacent land along the Harvard Street perimeter at the old Boston State Hospital site.

The four-acre parcel is part of a legislative bill now with the House Ways & Means Committee meant to transfer the property to MassBiologics at market rate prices.

“This added land would allow us to expand and potentially move into more diverse advanced therapeutics,” said Frank Fazio, deputy executive vice chancellor at MassBio-



The UMass Chan Medical School’s MassBiologics facility on Walk Hill Street in Mattapan. *Seth Daniel photo*

logics. “We’re going through a process now where we’re taking a close look at our strategic direction. We’re trying to identify spaces where we need to make investments.

He continued, “We’re looking at that entire landscape of advanced therapeutics and making sure we’re staying
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Conor Olsen’s ‘Buzz-Off’ event: A story of grit, hope, and giving

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Life often has a way of throwing up roadblocks in the strangest places and at the most unexpected times. It’s something that 13-year-old Conor Olsen and his parents, Deb and Phil, experienced in late February. For the past two years, they have traveled from Dorchester to Foxborough weekly for goalie skills practice, but this time was different.

“We were on our way to hockey, and we were going to Chick-Fil-A to get food and while I was waiting for the food, I fainted there in the line,” said Conor, who plays goalie for the Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH) Bantam Blue team. “I got up and went outside to get my mom and I fainted again outside by the curb.”

The next stop, at about 6



Conor Olsen and family will be hosting the Conor Crushes Cancer ‘Buzz Off’ event on Sunday, April 3, at the Devine Ice Rink in Neponset.
Olsen Family photo

p.m., was an Urgent Care clinic on the way to Foxborough, then on to Milton Hospital, and finally to Boston Children’s Hospital, where at about 6 o’clock the next morning, the Olsens were told that Conor had Hodgkin’s lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic sys-

tem, and that he needed to begin treatment immediately.

“In my mind, at first, it was nothing,” said Deb Olsen, who thought her very active son was probably dehydrated. As for Conor, “It kind of caught me off guard. Once they started asking me if I had been feeling tired after hockey or if I had been tired during normal things that didn’t used to make me tired, it kind of hit me. I never knew the things that I had felt could lead to this.”

His dad said Conor has entered into a trial treatment program at Children’s that includes three rounds of chemotherapy and maybe radiation. At this point, the Boston Collegiate Charter School eighth grader’s schedule calls for a visit to Children’s once a week for treatment and a check-up.

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Landmarks panel to conduct study on Blue Hills Bank site in Lower Mills

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) voted last week to accept a petition from several Dorchester residents for a further study of an Architectural District for the Blue Hills Bank property in Lower Mills.

The property is at the corner of Washington and Richmond Streets and is used as a private residence now.

Earl Taylor, speaking for the group of 23 petitioners, said this was

simply part of a process that he and others in Dorchester are going through to protect potentially significant historic properties. He said a Landmarks Architectural District can involve just one property in the district, as this petition calls for, and only has to be significant locally. A full Landmark has to be significant locally and regionally.

"We petitioned for this one because it is significant locally," he said. [The bank] had a

significant presence in Dorchester for the time and funded all of the commercial activity going on there in Lower Mills."

He added that there is no pending development or threat to the building at this time that he knows of, but rather this is just one building on a list of properties that he and others deemed potentially significant.

"This is just a group of petitioners looking through Dorchester properties to find significant buildings that

should have some designation," he said.

The original (circa 1850) bank was just down the street and was a wooden structure that was robbed multiple times. In 1867, the more substantial brick building was put up and served as the Blue Hills Bank until 1883 when it was sold to the city. It then was a library branch, a police station, and a general municipal building.

The Landmarks Commission usually takes



The Blue Hills Bank building in Lower Mills has been accepted for further study by the Boston Landmarks Commission.

at least one year to complete a study. The home next to the Blue Hills Bank structure has also been designated for study by the panel in recent years.

Police, Courts & Fire

Two teens held in Tech Boston shooting that left two wounded

Late last week, Boston Police arrested one teen from Dorchester and one from Lynn on charges that they shot and wounded a teacher and a student outside Tech Boston Academy around 5:45 p.m. on March 15. Both victims are recovering.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old from Lynn who at first ran, possibly because he had "a loaded 9mm Glock 19 handgun equipped with a laser sight" on him at the time. Armed with a search warrant, officers found "a .22 caliber handgun equipped with a laser sight" at his home, police say. Around 1:30 p.m.



Shaquille Browder
His killer gets life

on Saturday, a 16-year-old from Dorchester surrendered himself to BPD gang-unit officers, police said.

After the shooting, the pair fled the scene on a single scooter.

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A Suffolk Superior

Court jury on March 25 convicted Ralph Brown of first-degree murder for the shooting death of Shaquille Browder in the parking lot of the Burger King at Columbia Road and Washington Street on Jan. 11, 2018, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office reported.

The verdict means Brown will get life in prison without the possibility of parole at his formal sentencing. A second man, Kyle Williams Gathers, had earlier pleaded guilty to manslaughter and assault and battery with discharge of a firearm and was sentenced to 18 to 25 years in prison.

According to prosecutors, Brown, in a U-Haul pickup, and Williams Gathers, in a rented

Tahoe, followed Browder in his Toyota Camry, with two passengers, to the Burger King parking lot.

"There, Browder backed his car into an empty space," prosecutors said. "Williams Gathers stopped his vehicle near the Washington Street entrance. Another, unidentified man exited the vehicle and fired multiple shots into the back of Browder's car. Browder and one of his passengers attempted to flee, only to find that they had run in the direction of the U-Haul truck. Brown and another unidentified man each fired multiple shots, and Browder collapsed near the vehicle. He had a fatal wound in his back and a nonfatal wound in his right arm.

The surviving victim suffered a gunshot wound to the shoulder.

"The evidence showed that Williams Gathers then picked up the first shooter and fled the scene in the Tahoe. The U-Haul truck fled in a different direction. Cell phone records proved that Brown and Williams Gathers remained in contact throughout their pursuit of the victim; their phone call ended abruptly after the shooting occurred. Just one hour after the shooting, Williams Gathers returned the rented Tahoe to a dealership in Norwood and traded it for a different vehicle."

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A 26-year-old man faces charges for allegedly assaulting a Boston Police officer during a shoplifting incident at

the Stop & Shop in the South Bay Mall last Saturday morning. The suspect — Patrick Craddock — was ordered held without bail on Monday in the South Boston division of Boston Municipal Court. He was already wanted by authorities in New Hampshire, which intends to extradite him. Craddock is alleged to have ripped the officer's radio microphone off his shoulder in an attempt to prevent him from calling for backup. "As the officer tried to subdue him, Craddock wrestled and strangled the officer," according to prosecutors. The officer was transported to Boston Medical Center for treatment. Craddock is due back in court on April 26 for a pre-trial hearing.

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Teenagers can apply online for summer jobs

The city-run website for teens looking for summer employment is now taking applications. The SuccessLink program has 6,000 job slots this year, 1,000 more than last year. Boston youth

ages 14 to 18 (14-year-olds must turn 15 by Sept. 1, 2022) can apply. Boston invests more than \$10 million in organizations located in neighborhoods across the city to give youth early exposure to various

career paths and industry areas. Registering for a summer position with SuccessLink does not guarantee a job. Applicants are welcome to register online at successlink-boston.icims.com, visit the Depart-

ment of Youth Engagement & Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for registration assistance.

For more information, visit youth.boston.gov.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

A public meeting to discuss a proposed mixed-use building at 1525 Blue Hill Ave. in Mattapan will be hosted by the BPDA on Monday, April 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The building would house one commercial space and 16 condo units.

Fields Corner Civic Association meets via Zoom on Tues., April 5 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda includes a discussion of a proposed food festival on July 9 "Boston Little Saigon Night Market" that would require a street closure on Dorchester Avenue. Also: a proposed 14-unit development at 22 Freeman St. Contact civic president Jim Doyle at JMartinDoyle@gmail.com for more info.

Photographer Bill Brett celebrates his sixth book, "Boston: Game Changers" in an event on Sunday, April 10 from 1-4 p.m. at Florian Hall to raise funds for the Martin Richard Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Fieldhouse Project. The afternoon of conversation trading Boston stories featuring some of the city's best journalists: WBZ NewsRadio 1030's Jordan Rich, CBS Boston anchor Lisa Hughes; NBC10 anchor Latoyia Edwards; and WBZ NewsRadio's "NightSide" host

Dan Rea. Charity Auctioneer Jim Fagan will auction of numerous goods including signed, framed copies of some of Bill's most memorable images.

City holds first Boston Rec Fest at Franklin Park April 19— Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department present the first annual Boston Rec Fest (Recreation Festival) during the April school vacation week at the Playstead in Franklin Park on Tuesday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event for kids 18 and under will feature a variety of sporting activities for young Boston residents. Fun inflatables will provide skills challenges in the All-In-One Sports Arena, Full Court Press basketball game, QB Blitz football throw, Field Goal Challenge, Slap Shot Hockey, Soccer Shoot Out, All Star Challenge obstacle course. Baseball fans can engage with the Speed Pitch radar gun, Batting Cage, and Extreme Batting attraction that lets kids swing for the fences. Hands-on clinics hosted by sports professionals in archery, baseball, and softball will be offered along with a Boston Bruins Foundation street hockey clinic and giveaway, USA

Pickleball Association clinic, and USTA tennis clinic. The event will also include an appearance by Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster. The festival location is at the Playstead on Pierpont Road near the rear entrance of Franklin Park Zoo. By MBTA, take the Orange Line to Forest Hills and the #16 bus to the zoo. By car, the park can be reached from Blue Hill Avenue, Seaver Street, or Circuit Drive. Ample free parking. Fully handicapped accessible. For more information and to stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, call 617-635-4505, visit Boston.gov/Parks, join our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Dorchester Youth Hockey will host a "buzz-off" on Sunday, April 3 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Devine Rink in Neponset to support Conor Olsen, a 12-year-old player from Dorchester diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Supporters will volunteer to get their heads shaved in solidarity with Conor, who is now undergoing treatment for the illness. All proceeds

from the event, per Conor's wishes, will go to assist other families battling cancer. T-shirts will be available for purchase and donations will also be accepted. For more details or to sign-up, go to DotNews.com.

The 2022 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament will take place during the April public school vacation week beginning April 21. All games will be played at Garvey Playground at 340 Neponset Avenue in Dorchester. Teams will compete in three age groups: Mite (ages 6 to 8); Squirt (ages 9 to 10); and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12). Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division. To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damien.margardo@boston.gov, Jennifer Misiaszek at jennifer.misiaszek@boston.gov, or call 617-961-3083.

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Free bus rides enabling savings, opportunities along their routes

By CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

For Alberto Castro, a father of two and student at Roxbury Community College, free bus rides means saving money that he can later put toward his children's needs.

"I want a better future for them. It helps to put more money in my pocket to buy food or for medication or things like that," he said during a press conference on March 22. "It definitely helps me and my family."

A trio of MBTA bus lines in Boston — Routes 23, 28, and 29 — are part of a two-year fare-free pilot program that launched on March 1. The routes partly pass by Roxbury Community College. City officials have said instituting free bus rides on routes running through Mattapan, Roxbury, and Dorchester will speed up daily service and help residents save money.

The free rides are being funded by one-time federal funds that will eventually dry up, but the initiative is showing what's possible for some MBTA users, and also giving public officials time to think about how they can possibly finance

the initiative's long-term expansion.

Mayor Wu said free transportation lifts a "mental burden" people may feel when working public transportation plans into a daily schedule.

"I think any working parent or family member with kids is used to that daily toil of how am I going to get here on time, get back to pick up the kids, figure out what's for dinner, and how we put that on the table for everyone," she said. "It's a very familiar feeling that if you have to get all these things done, and transportation is an extra cost and a barrier, then you start to ration what you have to do or you try to just jam things together."

The two-year program follows a six-month fare-free pilot on Boston's Route 28. An MBTA analysis of that foray released in late February found free bus rides boosted ridership by more than 20 percent, though only one-third of riders said they saved money.

The ridership increase on Route 29 during the six-month pilot had minimal negative impacts on travel times and reliability, the MBTA

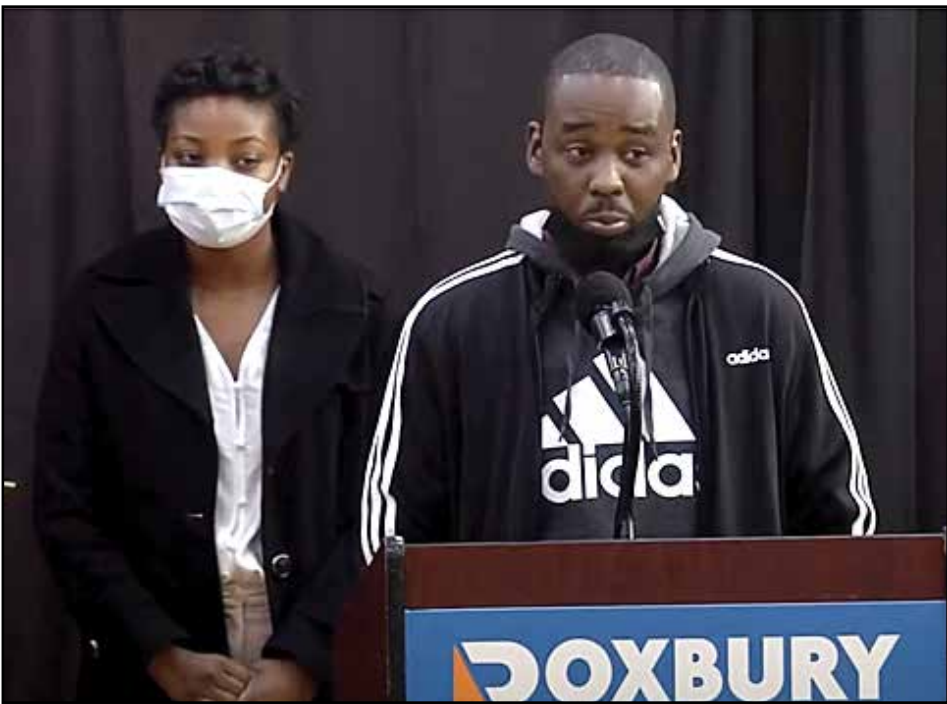
study found. The analysis said there was a 20 percent reduction in dwell times — time spent in the same spot — for riders when compared to similar routes.

Roxbury Community College student Andrea Jonas said free bus rides help her save money that she can put toward her nursing education. She said in communities like Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, fare-free buses help low-income residents access services that they otherwise couldn't get to without a car.

"Free transportation is very important to us," she said. "And you guys are changing the community by doing this, actually. So, you guys are making a big difference. I just want to say that."

The city announced plans to run three free bus lines in Boston in November 2021, with Wu looking to make good on a campaign promise. The pilot draws funding from \$8 million the city received from the federal government to cover the cost of lost fare revenue, and if necessary, to expand service.

Before that, former Boston Mayor Kim Janey helped launch the



Roxbury Community College student Alberto Castro said fare-free bus service helps him save money he can put toward his two children's future. SHNS photo

six-month fare free pilot on Route 28. Janey said that both the original pilot and the two-year program help address inequities in Boston.

"This is so important," she said. "It demonstrates what can happen when we work together, when we work with the advocates, when we work with each other in elected government, when we are making sure that we are doing what is best for our community and those who have been marginalized for far too long."

US Rep. Ayanna Pressley recalled one of her first jobs in government.

She said every African American person on staff who lived in Boston was late to work every single day because of unreliable public transportation.

Pressley said people took that as a moral and character flaw that fed negative stereotypes. "It was not for any lack of effort or trying, it was about systems," she said. "When we talk about racism being structural and systemic, this is what we mean. We weren't all late for work because we didn't get up on time. We were late for work because our transit was not reliable, was not rapid."

The fare-free bus program, Pressley said, helps people access a basic, essential need. "How demoralizing when you don't have equitable access to a basic need. The helplessness that a mother feels that she can't get to childcare on time, a father feels to get his children to school on time," she said.

For Castro, he never thought he would see free bus rides. "It tells me that the congresswoman's advocacy and our mayor's advocacy for us is working," he said. "We just have to speak up and be with them."

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Healey noncommittal on Chang-Diaz call for three pre-convention debates

By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

In responding this week to state Sen. Chang-Diaz's challenge to her to commit to three debates in the campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor at the party's June convention, Attorney General Maura Healey highlighted other ways that she is engaging with voters.

Through a spokeswoman, Healey noted that she would debate before the Sept. 6 primary, but beyond that did not say when or how many debates she was prepared to accept.

"She looks forward to continuing to engage with voters throughout this campaign and participating in forums and debates before the primary election to share her vision and ensure voters know where the candidates stand on the issues," Healey aide Karissa Hand said.

Chang-Diaz sent Healey a letter last Thursday calling for three live, televised debates before the Democratic

Party convention on June 4 as she looks to chip away at Healey's advantages, like name recognition, that have made her the front-runner for the party's nomination for governor.

"Democrats deserve to hear publicly from their candidates for governor on the important issues facing us," Chang-Díaz said. "This moment calls for leadership that is willing to answer the tough questions and provide fearless commitment to the residents we serve."

Hand said that since launching her campaign in January, Healey has been traveling around the state to party caucuses and candidate forums hosted by advocacy groups and other organizations.

"She has been talking directly with delegates and voters to hear from them and answer their questions," Hand said.

Democrats will gather in Worcester on the first weekend in June to decide which statewide candidates will qualify for ballot access and who, if anyone, the



Sonia Chang-Diaz



Maura Healey

party wants to endorse. Candidates like Healey and Chang-Diaz need to earn at least 15 percent of voting delegates at the convention to appear on the ballot as a Democrat, along with gathering 10,000 voter signatures.

Chang-Diaz's campaign manager, Josh Wolfson, said the senator had already agreed to one debate offer, but declined to name the media outlet until the event was confirmed. He said the campaign was open to other offers.

Healey's campaign declined to comment on any offers to debate it may have received so far.

A MassINC Polling Group survey in late January found Healey with a sizable early lead in the Democratic primary for governor with 48 percent to 12 percent for Chang-Diaz and 3 percent for Harvard professor Danielle Allen, who has since dropped out of the race. Thirty percent of Democratic primary voters were undecided.

State education officials begin review of city's public schools

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"If you encounter a system that was in disarray," Harvey said, "and you saw that students weren't being serviced, especially from traditionally marginalized groups, doesn't it make sense to come back in and look to see if you have done anything to improve this?"

Harvey said she hopes BPS receives actionable feedback, and that parents get information as to whether or not the district has made measurable improvements.

Still, some worried the review could signal that a state takeover is in the offing. State law requires that officials conduct a district review no more than a year before approving state receivership.

Mayor Wu, City Councillor Julia Mejia, and Boston Teachers Union President Jessica Tang all used the public comment period at last Tuesday's state education board meeting to urge against placing the state's largest school district under receivership.

While Wu said she welcomed collaboration with state officials, a



State Education Commissioner Jeff Riley
Jesse Costa/WBUR Photo

state takeover would be counterproductive at a time when BPS is searching for a new superintendent. She argued the Boston school community was the best-equipped group to accelerate progress toward the district's goals.

[The next day, the School Committee approved and sent to the City Council a \$1.3 billion budget, presenting a \$40 million increase over this year's, and putting per-student spending at \$27,100, the Globe reported. A total of 41,169 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade were enrolled across Boston's 113 public schools this year.]

On Tuesday, Wu said the new budget would make "unprecedented commitments" in support of student achievement and that the city is also investing in the district outside the BPS budget and launching programs that will support students like affordable housing and food justice initiatives. She also said she is excited about the search for Boston's next superintendent.

"It is with all this in mind that I firmly oppose receivership," Wu said. "With deep gratitude for our educators for the progress we've made and with a deep appreciation for the scale of the challenges ahead, receivership would be counterproductive in light of our

ongoing transition and in light of the progress we're making in collaboration with the state. I continue to seek partnership with the state, welcome this chance to work with DESE on this review and will also continue to seek partnership with every entity across the city, every institution."


School systems in Lawrence, Holyoke, and Southbridge are currently the only districts under state receivership. According to DESE's accountability data, those districts are also some of the lowest performing.

Harvey, the special education advisory group chair, said she needs to see specific proposals from the state and the district to determine whether receivership is a good idea.

"We need to know what the options on the table are," she said. "If the politicians that are playing the game with our families and our kids have all of that inside information, I'm going to ask them to be transparent and start to share so we can know what's going on, too."

More than 81 percent of students are identified as high-needs, and about 30 percent are classified as English language learners.

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The Salvation Army celebrates 100th birthday of EDS canteen

The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) canteen is a welcome sign of relief when disaster strikes— especially for first responders at fire and crime scenes in our neighborhoods.

Last Friday, guests marked the centennial of the Boston EDS canteen at the non-profit organization's South End Corps. The Salvation Army also announced that it will add a new canteen truck to serve Boston's neighborhood later this year, the result of a \$150,000 anonymous donation. The vehicle is equipped with a mobile kitchen and better maneuverability for city streets.

"As we celebrate our first 100 years, we are honored to be surrounded by so many of the people who have played a significant role in EDS's success," said Emily Mew, state coordinator of Emergency Disaster Services. "Over the past century, it has been a privilege for our Salvation Army officers to work alongside our



From left: Pat Carnevale, deputy director of MEMA, Major Marcus Jugenheimer, of the Salvation Army, Emily Mew, of the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services, Boston Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey, Dawn Brantley, acting director of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), John Soares, president, Boston Firefighters Local 718, and EDS Volunteers Rick Reinhardtsen and Dave MacDonald.

trained and dedicated volunteers. "Together we have served thousands of first responders and survivors at local disasters such

as the Boston Marathon Bombings, historic fires including the Cocoanut Grove, and emergency response events, including Inauguration Night. Our

work would not be possible without our amazing community partners."

"The Salvation Army means so much to so many people. As a firefighter, I have seen how they're there when people are in need," said Boston Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey. "It's truly amazing to see how they perform their mission. Like most heroes, they quietly do God's work without the accolades. That work will never be done and for that we are fortunate to have The Salvation Army."

Two longtime volunteers who have given countless hours to help neighbors in Boston and across the Commonwealth were recognized at the event: Rick Reinhardtsen, a volunteer with The Salvation Army's Martha's Vineyard Service Unit, and Dave MacDonald, a volunteer with The Salvation Army in Fitchburg.

Mass Lottery, Boston Celtics honor Dot's Tony Galvo as 'Hero Among Us'



Tony Galvao, a youth leader who grew up experiencing the difficulties of living in a city with limited resources, founded My Brother's Keeper 617 to empower young men by providing them with mentorship and the skills needed to reach their full potential. His organization has reached hundreds of families in the Dorchester area and beyond.

For all that effort, he was honored as a "Hero Among US" award presented by the Massachusetts Lottery to individuals who are making a difference in the lives of

young men throughout their communities and beyond at TD Garden on Jan. 5 when the Boston Celtics played the San Antonio Spurs.

Since its establishment in 1997 by the Celtics organization, the Heroes Among Us program has recognized outstanding individuals who have made exceptional and lasting contributions to their communities. The award is presented at every Celtics home game and pays tribute to the heroic achievements of these outstanding citizens.



Dorchester natives Jerome Smith, head of Community Affairs, New England Region, Amazon; US Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh; and Jim Brett, president & CEO, New England Council, attended a luncheon program sponsored by Amazon and hosted by the New England Council at the Seaport Hotel on March 18.

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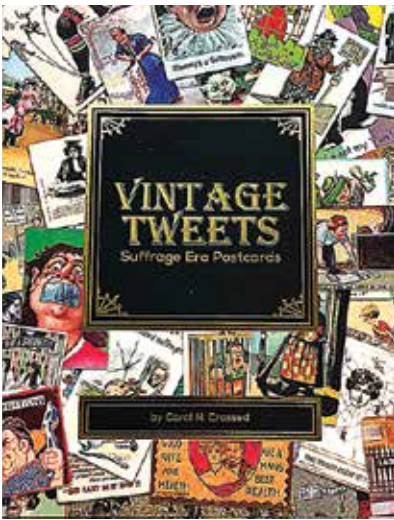
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Long before there were tweets there were postcards. Last Monday evening at 7 via Zoom, Carol Crossed, president of the board of the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, shared colorful and entertaining examples of the postcards and the stories they tell about the suffrage movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The 218-page hardcover book, published by the Birthplace Museum at \$75 a copy, contains color photos of suffrage postcards from Crossed's private collection of 400. The book was released in time for Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26, 2019, which marked the passage of the 19th Amendment (also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment) to the US



Constitution granting women the right to vote. One reviewer wrote: "The book

chronicles the fight for the vote through thought-provoking, often amusing, and sometimes shocking illustrations and photos and short, pithy messages on complex domestic issues—marriage, childbirth, violence—and public and political topics: abolition, temperance and dress reform."

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

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Editorial

What’s up with the Mattapan trolleys?

The MBTA has scheduled a meeting for Wed., April 13, to update the community on its ongoing Mattapan Line “transformation program.” The session will be held virtually via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. and will take up “the status of the program, public outreach strategies, and have questions and comments answered by the program team.”

There have been questions raised over the past two years about the pace and purpose of the estimated \$8 million project, which, the MBTA says, is intended “to make improvements on the Mattapan Line to ensure accessible, reliable, and modern service for Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton for years to come.”

State lawmakers have been pressing the T to explain why refurbished trolley cars have been slow to return to service. A series of reports by NBC10 Boston, which highlighted the lawmakers’ complaints, prompted Sen. Walter Timilty (D-Milton) to call for his colleagues in the state Senate to order an “oversight investigation” into the project. He says the project is “currently more than two years behind schedule” and termed it a “debacle” in a recent report aired by the TV station.

For their part, MBTA officials say that efforts to upgrade the 1940s-era trolley cars were slowed — like so many other things — by the pandemic. And, according to T spokesman Joe Pesaturo, they’ve had “little or no impact” on actual service along the trolley line. Last week, the T rolled out its first refurbished trolley with new features, including an upgraded, quieter propulsion system and LED lights.



The MBTA rolled out this newly refurbished Mattapan trolley car last week. *MBTA photo*

Next month’s meeting will be a welcome opportunity to hear and see what T officials expect will happen next. Eventually, the entire fleet of historic PCC cars are supposed to be replaced by newer trolley vehicles like those now in service on the Green Line. We hope to hear more concrete answers about how — and when — those changes will happen.

– Bill Forry

Wu will address UMass Boston grads

The class of 2022 at UMass Boston — some 3,900 undergraduates, graduate, and doctoral students — will hear from the mayor of Boston at their commencement on May 27. The university announced on Wednesday that Michelle Wu, the city’s first elected female mayor, will give the keynote address at the event, which will be held — for the first time ever — at the Boston Convention and Exposition Center in South Boston. Wu graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

“It is a privilege and an honor to have Mayor Wu address our graduates,” Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco said in a statement. “It is also fitting in that Mayor Wu shares with so many of our students the immigrant experience, the value of diversity, and the commitment to effect positive change in our society. We look forward to welcoming her to Boston’s public research university.” - B.F.



Mayor Wu and her son, left, enjoyed the Boston Winter Express event held at Town Field on March 13. *Photo by John Wilcox/Mayor’s Office*

Let’s bring some fun back to wintertime at Town Field

By Candice Gartley
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A little over two weeks ago, Town Field was the site of the city of Boston’s “Winter Express.” There had been several of these celebrations throughout winter in neighborhoods where a community came together in person for the first time in a long time to celebrate.

What made Town Field’s event different from other celebrations was that the planning committee worked with the city to obtain a synthetic ice surface to recreate the ice-skating area that used to occupy the lower field in the park many years ago.

On that day, close to 300 people braved the very chilly but sunny day to come out and participate in the event. Maybe it was because people had been relegated to their homes for so long due to the pandemic and the winter weather, but maybe it was also the lure of trying out some new activity in a park near their homes — that being ice skating.

But ice skating at Town Field is not new. From what I have been told by long time Dorchester residents, in the 1950s, ’60s and ’70s, the Fire Department would come by with a pumping truck and flood low lying areas in community parks. The neighbors would wait a few days to make sure the ice was solid and then the skating (and pickup hockey games) began!

People who remember those days shared their memories of running home after school, grabbing their skates, and heading to the park; those who grew up around the area remember becoming parents and bringing their kids there to help them create their own memories.

So why did this low-tech, low-cost, high-impact activity stop? It couldn’t be because the Frog Pond downtown assumed the role of free skate for the entire city of Boston; most of the kids in my neighbor-

hood in Codman Square and Fields Corner wouldn’t think of going there unless they were brought along on a field trip.

The ice rinks that have been constructed in the area are not easy to get to without transportation (I know — I’m a hockey mom — I’ve driven to most of them). Climate change could possibly be a contributor to the decline of this neighborhood asset, but neighborhoods in and around Boston still manage to have small rinks in backyards. So why not now, in our neighborhood parks, in the winter when these outdoor spaces sit fallow?

While the pandemic has deeply impacted our communities in a negative way, it has also forced us to look at creative ways to provide safe, healthy activities for our communities. What is not to love about ice-skating? It can be intergenerational, address health disparities in our underserved neighborhoods, offer outdoor activities during the winter months, introduce youth to something they rarely have the opportunity to experience, and most important — allow us to connect with our neighbors after such a long period of isolation.

My hope was that by having this small square of synthetic ice and to see the joy among all the young faces who skated out onto it — some for the first time — we would plant the seed of possibility to revisit this lost opportunity in our neighborhoods on a bigger scale. In the future, I hope that ice skating along the lines of Frog Pond will come to Town Field.

It’s not a new idea here, as we learned from our long-time residents, and it’s certainly something that would enliven the area and bring commerce in during the winter months. Let’s see if we can bring this tradition back to Town Field.

Candice Gartley is the executive director of All Dorchester Sports League.

Boston launching new office to support LGBTQ residents

The city of Boston will open a new office dedicated to empowering and protecting its LGBTQ residents and centralizing and expanding that work amid what Mayor Michelle Wu called a “growing movement to strip away rights that the queer community has fought and waited so long for.”

Wu announced March 23 that her administration will stand up an Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement that will be tasked with developing policies and programs to empower Bostonians in those communities.

City officials are seeking an executive director to lead the new office, which will work alongside other departments and community organizations. Wu’s chief of equity and inclusion, Mariangely Solis Cervera, said the new office aims to have two full-time employees by fiscal year 2023 and enough budgeted funds to handle a range of programming.

Boston previously had several LGBTQ+ liaisons under the Office of Neighborhood Services umbrella, and Wu said creation of a new department will scale up efforts to provide services to those communities.

“For too long, members of our LGBTQ+ community have had to invent systems of safety and support for themselves while those in power have looked on or away,” Wu said at a press conference announcing the new office. “For too long, they’ve needed to find resilience in the absence of protection. And for too long, many of us outside the community failed to act.

But the pursuit of justice cannot fall only to those impacted most directly by injustice, because the strength and safety of all of our communities is our collective responsibility.”

More than 20 other states have seen “anti-LGBTQ+ legislation” introduced so far in 2022, according to Wu, who said many of the proposals “specifically target the trans community.”

Sen. Julian Cyr, a Truro Democrat and former chair of the Massachusetts Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning Youth, cautioned that elected officials in Massachusetts may be growing complacent on LGBTQ issues.

Having a city office “laser-focused on the needs of LGBTQ+ people” will make “a world of difference,” he added.

“Too often, government has really overlooked the needs of the most vulnerable people in our community,” Cyr said. “Yes, this is Boston, and yes, this is Massachusetts. We’re proud, I think, of what we’ve done, but I really worry that we’ve been resting on our laurels when it comes to the LGBTQ+ community.”

The LGBTQ Youth Commission plans an event this Thursday (March 31) outside the State House to call on state government to “to say it with us loud and clear: LGBTQ youth belong here and everywhere.”

- CHRIS LISINSKI
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MassBiologics looking to expand its campus on state hospital land

(Continued from page 1) relevant and in sync with the people developing new therapeutics. We don't know where it will take us, but we're excited about how rapidly the field of biologic therapeutics is moving here."

MassBiologics started working out of the 25.5-acre Mattapan campus in 2005 when they put up a manufacturing building. They then built a research and administration building in 2010. There has been no expansion of manufacturing there since the facility opened, and no expansion at all in Mattapan for more than a decade, despite the hot biotech market in other areas of Boston.

State Rep. Russell Holmes said discussions for the expansion on the final four acres at the state hospital property have been ongoing for the past three years, with the timing beginning to ripen last summer. He filed the current legislation jointly with state Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz in July.

For Holmes, the expansion is a no-brainer and one that will bring more of an industry to Mattapan that isn't often located here. "When

you think about it, in MassBiologics we have a public, FDA-approved vaccine manufacturer in the heart of Mattapan from the UMass Medical campus," he said. "If we prepare for the next 100 years, do we prepare for that future to be in Mattapan? I believe so.

"These jobs pay a lot of money and I want these jobs in my neighborhood where people can just walk to them. These are jobs of the future and I want them in Mattapan."

Any new manufacturing facility could carry a price tag of anywhere between \$100 million and \$200 million. Fazio said there is no timeline right now on construction; they are focusing on getting control of the land while engaging in a strategic planning process to identify areas where they might expand their manufacturing.

The facility mostly makes liquid products for injection or infusion, focusing on growing organisms that produce a biological molecule. Fazio said they essentially "grow, collect, purify and then mix up" these biologics.

Holmes added that much of what is done is not the profitable biotech

products, but rather for things that are good for the world, but don't command large profits.

"They do the things society needs most, like rabies shots and cholera vaccines," he said. "That's not profitable, but it is good for the world that people don't die of rabies or cholera. We have to fund and support these solutions. That's what this new facility will continue to push forward."

As to the jobs potential if the deal goes through, one point that has been brought up is that many of the jobs that likely will be available, are highly technical and haven't traditionally gone to residents of Mattapan and Dorchester residents. Fazio said that despite the technical nature of positions, being "teachable" is the key ingredient. Since MassBiologics is based in Worcester, a lot of job openings were only posted in the Worcester area, he said, adding that they are trying to correct that with advertising and job fairs that are more local to Mattapan and Dorchester.

"We find the most important characteristic of someone in biological

manufacturing is the characteristic of being teachable," Fazio said. "They don't necessarily need to have experience in biology or chemistry or have worked in a biological manufacturing industry. It's really about being open minded ... following written instructions, being completely dependable... We have been able to get more employees from the neighborhood. We've been more successful recently."

He added the company has internships for high school and college students. Last year, he said, all their interns were from communities surrounding the facility, including Mattapan and Dorchester.

Holmes said the expansion should spark a conversation about getting Black and Brown students into a pipeline that will end with a job at MassBiologics that they can walk to. He said since talk of expansion began, he has been working extensively with MassBiologics about getting students at the Brooke Charter and other high schools nearby into STEM training that would qualify them for these jobs. He noted



The UMass Chan Medical School's MassBiologics facility on Walk Hill Street in Mattapan. *Seth Daniel photo*

there are more than 30 openings at the campus right now for qualified people.

"We want to help our public university and our communities of color," he said. "We want to put industries in neighborhoods you don't see them in. You don't see this in Mattapan. You will now... There's nothing else like it in Mattapan."

The potential expansion is still very much in its infancy stage, so there has been no indication of what the design might look like. However, Fazio said, it would match the

look of existing buildings

Holmes noted that if the expansion goes through, it would be the final distribution of land from the old hospital site, a process that has been ongoing for almost 30 years. Any new building would be subject to the square footage fee that is paid into a Community Activity Committee (CAC) trust fund, the assets of which are annually distributed to local organizations via applications. The fund now contains close to \$1 million.

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SJC overturns '17 conviction based on an officer's 'hunch'

BY ADAM GAFFIN
UNIVERSAL HUB

The Supreme Judicial Court ruled last week that police who pull over a vehicle and then let the drivers go on their way, can't then pull their vehicle over again, even on a good hunch, unless they saw the drivers or passengers doing something illegal while the vehicles were pulling away.

And because of that, the state's highest court concluded, Erickson Daveiga's eight-year sentence for illegal possession of a firearm, meted out after he pleaded guilty, needed to be overturned.

Daveiga, who was given the lengthy sentence in part because he is considered an "armed career offender," was a passenger in a Pacifica

minivan that was double parked on Monadnock Street, a one-way Dorchester roadway, around 4 a.m. on Aug. 6, 2017, according to the court summary of the case. Two BPD officers in an unmarked cruiser driving up the street found they couldn't get by without clipping the mirror on either the Pacifica or a parked car, so they pulled up as close as they could, then, through the rear passenger window, addressed the driver, who at first said he was waiting for a friend and asked what he was supposed to do.

One of the officers recognized Daveiga, sitting by that window, staring straight ahead. The officer, Joseph McDonough, was familiar with the defendant from at least 30 prior encounters, and

had arrested him at least three times, once in July of 2016 for a firearms offense. Nonetheless, he felt that the two had a cordial relationship. The defendant referred to McDonough, who is bald, as "Baldy."

In light of that relationship, McDonough thought that Daveiga's defendant's demeanor in the Pacifica was unusual. He asked, "How are you, pal? Are you doing good today?" In a low tone, the defendant answered that he was okay. The driver then told the officers that he would move the Pacifica and park elsewhere, gesturing toward several open parking spots nearby. McDonough responded, "Yeah, sure, all right," and backed up to give the Pacifica more space to move forward.

The Pacifica pulled out, but the driver didn't turn into one of the parking spaces; he kept going and turned left onto Dudley Street.

"Because a right turn would have been a more direct route back to Monadnock Street, the officers grew suspicious. McDonough then changed his mind and decided to stop the Pacifica for some questioning. After about ten to fifteen seconds, he pulled it over.

This time, the other officer directed a flashlight toward the car and spotted something. He ordered everybody out, and the two officers confirmed that that "something" was a gun, near where Daveiga had been sitting. Knowing that he had no right to possess a gun, they arrested him.

In its ruling, the SJC said the two officers did nothing wrong in asking the driver to move, but that once he did move, that should have been the end of things, even if the driver didn't pull into one of the spaces and didn't seem to be heading back to the street.

But because they did

not see the driver or any of the occupants of the car do anything wrong after that, they should not have pulled the car over on the "pretext" of a traffic stop for an event that had, in fact, ended with resolution - the driver stopped blocking the narrow street and drove off.

Citing both state and federal cases that prevent officers from prolonging traffic stops because officers suspect something other than a traffic infraction is going on, the court said. "In addition to unreasonably prolonged stops and unreasonable delays, this case presents a third set of objective circumstances demonstrating that once the government's interest in traffic safety has been met, the individual interests prevail, and police authority to conduct a motor vehicle stop on the basis of an observed traffic violation terminates.

"Here, the officers approached the Pacifica with the "mission" of addressing the vehicle's blocking of the street, an apparent violation of Boston Traffic Rules and Regulations, art. VI, § 7. ... At that moment, the officers could have conducted a stop to investigate the parking violation and could have performed the various tasks tied to the enforcement of the traffic laws, such as asking the driver to produce his license

and registration. The officers determined, however, that they would not issue a citation, and the Pacifica moved so as to stop blocking the street, thereby concluding the encounter and completing the "mission" of the investigation. ...

"Because the driver of the Pacifica did not commit any further traffic violations, the government's interest in ensuring traffic safety was met once the violation on Monadnock Street was resolved. ...

"Because police otherwise lacked the authority to conduct a traffic stop on Dudley Street, the stop was unreasonable under [the Massachusetts equivalent of the 4th Amendment]."

With that, the court reversed a lower court judge's denial of the request by Daveiga's attorney to toss the gun as evidence, saying:

"Because the defendant was convicted of carrying a firearm without a license, and the Commonwealth would not be able to establish beyond a reasonable doubt that then defendant possessed an operational firearm without the evidence of the gun, the defendant's conviction cannot stand."

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Neighbors say Taco Bell would be ‘out of place’ in new Mattapan Sq.



BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A funny thing happened just as Mattapan Square businesses and residents began to call for fewer cars and healthier eating options. A drive-thru-dependent Taco Bell fast food restaurant proprietor came to town with a proposal to locate an eatery in the square on the prominent corner of Babson Street and Blue Hill Avenue.

At neighborhood meetings, particularly at the March 17 Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council’s (GMNC) Zoning Committee session, the proposal was greeted very coolly by neighbors who openly wondered why Taco Bell would think the square was a good place to do business in the context of two years of community planning for the introduction of healthy food options for residents.

“I’ve gotta say...it flies completely in the face of what our plan is trying to do with Mattapan Square,” said Matt Skelly, of GMNC. “It’s not intended to circulate better vehicular traffic at all. If anything, the plan is intended to constrict vehicular traffic.”

Kenya Beaman, a Mattapan resident and the facilitator of the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) PLAN: Mattapan initiative, said that “people in Mattapan have consistently said they want to see more healthy eating options and not Taco Bell because Taco Bell is not known for healthy eating options. Even if you consider it a healthy eating option, it is still processed food...I’ve even had conversations with my colleagues, and we’re all surprised such an establishment wants to come to this space where we’ve been yearning for something way better than what we’ve been given.”

Resident Vivian Diaz asked, “Why do we continue to want to bring unhealthy food to communities that are living the highest health disparities? Unfortunately, we only continue to get these huge franchises coming into Mattapan Square. That’s not what we want. We want local businesses that can offer us healthy options.”

GMNC Chair Fatima Ali-Salaam noted that there isn’t a single sit-down restaurant in Mattapan Square with a liquor license in the way that there are in other neighborhoods.

State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley said she had discussed the situation with the property owner, Atlantic Retail of Newbury Street in the Back Bay, and got nowhere with them. “When I first learned about the proposal, I immediately attempted to connect the landowners with healthier, local restaurant options, but those options were rejected,” she said, adding:

“Mattapan’s food justice problems persist today because of decisions like this, and it’s offensive that developers think a Black community in Mattapan would not frequent a healthy option. Given that these dangerous beliefs still exist in 2022, it is no surprise that our community has been deprived of investment and developed such disparate health outcomes.”

An LLC tied to Atlantic Realty bought the property from the old Monro Muffler company in 2018 for \$400,000, according to records in the Registry of Deeds. There has been no activity on the site since that time.

The proprietor of the Taco Bell proposal is Cantina Hospitality of Greenwich, CT. The company said that after doing market research they felt that Mattapan Square was a great location where they could be successful with a drive-thru restaurant.

Above: A rendering of the restaurant and drive-thru window that is being proposed for the former muffler shop site at the corner of Babson Street and Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan Square. At left: an overhead view of the proposed Taco Bell drive-thru operations in Mattapan Square.

They would demolish the old muffler shop on the 14,600 square-foot site and build a one-story Taco Bell with 20 seats inside, 7 parking spaces, and an ample drive-thru operation that they said was “critical” to the venture.

They propose 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours in the dining room, and drive-thru hours until 2 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – while staying open until 1 a.m. at the drive-thru on all other days.

Mattapan Square already has a Burger King restaurant with a drive-thru that closes at 11 p.m.

The Taco Bell team was unable to answer several key questions at the March 17 meeting, a point of frustration for neighbors who hoped to get some answers on the fundamentals of the proposal.


“I’m feeling a little disconcerted because every time we’ve asked a question, we keep getting answers that you’ll get back to us,” said Allentza Michel. “The content and richness of

information? There’s not any structured answer that we’ve gotten.”

Many in attendance were concerned about how a drive-thru would work at the nexus of one of the most confusing and congested traffic intersections on Blue Hill Avenue.

Traffic engineer Kevin Solli said they expected 49 new trips on Saturday’s during peak hours, and 28 new trips on weekdays during peak hours. “Based on our analysis, the intersection would maintain acceptable operational conditions,” he said, adding, “obviously there are some queues we wanted to be mindful of.”

Skelly, who is a professional traffic engineer, said his analysis led him to believe traffic backups onto Blue Hill Avenue from the drive-thru would likely be a regular situation.



Youth Force Program Manager

Classification: Full Time / Year-Round program

Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, now in its 5th decade of service to the community in Uphams Corner in Dorchester, seeks an innovative, driven, and effective individual to lead our highly successful Dorchester Bay Youth Force (DBYF) program.

DBYF, an initiative of Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, is a youth-led, adult supported community organizing program which exists to create positive change in the Dorchester community by developing teen leaders. Youth Force works to improve the lives of young people and the community at large by helping teens gain the skills and motivation necessary to engage civically and win concrete changes they want to see in their own lives and community. Youth Force seeks to transform young people into active citizens and through this process it seeks to build the power of young people and engage them in grassroots, community organizing campaigns which will have a deep and long lasting change in their community and will push community leaders to be more responsive to the needs of teenagers

DBYF is looking for an individual who can help us continue to build our power across Dorchester.

The individual would work to build and support a team of teen leaders. Additionally, the individual would play a role in building out greater community organizing capacity and developing policy impact work at Dorchester Bay beyond our Youth Force.

The DBYF **manager** would be part of Dorchester Bay’s Resident Initiative Community Organizing Department (RICO) and would focus on the following:

- Hire, train and supervise participants /interns on community organizing and leadership development
- Build partnerships with local organizations and schools
- Work in collaboration with the RICO Board Sub-Committee to review ongoing community strategies and strategic goals for the organization.
- Develop and implement a strategy for our organizing work.
- Work as a team with organizing staff, adult and youth representatives from participating organizations.
- Support our youth development work
- Submit timesheets/payroll
- Represent DBEDC at community meetings, assist staff in doing so, as well
- Conduct regular outreach efforts in high schools and community
- Support in Grants by meeting and tracking deliverables (activities)
- Make verbal and written reports weekly, quarterly, annually
- Other duties as assigned.

Key Attributes and Experience:

- Passion for working with youth
- 2-5 years working in a social justice & community organization. Priority is given to those with community organizing experience and youth work experience
- Ability to train participants in community organizing
- Knowledge of and relationships in low-income communities of color in Boston.
- Experience running organizing campaigns
- Able to multi-task
- Team player but with the ability to work independently
- Available to work flexible hours, including afternoons and occasional evening and weekend events.

Management and Organizational Qualities:

Leadership - the ability to work effectively with others in the community and in the workplace, including:

- Developing the next cadre of organizers in the department and assisting in ongoing strategies and targeted campaigns.
- Actively recruiting, training, and developing the next generation of community organizers in the community.

Relational - must be able to build relationships with other staff based on shared goals, shared knowledge, and mutual respect.

Team Work – must be able to work in multi-functional teams/departments within the organization.

Preferred Skills and Qualifications:

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite or Google Suite
- Culturally sensitive; ability to develop a rapport with individuals from diverse sectors
- Developed Public Speaking
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Experience with social media messaging
- Experience working with database creation and maintenance
- Ability to speak a second language is helpful, but not required
- Flexible working hours

Helpful skills but not required

- Fluency in a second language (Spanish & Cape Verde/Creole)
- Familiarity with ABCD and SuccessLink
- Drivers License

Compensation

- Commensurate with experience, plus benefits

Please submit a cover letter detailing your salary requirements your particular qualifications for this position, along with a resume to: vpina@dbedc.org. No phone calls, please.

Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation views diversity, inclusion, and cultural competence as vital guiding principles in all of our work with clients and communities. We welcome and encourage applications from visible minority group members, indigenous persons, members of the LGBTQ+ community, persons with disabilities, and others who may contribute to the organization’s diversity and reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.

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Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: March 31, 2022

Verizon lays out \$45 million for South Bay-adjacent sites

Seen as likely end to development plan

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR
A major land purchase by Verizon at Enter-

prise and Boston Streets seems a signal to the demise of a large mixed-use development planned for the site.

Bass Realty, fronted at the time by Chip Batchelder, had proposed a 405-unit development in 2019 with ample open

space, new infrastructure, retail space, and direct connections to South Bay from Boston Street.



The Jan Karski Way Extension development projected 405 units of housing, open space, and retail space right off of Boston Street.

Rendering courtesy BPDA

Neither the developer nor the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) would confirm the end of the development's, but the purchase by Verizon of the land seems to be a strong signal that the Jan Karski Way Extension Project is no longer advancing.

Verizon attorneys confirmed to the Reporter that having leased the property for decades, they took advantage of a clause in their existing lease that allowed them to purchase the property. They did just that in late December, buying 15 Enterprise St. and 173 Boston St. for a total of \$45 million.

"We bought two contiguous properties we have been occupying for many years – decades in fact – to continue providing service to Dorchester and Boston," said Verizon attorney Steve Cohen. "We exercised an option in our lease."

Cohen said Verizon has no intention to develop the property or change its use from what is currently there – an industrial-style work yard for Verizon vehicles and equipment. There are two buildings on the site as well.

Batchelder, who rep-

resented Bass Realty during the development discussions, did not return numerous e-mails and calls regarding the status of the development.

The development was first proposed in 2019, and after a long process with the Dorchester Historical Society (DHS) and the McCormack Civic Association, gained BPDA Board approval in July 2021.

A BPDA spokesperson said they had not received any communication of withdrawal of the project, which they said wasn't unusual on a private land sale.

Earl Taylor, of the DHS, said the demise of the project was kind of disappointing. He noted that the DHS historic properties sit beside and in front of the site, and there had been several meetings to iron out improvements to the sidewalks and streetscapes in the area.

He also said some of the Verizon work activities at night can be noisy and disruptive.

"I hope Verizon can do something to improve the appearance," he said. "There were lots of street improvements coming from the project."



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MBTA's Mattapan Line Transformation Program

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is advancing the Mattapan Line Transformation Program. The purpose of this Program is to make improvements on the Mattapan Line to ensure accessible, reliable, and modern service for Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton for years to come. The MBTA invites you to attend a Virtual Public Information Meeting to learn about the status of the Program, public outreach strategies, and have questions and comments answered by the Program team.

Virtual Public Information Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Please visit the Program website:

<https://www.mbta.com/projects/mattapan-line-transformation>

to register for the meeting. After registering, you will receive an email containing information about joining the meeting.

Accommodations: This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. The MBTA provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request, including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language (ASL) and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices, and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, braille, and large print, as available.

For accommodation or language assistance, please contact Lydia Rivera at 617-851-1095, or email trolley@mbta.com. Requests should be made as early as possible prior to the meeting. For more difficult-to-arrange services including ASL, captioning in real time (CART), or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made by April 6, 2022.

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Conor Olsen’s ‘Buzz-Off’ event: A story of grit, hope, and giving



Conor Olsen and family will be hosting the Conor Crushes Cancer ‘Buzz Off’ event on Sunday, April 3, at the Devine Ice Rink in Neponset.

Olsen Family photo

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The drastic turn of events meant that Conor missed the tail end of his hockey season, including the state tournament games. He watched on-line as his teammates won one of their games, then he joined his mates on the bench during the state championship game against Hanover, a close game that Dorchester lost.

The season, however, didn’t stop for the team after that game. DYH families and the Bantam Blue players kids have rallied around the Olsens – a gift card and a new PS5 followed for Conor, which he is using to play the ‘MLB’ baseball game.

“We’re just very blessed,” said Phil. “We’re

fortunate to have support of family and friends and people we don’t even know. It’s incredible to think you just go into a hospital and have something like this happen. Then the outpouring of support. You see it with others, but when it is focused on you, it’s just so humbling and we’re so grateful. We couldn’t live in a better part of Boston or in a better part of the country in that we have access to care at a place like Children’s.”

Once Conor’s treatments started, he began posting on his Instagram journey page (@ConorCrushesCancer), including a note that he had gone to the barber to have his hair cut off ahead of his chemother-

apy treatments.

“My hockey team saw that, and they wanted to show their support for me by shaving their heads, too,” he said. “We talked about having a whole event for the community to come out to, and that’s what we’re doing.”

That gesture by his teammates has morphed into the Conor Crushes Cancer ‘Buzz Off’ event this Sunday, April 3, at Devine Rink in Neponset. Participants are encouraged to shave their heads to raise money in support of other families at Children’s that Conor sees during his Wednesday treatments.

Having already felt the support of so many, the Olsens want to bestow the same help “out of the blue” to other families also in treatment for Hodgkin’s lymphoma - help that would include things parking and food costs. The event will feature T-shirts for sale, and donations will also be accepted.

Deb Olsen said that although they had 80 spots available for the ‘Buzz Off,’ and all 80 spots were filled quickly, they expect there will be ample room for walk-ins at the event, which will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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BGCD Hosts Waterstop & Brunch to support BGCD Marathon Team 20 Mile Training Run: See details below.

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BGCD Hosts Waterstop & Brunch to support BGCD Marathon Team 20 Mile Training Run: On Saturday, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted our 2022 Boston Marathon Team at our Marr Clubhouse for a post training run brunch and team gathering. BGCD staff and Keystone Club members met our team out on their training course to provide two water stops and energy snacks to help support and encourage their efforts. After the run, we gathered together for a post-run brunch at BGCD, where team members were able to give each other advice and encouragement before the Marathon on April 18th. We are so grateful to all of our team members and to our team sponsor Elliott Physical Therapy for being so committed to helping support BGCD. If you would like to donate to the BGCD Marathon Team, please visit www.givengain.com/cc/bgcd2022. All proceeds directly benefit BGCD.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
Boston University Students Volunteer at Denney Center to Host STEM Classes: Last week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester had two students from Boston University volunteer at our Walter Denney Youth Center in Harbor Point. The two students were so excited to run a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program for our members.

They performed a number of experiments ranging from planting seeds, creating a fun cloud simulation and even taught the kids all about germs and the importance of washing your hands through a soap and pepper experiment. Thank you to our Boston University volunteers!

For more information on Denney programming, please contact Denney Program Director Madeline Graham at mgraham@bgcdorchester.org.

Boston University Students Volunteer at Denney Center to Host STEM Classes: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Partners with Fresh Films for Narrative Short Film Project for Teens: Every Thursday from 4 - 6:30pm at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, members will get the chance to build film skills, use professional film equipment, learn from industry professionals and gain tech & film skills so you can tell your story through film! Build your narrative film production skills as you work on producing your own short film, collaborate with fellow filmmakers and learn from industry professionals!

Classes begin at BGCD on April 21st. The program is completely free and no experience necessary.

Applications are open NOW through April 15th! Apply today at freshfilms.org/weeklyfilmmaking. For more information, please contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org.

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April Vacation
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RECENT OBITUARIES



BAKIS, Jonathan Newman, 34, of Boston, formerly of Milton. He is survived by his fiancé, Elizabeth Rappaport; his parents, Bruce Bakis and Kathleen Newman Bakis of Milton; his sister and brother-in-law, Kristina Newman Bakis and Matthew Barsamian of Washington, DC, and 2 nephews; and his aunts, uncles, cousins

and many friends. BC High School and Boston College graduate. Please make donations in Jonathan's memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284.



FEENEY, Ann Elizabeth, 72, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John F. Flaherty, Sr., and Gwendolin L. (Olsen) Flaherty; mother of the

late Robert J. "Bobby" McCormick, Michael S. McCormick and his wife Melissa of Arlington, Christopher J. Feeney and his wife Alexandra of Mansfield, Adam J. Feeney and his fiancé Alex Niezgoda of West Hollywood, CA; sister of John F. Flaherty, Jr. of Dorchester, Barbara Connors and her husband Kenny of North Andover, Joan Leonard and her husband Jim of Belmont, NC (formerly of Hanson, MA), and Thomas Flaherty and his wife Terri of Plymouth; grandmother of 3; and great-grandmother to 1; aunt to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Ann also leaves behind many dear friends. She worked for many years as an RN at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale. Donations in memory of Ann may be made to: Learn To Cope, Inc., 4 Court Street, Suite 110, Taunton, MA 02780.



GAFFEY, Virginia A. of Marshfield, formerly of Milton. She received her anesthetist training at Carney Hospital School of Anesthesia and Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland and was Director of the Carney Hospital Program from 1957 until 1986. Daughter of the late James H. and Virginia A. (Glennon) Gaffey. Ginny is survived by many cousins and close friends.



JOYCE, John E. "Jack," 87, formerly of Wellesley, Summit, NJ, and Dorchester. Son of Stephen and Nora Joyce of Dorchester. Jack grew up in Dorchester with his brother and his three sisters. US Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife Nancy (McElaney) Joyce; his daughters Nancy Joyce and her husband

Rene Jarquin of Wellesley, and Kathleen Joyce Coney and husband Edward Coney of Oak Hill, VA. He is also survived by four grandchildren. He is survived by his two sisters, Barbara (Joyce) Foley of Milton and Patricia (Joyce) Scally and husband Ralph Scally of Hingham; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Theresa Joyce, his brother Stephen Joyce; sister-in-law Catherine Joyce and his brother-in-law John P. Foley. He also leaves behind his sister-in-law, Marie (McElaney) Linz and her husband John, and brother-in-law Andrew McElaney and wife Kathleen (McConnell) McElaney; and many loved nieces, nephews, and friends. Donations may be made to the Boston College Club Scholarship Fund: BC.edu/give select "Other" for the designation and write in "The Boston College Club Scholarship Fund in Memory of Jack Joyce" or mail checks to: Boston College Cadigan Alumni Center Attn: Blair Pekala.



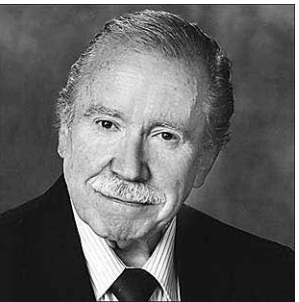
McGRATH, Michael F., 56, of Milton and Falmouth. Michael was born in Dorchester and raised in Quincy. He was the son of the late Francis McGrath, and of Margaret McGrath of Falmouth. Husband of Amy. Father of Anna and Michael, Jr. He was the son-in-law of Robin Murphy of Milton and Falmouth, and of Bruce and Suzanne Moody of West Palm Beach. He was the older brother of Paul (Kelly) McGrath and Thomas McGrath (Karen Eames) of Quincy, and the brother-in-law of Jessica and John Toffey of Winchendon and Barnstable. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to Xaverian Brothers High School, 800 Clapboard Street, Westwood, MA, 02090 Attn: Annual Fund or via the link here: <https://xbhs.myschoolapp.com/page/support/the-fund-for-xaverian>

NICKERSON, Michelle M. (McHugh) of Dorchester. Wife of Al Nickerson of Dorchester.



Mother of Christopher Nickerson of Dorchester, and Taylor Nickerson of Dorchester. Sister of Patrick McHugh of Dorchester, Michael McHugh and his wife Debbie of Weymouth, Christina Willett and her husband Jason of Dorchester, and the late John McHugh of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John and Ann McHugh. Michelle is also survived by many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Michelle to the Irish Pastoral Centre, 512 Gallivan Blvd. #1, Dorchester, MA 02124.

OKURUME, O. Michael, 73, of Mattapan, Hyde Park, Roxbury and Warri, Nigeria. He taught African Music and Dance in the Boston Public Schools. He worked for many years as an usher at the Boston Symphony Orchestra Hall. Mike had been an active and enthusiastic member of the Urhobo Social Club. Several of Mike's siblings predeceased him. He leaves siblings and many nieces and nephews in Nigeria. Donations may be made in Mike's memory to the Urhobo Social Club, P.O. Box 120338, Boston, MA 02112 or to a charity of your choice, with acknowledgements sent to the Urhobo Social Club.



POWERS, William L., 85, of Franklin. Husband of the late Barbara J. (Wood) Powers. Father of Brian Powers and his wife Kathy of Taunton, Charles Powers and his wife Melissa Gropman of Richmond, VA, Richard Powers and his wife Dorrey of Holliston, and the late David Powers. Brother of the late James, Robert, and Edward

Powers. Also survived by his daughter-in-law Nancy Powers of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. Expressions of sympathy to the American Lung Assoc., 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 lung.org



SARKISIANZ, A. Tamar "Tammy," 74, Of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Iwan and Viktoria (Hager) Sarkisianz. Sister of of Sairan G. "Sonny" Sarkisianz of Boston. Dear friend of Liz, Evie, and Chris. Tammy worked at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and as an executive assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital for many years. Donations in Tammy's memory may be made to Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler Street, Boston, MA 02116, or atarlboston.org.

SHANLEY, Thomas, 64, formerly of Dorchester, Hyde Park, and Chihuahua, Mexico. Survived by his four children, Kevin, Tracey, Katie, and Holly. Also survived by five grandchildren. Brother of Mary Jane, Liz, and Patrick. Son of the late Patrick and Catherine Shanley of Ireland. Also survived by many cousins and close family friends.



WILKINS, Raymond G., 63, of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Carl and Evelyn Wilkins. He was the middle child of 3 siblings, his brother Charlton Wilkins of Arizona and his sister Carolyn Jackson of Brockton. Raymond leaves his wife Maxine Jones and her children Christopher and Danielle Jones of Boston, and his adoptive daughters Shawna and Stephanie Miller of Boston. He is survived by his son Christopher and Raisa Wilkins and his granddaughter Jaydah Wilkins of Hyannis, his daughter the late Soraya Wilkins, and his step grandchildren Jamilla, Quinton, Skye, Sincere, Sariah, Julian, Christopher, Naiylah and Noah of Boston. He was employed by the TransDev bus company as a school bus driver for many years. Raymond leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family to cherish his memory.



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