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FIELDS CORNER DUCK COOP



Boston Duck Tours' Duck boats are parked in a garage near Fields Corner. Yukun Zhang photo

When their day is done, Duck boats nestle in their big Dorchester home

By YUKUN ZHANG
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

They've become symbols of spring and Boston sports glories. But when Boston's Duck boats are not on the road or on the Charles River, they spend their off-hours in a building near Fields Corner.

"In the summer, when the doors are open, people will drive by and you can see them jam on the brakes, stop, back up, look into the garage, and be like, 'Oh my god, that's where they are,'" said Tony Cerulle, who has been director of vehicle maintenance with Boston Duck Tours for 24 years.

The large garage, home to 28 Ducks, is tucked into a corner of two narrow streets, with gates opening to an open parking lot connecting the garage to the street. The facility is staffed every day, even in off-seasons, between the weekend after Thanksgiving and the beginning of spring.

"Every winter, we take all the Ducks apart, and we clean all the inside parts out and replace the engines of some of them," said Bob Schwartz, director of marketing and sales. "There are always ways to improve them. Right now, we are putting convertible roofs on all

the Ducks—not all of them have them yet. We installed cameras and sensors several years ago for safety concerns."

It's still early in the season, and not all the ducks are in operation. Some are still being worked on, Schwartz said.

Deep inside the garage, beyond the rows of Ducks, are shelves and cases of mechanical tools and parts. A Spider-Man poster, an old one from the Sam Raimi era, hangs high up above the aisle leading to more tools and workspace.

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All four year olds will get a 'quality' pre-K education by 2024, says Walsh

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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Delivering on what he called one of the cornerstones of his mayoral campaign, Mayor Martin Walsh announced on Tuesday the creation of a "Quality Pre-K Fund" that will make universal, high-quality pre-kindergarten education a guarantee for all four year olds in Boston within the next five years.

The mayor's FY20 budget will include \$15 million for the new fund, an investment that will help create 750 seats in the city's "mixed delivery" pre-K programs that are operated collaboratively by BPS and community-based organizations like ABCD Head Start, Boys and Girls Clubs, and YMCAs.

The creation of those seats will close the gap that began at 1,500 seats when Walsh took office in 2014, and has been cut in half since then.

"We need to make sure that Boston is a place where every young person can succeed from the start," said Walsh in speaking to a crowd of public officials, educators, and parents gathered at ABCD Walnut Grove Head Start in Dorchester while kids played in the background. "We need to make sure that this access to pre-kindergarten is a guarantee for every single family in Boston, regardless of your income or background."

Walsh went on to call the advent of universal pre-K "a game changer," alluding to news reports that sur-

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A hearty welcome to Dot Block, once a dumping ground, and soon a destination

Last month, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) invited public comment for the most recent design of the Dot Block proposal, which could begin construction as soon as this year. City Councillor Frank Baker is one of the key members of the community who voiced support for the project. His letter explaining his position follows here.

-Editor

"As the Boston City Councillor for District 3 and a resident of Dorchester my entire life, I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for the newly designed and enriched "Dot Block" Development Project. This project seeks to convert a now blighted, mostly empty five-acre parcel of land in the area of Dorchester Avenue and Hancock, Greenmount,



Frank Baker

and Pleasant Streets into a vibrant destination for all to enjoy.

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Pipefitters open 'top-notch' Dot facility

By YUKUN ZHANG
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Apprentices of the Pipefitters' United Association of Boston Local 537 can now learn and practice their craft in the union's new training center on Enterprise Street near South Bay and Edward Everett Square.

At the facility's open house and pipe cutting ceremony last Saturday, Mayor Martin Walsh hailed the center's potential, saying to a crowd of several hundred people that "it is going to offer an opportunity right in the heart of this neighborhood for people to make anything possible for them."

"This is what it looks like to rebuild the middle class," he added, "this building represents the opportunity for somebody to buy a home someday, to be able to put food on the table, send

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Pete Aylward, a welding instructor of Pipefitters' Association Local Union 537 demonstrates stick-welding. Yukun Zhang photo

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DOT BY THE DAY
April 4 - 20, 2019
A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (4th)—JFK Library in Dorchester hosts a free program on Thurs., April 4 called American Moonshot: JFK and the Great Space Race, from 6-7:30 p.m. Award-winning author and Rice University professor of history Douglas Brinkley discusses his new book, American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race, with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Harvard professor of history Fredrik Logevall. Register at jfklibrary.org.

MBTA hosts public meeting on future plans for Ashmont-Mattapan trolley line from 6-8 p.m. at the Lower Mills branch of the BPL, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester.

Sunday (7th) – Hub New Music gives the world premiere of a new work by Kati Agócs', commissioned by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music for the ensemble at 4 p.m. at All Saints Church.

Thursday (11th) – JFK Library forum features Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Robert Caro discusses his new book detailing his experiences researching and writing books on President Lyndon B. Johnson and Robert Moses, 6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 617-514-1643 or visit jfklibrary.org.

Saturday (13th) – Dorchester Park Clean-up from 8-10 a.m.. Meet at the tennis courts to help clear brambles and dog poop from the egg hunt search area. See dotpark.org for more.

Tuesday (16th) – JFK Library hosts His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, former President of Colombia, as he discusses key global issues and reflects on his distinguished career with Professor Ricardo Hausmann, director of Harvard's Center for International Development and former chief economist of the Inter-American Development Bank. Free and open to the public. Call 617-514-1643 or register at jfklibrary.org.



Juan Manuel Santos Calderón

Saturday (20th)—Spring Egg Hunt in Dorchester Park starts at 10 a.m. sharp. Meet at the tennis courts. See dotpark.org for more.

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Governor Charlie Baker swore in Katherine Craven as the new chair of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on Monday. Craven, a native of West Roxbury, was the founding executive director and chief executive officer of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. She was first appointed to the 11-member Board in 2014. A former senior aide to Speaker of the House Tom Finneran, Craven currently serves as the chief administrative and financial officer of Babson College, one of the nation's leading business colleges located in Wellesley. She was formerly the executive director of the UMass Building Authority and assistant vice president for capital finance for the University of Massachusetts. Craven serves on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Harvard University. She now lives in Brookline, with her husband and five children.

Photo courtesy Gov. Baker's office

Kayak sinks in Dorchester Bay; two are rescued by Coast Guard

Boston Police reported on Saturday that a kayak trip into Dorchester Bay went awry for two men when their craft took on water and sank, forcing them - and their dog - to swim through 40-degree waters to a nearby buoy, which they grabbed onto, hoping for rescue. The men suffered severe hypothermia but survived, police say. The dog, however, died. Police noted that somebody on a tour of the JFK Library on Columbia Point turned his binoculars toward the bay, spotted the two at the top of the buoy and called the Coast Guard. A BPD harbor-unit boat then rushed to the buoy, getting there around 6:15 p.m., after the trio had spent about an hour on the navigational marker. The men were taken to a local hospital for treatment; the dog's body was taken to Angell Animal Medical Center. Police say they two men had launched their kayak from Carson Beach and made it out into Dorchester Bay when strong winds and choppy seas "became overwhelming" and they tried to turn back, only to have their boat capsize.



A rehab has begun on Dot Park's courts.

City fixing tennis courts in Dot Park

The tennis courts at Dorchester Park are being reconstructed. The courts will be excavated, repaved, painted and seal coated, according to Ryan Woods, the deputy Commissioner of the city's Parks and Recreation Department. "We decided it was time for Dorchester Park courts to move up in the queue as they have aged beyond their years," said Woods. "These are usually completed in 4-6 weeks. It should be all done by May, well before the Tenacity season begins." The city of Boston is presently resurfacing the basketball courts at Hemenway Park with funding through the Community Preservation Act.

Police Courts & Fire

Police track loaded guns, illegal drugs

Boston Police arrested a 47-year-old Dorchester man and charged him with illegal gun possession last Thursday after a vehicle stop on Milton Avenue. Officers assigned to the B-3 district say they observed a car that had previously been involved in an incident at the New England Baptist Hospital "in which the operator allegedly displayed and spoke about being in possession of a firearm." Officers said they found a Polymer 80 Glock 23 firearm "loaded with ten rounds of live ammunition from under the floor mat." The driver, Otiz Knights, was due to be arraigned in Dorchester District Court on several gun-possession charges.

A search warrant executed on Woodgate Street on Monday night led to the arrest of a 19-year-old man on drug charges. Police say that after recovering 62 grams of Fentanyl and another "unknown white powder," along with \$1,400 in cash, they are charging Joey Delossantos with drug trafficking.

A 19-year-old man from Dorchester was arrested on March 26 after members of the BPD's Youth Violence Strike Force stopped a taxi cab near Talbot Avenue and Nightingale Street. Officers report finding a Chiappa M9 .22 caliber handgun loaded with ten rounds of live ammunition on the floor behind the driver's seat in the rear of the taxi. The passenger, Kerim Charles, was taken into custody.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Historical Society hosts genealogy expert on April 14 – Dorchester Historical Society will host genealogist Eileen Curley Pironti for a special program on researching family history on Sun., April 14, at 2 p.m. at 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Using examples from research she conducted on four generations of Dorchester's Clapp family, speaker Curley Pironti will provide tips on how to make your family history research an interesting and rewarding experience. She is a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. She and her husband, Paul, have been caretakers at the William Clapp House since 2015.

Black & Green Celebration in Dudley Square – The Irish International Immigrant Center & Montserrat Aspirers Annual Black & Green Gathering is Sunday, April 7, 2-5p.m. at Hibernian Hall. Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins, historian Bridget Keown, and IIC immigration attorney Megan Parker-Johnson will be on hand as the groups honor women's leadership and voices. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Francesca at IIC at fparanzino@iicenter.org for more information.

Cedar Grove Cemetery annual meeting on April 25— The annual meeting of the proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery will be held on Thurs., April 25 at 3 p.m. in the office of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before the

meeting. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditor will also be presented. The Annual Report of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 will be available at the Cemetery office.

Free Family Gym Program at Holland Center – The family gym program is back for the spring season (through April 13). Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families on Saturdays from 10-11:30a.m. at the BCYF Holland Community Center , 85 Olney St., Dorchester. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.

Earth Day Celebration in Codman Square – A group of organizations is sponsoring a block party in the Codman Square Park on Sat., April 27 with free food and music, a park clean-up and children's parade, and Nightingale Community Garden Tour. The event begins with a clean-up from 9 -11 a.m. with activities beginning at 10 a.m.Co-sponsors include Allinenergy, Dorchester Food Co-op, Greenovate Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Square Health Center, Resonant Energy, Boston Affordable Energy Coalition, Love Your Block Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) Dorchester Art

Project BRAIN Arts Organization.This event is funded in part by the Pat Cooke Fund, Resonant Energy and Codman Square Health Center. If your organization is interested in tabling or supporting this event please contact cody@resonant.energy at 413-992-7743.

'Count Me In' Day for Kids at EMK Institute – Young people will create civic art projects, share their ideas for a more vibrant and welcoming world, and work together to come up with a design for a playground that is welcoming to all during this free, kid-friendly program day at the EMK Institute on Sat., April 13, 10a.m.-3 p.m. See emkinstitute.org to register for free.

American Experience Series partners with Kennedy Library– The Kennedy Library and WGBH will partner for an exclusive preview and discussion of the new *American Experience* series, *Chasing the Moon* on Thurs., May 23 at 6 p.m. Executive producer Mark Samels, director Robert Stone, and panelists discuss the series and the Space race, from the early years to the lunar landing and its legacy. See jfklibrary.org for details.

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BY YUKUN ZHANG
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MBTA officials have asked for input from residents about the current plan for the future of the Ashmont-Mattapan trolley line — and they got some last Wednesday evening at the first of three public meetings to be held over the next three weeks. About 30 people gathered inside the ABCD Family Service Center in Mattapan Square, including state representatives Russell Holmes and Daniel Cullinane.

Cullinane kicked off the meeting, giving an overview of the origin of the Mattapan High Speed Line study, a two-year review the results of which whose results were made public in January.

Erik Stoothoff, the T's chief deputy operating officer, presented the three phases of the potential "transformation."

The ongoing phase 1 embodies a \$7.9 million investment to repair the current fleet of President Conference Committee (PCC) trolleys to keep them running for another eight to 10 years, assessment of investment and service needs, continued community feedback and evaluation of future vehicle options.



Erik Stoothoff Presented T's rollout

"What we heard loud and clear, time and time again was that folks wanted trolleys as the service vehicle on those tracks," Cullinane said about the \$7.9 million invested to keep the trolleys on the track.

Phase 2 will bring repairs and upgrades to infrastructure and stations to accommodate new vehicles: bridges that support heavier vehicles, track, power system, new signal system at Central and Capen road crossings. Stations will be accessible, platforms will be repaired and access and paths of travel at Valley Road, Milton, and Ashmont will also see improvement. Phase 2 is expected to cost \$90-\$115 million.

In Phase 3, a new fleet will likely replace the current fleet of orange PCC trolleys, which were

built in the mid 1940s. The six options laid out by the study range from keeping the existing trolleys to electric buses. Buses are unpopular with the community, and the installation could cause long service interruptions. Keeping the old trolleys or buying new models of the trolley won't solve the accessibility issue. Of the two options for light rail cars, using the existing Type 9 cars, which have already been tested on the Green Line, is more economic than buying new cars.

"Our next step is going through our capital investment plan to request funding for phase 2—we have done that and it's in the program—and we've got several public meetings coming up," Stoothoff said as he concluded the presentation.

People at the meeting voiced different perspectives, including 3-D printing old trolley parts in an effort to keep them running for years to come to extending the Red Line. Many commented on the urgent need for re-vamping stations, which is now part of phase 2.

An inaccessible and tumbledown station at Valley Road, a closed station at Milton, lack of a stop sign at Central Avenue, no coordination between the Red Line

and the trolley leading to sometimes a 20-minute wait at Ashmont Station were all matters raised in the meeting.

On the implementation of phase 2, Stoothoff said, "I can't promise what the timeline is going to be. All I can tell you is that we've got a plan that we are working towards. We fully anticipate that the \$60 million as part of the capital investment plan is available to us on July 1, and that will start the engineering process to start putting together plans for making those investments, particularly the accessibility and the safety investments at the stations in the next coming years."

He added that the engineering and design process will take about two to three years, and new stations are five to seven years away. Cullinane said that the trolley plan is not the only MBTA funding option for emergency funding for infrastructure and station.

The slow pace with which the transformation is moving troubles Barbara Crichlow, a community activist. "I'm hearing the same story I heard when we renovated the Mattapan station...I have grandkids who since then have entered college,"

she said. "How much longer will we hear this over and over and over again?"

Eliza Butts, a Milton resident who commutes to Fenway every day, noted that repurposing Type 9 cars depends on the MBTA purchasing the Type 10 cars. Butts asked when that will be certain and whether there will be a vote on the deciding the vehicle.

Stoothoff answered that the T will know whether Type 10 cars will be purchased "in the next couple years" and there's no vote scheduled.

Cullinane asserted that modernizing the trolley route is a transit equity issue. "Mattapan has one of the longest commutes into Boston in the entire city... it takes about one hour to get into town, but if you take the trolley out of the mix, that commute time balloons," Cullinane said.

But for others at the meeting, equity means not taking the Type 9 cars which would have been running on the Green Line for years before they are put on the Mattapan tracks.

"I implore you to explore option 4 (procuring new light rail vehicles). I think we have not had any investment in that line for 80 years—the least you can give to a

system of trains," said Donovan Birch Jr., a digital communications strategist.

"Symbolically, knowing that you waited 80 years to give a community something new, you should give them something brand-new instead of something handed down from the Green Line," Birch said to the Reporter.

Holmes defended the Type 9 cars, saying by the time the Type 9 cars replace the trolleys, the cars will have been running on the Green Line for some time, but new light rail cars will be "the only cars in the country of that nature."

Stoothoff added that the MBTA will have the opportunity to see how the Type 9 cars are working before repurposing them for the Mattapan line, and the extra funding from not having to buy new vehicles could be invested in infrastructure.

"As we are looking at which vehicle choice, the Type 9 does seem to be the most favorable option... But even if that's the case, when we are talking about being seven, eight or nine years away from anything, I think we should approach it with an open mind," Cullinane told the Reporter.



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Off duty, Duck boats rest in Dot coop

(Continued from page 1) season for Boston Duck Tours, Alex Lopez, a mechanic on the morning shift, moved between the Ducks and the workspace, tinkering with the boats and searching for parts and tools.

Bill O’Connell, the operations manager, said the morning staff arrive as early as 4 or 5 o’clock, and the latest shift could run into midnight. The Ducks would be out between 8 a.m. and an hour before sunset.

Steve Powell, a new driver still in training, inspects Ducks every morning, sliding beneath the vehicles on a creeper and examining the tires from the side before climbing into the vehicle. “We look for anything that looks broken or leaking—there are certain plugs that we have to make sure that are attached so we don’t take on water—tire pressure, all the safety equipment, life jackets, all the lights, horns, mirrors. Everything.”

A former truck driver from Oregon, Powell said a former employee told him it was a good job —“better schedule, less dangerous”— and he expects to have fun.

As to the garage itself, Cerulle said people often ask him where they house the Ducks, and when he tells them in Fields Corner, Dorchester, it’s sometimes a letdown. “I think they think we do it on the water like in a shipyard. We used to. Way back.”

The company once rented a shipyard in East Boston, but the business outgrew the space. “We wanted something closer



Above: “Back Bay Bertha” drives through the crossing of Adams and Park Street in Dorchester.

Right: A Duck boat departs from the garage. Yukun Zhang photo

to the Prudential Center area, we wanted more space, and instead of renting, we wanted to own it,” Cerulle said. “Dorchester seemed to have at the time—this was 1998-ish—the best opportunities, the best prices, and the largest pieces of land.”

He added that the company wanted to find a building where the Ducks could be driven in and out from two sides, so the current location was turned down at first. But as the search stretched to almost a year, the company settled on the original site, even

though the Ducks have to be backed into it. The building cost around \$650,000, and another \$1.2 million was spent on revamping it. The Ducks moved in around 2000, when the garage could only hold eight Ducks, Cerulle said.

“When we first moved in, the building wasn’t quite ready. The front of the building wasn’t even built. We had no doors, and we just left it open, hoping no one breaks in in the middle of the night,” he said with a chuckle.

After that, an addition was built in front of



the original building. In 2006, the company replaced the World War II Ducks with newer ones, and five years ago, another piece of building was added, Cerulle said.

Seeing the empty

Ducks swimming in the morning or afternoon traffic of Dorchester can be a sort of surreal experience. “People do get excited when they see the ducks drive by,” said Matt Frank, executive

director of Fields Corner Main Street, a neighborhood organization.

Frank said that last November, his organization teamed up with Boston Duck Tours for their annual fundraiser, dubbed Ducktini instead of the usual Dotini. A Duck was parked at the venue, a photo booth was set up in front of it, and people who attended the events took selfies with the vehicle.

“We have a very good relationship with them, and we plan to do more with them,” Frank said.

Once in a while, when groups depart from Dorchester to go on a tour, the Duck rides would begin in Dorchester. Cerulle recalled Kit Clark Senior Center and Dorchester Little League as groups that received the pickups.

Two weeks ago, on March 22, the first day of the Duck Tour season, the half-hour ride on “Symphony Hal,” a bright yellow Duck, from the Fields Corner garage to Prudential Center was bumpy and silent except for the clanging of metal parts. The speed meter indicated a speed of a little over 20 mph.

“We don’t drive this fast during the tour,” said the driver, Kulbir Samra, a native of India.

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A Day in the Life of the Duck Boats' Dorchester Coop



Dorchester morning traffic as seen from the window of a Duck boat en route to Prudential Center.



The view from a window of a Duck boat.



Alex Lopez, a mechanic, looks for a tool from the drawers in the garage.



Bill O'Connell, the operations manager, signals a driver in the garage.



A time of rest in the Fields Corner garage.



Joe Rodin, who narrates the tour under the nickname Scott Milk, invites tourists to drive the Duck while the vehicle is on water.



A side mirror captures the garage scene where the boats are lined up for the work ahead.



All photos by Yukun Zhang

Pressley: DCCC vendor rule ‘slams door’ on women, people of color in particular

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US Rep. Ayanna Pressley is pushing back against a new Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee rule that penalizes pollsters, strategists, and other campaign vendors if they work for Democratic candidates challenging incumbents in primaries.

The Boston Democrat, who unseated longtime Rep. Mike Capuano in the Bay State’s 7th District last November, said the rule “slams the door” on future campaigns just like hers, making it harder for young candidates and activists to advance in the party — particularly women and people of color.

“I think it can certainly contribute to what are already cultural and institutionalized barriers to get us to closer to achieving leadership parity, both in gender and in race,” Pressley told WBUR. That negative impact will be felt “on both sides of this,

both on the candidate side and on the vendor side,” she said.

Pressley said that even before the rule, some vendors were told “not to come anywhere near” her campaign lest they face retaliation from Democratic Party leaders. She added that she was grateful for the “brave” staffers who joined her campaign anyway, and says the success of primary challenges like hers and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s should serve as a valuable model for other Democratic candidates to follow rather than as a problem that needs to be stifled.

Messages left with the DCCC for comment were not returned Saturday. But in a statement to Politico, a spokesman said the rule was meant to fulfill a campaign vow by DCCC chair Rep. Cheri Bustos to protect incumbents.

Pressley said she was proud that her campaign drew a large number of first-time primary voters and produced a surge of



Ayanna Pressley

support from Latinx voters and college students. She says she wants other candidates to duplicate that success in other districts, particularly those made up of underserved communities.

“We accomplished something unique and special,” Pressley says. “But that is not anything that I want to be an anomaly. This is what I want to be more of the norm.”

Members of the Con-

gressional Progressive Caucus said the proposed rule would create a “monopoly” of campaign vendors with DCCC approval, and “blackball” others who work for other Democrats.

This story first appeared on the WBUR 90.9FM website on March 30. WBUR and the Reporter have a partnership in which the two news organizations share content and resources.

Zoning board okays marijuana shop on Blue Hill Avenue in Grove Hall

The city’s Zoning Board of Appeal gave its approval last week to a marijuana shop at 430-454 Blue Hill Ave. in Grove Hall. The approval does not mean the shop can actually open, only that its proponents — Kobie Evans and Kevin Hart — can now apply to the state Cannabis Control Commission, which would have to decide whether to grant them a license.

The plan for a shop called Pure Oasis was opposed by several local organizations, including

the Grove Hall Neighborhood Development Council, which built the Mecca complex, Freedom House, which provides classes for high-school and college students, and Project Right, as well as local residents.

Along with officials from those groups, Deborah Irene Bolling, sister of the late City Councillor Bruce Bolling, for whom the Bolling Building is named, former state Rep. Royal Bolling, and daughter of the late state Sen. Royal Bolling — said the site in particular is a bad location for a marijuana store because of traffic problems and

its proximity to Burke High School and the routes many students take through Grove Hall.

A dispensary would not send the sort of positive message neighborhood residents want their kids to absorb, she said.

The board had initially heard Evans and Hart two weeks ago but delayed any vote because of general concerns over security and specifically over how the shop would deal with customer queuing.

Evans, Hart, and their security consultant, former Boston Police Superintendent Daniel Linskey, said they would convert an empty storefront next to theirs into a waiting area to keep customers off the street. Linskey, who acknowledged “some challenges with criminality in

the area,” said he was planning an extensive security-camera system that the Boston Police Department could tie into to keep watch over the surrounding area.

The board voted 5-1 in favor of the proposal, with only member Anthony Pisani voting against. Member Bruce Bickerstaff did not take part in the discussion or vote because he is himself a part owner of a concern looking to get into the Boston marijuana market.

After the vote, acting board Chairman Mark Erlich cautioned Evans and Hart to take into account the “very powerful and very persuasive” arguments made by Bolling and others and not make the board regret its vote.

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Thurs., April 4, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. — LEGO Builders Club. **Fri., April 5**, 9:30 a.m. — Baby & Toddler Playgroup. **Mon., April 8**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., April 9**, 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. — Kids’ Art Club. **Wed. April 10**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., April 11**, 10:30 a.m. — Baby & Toddler Sing; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. — LEGO Builders Club. **Fri., April 12**, 9:30 a.m. — Baby & Toddler Playgroup.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., April 4, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. — HISET/GED Prep Class. **Fri., April 5**, 10 a.m. — Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. — Stories, Stories, Stories. **Mon., April 8**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. — HISET/GED Prep Class.. **Tues., April 9**, 10:30 a.m. — Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. — Stories, Stories, Stories; 1:30 p.m. — ESOL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., April 10**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., April 11**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. — HISET/GED Prep Class. **Fri., April 12**, 10 a.m. — Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. — Stories, Stories, Stories.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Fri., April 5, 9:30 a.m. — Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Story Time. **Sat., April 6**, 9 a.m. — USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Tues., April 9**, 6:30 p.m. — Hatha Yoga. **Wed., April 10**, 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Films and Fun. **Fri., April 12**, 9:30 a.m. — Lapsit Story Time.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., April 4, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., April 5**, 2:30 p.m. — Teen Gaming. **Sat., April 6**, 1 p.m. — Grove Hall 10th Anniversary Celebration. **Mon., April 8**, 11 a.m. — ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., April 9**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., April 10**, 3 p.m. — PPLM Drop-In Hour; ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., April 11**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. — Board Game Night. **Fri., April 12**, 2:30 p.m. — Teen Gaming.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., April 4, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. — LEGO Club. **Fri., April 5**, 10:30 a.m. — Little Wiggles’ Lapsit. **Mon., April 8**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. — Sleepy Story Time. **Tues., April 9**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., April 10**, 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., April 11**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. — LEGO Club. **Fri., April 12**, 10:30 a.m. — Little Wiggles’ Lapsit.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., April 4, 12:30 p.m. — Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., April 5**, 10:30 a.m. — Smart From the Start Story Hour. **Sat., April 6**, 10 a.m. — Computer Basics Class.

Mon., April 8, 10:30 a.m. — Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., April 9**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., April 10**, 10:30 a.m. — Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. — Poetry vs. Hip Hop: Choose Your Words - a Free Class for Teens!. **Thurs., April 11**, 12:30 p.m. — Pop-Up Crafts, 7yo+; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., April 12**, 10:30 a.m. — Smart from the Start Story Hour.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., April 4, — 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., April 5**, 10:30 a.m. — Reading Readiness Concert featuring Julia Priest. **Sat., April 6**, 11 a.m. — Drag Queen Story Hour. **Mon., April 8**, 10:30 a.m. — Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:30 p.m. — Teen Fashion Sewing Class; 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. — Make It Mondays: Science: Water Cycle in a Bag. **Tues., April 9**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., April 10**, 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., April 11**, — 3:30 p.m. — Drop-In Homework Help.

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SJP II sixth grader runner up in state GeoBee competition

By ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF

Thomas Germain, a sixth grader at Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy in Neponset, finished second in the National Geographic GeoBee State Competition held on Fri., March 29 at Elms College in Springfield.



Thomas Germain
Latin School bound

The GeoBee is an academic competition meant to promote geographic knowledge in grades 4-8. The competition includes three levels—school, state, and national. Schools hold their own GeoBee and name a school champion, who then takes a proctored and timed qualifying exam. More than 1,000 students across the state took the exam, but only the top 100 ranked from each state were selected

to represent their school at the state competition. Germain placed first at the SJP II school-wide tournament. He had competed in the GeoBee before, but this was his first time making it to the state finals. “I’m glad I got to represent my school and that I made it to No. 2 in the state,” he said. “The finals were challenging, but the semifinals were not. I prepared by reading books about geography and looking at maps and globes. I’d like to compete again but I have to see if my new school participates. I’m going to Boston Latin School next fall.” Germain has had an active interest in maps and flags since kindergarten, making questions like, “This UNESCO world heritage site was a Roman and Greek outpost but it is threatened by conflict in what North African Country?” a no-brainer. Libya is the answer, which 11-year-old Germain gave at the GeoBee competition. “Thanks to my teachers, Mrs. Roach, Mr. Kolton, and my principal, Mr. Cuomo for allowing me to compete,” said Germain. “Thanks to my parents and sister for supporting me.” Germain continues to read and study geography – his main hobbies – but also remains active in school choir, soccer, archery and rowing.



About 30 people turned out for a public hearing of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission last Saturday at the Savin Hill Yacht Club to discuss the current state of the public beaches in Dorchester – Savin Hill, Malibu, and Tenen – and to express their likes, dislikes and visions for them. It was the fourth in a series of nine public hearings being hosted by the MBC in the region’s beachfront communities as part of the process to write a report with findings and recommendations for the Commonwealth. Commissioner Paul Nutting of the Friends of Savin Hill Shores thanked his fellow commissioners for coming to learn about Dorchester. The commission plans a regional review hearing on Sat., May 18, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at UMass Boston. Photo courtesy Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

Larget-Caplan debuts new music on April 13

Inspired by years of touring and recording internationally classical, world, and contemporary solo and chamber music, Dorchester-based guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan will present “Now Musique – Exploring New & Neglected Music,” on Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the historic Chapel at Arlington Street Church. The debut concert, “Poetry, Portraits & Light – Music for Viola and Guitar,” features Larget-Caplan alongside Chicago-based violist Michael Hall. They will



Aaron Larget-Caplan perform duos and solos written for them by Francine Trestler, of the Berklee College of Music, and Brazilian Antonio Celso Ribeiro. Hall, who founded the Bandung Philharmonic, the first professional

orchestra in Indonesia, will perform a worldly selection of recently written viola solos. Larget-Caplan plays solos by Kevin Siegfried (Boston Conservatory at Berklee), and the lyrical music of John Cage from his latest CD, ‘John. Cage. Guitar.’ The musicians will introduce the music and the composers throughout the concert. A recording artist with the UK label Stone Records since 2015, Larget-Caplan has premiered over 80 solos and chamber works and toured throughout the

US, Russia, Europe, and Taiwan. He’s been on faculty of the Boston Conservatory and is currently at the University of Massachusetts Boston. “Now Musique is the culmination of many of my musical passions: music that reflects on our time, collaboration with composers and performers, and community,” said Larget-Caplan. “Come and join us for the new endeavor and take part in its growth.” Tickets are available at the door or online at NowMusique.com



Berenger Dufresne

Berenger Dufresne of Dorchester, a junior at Boston College High School, was one of the twenty-five BC High students who participated at the annual YMCA Youth in Government Conference from March 20 to 22 at the Massachusetts

State House on Beacon Hill. The young men were delighted that they were able to meet BC High graduate 4th Plymouth Representative Patrick Kearney ’13 of Scituate. The BC High students were singled out for leadership roles at the conference: Matt Bran-

di of Quincy served as Governor, Ryan Golemme of Norwell as Lt. Governor. The Youth in Government Club, moderated by faculty member Elise Wilson, is part of a Greater Boston YMCA program that allows high school students to learn about state government.

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In 1854, Henry Joseph Gardner was elected governor of Massachusetts on the ticket of the Know Nothing party. Previously, he had been a member of the Boston Common Council from 1850 to 1853, and president during his last two years on that body. He also served as a state representative in 1851 and 1852, and as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1853. The Know Nothing party stalwart was a descendant of Hannah Clap and Henry Gardner, of Stow, Massachusetts, who had been treasurer of Massachusetts, having been appointed by the Sons of Liberty to that office as early as 1774. In the years before the Revolution, Dorchester was one of the towns that paid its taxes to Mr. Gardner instead of to the treasurer appointed by the Crown. Hannah and Henry had two sons, Henry Joseph and Joseph, both doctors of medicine. They lived in a house at the base of Jones Hill at the corner of Pleasant Street and Sawyer Avenue. In 1853, Henry Joseph purchased the Trull estate on Hancock Street on the side of Jones Hill. Over the course of the two decades before the Civil War, the Commonwealth was faced with the challenges



Henry Joseph Gardner, of Dorchester: Know Nothing governor of social and economic change, mostly due to the recent arrival of huge numbers of Catholic immigrants, many of whom had fled Ireland during the worst of the Great Famine years. Although semi-secretive (members were told to answer questions about their politics by saying “I know nothing”), the Know Nothing party attracted large numbers of supporters who feared foreign influence in the United

States, in particular Roman Catholic interference from Rome, and the perils of uncontrolled immigration. For all that, Gardner’s election also depended on votes of anti-slavery Free Soilers. Possibly as many as 78 percent of Massachusetts Free Soilers voted for the Know Nothing ticket in 1854. One reason for the party’s success in the election was the high number of voters who stayed away from the polls; another was the number of new voters who were ready to adopt the attitudes of bigotry and prejudice. In following years many Free Soilers migrated to the growing Republican party. The general election of Nov. 6, 1855, did not give Gardner an absolute majority; the decision was referred to the state Senate in accordance with state law; and Gardner was reelected. He won a third term outright on Nov. 4, 1856. During his terms, legislation was enacted recognizing the property rights of married women and the abolition of imprisonment for debt. Over the years, some have given him positive reviews for other pieces of legislation enacted during his terms, among the homestead act, the alien pauper act, an act to regulate the

appropriation of school money, an act regulating the membership of the General Court, and acts relating to the curtailment of the powers of the governor, reform in special election laws, and the “reading and writing” clause in the naturalization laws.” The popularity of the nativist movement waned, and Gardner was defeated in the election of 1857 by a Republican anti-slavery candidate. Still the Know Nothings wielded some influence. Gardner had supported a constitutional amendment that a foreign-born male, even after obtaining final citizenship papers, should have to wait 21 years to vote. The 1856 legislature cut this to 14 years. In 1858 a limit of 2 years passed and in 1859, it passed again. In the 1860s, when the Republican party became more popular, the amendment was repealed. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Please Note: The Society’s historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712 and remodeled 1765); William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806).

Markey assails FCC fees plan for public-access TV

US Sen. Ed Markey says that a Trump administration plan to alter long-standing agreements governing cable access channels could pose an “existential threat” to community television in Massachusetts. In Boston, that could mean an assault on BNN-Media, the award-winning access system that has helped Bostonians plug into public affairs, neighborhood news, and entertainment while producing their own content for more than 40 years.



Sen. Ed Markey

On Monday, Markey warned that the FCC is weighing a plan that would permit cable companies to recalculate the franchise fees they pay to cities like Boston for the right to operate in the city. The access stations are largely funded through these fees and the FCC’s new formula, according to Markey, would set up a “Sophie’s Choice” for municipalities like Boston and smaller towns as well, where access TV is a vital monitor of town meetings, elections and other civic events.

The new plan would permit cable operators to “assign a value to public, educational and governmental access (PEG) channels, and then subtract that value and the value of other in-kind contributions from the franchise fees they pay cities and towns,” according to State House News Service.

If the franchise fees were to be eliminated, Markey said, “local governments in Massachusetts and across the country would be forced to decide between supporting [these] channels and supporting other critical institutions serving the public good, like schools and public safety buildings.”

The senator framed the potential harm from the change – and the requisite fight to stop it – as “revolutionary. This is where the fight begins, and we’re going to spread this across the whole country, because at jeopardy is nothing less than democracy, nothing less than the voices of ordinary citizens in every single city and town in Massachusetts and the whole country, and we are in now for the fight,” Markey said, according to State House News Service.

In Boston, sapping the capacity of public access would compound what is already a serious void of coverage about municipal government and elections. Much of the larger media entities in Boston have been in steady retreat from hyper-local news about government and city elections for decades. BNN-Media— and particularly its flagship nightly news program, Neighborhood Network News, has been a bulwark against that news void. (Full disclosure: The Reporter has enjoyed a long partnership with NNN and our reporters frequently appear as correspondents on their programs.)

Shows like NNN and Joe Heisler’s Talk of the Neighborhoods, for example, are two of the few platforms that interview candidates for city council seats and other local elected positions that no longer get the attention of larger media organizations. Critically, BNN trains Boston residents to produce their own content for television in an attempt to make the cable channels as representative as possible.

Markey is right to sound the alarm. Bostonians who have benefited from the platform afforded by BNN-Media over the years should answer his call to action. Citizens should have more— not less— access to information about how their local government works.

Bill Forry

April 4, 2019

One Boston Day: a celebration of everything Boston stands for

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Every year on the third Monday in April, tens of thousands of athletes gather in Hopkinton to begin the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon run to Boylston Street at Copley Square. All along the route, tens of thousands of spectators cheer on their friends, family members, and complete strangers. The race brings our city together like nothing else. It is a celebration of everything Boston stands for -- our grit and heart; our resilience and hope.

In recent years, the Marathon has come to stand for something even bigger. The afternoon of April 15, 2013, left our city reeling; it was one of Boston’s darkest days. But it also showed us something: the selfless generosity and compassion of everyday people. We came together as one community, as one Boston, and we showed the world what it meant to be Boston Strong. We showed that we will never let the darkness win. And we vowed to take back the finish line.

Over the last six years, we have turned the Marathon into a movement. April 15th will always be One Boston Day, a citywide day of service, reflection, and healing. It serves as a way to celebrate the resilience, kindness, and strength demonstrated by the people of Boston and around the world in response to the tragedy. We honor those we lost, and those whose lives were changed forever, with acts of kindness, big and small. It’s a day when Boston shines brightest. And it’s a tradition that we will continue for years to come.

This year, for the first time since 2013, One Boston Day and the Marathon fall on the same day. But it will still be a citywide day of service. I call on everyone to do something good for your community on Monday the 15th or during the weekend leading up to it. Go to OneBostonDay.Org and tell us what you will do.

This year, we are also finalizing our work on permanent markers on Boylston Street to memorialize the lives that were lost near the finish line on that day six years ago. The artist Pablo Eduardo



is working closely with the families of the fallen to honor their loved ones in a meaningful way. These markers will reflect our city’s spirit after the tragedy: *Bent, but not broken*.

This remembrance will consist of stone markers on two separate sites. Bronze and glass pillars will rise and twist into each other, representing the lives lost. The markers will forever serve as a symbol of hope, representing our city’s resolve. We look forward to the completion of the memorial this coming summer.

Until then, please join us in preparing for the fifth annual One Boston day on April 15. I encourage you to visit OneBostonDay.Org , to see the acts of kindness planned by individuals and organizations throughout the city and around the world. Last year, we counted more than 43,000 individual acts of kindness. Bostonians shared their projects on social media, and the hashtag #OneBostonDay was trending nationwide.

This year, as we get closer, we’ll be highlighting the projects people are planning. Whether it’s volunteering at a food bank, or helping your neighbor with a household project, there are countless ways to honor this special day. I hope that the stories of others’ actions inspire you to get involved this year, and for many years to come.

For 123 years, the Boston Marathon has served as a tribute to the strength of the human spirit. Now, along with One Boston Day and our permanent marker, we will continue to show the world what it means to be Boston Strong.

Diversity and equal opportunity are musts for marijuana license bidders in Dorchester

By Barry Lawton and Marti A. Glynn

The voters have spoken and like it or not, marijuana is legal in Boston. Given the newness of this industry, it is hardly surprising that everyone from elected officials to license applicants to community leaders feel as though they’re finding their way through a sea of confusion.

“One Dorchester” is a group of 32 civic associations, Main Street programs, and health centers who came together to sort through this rapidly changing landscape, to find accurate information to share with our community, and to work with state and city officials to improve the implementation process and ensure that the outcome is positive both for applicants and for the diverse residents of our Dorchester neighborhood.

On Jan. 14, One Dorchester met at the Strand Theatre with Stephen Hoffman, the chairman of the Cannabis Control Commission, and Alexis Tkachuk, the city’s Director of Emerging Industries. The purpose of the meeting was to get clarity on the regulations and the process, discuss the impact on our community, and recommend solutions to help ensure smooth implementation. By every standard, we felt this meeting to be a success. Both state and city elected officials were present and supportive and the discussion was a great beginning.

One issue that One Dorchester identified was the lack of access to capital for Economic Empowerment applicants. State regulations give priority to applicants from neighborhoods historically disadvantaged by marijuana regulations, but the reality is that it takes a significant amount of capital to start a marijuana business and our neighbors who meet the Economic Empowerment definition are unlikely to have it. This is a problem that both state and city officials acknowledged.

One Dorchester made two recommendations to address this problem. One was to expand the definition of cooperatives to include all types of marijuana businesses. The other was to use industry payments to set up a loan fund for Economic Empowerment applicants. Within 48 hours, Senator Nick Collins’s office reported that he had introduced SD-2157, a bill to apply the cooperative model to all other types of marijuana businesses. Recently, it was reported that legislation is being considered to create a pool of capital for these applicants.

Another issue is the availability of technical assistance for applicants. The regulations included

a Social Equity program to provide this, but there has been no commitment to on-going funding. Sen. Collins took an additional step to solve this problem by filing a second bill, SD-1983, which provides that 2 percent of marijuana fees go directly to funding the Social Equity program.

One Dorchester strongly supports all of these initiatives and we urge the Legislature to enact them.

Mayor Walsh and City Councillors have been proactive in preparing for the arrival of marijuana businesses in our city. While the process has been too slow for some, and too rapid for others, ten host agreements have been signed and several others are under consideration. One Dorchester has some recommendations to ease the process for applicants and to ensure that neighborhood residents are heard.

In Boston, applicants must secure control of a building before they can submit a license application. Fairness should dictate that given the city’s buffer zone requirements, it’s essential that applicants know about other locations where a marijuana application has been submitted *before they commit funds*. This could be accomplished by publishing an up-to-date listing of the locations of submitted applications on the city’s website. The buffer zone is key to managing the marijuana industry in the city and should be enforced without exception.

Another difficulty applicants face is the city’s review period and the time-sensitive limits of a lease or purchase agreement. Applicants need on-going communication with the Office of Emerging Industries. The city’s review process is thorough and applicants are finding that they cannot keep control of the intended building without significant non-refundable financial outlays.

The city relies on the Office of Neighborhood Services community meeting to determine support or opposition to a particular proposal. Neighborhoods deserve a second opportunity to weigh in once the city decides to negotiate a host agreement. Boston neighborhoods should be included in the process to ensure that benefits accrue to the neighborhood through the allowed 3 percent community impact fee.

Barry Lawton and Marti A. Glynn are Dorchester residents.

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Pipefitters Local opens ‘top-notch’ Dot facility

(Continued from page 1) their kids to school, buy a car, buy a truck, buy what they want to buy because it preserves and continues to move our middle class forward.”

The four-story building, which sits on the site of the old, 1960s-era training center, is well-lighted by sunlight pouring through glass walls and tall windows. It radiates an industrial vibe with exposed ceilings and ash grey walls. Hundreds of people, including the families of union members, filled the auditorium for the open house and pipe cutting ceremony with union representatives, and city and state officials.

“I am grateful not only that this training facility is in the city of Boston, but I’m grateful that it’s in Dorchester,” said Walsh, a Dorchester resident.

“Tens of thousands of people from our neighborhoods are going to come here and get access to the best careers in the world,” said another Dorchester resident, Brian Doherty, general agent of Metro Boston Building Trades. And Brian Kelly, business manager of Local 537, said the new center more than triples the training space, increases the meeting space, and

A hearty welcome to Dot Block, once a dumping ground, and now a destination

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“Not only will the Dot Block project clean up an area well known for illegal and unsavory behavior, but it will also encompass much needed housing, an underground garage, commercial space, 1.3 acres of open green space, and 125 trees. Additionally, the Dot Block project seeks to create safe, meaningful, and welcoming pedestrian connections from Meetinghouse Hill through the property to the Savin Hill MBTA Station.

“The community process for this plan has taken nearly 6 years and well over 100 meetings. The most recent iteration of this development project provides for not only a better design, but also for more affordable housing options as well as a Dorchester residential preference. As part of the Inclusionary Development Program (IDP), a tool used by the city to create affordable housing, Dot Block is generating 66 affordable units on site. Of the affordable units, 51 will be 70 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) and 15 will be 50 percent of the AMI. Half of the



Above: Mayor Martin Walsh greeted the leadership of the Pipefitters Union Local 537 last Saturday inside their new facility on Enterprise Street near Edward Everett Square in Dorchester.

Below: Inside the training facility at the Pipefitters building. Photos by Yukun Zhang

improves the center’s ability to train members.

Instructors and apprentices, clad in yellow vests, gave tours and introduced the new facility to people before and after the ceremony.

“We first came to the building in January on the first school day. We came in here and were like, ‘Wow, the place is awesome,’” said Edward Page, a third-year pipefitting apprentice from Salem, N.H. The old building, Page said, was a single-story build-



ing and “kind of like a prison.”

The welding shop on the first floor boasts 88 booths. Pete Aylward, a welding instructor, said the booths for stick-welding used to be tighter, and that the new welding machines are small but multi-functional.

Chris Brennan, an HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Con-

ditioning) instructor, noted that in the old building, all the equipment was on wheels because everything had to be moved out of the box before the training and put away afterwards. “Now it’s all set up, plugged in and up and running.”

Joe DeLucia, a pipefitter from Tewksbury, Mass., said the new

facility is “top-notch.” He was trained at the old center, and now his daughter is a first-year pipefitting apprentice at Local 537.

The five-year training program at Local 537 offers three options: pipefitting, welding, and HVAC. The program is free of charge except for union dues. No prior mechanical experience

is required, and there is no age limit. Apprentices are assigned to work with union contractors from the beginning of the program, and their wages could go up as their skills improve.

“The beautiful part of this is that we don’t pay for our education. You work and you go to school at the same time. They learn on the job, get the technical part of it at school, and take that skill to the job,” Brennan said.

Matthew Joseph, a second-year pipefitting apprentice from Dorchester, said the benefits of the program are “amazing.” He said he got into Local 537 through Building Pathways, a Boston program that helps low-income area residents access training and career in construction industry. He is a first-generation pipefitter in his family.

Dylan Perez, a Wattertown pipefitting apprentice, said the opportunities are not limited to pipefitting. A pipefitter can also be a project manager or a foreman, he noted.

Kelley said there are currently more than 500 apprentices at Local 537. “We are doing two things. We are preparing for the baby boomers to retire, and increase our membership to deal with the existing building boom in Boston.”

Or, as Matt Takis, a Salem, Mass. pipefitting apprentice put it: “Building Boston, one shield at a time.”

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Above: Claudina Quinn (center), widow of former Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Robert Quinn, joined UMass Boston Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman at the university's annual community breakfast to present the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership to longtime Dorchester resident Thelma Burns (left), whose work as an educator, activist, advocate, and volunteer is truly remarkable. Burns served for 28 years as a METCO director in Belmont, and is a longtime board member of Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD). She volunteers for the Mayor's Senior



Advisory Council, and is a former president and current member of Seniors on the Move, a program offered by the Roxbury YMCA. Above right: Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell joined Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman in presenting the Chancellor's Award for Long-standing Community Commitment and Service to Cynthia Beckford-Brewington (center). Brewington has served as a Boston police officer in District B3 in Mattapan since 1989, working for the past ten years as a community service officer and making an overwhelming difference in the lives of so many of the city's youth.

**DOTFEST SET FOR APRIL 11
AT DOTHOUSE HEALTH**

Join DotHouse Health in celebrating community life in Dorchester's Fields Corner neighborhood and one of the best community-based health and social services organizations in the City of Boston. The celebration will take place on Thurs., April 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at DotHouse Health. For more information, please visit DotFest.org.

JFK LIBRARY MOONSHOT EVENT ON APRIL 4

JFK Library in Dorchester hosts a free program on Thurs., April 4 called American Moonshot: JFK and the Great Space Race, from 6-7:30 p.m. Award-winning author and Rice University professor of history Douglas Brinkley discusses his new

book, American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race, with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Harvard professor of history Fredrik Logevall. Register at jfklibrary.org.

DOT PARK CLEAN-UP, EASTER EGG HUNT

The Dorchester Park Association is cleaning up to get ready for Easter. Volunteers are needed to join a cleanup on Sat., April 13 from 8-11 a.m. It will consist of raking out leaves on the tennis courts and removing litter from the Spring Egg Hunt search area. If interested, please meet at the tennis courts any time before 8 a.m. The Spring Egg Hunt will begin on Sat., April 20 at 10 a.m. sharp. with the Easter Bunny will be available and attendees should prepare to search for eggs within Dorchester Park. Dorchester

Park is located at 2180 Dorchester Ave. Please visit dotpark.org for further information.

**CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING
ON APRIL 25**

The annual meeting of the proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery will be held on Thurs., April 25 at 3 p.m. in the office of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditor will also be presented. The Annual Report of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 will be available at the Cemetery office.

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Non-profits unite to counter hesitation on census responses

By SIMÓN RIOS
WBUR REPORTER

Members from an array of organizations gathered at the library in East Boston Monday with a unified goal: to make sure people in their respective communities respond to the 2020 census. It's an important decennial event that determines how much money and how much political representation Massachusetts is entitled to get.

It's a common theme at the turn of a decade, but this time around, community-based advocates for the census say the job could be significantly harder than it was in 2010. That's because the Trump administration is fighting to put a citizenship question on the census.

"Given our current political climate, we're honestly feeling like everybody is going to be hard to count because what we see is another factor: deep distrust of government," said Alexie Torres, head of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund.

The fund's purpose is to provide grants to community groups across the state who can use the monies to raise awareness around the importance of the survey.

Torres said the fund has \$1.25 million in the bank, most designated for local nonprofits to work on getting a good census response from communities "that are hard to count," including communities of color, children, the elderly, and the disabled.

Census data have big ramifications for states. Not only is congressional representation determined (Massachusetts lost a seat in the 2010 count), but also the amount of money a state receives from the federal government.

Boston officials estimate that for every person who doesn't fill out the census, the state loses roughly \$2,400 in federal funding each year — for a decade. And according to the US Census Bureau, in 2010, nearly 20,000 children ages 0 to 4 were not counted in Massachusetts.



Mayor Walsh on the value of the census: "It's a great tool and great data" to help Boston track where it stands on issues with respect to other cities and towns.

Torres says that's a big part of why philanthropic groups are willing to invest in boosting the census count instead of other causes. "Whether it's jobs, whether it's housing, there's not an area that philanthropy touches that is not impacted in some way by the census," Torres said. "Even if it's simply the fact that they get their data and their information on where the needs are in their communities."

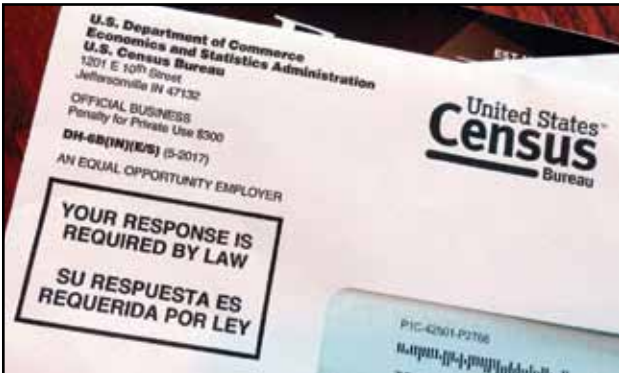
The Massachusetts Nonprofit Network estimates Massachusetts receives more than \$16 billion in federal funding solely on the basis of census data. "These programs include Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, affordable housing, public education — really just a wide swath of programming that directly impacts the people that nonprofits serve," said the group's Fernando Martinez.

One of the strongest advocates for a big census turnout is Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, who says that on top of the political and financial implications, census data will be a way to gauge the success of some of his policies — like whether housing production under his administration is having an impact on displacement.

"It's a great tool and great data to use to see how you're doing, and

compare data to other cities and towns across America to see how they're doing in similar situations, whether it's gentrification and displacement, or success on the positive side," Walsh said.

The Trump administration says it wants the citizenship question



on the census to enforce parts of the Civil Rights Act, and the Supreme

Court is set to hear the case later this month. Opponents say that

could make it extremely difficult to persuade people in the country illegally to complete the census.

Regardless of the outcome, New York Regional Census Director Jeff Behler said respondents are never identified. "We cannot release information that identifies a household or individual to anyone, no administration, no Homeland Security, no federal, state, local agency, no law enforcement agency, no one," Behler said, adding that he could be hit with fines and jail time for divulging such information.

"The only data we release is statistically summarized data."

Should the citizenship question make it onto the census, there is another option, says Keith Goralski, a census official: Simply leave the question blank.

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Community Health News

Baker stands in way of push for Roe Act's passage

BY MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Gov. Charlie Baker said Monday that women's access to reproductive health care is not up for negotiation in Massachusetts, but suggested he would oppose an expansive abortion rights bill that would allow for abortions later in pregnancy in cases when the fetus is unlikely to survive after birth.

While the governor bemoaned the "inflated language" that gets used in the abortion debate—including by his own Republican party—Baker said he opposes "late-term abortion" and would defend the strength of the state's current laws.

Some Democrats on Beacon Hill are pushing legislation to expand access to abortion services in Massachusetts at a time when they worry that a women's right to choose is under attack at the federal level and in jeopardy because of an ideological shift on the Supreme Court.

"I don't support late-term abortions. I support current law here in Massachusetts. It's worked well for decades for women and families here in Massachusetts and that's what we support," said Baker, a pro-choice Republican.

Baker's comments came after he held a ceremonial bill-signing event with House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President Karen Spilka and over a dozen lawmakers and advo-



Gov. Charlie Baker held a ceremonial signing event Monday afternoon for a new law setting aside money to cover potential federal funding cuts to family planning clinics that provide abortions or abortion referrals.

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cates to celebrate their work to shield family planning clinics from federal funding cuts.

The bill, which Baker officially signed on Friday evening, would make up to \$8 million available through June 30, 2020 - the end of fiscal year 2020 - to cover the loss of any Title X funding as a result of the Trump administration's new rule blocking funds to clinics that provide abortions or abortion referrals.

"It was important we felt to point out women's access to reproductive health care services here in the commonwealth of Massachusetts is not a negotiation of something that can be bargained out through some sort of legislative process in Washington, D.C.," Baker said.

The "ROE Act" filed by Senate President Emerita Harriette Chandler and Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Haddad would expand access to abortion services, including allowing for abortions after 24 weeks in certain cases.

"Late-term abortions are for very specific reasons that should be decided with a medical professional and the family involved," Haddad told the News Service. "We already have women who leave the state when there are cases of a fatal fetal anomaly. That's what we're talking about. We're talking about a fetus that can't survive outside the womb. We're talking about a fetus that has no future."

Told that the governor had just expressed his opposition, Haddad

said, "We will agree to disagree and I will try to convince him. I think that what's out there is that people are saying this is abortion on demand. It is not."

Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Jim Lyons has branded the "ROE Act" the "radical infanticide bill" and has targeted the 92 House members and 22 Senate members listed by Planned Parenthood as co-sponsors on social media and in statements released through the MassGOP.

"Under the radical infanticide bill, absolutely nothing would be done to protect or even comfort a baby who survives a late-term abortion," Lyons said in a statement released the same day the House was passing the Title X bill last week.

"In addition, the extreme infanticide bill removes all practical limitations on aborting unborn babies," Lyons said.

Asked about the MassGOP chairman's rhetoric, Baker said Monday it's not the way he operates.

"I don't believe in questioning motives, I don't believe in questioning character and I think the inflated language that exists on all sides in politics has made it much harder for people to do the work that they're supposed to do on behalf of the people they serve and they represent," Baker said.

Lyons chose not to respond after the governor's comments were shared by the News Service with a party spokesman.

The Haddad-Chandler bill would eliminate the requirement of parental consent for anyone under 18 to access abortion and would allow for abortions after 24 weeks if a physician determines that terminating the pregnancy is "necessary to protect the patient's life or physical or mental health, or in cases of lethal fatal anomalies, or where the fetus is incompatible with sustained life outside the uterus."

Currently, no one in Massachusetts is allowed to have an abortion after 24 weeks unless their health is at risk.

"It's about a medical professional and a family, what is right in

their circumstance. Not mine. Not Jim Lyons's," Haddad said.

DeLeo said the Roe Act was "just another" one of many bills filed this session. "We'll see what happens as it goes through the process and we'll take it up from there," he told reporters.

Chandler's version of the bill (S 1209) has been referred to the Committee on Public Health, while Haddad's bill (H 3320) was sent to the Committee on the Judiciary, which means there could be two hearings before two different committees on the bills.

The speaker, however, spoke earlier about the Title X bill and the importance to House leaders of protecting access to reproductive health.

"We've never stopped working on our place in protecting women's health," DeLeo said. "Should this Trump administration continue to go down this dangerous road, I want all of you to understand Massachusetts will stand up again and again and again."

And Spilka said that nearly 80,000 people in Massachusetts access health care through reproductive health clinics in Massachusetts each year, including men seeking screenings for sexually transmitted diseases and other services.

"We take care of the health of our residents," Spilka said.

All four year olds will get 'quality' pre-K education by 2024, promises Walsh

(Continued from page 1) faced in January about how BPS valedictorians have struggled after high school graduation.

"This is a component that changes that. Investment on the front end will give young people success on the back end," the mayor said.

One element in the initiative that city officials say sets Boston's pre-K model apart from others is its emphasis on "high quality" education, one based on BPS K1, an early education curriculum that incorporates play and tangible learning and has become a national model due to its success.

Notably, the system calls for a 2-to-20 teacher-to-student ratio in the classroom while ensuring that all pre-K educators have degrees in early childhood educa-

tion and are paid the same as BPS teachers. Walsh emphasized that while there are currently enough seats for four year olds in the city's pre-K programs, not all meet those "high quality" standards.

BPS interim superintendent Laura Perille noted that it was fitting that the mayor made the announcement on World Autism Day; she described the expansion of the inclusive Pre-K structure as "truly groundbreaking."

She added: "One of the reasons that Boston has such a successful pre-K model is that all of our classrooms are inclusive, which means that students of all background and abilities are learning together side by side, making connections, playing and learning from one another at a very young age. It is our

mission to meet students where they are, regardless of whether they have any type of disability, whether they are English learners new to this country, whether their families are struggling with poverty or face other kinds of obstacles."

John Drew, president and CEO of ABCD, was on hand for the celebration. "I have been waiting for this day for a long time," he told the crowd. He noted that much of his work in his 50 years of nonprofit advocacy has been about putting kids from all walks of life on a level playing field.

"A lot of times they start 50 yards behind the starting line. For me, a victory is at the finish line, be that first grade or whatever. They are right there at the finish line, tied or winning."

Former city education chief Rahn Dorsey said



Boston's former education chief Rahn Dorsey spoke outside the ABCD Walnut Grove Head Start in Dorchester on Tuesday during an event to announce Mayor Walsh's plan for a "Quality Pre-K Fund."

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he views the announcement as "a shift for Boston to a more holistic view of education. This is really about making an investment in perhaps the surest bet you can make in education, and that is in early education and in children."

Skill gaps in children

can emerge as early as two years old, he added while stressing the importance of placing young ones in an educational environment as early as possible. "BPS K1 has proven to be the closest thing we have to an inoculation against lost opportunity and backsliding from an

educational standpoint."

Dorsey concluded his remarks with a familiar refrain that has become an unofficial motto of sorts with regard to the push to close opportunity gaps in BPS: "We need to make sure that all doors are the same door to opportunity."

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS GENEALOGY EXPERT ON APRIL 14
Dorchester Historical Society will host genealogist Eileen Curley Pironti for a special program on researching family history on Sun., April 14, at 2 p.m. at 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Using examples from research she conducted on four generations of Dorchester's Clapp family, speaker Curley Pironti will provide tips on how to make your family history research an interesting and rewarding experience. She is a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. She and her husband, Paul, have been caretakers at the William Clapp House since 2015.

BLACK & GREEN CELEBRATION IN DUDLEY SQUARE
The Irish International Immigrant Center & Montserrat Aspirers Annual Black & Green Gathering is Sunday, April 7, 2-5p.m. at Hibernian Hall. Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins, historian Bridget Keown, and IIIC immigration attorney Megan Parker-Johnson will be on hand as the groups honor women's leadership and voices. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Francesca at IIIC at fparanzino@iicenter.org for more information.

BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF) FREE FAMILY GYM PROGRAM
The program is back for the spring season (through April 13). Family Gym is a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Family Gym has had over 2,007 children and caregivers participate in the program since it began in 2011. Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. Families can jump rope, play on an obstacle course, do the limbo, or play parachute games or sports. No pre-registration required however caregivers must participate and remain in the gym with their children at all times. Thanks to a partnership with Northeastern University, student volunteers serve

as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Family Gym is sponsored by The Foundation for BCYF, Boston Children's Hospital, and Northeastern University. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION IN CODMAN SQUARE
A group of organizations is sponsoring a block party in the Codman Square Park on Sat., April 27 with free food and music, a park clean-up and children's parade, and Nightingale Community Garden Tour. The event begins with a clean-up from 9-11 a.m. with activities beginning at 10 a.m. Co-sponsors include Allinenergy, Dorchester Food Co-op, Greenovate Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Square Health Center, Resonant Energy, Boston Affordable Energy Coalition, Love Your Block Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) Dorchester Art Project BRAIN Arts Organization. This event is funded in part by the Pat Cooke Fund, Resonant Energy and Codman Square Health Center. If your organization is interested in tabling or supporting this event please contact cody@resonant.energy at 413-992-7743.

FRANKLIN PARK KITE & BIKE FEST ON MAY 18
The annual Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival will be held on Sat., May 18 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Playstead in Franklin Park, 25 Pierpont Rd. The spring celebration will include kite-flying, games and activities led by Playworks and Appalachian Mountain Club's Outdoors RX, along with face-painting, music and performances. Bike with Kids Group Ride, a first annual ride starting in Dudley Square and ending at the Kite & Bike Festival, is also planned. To register for the rider visit roxburyway.com. The rain date is Sun., May 19 from 1-5 p.m. Sponsors are needed. For further information, please visit franklinparkcoalition.org/kitefest. Vendors and food trucks are welcome to apply for a spot. Contact janna@franklinparkcoalition.org for more information.

APRIL EVENTS AT STANDISH VILLAGE IN LOWER MILLS
Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams St., has an exciting month ahead with a variety of community events to offer. They will screen the Red Sox Home Opener with peanuts, popcorn and Crackerjacks

on Tues., April 9 starting at 2 p.m. The Downtown Crossing Barbershop Quartet will perform on Sat., April 20 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Entertainer Holly Sommers will make her Standish Village debut on Mon., April 22 at 2:30 p.m. As part of the "Grab Your Passport! Destination: Amsterdam" celebration, local artist Stacey Kushner will present her Museum of Fine Arts lecture, "Masterpieces of Dutch Art" on Thurs., April 25 at 2 p.m. For further information, visit seniorlivingresidences.com/communities/boston-standish-village.

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.

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ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiasmont@gmail.com.

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Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

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Innovation teams pitch options for District 4’s disused lots

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

An international partnership took a crack at reimagining uses for some of Dorchester and Mattapan’s vacant or underutilized lots during a 24-hour workshop on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Teams of students, community members, designers, and engineers pitched transit-centered gardens, flexible apprenticeship spaces, and youth-oriented work and play hubs for a handful of properties across City Council President Andrea Campbell’s District 4.

The “Reclaiming Space” workshop brought Campbell’s office, the Consulate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the urban design firm Tapp/NL, and a host of local residents together to talk about ways of tackling the scourge of vacant and disused lots in the councillor’s district.

The city is aware of over 100 vacant lots in District 4, Campbell said about a topic she had explored last year at a hearing co-sponsored by Councillor Matt O’Malley.

The councillors last



This property at 114 Bowdoin St. in one of more than 100 vacant lots in Councillor Andrea Campbell’s district. She worked alongside a team of students to identify possible re-uses for the site and others during a workshop at Wentworth Institute of Technology last month.

week re-filed their hearing order on vacancies, including data collection, a fee to reduce vacancies in commercial or residential properties, and a streamlined permitting process for pop-ups in vacant properties.

“I was shocked by the data, and I was disappointed, frankly, to know that city-owned property could sit vacant for years, sometimes decades, with no ideas, no plans to activate these spaces,” Campbell said. In the long term, she added, “Our goal is to make sure we have resources for some of these ideas we have, but before we get there, it would be nice to have some sense of what

the ideas are, what the possibilities are.”

To that end, on Friday the 22nd, eight carefully curated groups chose candidates from 15 parcels in the district that are blighted or otherwise underutilized, and worked throughout the day on Saturday on their project pitches. They were encouraged to take cues from the Dutch experience with creative land use, incorporating multi-function spaces and green space and creating financially viable pitches.

Surveys sent out over mobile phones helped guide the teams with neighborhood feedback into the best uses for the properties. District-wide, about 35 percent of respondents said they were looking for more housing, 27 percent wanted community green space, 22 percent were interested in urban farms or gardens, and about 8 percent each

spoke up for public art or commercial space.

The teams spent “six hours in very immersive way, thinking about what is most beneficial for the community, because they live with it every day,” said Monique Fuchs, associate vice president of innovation and entrepreneurship at Wentworth. “We always look for interdisciplinary, and try to make sure these things are as interdisciplinary as possible in experience, generationally, diversity. As a result, I think the suggestions and the ideas that were generated were extremely concrete.”

One group proposed a combination work and e-sports space at 318 Talbot Ave. in Codman Square, a three-story building with two floors of housing above a vacant first floor commercial unit. Noting its proximity to multiple schools and the rise of competitive multi-player

video-gaming, the team proposed a supervised education space where teens could earn e-sports screen time through completing school work or other tasks and have access to healthy food and a good internet connection.

Costs could be offset through sponsorships, a non-electronic billboard on the building’s side, and solar panels, they suggested.

Fatima Ali-Salaam, a Mattapan resident and community leader, was on that team. As a mother of teenagers, she emphasized that the age group is often left adrift between younger and hyper-monitored children and independent young adults. At that age, “you do need to have a different type of safe space,” she said.

Their pitch is for “a safe space that they could go to that is staffed appropriately, where staff could be paid an

appropriate living wage, and more to the point that gives back to the community,” she added. “It’s a place where you know that if your teenagers are there, you do not have to worry and they can go home safely.”

Another team thought a building at 240 Bowdoin St. might become an apprenticeship structure through partnering with building trades and teen centers like College Bound Dorchester. Yet another offered that a combination public art exhibit and community farm might transform the empty 114 Bowdoin St., and a third suggested that a small triangular property at 1476 Dorchester Ave. across from the Fields Corner station could begin as a community clean-up location or food truck parking spot, before adding a community kitchen and event space and, finally, transforming the building into a lot for art installations and movie nights built around a shared daytime kitchen.

Fuchs said they are now working to assemble an online resource with images and videos and slide decks from the workshop, as much for the general public as for Councillor Campbell’s office.

“Our hope is that we can turn this around soon,” she said. “We really want these materials to be used by whoever—take whatever is there and use it, evolve it, modify it, make it your own. That’s the whole point.”

The beat goes on at The BEAT site

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Work is continuing at The BEAT, the mixed-use project that will transform the former Boston Globe headquarters on Morrissey Boulevard, now reduced to its bare bones, into a 95,000-square-foot creative office, lab, and retail space, complete with brewery and food hall.

Representatives for the development team Nordblom Company confirmed a report by the online real estate publication BLDUP that The BEAT project has secured \$252,747,880 in financing via Oaktree Capital.

“This financing is an exciting milestone and validates our vision for the site,” said Ogden Hunnewell, executive vice president at Nordblom, in a statement to the Reporter. “The demolition is now complete and our reconstruction has started. We are a step closer to revitalizing this iconic property, as well as bringing new jobs and amenities to the Dorchester neighborhood.”

Nordblom purchased the 16.5-acre lot and its 695,000 square foot building in December 2017 for \$81 million. The new “innovation campus” is named The

Boston Exchange for Accelerated Technology (The BEAT) in homage to the ‘beat’ reporters who worked at the Globe’s Dorchester location for more than 60 years and the arterial Red Line that stops nearby.

The BEAT received its building permit on Feb. 11, allowing for the renovation of the outdoor space and parking area as well as a change in its occupancy permitting to accommodate a wide variety of potential future uses, which could include office or product development space, prototype or light manufacturing, laboratory, a brewery, restaurant or bar with live entertainment, bakery, retail, a bank, fitness center or gymnasium, day care center, art gallery or studios, and even educational facilities.

A significant facade change is in store. The towering one-time press room will become a central atrium with a wide glass front where the public will enter into a food hall and flexible work space. Nordblom has pledged to take over care of the state-owned Patten’s Cove at the southern edge of the property. It has already promised \$500,000 to be dedicated to local groups and a transit access study around JFK/UMass station.

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Springtime means clean-up time across the neighborhood

By MAUREEN FORRY-SORRELL
REPORTER STAFF

Our neighborhoods are “springing” into action this month with volunteers fanning out to clean up squares, corners, parks, and sidewalks. Here are a few ways your family can help out and join in the fun:

The city of Boston is coordinating a cluster of “Love Your Block” clean-ups in the first two weeks of May. You can get more details on the ones happening closest to your home or business at boston.gov/2019-love-your-block-spring-clean-up. There were 3,000 participants last year, according to City Hall.

The Dorchester Park Cleanup is scheduled for a week from Saturday, April 13, from 8-10 a.m. Meet at the tennis court and bring gloves for clearing brush and other detritus in preparation for the Spring Egg Hunt on Sat., April 20 (with a strictly-timed 10 a.m. start).

Sat., April 13, will also be the day to help clean up Peabody Square. The tasks will involve picking



Clean-up crews at work and posing at Town Field last year.

up litter, removing graffiti, planting annuals in the Ashmont MBTA bed, and generally freshening up the Square. Wear comfy clothes, bring garden gloves if you have

them, and meet up on the MBTA plaza at 9 a.m. for our Peabody Square Spring Cleanup.

On Tues., April 23, at 6 p.m., the Beautification and Public Spaces

Committee will hold its community meeting at the Greater Ashmont Main Streets office. If you have a talent for outdoor beautification and have been looking

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Celebrate Mother Earth in Codman Square on Sat., April 27. Come celebrate our community and our Earth! To showcase the green initiatives happening in Dorchester, a group of local organizations is throwing a block party in the Codman Square Park. The event begins with a clean-up at 9 a.m.

- Friday, April 5: Free Indoor Golf Clinics for juniors and adults, hosted by the Parks Department. The clinic series is six weeks long with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. The first hour of each clinic is the Junior Session (ages 7 to 17), the second hour is the Adult Session (18 and up). For more info, call BCYF 617-635-5129
- Monday, April 8, at 4 p.m. Homework Help with the Boston Teachers Union. BTU teachers are available at the Lower Mills Branch to help students K-12 with homework for free on

Monday and Thursday from 4-6 p.m. during the school year.

- Thurs., April 11, at 6 p.m. DotFest: A Community Carnival. Join in celebrating community life in Dorchester's Fields Corner neighborhood and DotHouse Health's success as one of the best community-based health and social services organizations in the city of Boston. The celebration will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at DotHouse Health. For more information, please visit DotFest.org.
- Thurs., April 11, at 5 p.m. — Lego Club at Lower Mills Library. Work independently or as part of a team to build and breakdown LEGO creations. They provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination.
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- Thurs., April 18, at 10 a.m. — Fairy House Building Festival 2019 at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park. This free family event will include outdoor nature play, and children are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes to encourage their tiny guests to alight in Franklin Park. Natural materials will be provided, but youngsters are welcome to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-961-3047, or visit online at boston.gov/parks.

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Sober house operator says he has ‘paused’ Percival Street plan

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

A heated standoff between the owner of several sober homes and neighbors in Meetinghouse Hill, who worried about the prospect of oversaturating their block with such residences, cooled some this week, with a number of residents hopeful that a compromise is on the horizon and the owner saying his plans for a new Percival Street sober home are on hold.

Last Wednesday, the day after a contentious meeting at the Mather Elementary School, Joseph Pizziferri, Jr., who owns a sober home at 16 Potosi St. that houses 19 women, walked over to a neighbor’s house to formally introduce himself to the block. He is facing push back from neighbors after they found out that he planned to open another sober home just two houses over in a large Victorian that he acquired last year.

Lisa Villaroel said Pizziferri was already chatting with some neighbors in front of her gate when she got home. He was there to say hello and, Villaroel feels, begin to engage with their concerns. “People just started to come because they wanted to meet him,” she said. “And rightfully so, we want to know who he is.”

Their objections hinge on the density of sober homes in the cluster of streets off Bowdoin Street, and frustration with the cloak-and-dagger way the Pizziferri — a father and son team — went about buying the properties and getting them certified.

Neighbors discovered 16 Potosi was a sober home when mattresses were carted in. After a quick flip of the 29 Percival St. property that once belonged to former state Rep. Charlotte Golar Richie and her husband Winston Richie, neighbors saw dozens of mattresses going inside and realized that a similar status was likely in store for that house.

A confusing back and forth ensued with city and state officials, residents of Potosi and Percival Streets and Mt. Ida Road, and the Pizziferri. The Pizziferri announced at the Mather School meeting that they had 29 Percival St. certified as a sober home and planned to open it as such, contradicting the message neighbors had received from the city.

“The eruption and the intensity in that room was overwhelming,” Villaroel acknowledged.

And it seems to have been persuasive. Pizziferri says he has told neighbors that plans to make 29 Percival St. a sober home have been paused.



The former home of Charlotte Golar Richie, at 29 Percival St. in Dorchester, was purchased by a developer who wanted to turn it into a sober home. *Jesse Costa/WBUR photo*

“Everything is on hold right now, until we can work with the neighbors to find a happy medium,” he told the *Reporter* last Thursday afternoon, adding that he is reaching out to residents and the city on next steps. He told Boston’s housing chief, Sheila Dillon, the same thing.

Villaroel and Golar Richie have since met with Pizziferri, Jr. and his son, Joseph Pizziferri III, to gather more information. In a conversation on March 30, the four talked about potential options for the 29 Percival St. house, including putting it back on the market an as-is property, splitting the house into two condominiums, and enlisting neighbors or the city in finding interested buyers, perhaps with an affordable component.

The Pizziferri emphasized the need for sober homes in a city and region struggling with an opioid crisis. Residents in the 16 Potosi St. home are carefully screened, Pizziferri III told Villaroel and Golar Richie, and sex offenders and those with records of violent behavior or convictions of domestic violence are not allowed to live there.

On top of the drug tests required by the Massachusetts Alliance of Sober Housing (MASH), their

residents must be involved in recovery program activities, the Pizziferri said.

That sort of information should be shared with the community, Villaroel told them, as it can feel overwhelming to suddenly be faced with the increased density of multiple sober houses with no notice and no explanation about the way the houses are run.

For all that, there is still some uneasiness, she said. “I’m a little bit concerned still about him not moving forward, because we’re not actually sure what that means. We assume he is not opening the sober home, which is not moving forward, but we want clarification on the next steps.”

Villaroel said she is confident that the Pizziferri understand the need to work with communities in which they hope to operate a business.

Golar Richie applauded the “true solidarity of the neighbors” in pushing for community process here. It was frustrating to be “hoodwinked by the people I sold the house to after 31 years,” a reference to the people who quickly sold 29 Percival St. after buying it from her.

“No one looks good in this situation,” she noted, with neighbors caricatured as opposing sober homes in general, Pizziferri Jr. looking as though “he’s trying to just ram something in,” and the city believing they had an agreement from him to hold off on converting the home only to find out with the neighbors that the plans were still under way.

Both women said they were encouraged by the Pizziferri’s willingness to talk through their plans, which also include the investment property at 26 and 8 Percival St. that they hope to refurbish and convert into a two or three-family condominium building.

Sober homes and other recovery facilities are very welcome in the village, Golar Richie emphasized, echoing comments made by other residents at the public meeting. It is just a matter of overburdening any single area.

“We have people who need the support in the neighborhood,” said Golar Richie, who now lives in Lower Mills. “The people at 16 Potosi St. are welcome in the neighborhood and we do not want them to feel at all that there’s any hostility to their residing in the neighborhood. We want them in the neighborhood. We want them to thrive in the neighborhood.”



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CAMPBELL, Carol Ann age 73, of South Yarmouth. Longtime elementary school teacher in Everett. Wife of Robert F. Campbell of South Yarmouth, daughters; Kristin and husband Scott Sawtelle of Pelham, NH, and Jennifer Campbell of South Yarmouth, her sisters; Sr. Margaret Leonard of Dorchester, and Patricia (Leonard) Conway of Lynnfield. Many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Donations in her name may be made to Project Hope, 550 Dudley St., Roxbury, MA 02119.

CROWLEY, Michael P. of Mashpee, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Daniel

P. and Mary T. (Griffin) Crowley. Brother of Jayne and her husband Richard Crescenzi of Braintree, Daniel “Danny” and his wife Georgi Crowley of Mashpee. Lifelong partner of Allison Conroy of Dorchester. Devoted “Uncle Buck” to Erica, Richie, Matthew, Daniel, Taylor, Riley, Ryan, and Reese. Also survived by countless loving friends. Donations may be made in Michael’s memory to the Parkinson’s Disease charity of your choice

DIMOND, Noreen A. (Burke) of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John J. and Sara M. (Burke) Dimond. Sister of the late William P. and John J. Dimond,

and dear friend and longtime companion Alex. Cousin and friend of Joanne Schnare. Also survived by many cousins and friends. Noreen enjoyed a long successful career as a chemist working for the U.S. Air Force at Hanscom Air Force Base.

FERENT, Jennifer I. (Rogers) of Dorchester, suddenly. Wife of Edward L. Ferent. Mother of Cameron, Torrance and Caroline. Daughter of James Rogers of Randolph and Diane Crane of Quincy. Sister of Kathryn Kasper, Matthew, Philip, Alexander, Robert, Susannah, Amanda, Stephen, Vanessa, and Jonathan. Remembrances may be made to the Ferent Children’s Fund, c/o the Boston Firefighter’s Credit Union, 60 Hallet St., Dorchester, MA 02124.

FRICCHIONE, Mary of Medford, formerly of Roxbury. Wife of the late Charles Fiore. Daughter of the late Raffaele and Matilda (DiMasi) Fricchione. Sister of Columba Falcone and her late husband Joseph, the late

Carmine Fricchione and his late wife Madeline, Marguerite Fricchione and Matilda Shafter and her husband Joseph. Aunt of Ralph Falcone and his wife Gina and their sons, Marco and Eric, Christine Clark and her husband Tom and their children Candice and Joey, Tillie Luzzo and her husband Frank and their sons Michael and Stephen, Mary Shafter and Louis Shafter.

GULINELLO, Arcangela “Angie” (Arena) of Boston and Norfolk, formerly of South Boston. Wife of the late George Gulinello, mother of Marie of Boston, Joan Gulinello and her husband Dennis Hart of Norfolk, and the late George Gulinello. Nana of Sarah Hart McLaughlin and her husband Thomas of Westwood, and Paul Gulinello Hart and Joanna Schoen of Brookline, and Bisnana of Robert P. McLaughlin of Westwood. She was the daughter of the late Rose and Antonio Arena, the sister of the late Charles Arena, and the sister-in-law of the late Leo Gulinello,

Josephine and Robert Bickford, John Gulinello and Arthur and Dorothea Gulinello. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Alice Gulinello of Braintree and Margaret Gulinello of Quincy, and many nieces and nephews. She was raised in South Boston, graduated from Girls’ High School, and lived in Dorchester and Norfolk. Donations in Angie’s memory may be made to The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library, 139 Main Street, Norfolk, MA 02056.

LEWIS, Basil Lloyd of Dorchester, 68. He is survived by his spouse Helen Patricia Lewis. Two sons, Basil L. Lewis Jr. and Mark Parks. Three daughters Tanya Lewis, Leisa Lewis and Carlene Damon and his sister Jean Green. He is also survived by his many grandchildren and 3 great-great-grand daughters whom loved him dearly. He was employed at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital for 30 years where he worked in the nursing department while worked part time for Crystal Reality as a Real Estate Salesman. If desired contri-

butions in Basil’s name may be sent to either the Dana Farber Cancer Research Hospital, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

PERKINS, Eleanor L. (Fallon) of Quincy, originally of Dorchester. Wife of the late Earl O. Perkins. Mother of Earl Perkins, B.P.D. and his wife Janet Connolly of Dorchester, Eleanor Perkins of Canton, Edward Perkins and his wife Patricia of Milton, Elizabeth Donahue and her husband John of Canton, Eileen Peters and her husband Eric of Newport Beach, CA and Elliot Perkins of Quincy. Sister of Everett Fallon and his wife Betty of Plymouth, the late Frederick Fallon and his surviving wife Eleanor of Weymouth and the late Edward and Beverly Fallon. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

RUFFIN, Deborah C. “Crissie” (Flynn) of Dorchester, formerly of Tinnahalla, Killorglin, Kerry, Ireland and Mission Hill. Daughter of the late Patrick and Maureen (Murphy) Flynn. Mother of Teresa Ruffin of Dorchester, Elizabeth and her husband Joseph Marotta of Bellingham, Colleen Ruffin O’Herlihy of Dorchester, Peter and his wife Michelle Ruffin of Rockland. Grandmother of Kristen, Kaysea, Michael, Dalton, Garrett, Lauren, Shane, Joshua, and Brianna and great-grandmother of Jaxon and Dylan. Sister of Joan and her husband Jim O’Sullivan, Bart Flynn and his late wife Jeanne, Sheila Kelleher and her husband John, Jimmy and his wife Breege Flynn, Mary Flynn and fiancé Jeremiah Roche and the late Kathleen Flynn. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Remembrances may be made to the Irish Pastoral Center, 15 Rita Road, Dorchester, MA 02124.



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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 21, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: April 4, 2019

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Docket No. SU18D1826DR
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU18D2317DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING LILLIAM E. DeMENDEZ vs. ALEXANDER MENDEZ

To the Defendant:

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Lilliam E. DeMendez, 261 Harold Street, Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before **05/09/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 15, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: April 4, 2019



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