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To our readers:

We are now three weeks into an unprecedented public health emergency. At the *Reporter*, we continue to publish and distribute the newspaper that many people in our community have known and read for decades.

We are committed to continue publishing each week. In fact, we are actually amplifying our reach by putting papers into new places, like supermarkets and select apartment complexes.

We've added a number of new free drops for seniors over the last week – at Keystone, Mattapan Center for Life, Savin Hill Apartments, Lower Mills Apartments, Peabody Apartments, Pasciucco Apts, and Kit Clark Apartments.

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Chris Lazama, manager of the Lower Mills Apartments, with a copy of last week's Reporter, which was delivered to the building's residents. Photo courtesy Dave Mareira

Baker warns of a surge in virus peril next week; closing order extended

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE AND REPORTER STAFF

Now in its third week, the coronavirus health emergency has touched every neighborhood in Boston as the number of known "positive" cases within the city grew to 938 — with 3 deaths— amid a worsening statewide and national crisis.

Massachusetts will remain in a state of emergency for the next month, at minimum, as Governor Charlie Baker warned residents to prepare for a surge in COVID-19 patients needing hospitalization projected to hit the state between next Tuesday (April 7) and Fri., April 17.

The overall number of cases statewide crossed the 5,000 mark Monday and reached 6,620 by Tuesday, according to the state's Department of Public Health. A total of 89 deaths have been attributed to COVID-19 through Tuesday afternoon, an increase of 33 in a single day—the biggest one-day increase in the fatality rate so far.

A week after closing all non-essential businesses to workers and customers, Baker said on Tuesday that he was extending his executive order beyond April 7 to keep most businesses physi-

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cally closed through at least May 4. (Last Wednesday, he extended his order on the closing of schools until at least that same day.) He also said his order would keep in place the social distancing guidance from the state limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people.

The state was considering taking steps to prevent people from gathering in parks and other public spaces, but stopped short of that while urging everyone to follow the direction on their own. Mayor Walsh gave similar advice and ordered gatherings at basketball and street hockey courts off limits.

"Coronavirus is in each of our neighborhoods," said Marty Martinez, health and human services chief in Boston, during a Monday press conference at (Continued on page 17)



Happy Birthday 'beeps' for Cole

Cole Kazmouski turned 10 last Sunday, a dreary day weather-wise made much drearier by the "stay at home" directive that made any thought of a party a non-starter. But not for his fourthgrade classmates at St. Brendan's School. As he stood outside his house, above, he could see his party getting under way up the street. Story, Page 7.

Image courtesy Kazmouski family

Iconic Ice Creamsmith finds new ways to serve its loyal customers in Lower Mills

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

The last few weeks have been a crash course in "changing with the times" for Chris Skillin, who owns the Ice Creamsmith in Lower Mills along with his wife Sarah Mabel-Skillin.

This time of year is normally joyous for the longtime Dot Ave establishment and its loyal customers as they celebrate reopening after a long winter hiatus. On unseasonably mild March days —as much of this month has been — the small shop is usually packed with families eager to try new flavors of homemade ice cream.

"That's when everyone knows we

open," Skillin said in an interview. "On a beautiful day after school, everyone comes in and hangs out in the store. We have people here talking to us and welcoming us back. So right now we're missing kids coming in, and the smiles on their faces." But this spring is unlike any other in the 44-year-history of this neighborhood landmark.

As the COVID-19 pandemic and local business restrictions have developed, the couple have been forced to regularly revise their gameplan.

Initially, on March 13, they voluntarily closed down the shop and

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Mission Accomplished. Tom Tinlin picks up the package of goods he ordered online from The Ice Creamsmith. *Photo courtesy Tom Tinlin*

A crackdown on group sports at city parks

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

To those gathering to play sports at the city's parks, Mayor Walsh had this to say last Friday: "That's not social distancing. If this doesn't change, I'm going to start naming locations in the city of Boston so that people know you shouldn't be there."

On Monday, Ryan Woods, the city's Parks and Recreation commissioner, followed up on

the mayor's criticism: "We're seeing people playing everything from soccer to basketball, street hockey, and tennis. So, this week we've zip-tied the basketball nets and ordered new signage that will promote social distancing and discourage contact sports. The signage will arrive Tuesday and be installed at our parks throughout the week."

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UMass students to get \$70M in refunds

By KATIE LANNAN STATE HOUSE **News Service**

University of Massachusetts President Marty Meehan and the chancellors of the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell UMass campuses announced last week that they will adjust room, board, and parking fees in response to the coronavirus-driven closures of residence halls and the transition to online-only instruction.

Students should be notified of their cost adjustments by April 17, the UMass officials said. They will be applied to student accounts, and students will receive their net balance by direct deposit or check.

The university said the planned adjustments to the room, dining, and parking charges will decrease its revenues by approximately \$70 million this fiscal year.

The UMass line item in this year's budget is \$558 million. More than 20,000 students were living in the universityowned dorms at the Amherst, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses.

"UMass Boston is ad-

justing dining and parking costs and is working with the private owner of its 1,070-bed on-campus residence halls concerning housing cost adjustments for its students," the university's state-

ment said.

In a joint statement, Meehan and chancellors Kumble Subbaswamv of Amherst, Katherine Newman of Boston, Robert Johnson of Dartmouth, and Jacquie Moloney of Lowell said the public health crisis and its financial impacts are "causing real hardship for many of our students and their families."

They added: "We hope that this adjustment of housing, dining and parking fees will help alleviate some of the stress they are enduring. The challenges that lie ahead for the university. its students, faculty, and staff will be complex and difficult."

Earlier this week, Higher Education Committee House Chair Jeffrey Roy said he expects student charge refunds to be a "huge issue" with students no longer able to live oncampus.

Police, Courts, & Fire

4 arrests in Westville St. shootings – Two teens were arrested last Saturday (March 28) on charges they shot a man on Westville Street after possibly first shooting at, but failing to hit, somebody else in the Franklin Hill development about eight minutes earlier.

Police say one of the suspects, a 17 year old, shot the victim at Westville Street and Louis D. Brown Way. The victim, himself 19, got to 64 Westville St. and ran inside, where police officers, alerted by the BPD ShotSpotter system, found him with a gunshot wound to the leg that was bad enough to require them to apply a tourniquet.

Police found themselves in loud, up-close confrontations with both people in the house and bystanders as they attempted to get the victim out and into an ambulance. None of the officers — some of whom were called in from other parts of the city —wore masks and many officers had no gloves, similar to the people on the street, according to video from the scene.

Police say they arrested Rain Warren, 18, and Cody Claiborne, 38. both of Dorchester, on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. Both women, police say, struck an officer in the face. Police say officers were also spit on. The video shows an officer striking one of the women in return.

Police say an officer on patrol in the area of Columbia Road and Geneva Avenue spotted the two suspects on a scooter soon after. Both the 17-year-old juvenile and Rolondo Carrero, 18, of Hyde Park, were charged with armed assault with intent to murder, illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammunition, carrying a loaded firearm, possession of a high-capacity firearm, possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, police

Police say that the Westville incidents happened not long after two people on a scooter shot at a man standing on Shandon Road in Franklin Hill. They missed him but hit the car he was standing next to, police say.

The younger teen was also already wanted on warrants for illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammunition, carrying a loaded firearm and trespassing, police say.

Detectives from District C-11 arrested a 45-year-old Dorchester man last Thursday (March 26) for allegedly breaking into multiple cars "over the past several months." Earl Joseph was arrested on two warrants after detectives say they "were able to locate and piece together several pieces of evidence showing and confirming Mr. Joseph's involvement in the car breaks." He was arrested "after a brief confrontation." Additional charges could be pending, police say.



Lanes along the Southeast Expressway heading into downtown are usually clogged with vehicles every day from early morning until late at night. Due to the crisis alert, that was hardly the case when this picture was taken last SHNS photo by Michael Norton

DOT BY THE DAY

April, 2020 A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner. Well, all events have been cancelled. Watch DotNews.com for updates and follow us on Twitter @DotNews

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Enrollment for METCO will continue online through April

School is closed, but the Metropolitan Council for **Educational Opportuni**ty (METCO) is accepting applications for schoolage children who live in Boston through its new online portal. The spring application window is open from April 1-30, so parents and guardians can take advantage of time at home to sign up to be entered into a lottery for grades K-10 in fall 2020.

You can complete a preliminary application at metcoinc.org/apply at any time. No documentation is required at the time of the preliminary application.

Due to the challenges of the coronavirus, MET- CO is verifying documents on a rolling basis rather than enforcing strict deadlines. Upon receiving a lottery number, families can upload the required documents from their phone or computer as they are able. Verified and complete applications are being referred to participating suburban districts as spaces become available in each grade level.

METCO's Roxbury offices are closed with all staff working remotely. You can call 617-427-1545 for assistance and further information.

This year a lottery is replacing the lengthy METCO waiting list. All eligible applicants who have submitted a complete application with all requirements by April 30 will receive a lottery number and have an equal opportunity to be referred to suburban schools connected with METCO. Parents can track the progress of their application throughout the application process.

During this transition year, certain groups of applicants from previous years will retain priority status; see metcoinc. org/status for details. However, all students need to complete a new online application to be considered.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

postponed or cancelled due to the COVID-19 health emergency. The Reporter is tracking cancellations and is noting them here. Watch DotNews.com for updates and follow @DotNews on Twitter.

Cedar Grove Cemetery grounds open, but offices and buildings closed to public - Cedar Grove Cemetery is taking necessary precautions to project the safety of our visitors and our employees. The Cemetery office and buildings are closed to the public. The Cemetery office will be closed on Saturday mornings until further notice. The grounds of the Cemetery will remain open from 7 a.m. to 6p.m. daily. Staff will be conducting business by telephone at 617-825-1360. "Thank you for your understanding. Stay safe and we will get through this."

The City of Boston has launched a new, free texting service to provided aily updates and information about the coronavirus.Stay in the know and text BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in. This text service is also available in Spanish, Haitian, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, and Portuguese.

- Text BOSEspanol (for Spanish) to 99411
- Text BOSKreyol (for Haitian Kreyol) to 99411
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- Text BOSKriolu (for Cabo Verdean Creole) to 99411
- Text BOSPortugues (for Portuguese) to 99411

In almost every instance, community events have been Dot Park Spring Egg Hunt Cancelled— Dorchester Park Spirit (decorations, costumes, enthusiasm.) The People's Association (DPA) has cancelled next month's spring egg hunt at the park to prevent the spread of coronavirus during the event. As soon as the virus is no longer a threat, the DPA says it will continue planning for the rest of the season including the car show which is tentatively scheduled for September 13. Visitors continue to enjoy walking through the park during the pandemic by remaining at least six feet apart and not touching swings, fences, benches, etc. Spring at the park this year includes blossoming bulbs planted by schoolchildren and volunteers.

Street cleaning to begin on schedule— Mayor Walsh said this week that the city's daytime street cleaning program will begin as planned on April 1. Check the posted street sweeping signs on your street for the schedule and parking restrictions. However, Mayor Walsh has said there will be no ticketing or towing for street cleaning until the COVID-19 emergency ends. Trash and recycling pickups are also on a normal schedule.

Dot Chili Cook-off Cancelled - The 14th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off — which has been scheduled for Sunday, March 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Local 103 IBEW at 256 Freeport St. to benefit Dorchester Day Parade. — has been postponed. More than 20 entrants representing restaurants, civic associations, youth groups, and community organizations, vie for bragging rights to the best chili in Dorchester. There is live entertainment, games and prizes. A panel of judges will award prizes in four categories: Best of Show, Best Non-Beef, Most Creative Dish and Team Choice award earns its winner the golden bean pot and bragging rights.

Update from Franklin Park Coalition— Franklin Park Coalition is postponing its April 11 annual meeting and will post a new date once the situation permits. The annual Kite and Bike festival scheduled for May 16 is also canceled. At this writing, Franklin Park and other city parks are open to the public.

Here is the latest guidance from the city's parks department: •Tot lots and playgrounds are temporarily closed. Parks remain open at this time. Maintenance and operational functions continue uninterrupted.

• Although parks remain open for passive recreation (such as walking or jogging), park users are advised to follow "social distancing" guidelines recommended by the Boston Public Health Commission. Remain at least six feet away from other people. Wash hands, utilize hand sanitizer, and cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your inner elbow. Limit time in public areas and avoid congregating in groups. Stay home if you feel sick.

•Please call 617-635-4505 or email parks@boston.gov if you have questions about Parks permits or events. Visit Boston. gov/coronavirus for the latest public health information.

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Boston adds 242 more beds to house city's ill homeless

By Ally Jarmanning WBUR REPORTER

Mayor Walsh has announced that the city would be adding hundreds more beds to house those who are homeless, allowing them a place to isolate and recuperate if they fall ill. That includes two new locations: a Suffolk University downtown dorm, with 172 beds, and a former hospital in Brighton, with 70 beds.

That comes after a member of the city's homeless popula-tion tested positive for the coronavirus. The former hospital, at 1515 Commonwealth Ave., could begin taking people as soon as this week. The building is owned by The Davis Companies, and was scheduled to be converted to a residential building.

Those beds are in addition to sites already identified and announced by

the city: the reopening of the 250-bed former Newton Pavilion at Boston Medical Center, plus tent medical facilities outside the city's homeless shelters.

"We are fully committed to protecting all of our residents," Walsh said. "Every single life is worth saving, and every single life is worth protecting."

Pine Street Inn president Lyndia Downie told WBUR's Radio Boston last Thursday that one long term guest at the shelter tested positive for the coronavirus. He was at the hospital, and staff was tracing his contacts.

Walsh also announced that case publicly Sunday.

Health officials have been screening people at shelter sites across the city. Last Wednesday than 1.400 individuals

in Boston's emergency shelters.

Also on Sunday, Walsh said too many people are still gathering at city parks and beaches, seemingly ignoring social distancing recommendations. He said zip ties are being used to temporarily close city basketball and tennis courts, street hockey rinks, and playgrounds.

But he said he would not yet close parks entirely and had no plans to ticket or fine people who continued to gather in groups.

"I honestly don't feel at this point it's my job or our public safety officials' jobs to enforce these rules," he said. "It's about all of us working together."

WBUR 90.9FM published this article on March 29. The Reporter and WBUR share connight there were more tent through a media



The former Kindred Hospital, an acute-care center in Brighton, will be converted to a haven for the city's homeless who are sick.

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Pressley tested negative for COVID-19; just flu, she says

US Rep. Ayanna Pressley has tested negative for the coronavirus-caused COVID-19, her office announced last Friday. Pressley's office had said on March 25 that the Boston congresswoman "sought professional medical treatment out of an abundance of caution" after

experiencing flu-like symptoms.

"I am relieved to report that I have tested negative for COVID-19. I am, however still recovering from the flu, but feeling much better and continuing to work remotely with my team on COVID-19 response," Pressley said in a statement. – SHNS



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Tito Jackson, recovering from COVID-19, urges all to 'stay home'

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Tito Jackson, the former Boston city councillor who lives in Grove Hall, says he is "on the mend" after a harrowing bout with COVID-19 last month. He described his experience at a NAACP Boston branch meeting that was held online on Monday evening during which he urged people to "stay home."

He added: "When they're talking about flattening the curve, what can be seen is that we are very likely in a situation where we are going to overwhelm our healthcare system, which is going to adversely affect healthcare outcomes.

"We don't want to have to get to the point in Boston and Mass where people have to make the distinction about who is going to survive and who is not going to survive."

The 44-year-old former District 7 councillor and mayoral campaign finalist said he first noticed symptoms on Sat., March 14. "I began to have a little bit of a sore throat and a little cough," he said. "Sadly, I pushed through and went to a small birthday gathering with about five or six other people. I left, and then that night began to



Tito Jackson, speaking from home to the NAACP Boston branch meeeting, talks of his recent bout with COVID-19.

have a really bad headache and a fever. I had a night sweat."

Through Sunday and Monday, Jackson said, he began to experience throbbing and aching pains through all of his major muscle groups. "That was really painful," he said, "We've all had the flu, so it was kind of like what you feel like when you have achy pain with the flu but times ten."

As his symptoms progressed, he said that by Tuesday he became short of breath and felt a shooting pain travelling through his joints. "That affected my ankles and my knees and I had really bad back pain," he said.

On Wednesday, he called his primary care doctor, who told him that the inflammation in his lungs was likely causing the back pain. Jackson said that his doctor also reminded him that he hadn't gotten a flu shot, and prescribed Tamiflu, which, Jackson said, helped with the symptoms he was experiencing.

"About five or six hours later, some of the symptoms began to tamp down, and I began to feel a lot better. I was on Tamiflu for about five days and it really helped," he said.

On March 23, Jackson received phone calls from two friends whom he had been in close contact with

who informed him that they had tested positive for COVID-19. The next day he went to the Carney Hospital for testing.

"It took about 15 minutes," he said. "The test consists of a three- or four-question survey about some of your symptoms and then they take out probably the largest Q-tip I've ever seen in my life and they put it in each nostril for 10 seconds. Then that's it."

Early Friday morning, three days after testing, Jackson received word from his doctor that he had tested positive. He has continued to selfquarantine since then.

"Although I've quarantined for two weeks

and some change now, I will be quarantined until April 8 to make sure that I don't expose friends, family or loved ones to the disease," he said. "Although I'm on the recovery side of this fight, I think there is an important message for all of us here."

Jackson said that communities of color would be affected by the virus, and need to make sure they have a place at the table when benefits are being dispersed.

"We know that disparities did not start and will not end with Covid-19. We were behind the 8 ball in a lot of ways before this," he said, "One thing I want to be very clear

on – black people do get COVID-19. I'm not sure how that rumor came about that we don't, but this virus is seeking to take all of us out."

He continued: "We need to make a distinction that this is much more virulent in terms of contagiousness than the flu. It is passed on much more easily and has the ability to clog up our health system in ways that the flu, which infects over a longer period of time, doesn't.

"I am on the mend, but this is the worst diet I've ever been on," he said with a laugh. "Please be safe. I want each and every one of your families to be safe."



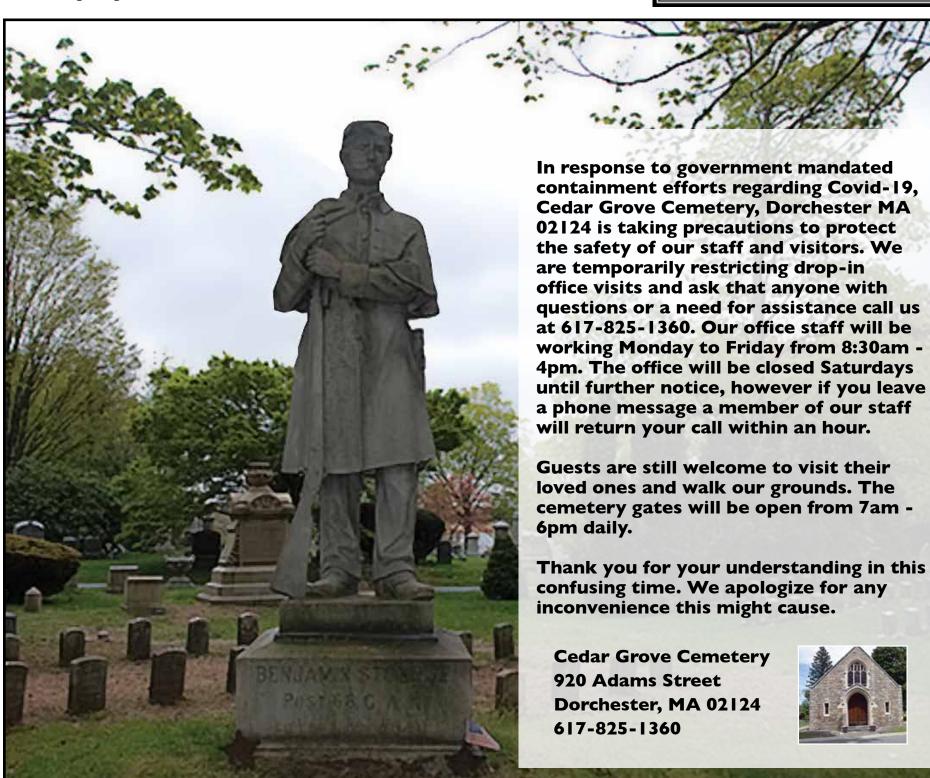
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A crackdown on group sports at city parks

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Walsh has been outspoken about his concerns about group sports continuing in recent days. In a press availability on Sunday, he warned, "Our last effort is to lock the parks down, and we don't want to lock them down."

Woods said that the parks remain open for "passive use. Our staff is still emptying trash barrels and continuing upkeep. We're just asking for the public to listen to the mayor's guidelines and keep to social distancing while in the parks."

Play structures are off-limits, and the city has also shut down both municipal golf courses the William Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park.

Walsh has also ordered a citywide halt on construction for the duration of the public health emergency, which means



a pause on renovations to Dorchester's Garvey Park and the Downer Ave. playground.

Parks and Recreation employees will continue to pay attention to citywide park construction sites. "We closed up our construction at park and playground sites, but we are still doing preventative maintenance," said Woods. "For example, if there's a dead or dying tree or any other potentially hazardous component at a site, our teams will address that maintenance."

Woods added: "The



A Boston Parks and Recreation employee applies a zip-tie to a basketball net at a city park. Photo courtesy City of Boston Parks and Recreation Dept.

good thing with Garvey is that it was ahead of schedule because of the mild winter that we had. Before all of this we had expected it would open earlier, maybe by the

end of June. This has obviously created some delays and now we're looking at more of an August or September timeline, although we don't know ... for sure

until the ban is lifted."

He added that before the virus outbreak, Downer Ave. Playground had been slated for completion in late April or early May, but that will now be delayed.

Planning initiatives will also likely see some delays, although, Woods said, "we are exploring some possible virtual meetings to keep things on track," he said, while noting that larger planning efforts— like the Franklin Park Master plan- wouldn't be good candidates for online planning.

The first Franklin Park Master Plan meeting took place in early February, and drew a large crowd of participants to the Devine Memorial Golf Clubhouse. A second planning session originally slated for April has been postponed.

"What we are doing in terms of Franklin Park," said Woods, "is continuing to push out our survey through social media and encouraging people to take it," said Woods. "People can also visit franklinparkmasterplan.com to see more information on the effort."

To our readers:

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They all recognize the importance of keeping community journalism alive and well — especially right now.

Mayor Walsh-in his daily briefings— has repeatedly emphasized the need for people to rely on trusted media sources- including newspapers- to guide public behavior and safety measures. People are taking that advice by our measurements:

We've seen unprecedented traffic to our website— DotNews. com- and social media channels, mainly because we've been doing important journalism, including breaking news

about Carney Hospital's plan to become the nation's first dedicated COVID-19 facility; the challenges facing health centers; providing expert context on public health from a local perspective; the role of city government in maintaining order and direction; and the impacts to local businesses.

Our coverage is providing essential information in this fast-moving emergency. And we're working closely with partners like WBUR, State House News Service, and BNN-

about what is happening on the ground here in our neighborhoods.

Our work has also been highlighted by national media: Last week, Lawrence O'Donnell directed his viewers on MSNBC's The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell to check out our coverage of Gaby Araica's efforts to make face masks for health care workers in our neighborhood.

We remain a viable, trusted vehicle to get messaging out quickly to our loyal readers.

We've also seen a num-TV to bring context berofnew subscribers in recent days from people who want to support our efforts. That has been a great help to us, since that will help to finance our efforts to get more papers into the hands of people— especially older neighbors- who have found themselves isolated at home.

We feel our mission is even more important in this time of crisis and hardship. To all of our readers: Please stay safe and healthy and let us know how we can be of assistance in the days and weeks to come.

- Bill Forry

WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE



Boston Water and Sewer Commission will begin Water Main Flushing in parts of the Dorchester area starting on April 5 through April 8, 2020.

The boundaries for the areas being flushed are: Columbia Rd to the north, Victory Rd and Centre St to the south, I-93 and Dorchester Bay to the East and Washington St to the west.

The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.

Water Main flushing will take place between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

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BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston

If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website at www.bwsc.org.

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Boston Public Library COVID-19 UP-DATE

The Boston Public Library issued this guidance on March 16, 2020.

At this point, there are few people who have not been impacted in some way by the COVID-19 virus. Here at the Boston Public Library, we are doing everything in our power to continue to bring you important

All locations closed

As of 6 p.m. Monday, March 16, all BPL locations are closed until further notice. All online services will remain available.

All events cancelled

As a preventative measure to minimize the spread of COV-ID-19, all Boston Public Library programs and events have been cancelled. This includes all events-classes, programs, and workshopsat all of our branches.

As always, we are closely following the directives of the City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commis-

Don't worry about due dates

The BPL has waived all library fines through May 1.

In addition, all books will be automatically renewed for an addi-

tional 15 weeks, and any library cards that were to expire in March and April have had their expiration dates extended to October.

Online resources

We are also able to provide you with additional options from books to skill training online at

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And if you have research questions, the team at ask@bpl.org is also here to help.

Keep each other safe

We all have a role to play in protecting our communities and mitigating the spread of coronavirus. Please also visit boston.gov and bphc.org for the latest updates.

Reporter's People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Westglow Street parade lifts boy's spirits on 10th birthday

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Coming of age in the middle of a global pandemic presents some logistical challenges: How to celebrate a birthday when gatherings of any kind go against statewide safety restrictions?

One Dorchester family found a solution. On Sunday, the Kazmouskis of Westglow Street celebrated their son Cole's 10th birthday with the help of their school community in the form of a birthday caravan on wheels.

"Before all this happened,



Cole Kazmouski, one happy 10th grader.

we were trying to figure out what to do for his birthday," explained Cole's father, Tommy. "Usually we invite a bunch of kids over and do a sleepover. But with all this lockdown going on, we were like, 'what are we gonna do?"

Kazmouski said a mother from Cole's group of friends hatched the idea for a "driveby-parade" to wish Cole a happy birthday from the safety of their cars.

"We didn't really know what was happening, we just knew they would be there at 11," said Kazmouski. "We were home waiting for Amazon birthday packages to show up, just praying they'd show up. Then all these horns started beeping. He didn't know what was going on."

Video of the celebration shows a caravan of cars proceeding up the street toward the Kazmouski residence, with families honking horns, waving signs and balloons, and handing birthday gifts over to Cole from their car window.

Kazmouski said Cole, a fourth grader at St. Brendan's School, was "completely over the moon. He had no idea what we were going outside for. It made his day, it made our day, and it was great because it's just been so crazy lately."

Cole's mother, Amy, told the *Reporter* that the other families enjoyed the experience so much that it might become a tradition going forward in the friend group.

"The thing I liked most was that he was happier about [the celebration] than any of the gifts," she said. "It was his best and favorite present, and you just could not tear the smile from his face that day."

Mask-making 4th grader finds inspiration from public servants in family; 50 made, more to come

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Gaby Araica, a 10-yearold 4th grader at St. Brendan's School has single-handedly sewn more than 50 masks and counting for healthcare professionals in need of personal protection equipment.

Araica's sewing teacher at In Stitches in Quincy posted a tutorial with directions on how to make the masks, which inspired her to start. As Araica continues to sew more masks, she plans to donate them to nurses in her neighborhood who will bring them into their workplaces.

Tracy Araica, Gaby's mother, said making the masks is helping her daughter get through the disruptive and sometimes scary public health emergency.

"She loves that she's helping. This effort is giving her something to do," Araica told the Reporter last Wednesday. "And getting her away from electronics and school work for a while. She feels like she's doing something important and helping out."

"Gaby takes sewing classes at In Stitches in Quincy, and her teacher Diana posted a tutorial and said the hospitals are accepting donations of the masks," said Araica. "My sister-in-law is a nurse, so the first batch that Gaby made she sent to her, and everything kind of spun out from there. She's gotten requests from other nurses, flight attendants, local employees, and her doctor's office contacted us asking for some masks.'

As of now, Gaby has sewn about 50 completed masks and is working on more. She uses cotton fabric and quarter-inch elastic from Sewfisticated in Dorchester and works on sewing the masks in between her online schoolwork during the week.

"We're trying to help her employ her expertise, and this process is also giving her more sewing practice. She's getting better and better," Araica said. "I'm a retired police officer, and my husband is working as a police officer, so Gaby really understands what it's like for people to have to go out and work throughout the public health emergency."

After the *Reporter* publicized Gaby's efforts online last week, the story caught the eye of Lawrence O'Donnell, who hosts the nightly MSNBC program "The Last Word" with Lawrence O'Donnell. A graduate of St. Bren-





Gaby Araica is shown with masks she made in her Dorchester home.

dan's School himself, O'Donnell hailed Gaby's efforts and called attention to the lack of sufficient protective gear for front-line medical and public safety workers. O'Donnell's shoutouts on TV and Twitter brought a whole new level of attention to her efforts.

Her mother added: "We're trying to help

her out and keep her going, and we're all kind of surprised how it's taken off and all of the positive feedback we're receiving."

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Since the Dorchester Historical Society's buildings are closed, we hope to share the Society's collections in other ways including this space. Today's illustration shows Ethel Henderson with unfired pieces inside the kiln. The round flat-topped containers held small pieces so that the heat would reach them more gradually and evenly. The following is from the National Register description of the kiln:

"The Dorchester Pottery Works kiln and the brick building that houses it is a designated Boston Landmark. The kiln, which has an interior that is 22 feet in diameter and 10 1/2 feet high, sits in the center of the brick building with about 10 feet between it and the outside walls. The second floor of the building has a round



Ethel Henderson at the Dorchester Pottery Kiln on Victory Road. DHS photo

opening in the center as large as the kiln below, making it more of a balcony around the room than a real floor. The kiln building sits lower in the landscape than the wooden building to its side, and there is a staircase of 6 to 8 steps down from the first floor

of the other building to the floor of the kiln building."

(Today's photo seems to have been taken from the top of the staircase looking down and across the room.)

"The kiln measures, in its dimensions, approximately 30 feet in diameter and about 12 feet in height from grade to the top of the dome. At grade, the kiln's walls are approximately 4 feet thick and include an encasing wall about 4 feet and 9 inches in height. This outer wall houses nine firing holes and the arched entry to

the kiln's interior. The exterior walls of the kiln are girded with horizontal and vertical iron bands to allow for the proper structural expansion and contraction of the kiln during firing and cooling.

"Inside, the kiln measures approximately 22 feet in diameter. The interior space is about 10 1/2 feet high under the center of the dome, marked by the location of a small air hole, and about 6 1/2 feet high near the kiln's sides. Brick shelving lines the inner walls of the kiln which are covered with a shiny surface formed over the years, through the escaping of vaporized glazes during firing. A grid of heat resistant tiles on the kiln's floor permits the conduction of heat, fire, and gases through an underground flu to

the chimney which protrudes out of a corner of the building."

We have a slide show that you can view by copying and pasting this link into your browser. https://www.slideshare.net/EarlTaylor5/ dorchester-pottery-collection-71630637

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) andthe William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Editorial

Everyone knows; will we act in time?

Just about every person in the Commonwealth has accepted the grim reality: This public health emergency is a real and present danger to all of usand the unprecedented restrictions to daily life are a necessary tool to combat COVID-19.

A tracking poll, commissioned by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and conducted by The MassINC Polling Group, found that 97 percent say they "understand what actions they should take to prevent further spread of coronavirus" and 96 percent say "they are seeing either nobody or only a few people."

Said Steve Koczela, president of The MassINC Polling Group: "I've never seen anything like the level of awareness and action described in these Massachusetts numbers. And the responses that are not already universal are still growing each week. Even in the face of great personal difficulty, residents are doing their part to help."

Eighty-six percent of those who responded to the poll said they are "not shopping at all or only going if it's essential." The good news in this moment of great dread and anxiety is that there's nearly a universal embrace— at least here in our state— of what needs to be done.

The troubling news: Once we get through the initial, acute wave of health perils, there's likely to be a severe period of economic hardship that's going to sweep across our communities.

The most recent Mass INC Polling data—based on a statewide survey of 900 residents between March 24 and March 29— now shows:

- "One in four residents (25 percent) say they will face serious financial hardship within a month, and another 15 percent anticipate issues the month after that.
- "Since the crisis began, 16 percent report losing a job. Among those still employed, a new high of 32 percent say they have lost part of their paycheck."
- "These difficulties are strongly concentrated among lower-income households and part-time and hourly workers. Among those with household incomes under \$50,000, 41 percent anticipate hardship in the month ahead, 21 percent report job losses, and about half (48 percent) of those still employed say they have lost a portion of their paycheck.

As Koczela notes, even those who are already taking the hit hardest economically understand why a 'strong response" is needed. "Just 9 percent think the reaction has gone too far, while the vast majority say it has been about right (60 percent) or could go further still (28 percent)," he writes.

Still, there are indications that while everyone is aware— not enough of us are following through on recommendations to stay socially distant. On Monday, Mayor Walsh once again urged Bostonians to use "common sense" when frequenting city parks.

The mayor was clearly annoyed by reports he's hearing about too many people congregating on beaches and play fields.

"That's not social distancing," he said. "If this doesn't $change, I'm\ going\ to\ start\ naming\ locations\ in\ the\ city$ of Boston so that people know you shouldn't be there.'

The mayor said on Monday that he has no intention of fining Bostonians for not following his guidance. But it might be necessary later.

It should be obvious to everyone now that this won't be a quick skirmish. It's more like a siege. Even when it's "over," all indications are that there will be cause for grave concern about another wave of assault later this year.

We'll get through it. But it's time for everyone to fully come to terms with the reality that polling suggests we all understand: We're going to have to dig deep into our reservoir of mental toughness and lean on each other (from a safe distance, of course.)

It says here that we can do it.

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Observations about a catastrophic month

By BILL WALCZAK SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

March 2020 will go down in history as the month that many Americans started taking the coronavirus seriously. In the first couple of weeks, schools, businesses, and state governments determined that the US wasn't going to dodge the virus bullet, started to fear a replication of Italy's experience, and began what eventually led to the near shutdown of many parts of our country, including the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts leaders did this despite continuing statements by the president (and by certain governors, such as Florida's Ron DeSantis) that it was a problem that could be largely ignored. By the end of the month, the US had the most cases in the world, with no sign that it would plateau soon. Because we as a country were so late to the fight, slowing the spread or "flattening the curve" of the pandemic is the best we can hope for now.

We know now that there were several government and non-government studies over the past few years looking at the possibility of such a viral scenario developing in the United States. These included one done just last summer featuring a simulated test of our systems that pointed out the problems that eventually became our failings when the real virus hit this year.

In 2018, Bill Gates, in a lecture to the Massachusetts Medical Society, cited the danger of a pandemic hitting the US "in our lifetime" and pointed to a report from the Institute for Disease Modeling predicting that if a contagious, lethal, and airborne pathogen on the order of the 1918 flu pandemic hit the US, it could result in 33 million deaths in 6 months. So government officials were aware of the danger, and what we needed to do to deal with such a pandemic, but the Trump administration cut the very department that should have been helping to prepare us.

The US is now the center of the COVID-19 disaster, and, as predicted, our health care system is being overrun in several parts of the country. And we're still fumbling when it comes to several critical issues:

• Testing. If we really want to put a lid on this virus, we need a test that tells us in minutes, not days or weeks, whether someone has the virus, and we need to do them on everyone, probably multiple times – and not only when someone has symptoms, as we can carry the virus for several days before having symptoms.

China determined that 79 percent of its confirmed cases were the result of contact with people who were untested. We all need to know our status, not health and economic catastrophe.

once, but at any time, if we're to successfully separate those carrying the virus from those it could kill. Countries more successful at managing the pandemic are making this happen.

 Masks. China made billions of masks and had people wear them in public to contain the virus. Americans are being told that not everyone needs to wear one. Sometimes we're told the truth – that we don't have enough for the medical providers. But we've also been told that they don't work unless you have symptoms. On the other hand, we're told that "infected people can carry the virus for several days before showing any signs of illness" (Boston Globe).

Recently, some health agencies have been recommending using bandanas over your mouth and nose due to the lack of masks, which could be seen as a different kind of risk (looking like a bank robber). In any case, it is criminal that we still cannot produce enough masks for everyone.

• Personal Protection Equipment. Medical providers are still seeing patients without appropriate protection, including masks, and hundreds of our medical providers are getting the virus (and presumably spreading the virus), thereby reducing the number of providers available to treat people who get the virus. Can we indict the folks responsible for this travesty? Oh, that's right, the president can't be indicted for a crime while in office. (But could we indict US Senators Burr and Loeffler for unloading stock after hearing a congressional briefing while telling their constituents not to worry?)

It amazes me that we're still talking about these basic needs that should have been handled months

Finally, our state budget is taking a whack from the virus. By law, it has to be balanced for its fiscal year, which ends June 30. When are we going to be told how much tax money is expected to be lost, how much money will be needed to pay for keeping our state going in a crisis, and what we will need to cut to balance the books?

How will we be able to implement the new Chapter 70 education foundation budget, which re-balances education funding toward needy communities? Should the Legislature rescind the recent income tax cut and deductibility of charitable contributions? (Please see my article on why we should do so https://doinews.com/2020/comment-charitable-taxdeductions-will-hurt-commonwealths-bottom-line).

If we can't quicken our pace, our state budget will be just one of many crises in a very drawn-out

The LGBTQ community and COVID-19

By SEAN CAHILL

Everyone is at risk of infection in the COVID-19 pandemic, but history shows that people who are marginalized, including LGBTQ people and people living with HIV, will suffer more than the general

Due to the impacts of stigma and minority stress on overall health, LGBTQ people are more likely to have some of the underlying health conditions such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes that could increase their vulnerability if they are exposed to the novel coronavirus. They're also more likely to engage in some of the behaviors, such as smoking and vaping, that increase the risk of infection by increasing the possibility of transmitting the virus from hand to mouth.

Also, because COVID-19 is a respiratory disease, people who smoke or vape are at greater risk of complications if they get COVID-19.

Years of research have shown that lesbian women are more likely to have poor or fair health, multiple chronic conditions, heavy drinking and heavy smoking compared with straight, cisgender women. Bisexual women are more likely to have multiple chronic conditions, severe psychological distress, and engage in heavy drinking and moderate smoking. Lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals of all ages are more likely to be living with disabilities than the general population. LGBTQ youth have higher rates of sedentarism, pre-diabetes, and diabetes, LGBT people are more likely are to use substances. And LGBT older adults experience higher rates of social isolation than straight and cisgender age peers.

Another important concern for LGBTQ people during this pandemic is that they avoid seeking needed health care due to previous experiences of discrimination in health care settings or the fear of experiencing discrimination. New policies have been enacted at the federal level that make it easier for health care providers to refuse treatment based on religious or moral beliefs.

John Auerbach, president and CEO of Trust for America's Health, recently warned that LGBTQ people may have more trouble accessing tests for COVID-19 due to their reduced access to health care.

Discrimination in health care is never acceptable. But when it happens during an unprecedented global health emergency, it puts lives at risk.

There is no evidence to suggest that people living with HIV are at higher risk of contracting the coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19. But as with other viral respiratory infections, the risk for people with HIV getting very sick is greatest in those with a low CD4 cell count, and those who are not adherent to HIV treatment and virally suppressed.

Experts advise that people living with HIV should have a minimum 30-day supply of medications, be up to date with flu and pneumonia vaccines, and have a clinical care plan in place in case they are quarantined. Fenway Health has largely shifted to telemedicine whenever possible.

Thanks to Gov. Baker's emergency order, all patients have a right to 60- or 90-day supplies of prescription medications. Insurance plans must cover these expanded supplies. This along with pharmacy delivery services can help people minimize their trips outside.

All people, including LGBTQ people and those living with HIV, should be vigilant about adhering to social distancing guidelines, which means staying home and only going outside for essential services such as accessing health care or medications, and food shopping. People living with HIV should make every effort to adhere to their treatment regimen by taking their HIV medication daily.

Last, we may be isolated, but we need to hold on to our community. Check in by phone or social media on your friends and family, especially those who are older or living with a disability that makes it hard for them to go grocery shopping. And try to remain hopeful. We are in for a long haul, but we will get through this together if we take the appropriate precautions and take care of one another.

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REMEMBERING

75 years on, April 1945 events echo still

By Tom Mulvoy Associate Editor

Seventy five years ago this month, the world was anticipating the imminent end of the murderous Nazi regime as Allied forces under General Dwight D. Eisenhower and a number of aggressive Russian generals were pressing from all sides on the once-invincible German military. In the Pacific, the Japanese army and navy were being pushed back in brutal fighting as Admiral Chester Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur closed in on the home islands of Emperor Hirohito and his subjects.

In a time when newsby-the-minute assaults the senses of those who yearn for perspective, analysis, and clarity, it can be instructive to look back to April 1945, a month that gave the world 30 days of remarkable, inch-high headlines about truly big news.

1 – US Forces Invade Okinawa: Some 60,000 American forces land on Okinawa, a large island situated just 300 miles from the Japanese homeland. Waiting on the Americans were more

than 100,000 Japanese, virtually all committed to fight to death for their country and their god-man emperor. Some 80 days later, the battle was over, at a cost of 110,000 Japanese killed, and 10,000 taken prisoner. The US Army and the Marines lost 7,613 men, with an additional 31,000 wounded, while 4,320 Navy sailors and pilots died, many victims of a new form of sudden death, the suicidal dive of the kamikaze pilots.

Buchenwald Liberated: More than a year after Soviet forces first came upon concentration camps on the edge of eastern Europe, unsuspecting US Army troops advanced on Buchenwald and found bodies stacked 75 high in a desolate camp where, it was later determined, 50,000 had been murdered by Nazi criminals. Two weeks later, US forces liberated Dachau and its satellite camps. Most of the 30,000 prisoners there were too weak to react to being freed; another 30,000 had been killed.

12 - Roosevelt is Dead at 63; Truman Sworn In: - Less than three months into his fourth term as president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was fatally stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage while sitting for a portrait in Warm Springs, Georgia. The dominant partner in the Allies' World War II alliance and a domestic politician without peer, FDR (his headline name) was eulogized as a leader who "died a hero of the war, for he literally worked himself to death in the service of the American people." Harry S Truman of Missouri, Roosevelt's third vice president, took the oath of office as the nation's 32d chief executive. A virtual nonentity to most American citizens, Truman would make his own history over the next seven years.

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14 - Allies Cease
Air operations in
Europe: The strategic
air war that began with
Adolf Hitler's bombing
of England in 1940 was
over; the sovereign nation of Germany was,
for all purposes, a mass
of rubble. U-boat operations came to a close
with the sinking of four
German vessels by Allied ships.

23-Russians Enter Berlin: Stalin's Red Army reached the outskirts of Berlin some 3 1/2 years after Hitler's legions had come within a wintry day or two of capturing Moscow.

24-Petain Charged with Treason: Marshal Philippe Petain, aged head of the submissive Vichy government and a national hero in France during World WarI, was arrested and charged with treason for his government's collaboration with the occupying Nazis.

25-Allies, Russians
Hook Up: Allies West
(the US First Army
under Gen. Courtney
Hodges) and East (the
Red Army under Marshal Ivan Konev) linked
up with handshakes in
the German heartland,
at the Elbe River at
Torgau.

United Nations Convenes for First Time: President Truman addressed by telephone the first organizing session of the United Nations in San Francisco, urging the representatives of 47 countries to "rise above personal interests" to create a world body that can enforce justice and keep the peace.

28 - Mussolini Shot, Hanged Upside Down: Il Duce was dead. Benito Mussolini, TRUMAN TO CONTINUE POLICIES;
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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS DEAD:

The New Hork Times. LAR COT BINNE

the theatrical Fascist who commanded Italians' loyalty for more than two decades and was an Axis partner of Hitler and the Japanese warlord Hideki Tojo, was shot, then hanged upside down in Milan by Italian partisans. Next to him on the impromptu gallows were the bodies of his mistress, Clara Petacci, and two associates.

30 – Hitler Takes Own Life: The dictator committed suicide by cyanide in his Berlin hideaway, his "Thousand-year Reich" buried deep in the ashes left across Europe by the war he had started less than six years before. The Nazi leader had assumed power in Germany in 1933, seven weeks before Franklin Roosevelt took office.

Hitler's rabid lieutenant and the Nazis' venomous propagandist, Joseph Goebbels, took his life the next day.

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So ended the month of April 1945. Victory in Europe was a week away. A little over three months later, Hirohito would concede the Pacific War in an address to his subjects after the billowing clouds over Hiroshima and Nagasaki gave a dreadful punctuation to 72 months of worldwide conflict that, historians suggest, led, directly or indirectly, to the deaths of more than 60 million men, women, and children.

Tom Mulvoy is a native of Dorchester and a former managing editor editor at the Boston Globe.



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DINING DIGEST

Sections of Dot are included in Harpoon home delivery model

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Depending on where you live in Dorchester, you may now be able to have Harpoon beer delivered to your door, thanks to a new delivery service campaign from the South Boston Seaport-based brewery.

Based on a map tweeted out by Harpoon, deliveries can be made from the brewery to residents in several neighborhoods including Columbia Point, Savin Hill, Jones Hill, Uphams Corner, porter that the campaign us to keep people em- ness, but that's only a The Commonwealth has and Grove Hall. Orders must be made online between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and will be delivered on the same day between 4-7 p.m.

Assorted 12-packs and 4-packs of beer, cider, and hard seltzer are available for order, in addition to handmade pretzels and merchandise. The \$35 order minimum includes free delivery.

Charlie Storey, president of Mass Bay Brewing Co., told the Rehas seen a "positive response" from the community so far.

"We've never done it before, so we don't really have a benchmark to compare it to, but it seems to be going well," said Storey. "So far it's exceeded our expectations in terms of the $response\, and\, the\, number$ of orders we've gotten... we're really grateful."

Storey added that instituting the delivery service has "enabled ployed."

Like other businesses in the hospitality industry across the country, Harpoon is feeling the ill effects of the COVID-19 crisis, which prompted the closure of bars and restaurants throughout the Commonwealth.

"That piece of our business is gone," said Storey. "It's partially offset by relatively strong business in liquor stores and grocery stores...we do have the to-go busi-

fraction of our ordinary level of activity."

Looking beyond immediate community support, Storey said that any forthcoming government response to the crisis should put the needs of workers first.

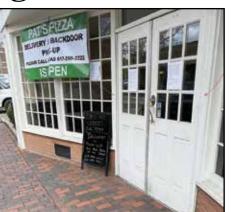
"The first focus is on employees who because of the crisis have been furloughed and laid off, that their access to unemployment benefits is swift and not held up with any kind of red tape.

been responsive on that front. ... Specifically in terms of our industry, the governor has recognized the beverage industry as essential...and also signed a bill, which has vet to pass, that would enable bars and restaurants to sell beer and wine to-go while the ban is in place.

"So, it seems like the state government is doing what it can to help keep our businesses

What's happening at Dot's stores and restaurants

- Pat's Pizza of Lower Mills has adopted a new system for take-out orders. Customers should call ahead and drive or wait outside the rear of the pizza shop at 2254 Dorchester Ave. Food will be hand-delivered direct to your car. Call 617-298-2222.
- New protective measures at the Dunkin' in Edward Everett Square include protective glass panels in front of each register. Customers are being encouraged to pay ahead of time online to limit contact.
- Shanti, the popular Indian restaurant in the Savin Hill section of Dorchester Ave., closed temporarily on Monday due to a supply shortage. The eatery had been open for takeout and delivery.
- "Due to the present situation, our vendors who supply our Indian ingredients from New York and New Jersey have stopped deliveries," owners



Pat's Pizza of Lower Mills

Solmon and Rokeya Chowdhury told customers in an email. "We at Shanti would like to thank you once again for your continued love and support, especially over these past two weeks. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you soon."

- Fields Corner's 50 Kitchen announced Monday morning that it would be closed this week for "some administrative work," but plans to reopen soon. Restaurant ownership informed customers of the decision on social media: "We want to thank all of v'all who came out and supported us this weekend...we appreciate your patience."
- On Monday, Daily Table on Wash $ington\,Street\,announced\,a\,series\,of\,new$ protective measures in response to the developing crisis, including new hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.mn. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 11a.m. to 6 p.m. "We're committed to the health and safety of our employees and customers," read a message on the grocery store's website. "In order to best serve our community, we're adjusting our store hours to give our staff more time to restock shelves, sanitize our stores, and rest in prepa-

ration for the next day. Additionally, we're continuing to reserve the first hour of each day for customers who are 60 and older.'

- $\bullet\, Adams\, Village's\, Eire\, Pub\, reopened$ for take-out orders Wednesday with a new menu featuring salads, sandwiches, and American chop suey. The bar had been "stools up" since St. Patrick's Day. The cash-only establishment is open Monday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.
- Dorchester Brewing Co. partners M&M BBQ are now offering food delivery through Uber Eats as of Monday, the restaurant announced via social media. The restaurant's full menu is available for purchase through the app. At the moment, delivery is available from 11:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., with no delivery fee.

- DANIEL SHEEHAN

We will return neighborhood notables to this space when events are rescheduled.



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Iconic Ice Creamsmith finds new ways to serve its loyal customers in Lower Mills

(Continued from page 1) installed a take-out-only table at the front door from which customers could walk up and order from the full menu, an adaptive measure that allowed the Skillins to retain their full staff.

Then, the restaurant restriction orders came down from local officials and, seeing his staff was "too exposed" with warm weather and long lines at the door, the Skillins closed again on the 19th to re-evaluate.

The shop relaunched on March 25 with a new online ordering system. "My wife worked superhard to update our website to take online orders and be able to communicate with a credit card reader," explained Skillin.

The shop, which has operated since 1976, was a cash-only business for years. "Having it now be all credit card is something completely different, but obviously we have to change with the times."

The new system also allows for a virtually contactless ice cream shopping experience: "There's no touching going on at the door. People come up, tell us their name, grab their ice cream and they're on their way."

The Ice Creamsmith is



Sarah Mabel-Skillin does ice cream, yes, but also websites. Reporter photo

currently open for online and phone orders from Wednesday to Sunday, with placed orders available for store pickup from 4-7 p.m. But Skillin was forced to reduce the menu to quarts of ice cream, pints of sauce, and containers of candy toppings, as well as "pare down" the staff to himself, his wife, and a senior manager.

"We started a new tipping feature [with online orders] on credit cards solely to help our employees that are now stuck at home," noted Skillin, who said all tips are being split evenly

among laid off employees. "For most of them it's a part time job or a second job, but we still feel terrible not giving them any money. Most are high school kids hoping to buy a car, save up for college, buy a prom dress...but we've stayed in touch and they're all in good spirits."

Chris and Sarah have continued making the ice cream by hand, per usual. But menu changes have altered the process and how they prepare for each week, noted Skillin.

"The hardest part is trying to keep up with demand. When you have five gallons it usually could last a couple of days with orders of small cones, frappes, things like that. But when you're packing it into quarts, it goes very quickly."

While a reduced menu and a ban on in-store customers have seen the Ice Creamsmith take a hit on sales compared to business as usual, Skillin says customers have been "very responsive" to the new online ordering system.

"It's been difficult on us, but we're doing the best we can. Our customer base has been fantastic, you know, rolling with the punches. We've been an establishment here for 44 years so people expect what they expect here.'

In an attempt to maintain some semblance of normalcy, Skillin was hard at work Monday making the new special flavors for the week--chocolate hazelnut, salted caramel pretzel, and lemon custard--to keep up a tradition treasured by loyal customers.

"If I don't have special flavors, I'll hear about it," Skillin said with a laugh. "We want to make sure customers are happy."



The Skillins switched from scooping ice cream from gallon containers to fill cones to using quart containers, lined up and ready for sale above, for The Ice Creamsmith photo pickup customers.

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Fears of virus spread eliminate reusable bags at grocery stores

By Bruce Gellerman WBUR REPORTER

Reusable grocery tote bags across Massachusetts are idle these days, stuffed in the backs of vehicles and hanging on door knobs in homes. That's because last week Gov. Charlie Baker issued a new public health order: "From now on reusable bags are prohibited and all regulations on plastic bag bans will be lifted.

Several New England states have also temporarily banned reusable bags or delayed implementing or enforcing new restrictions on single-use bags. The goal is to limit the spread of the coronavirus in food stores and pharmacies. But the scientific evidence supporting the prohibition of reusables is far from conclusive.

Over the past two vears, 139 Massachusetts municipalities have instituted a variety of restrictions on single-use bags. A move to pass a statewide ban has failed in 10 legislative seasons.

The Massachusetts Food Association, which represents supermarkets and grocers, has supported a uniform statewide ban for environmental reasons but right now, it's pro-paper and plastic.

"During an emergency crisis, they're probably safer than reusable bags," says Brian Houghton, the association's senior vice president for policy. "There have been studies we've seen by the CDC and others that there are surfaces that this virus can live on."

But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers no specific recommendations about reusable bags and coronavirus. (Though they do say you should regularly wash reusable bags to prevent the spread of food-borne disease.)

And Massachusetts Bureau of Environmental Health Director Jana Ferguson wrote in an email that department has seen "no scientific information specific to bags and the ability of reusable bags to be a way to spread coronavirus.'

Despite this, Plastic Industry Association is pressuring officials to reintroduce plastic bags. In a March 18 letter to Department of Health and Human Services head Alex Azar, association President Tony



Washed shopping bags hung out to dry in the fresh Bruce Gellerman/WBUR photo

Radoszewski asked the federal government to support single-use plastic bags to help fight the pandemic. The association cites several studies finding that reusables can carry bacteria and viruses.

But Massachusetts Rep. Lori Ehrlich, a Marblehead Democrat and one of the leading legislative advocates for a plastic bag ban, says that scientific research showing a health threat from reusable bags is

"Those studies have long been debunked and shown not have much truth behind them," she savs.

The Plastic Industry Association frequently cites one 2011 study that found food-borne bacteria present in reusable shopping bags used to carry groceries. The research was funded by the American Chemistry Council, a trade group that advocates on behalf of disposable plastic bag manufacturers.

The science on reusable bags is limited, says Meghan May, professor of microbiology at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

May has studied reusable bags and viruses, but says, "the best papers I've seen for this virus [the coronavirus] on surfaces don't include fabric as yet."

In work published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers tested for the coronavirus on a variety of surfaces. They found the virus was still viable 72 hours after they applied it to plastic and stainless steel, 24 hours on cardboard, and just four hours on copper. The viability of the virus on cloth used in many reusable grocery bags — was not investigated.

However, May says until demonstrated otherwise, the conservative thing to do would be to assume the novel coronavirus can survive on cloth bags.

This article was published by WBUR 90.9FM on March 30. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

Councillors to state: Hold-off on your BPS plan

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE News Service

A trio of Boston city councillors on March 31 asked state education officials to hold off on a new partnership with their city's school district to improve underperforming schools, saying students, educators and families need to focus

on adapting to the new realities of the COVID-19 crisis.

Council President Kim Janey and councillors Annissa Essaibi-George and Lydia Edwards called in to the Board of Secondary Elementary Education's remote meeting and asked for a pause on a recently announced agreement between the Boston schools and the state education department that calls for the city to make improvements at its 33 lowest performing schools, including increased support for students with disabilities and improved transportation options.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced

the three-year memorandumofunderstandingon March 13, the same day Mayor Martin Walsh and Superintendent Brenda Cassellius announced the Boston schools would close for more than a month to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

"Right now, this is not the time for an MOU," Edwards said. "It's al-

would be the focus at all in terms of making sure that our kids are somewhat being educated. If you truly are concerned about that, then please allow for this virus to get through, allow us to assess where we are after that, and then we can talk about issues that we are not unfamiliar with."

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At Harvard Street Health, the challenge is to 'hold the line'

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Community health centers continue to bear the brunt of screenings and containment efforts in Dorchester amid a worsening COVID-19 emergency. Stan McLaren, president & CEO of Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, said last Friday that he is proud of how quickly his staff has adapted to a rapidly changing situation.

"I think the biggest thing is that stuff just keeps changing so fast," said McLaren. "You try to forecast and plan out, but the way this has been moving— normally you plan by the month or by the week, but now it's hour-by-hour."

Like other community centers around the neighborhood, Harvard Street has become part of the "front line" in the pandemic. The Blue Hill Avenue facility is doing pre-screenings before anybody walks in the building, checking for elevated temperatures and other symptoms. Once inside, anyone exhibiting symptoms is directed to a "triaged" section where they are isolated from other patients and the general staff.

"We're putting as many protocols in place as possible," said McLaren. "We've spent money retrofitting the health center with plexiglass. We temporarily shut down our dental department



Gov. Charlie Baker received a tour of Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center last December from CEO Stan McLaren.

Reporter file photo by Daniel Sheehan

barrier.

care, and [authorizing

telehealth] lifts that

people at home so they're

isolated. This allows us

to do that. On the behav-

ioral health side, there's

a level of anxiety going

on with COVID, and

this allows us to help

with that anxiety. Even

"We're trying to keep

and redirected other areas to make sure those on the front lines have the resources they need.

"Governor Baker has talked a lot about preparing for this surge that will hit hospitals," said McLaren. "We're that initial front line to prevent that surge coming to hospitals and getting overwhelmed."

Among the many adjustments, Harvard Street has begun embracing telehealth as a means to continue providing care, particularly in the realm of behavioral health, said McLaren.

"I should give kudos to Secretary Sudders and Governor Baker," said McLaren. "This has been a game changer. The population we serve has many barriers accessing

stigma around behavorial health, and telehealth creates a situation where we're breaking down that barrier of stigma or denial, and try to prevent those issues being further exacerbated.

In addition to the wide range of health services Harvard Street provides, the facility is also home to a food pantry that many in the community depend upon. That need has only increased in recent weeks, said McLaren, who noted "an uptick in families" coming by for food.

'We've got some of the poorest zip codes in Boston," he said. "Our folks can't go and stock up like you see on TV with the stores being emptied out, you know, they're coming to us. We're as $sociated\,with\,the\,Greater$ Boston Food Bank, but we still have to pay for the food that comes in. So we're having to not only redeploy resources [to other areas], but on

before this, there was a top of that use resources to purchase food to make sure pantries are stocked up well, especially with unemployment hitting. We want families to stay home and stay isolated, but we have to make sure we have the proper amount of supplies so they don't have to keep coming back."

McLaren says he is hopeful a forthcoming federal emergency aid package will include provisions for community health centers. "Making sure we're able to cover costs is very important," he said, adding that a measure for unemployment insurance relief was a "very good thing."

As Harvard Street braces for what may be the peak of the CO-VID-19 crisis, McLaren said any extra PPE (personal protection equipment) donations are welcome, but even more welcome are donations to the health center and its food pantry. Those interested in making a contribution can do so at harvardstreet.org.

"This disease is impacting all of society. It does not discriminate. We have a very vulnerable community we're serving here, and we're doing so while operating on thin margins. But we have to make sure this front line stays in place. We don't want this to crack."

Of his staff, McLaren said. "They've been changing on a dime on some of this stuff, and we're asking them to be in harm's way. They're making sacrifices, they're agreeing to be redeployed in certain areas, and they're doing this while they have their own stressors and families to worry about. The human element to this, the toll and how people are reacting and stepping up is my biggest takeaway."

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU20C0154CA
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proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 24, 2020

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of the Suffolk Superior Court (Civil Action No. 19-2865G), in favor of the Board of Managers of the Blue Hill Place Condominium Association against Denise Wright, establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A:6 on the real estate known as Unit 362 of the Blue Hill Place Condominium with a street address of 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction commencing at 10:00 a.m. on April 20, 2020 at 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION:

The Post Office address of the Unit to Control of the Control of the Unit to Control

The Post Office address of the Unit is: 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02121
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Each of the units in the Condominium is intended for residential purpose as set forth in the

The undivided percentage of interest of the Unit in the Common Elements is 14%. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantee, and Grantee's successors in title, take title to the Unit subject to the rights of Grantor, as Declarant under the Master Deed, to add additional phases and additional units to the Condominium. The Unit's undivided percentage interest is subject to reduction in case of addition to the Condominium of additional phases and additional units.

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If Grantee intends to sell or otherwise transfer any interest in the Unit, including without limitation, the granting of a mortgage interest therein, Grantee shall so notify Grantor in writing, describing the details of the proposed transfer. Within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice (the "Notice Date"), Grantor may elect, by notice to such Grantee sent by certified or registered mail, to purchase such Unit at the ten fair market value thereof, which shall be determined by an independent third party appraisal. If Grantor elects to purchase the Unit, the transfer shall take place on the business day specified in Grantor's notice of election (which day shall not be more than pinety (90) days after the specified in Grantor's notice of election (which day shall not be more than ninety (90) days after the Notice Date), at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. Grantee shall convey the Unit to Grantor b voluce bate), at the Suriois County Registary to Debus. Caralhee shall convey the Unit of clarifor by quitclaim deed, with all tax and documentary stamps affixed and paid for by Grantee. Grantee shall pay all other taxes arising out of such sale. If Grantor shall fail to make such election within such 60-day period, then Grantee shall be free to sell or transfer the Unit or any interest therein at any time within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Notice Date. If such sale or transfer is not consummated within such 120-day period, then Grantee shall not sell his or her Unit or transfer any interest theories unless within the provisions of this programme. Grantee may be forced the first provisions of this programme. therein unless s/he first complies again with the provisions of this paragraph. Grantor may release or waive its rights under this paragraph, either before or after receipt of notice from Grantee, in which or waive its rights under this paragraph, either before or after receipt of notice from Grantee, in which event the Unit may be sold or conveyed free and clear of the provisions of this paragraph. A certificate executed and acknowledged by Grantee, stating that the rights under this paragraph have been duly waived or terminated, shall be conclusive upon Grantor in favor of all persons who rely thereon in good faith. Such certificate shall be furnished upon request to any Grantee who has in fact complied with the provisions of this paragraph.

For title, see Deed to Denise Wright dated May 9, 2006 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39558, Page 71.

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ises contained in said Unit Deed shall control TERMS OF SALE:

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5. No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding.

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The Premises shall be sold "as is."

9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.

10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney Dean T. Lennon, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks P.C., 45 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 107 Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000.

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Keeping pets occupied while working remotely

THE REPORTER

By Mary Nee

Our lives have certainly been rearranged in recent days, and for many of us, that means working remotely for the foreseeable future. You're following the guidelines for working from home - show-

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Our furry friends are attuned to our human habits, and once they get over the confusion of you not walking out the door in the morning, they can see it as an opportunity to spend more time with you – thus another distraction!

Here are some tips to keep you productive and ensure vour pets are engaged while your home.

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tain your dog's routine as much as possible. Keep feeding time the same, and if your dog spends time in a crate while you're not home, don't be tempted to forgo that routine either.

If you do crate your animal while at home, a tempting bone or treat will keep them occupied while you get your work

Try not to give in to the scratches at the door to go outside every time, and try your best not to give in to a lot of attentionseeking behaviors (whining, barking, pawing, among others) that may be happening simply out of confusion and wonder as to why you are around for so long.

Enrichment

Providing enrichment for your dog while working from home is critically important! There are a number of things to keep your dog active, engaged and occupied, including:

Stuffed treat (like a Kong) - Makes them know they're loved and working on the treat can keep a dog occupied and engaged for quite awhile.

Divide attention – Try to avoid becoming overconsumed with your dog during the workday.

A special bone at various times throughout the day is a great way to keep them engaged, but the key is to put them away when their time with the bones is over.

Allow them to relax and have quiet time by themselves.

Extra walks - Add a walk or two if weather and your schedule permits (it could be good for both of you!).

Constructive playtime -A couple of constructive play sessions (not snuggle sessions) where you play and really get your dog's brain working and let them have fun.

For Cats

Many cats, of course, like their alone time, but when they realize you're home more often than usual, it's typical for a cat to become a little clingier.

We've all seen the cute pictures online - a cat sprawled across a keyboard, walking all over a desk or table, or curled up in a person's lap.

These images are cute, but they don't necessarily correlate to you being productive.

Let's run down some things to consider to keep your cat engaged.

Feeding Time

You can keep your cat's regular feeding schedule, but you can also make mealtime a little more fun as well by:

Food puzzles are a great way to keep your cat occupied.

You can purchase food puzzles or recycle toilet paper rolls or egg cartons to make them into food puzzles.

Try scattering dry food throughout a room and make them find or chase

Entertainment

Cats, like dogs, can get bored with their normal toys after a while, so you can experiment some easy (and inexpensive) ways to get your cat playing which include:

Fill a large paper bag with a sprinkle of catnip - cats love the crinkling and will be sure to have fun with it!

Cats, of course, love boxes, so make a fort/ obstacle course with some cardboard boxes.

Take away a few toys from their regular stash then reintroduce them later – they'll seem like new!

Cat TV – put on a video to stimulate their prey drive (birds etc..) then get them playing with wand toys. They'll be stimulated by the "hunt" and will tire out quickly!

Finally, you can do something simple like move their cat tree to another location. You give your cat a new view to focus on and a new sunny spot to nap!

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If you have questions, please call the Pet Behavior Helpline at 617-226-5666 or via email behaviorhelpline@arlboston.org and an ARL representative will get back to you within 48 hours.

Mary Nee, a Dorchester resident, is president of the Animal Rescue Leagueof Boston.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR

APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
\$5-304 & \$5-405
Docket No. SU20P0534PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
MIRIAM SWAN
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filled
by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA,
Martin F. Connolly, Esq. of Quincy, MA in
the above captioned matter alleging that
Miriam Swan is in need of a Conservator or

Miriam Swan is in need of a Conservator o other protective order and requesting that (o some other suitable person) be appointed a Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/16/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which The petition asks the Court to determin

a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without furthe notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file written affide the table.

appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the ahove-named person cannot afford a lawye one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: March 19, 2020 Published: April 2, 2020

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P0509EA ESTATE OF: BERNELL DRIGGERS DATE OF DEATH: 12/24/2019

all interested persons: netition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy the Court enter a formal Decree and Orde and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Mark Booth of Middleboro, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an

unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/09/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court

Justice of this Court. Date: March 12, 2020

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CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Member Starts the "Give Back With Kindness Campaign": Last week, Club member Ava cleaned

out her book collection to donate them to children who might not have access to new books. She wants to be able to give kids books to read while they have to stay indoors.

Ava has inspired us to create a "Kindness During Crisis Campaign" which inspires others to do good as well. We would love to see what kind things our members and families are doing for others during this time. This could include just reaching out to your neighbors to see how they are doing. Please plan to share your act of kindness and tag BGCD with the hashtag #KindnessDuringCrisis.

We can't wait to see what you're doing to lift each other's spirits!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Continues Friday Night "Grab & Go" Food Pick-Up for Families

in Need: On Friday night, BGCD hosted the third "Grab & Go" Session. Families were able to pick up a bag of groceries and box of meat and poultry generously donated by Bruce Rodman, the owner of Cambridge Packing Company and Mott's Apple Products. Chef Jody Adams and Ken Rivard also gave a wonderful donation in support.

The generosity of others has been truly remarkable. Thank you to all who have reached out and stepped up to join in our commitment to helping families.

Special thanks and shout outs to our friends, supporters and staff who volunteered for these sessions, we couldn't do this without you!



DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Continues Virtual

Programming: We have started week 2 of BGCD's virtual programming, BGCD At Home, at Boys & Girls of Dorchester! BGCD program staff is providing pre-recorded videos as well as live experiences on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Programming includes art demonstrations, dance videos, athletics, education and science projects and much more!

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Tenant activists, labor groups urge speedy legislation on outbreak pause of evictions

By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

Housing activists continue to field urgent calls from tenants facing imminent eviction orders, even though a courtordered pause on such removals will continue through mid-April.

Meanwhile, as legislation to halt all evictions during the COVID-19 emergency advances towards a vote on Beacon Hill, a coalition of 61 community groups and labor unions is calling for swift action from state lawmakers and Gov. Charlie Baker.

On March 14, Chief Justice Timothy Sullivan of the Massachusetts Housing Court ordered the postponement of most eviction cases in Massachusetts until April 21.

The decision was only a partial victory, said Helen Matthews, communications director for City Life/Vida Urbana, since the order does not cover those who were evicted by a judge prior to the order.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people have received 48hour notices to vacate, and others are calling us saying they have no idea how they'll pay rent on April 1," said Matthews. "We've had over 70 calls since we launched the hotline a week and a half ago, and that's just in our immediate Metro Boston area.

"We need a full moratorium that covers preexisting orders and goes through the whole duration of the public health emergency," she said.

That is exactly what a Senate bill that cleared a key hurdle on Tuesday would do, says Senator Nick Collins. He supports S. 2621, a billwhich would halt "nonessential evictions" for "non-payment of rent due to a financial impact from COVID-19; resulting from a foreclosure; or for cause that does not involve or include allegations of criminal activity or allegations of lease violations."

The bill was expected to come before the Senate for a vote this week. It would need to be approved by the House of Representatives and signed by the governor to go into effect.

'We are poised to pass this bill with the action taken today by the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the work of the leadership team and the Housing committee," said Sen. Collins. "It's a critical measure to bring relief to both mortgage holders and renters who have been impacted financially by COVID-19."

Collins said that the Senate bill that advanced today is "prescriptive."

"The language says you need to articulate that you have been financially impacted. It's not for everybody. It's for those who have lost job or lost hours or their financial position has been impacted because, for instance, your day care shut down and you could not go to work," said Collins.

Still, if passed, the legislation would give broad protection to homeowners and tenants, not just those who are in federally-funded programs, like MassHousing.

"This is more of of blanket coverage for the state of Massachusetts,' said Collins.

Provisions of the bill make clear, however, that the intent is to prevent evictions and foreclosures from being initiated or executed during the scope of the state of emergency. It does not include any language about debt forgiveness or "forbearance" measures. The Senate bill $specifically\,says\,that\,the$ measure will not "relieve a tenant from the obligation to pay rent or restrict a landlord's ability to recover rent."

It would, if approved in its current form, prohibit late fees from being tacked on to payments as long as "the tenant provides notice and documentation to the landlord that the nonpayment of rent was due to a financial impact from COVID-19.'

On Monday, a group



torium in front of Boston Housing Court on March 14. Marilyn Humphries photo

of 61 community organizations— dubbed the Renters Rising Coalition— sent a letter to Gov. Charlie Baker, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, and Senate President Karen Spilka urging them to advance the bill.

The letter reads: "As the April 1 deadline for rent and mortgage payments looms, we write to urge immediate passage before that date of a comprehensive moratorium on evictions and foreclosures for the duration of the State of Emergency.'

The coalition includes Dorchester-based groups like Mass Community Action Network, Mass Affordable Housing Alliance, the Mass Building Trades Council, Dorchester Not for Sale, the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, and the Greater Boston Labor Council.

The group noted that federal response through the CARES Act only protects federally-supported owners and renters, leaving many unpro-

tected. "In fact, almost 400 new cases were filed in housing courts statewide between March 16 and March 23," the group wrote. "Comprehensive action is still needed to secure our homes."

Matthews said City Life/Vida Urbana has been hosting weekly meetings online with tenant associations in multiunit buildings as well as virtual livestreams on Facebook— in English every Tuesday night, and in Spanish every Wednesday night.

The organization has also launched its hotline with bilingual access for people who are worried about getting evicted.

"There are a lot of agreements being made outside of court that are leading to displacement between tenants and landlords— out of court settlements without the legal aid and support that is usually available to them," said Matthews.

She noted that tenants normally would be able to consult with Greater Boston Legal Aid to help them effectively negotiate in their best interest.

"A whole lot of people have that very immediate question of what's going to happen with my landlord on April 1st,'

To help combat this, Matthews said that City Life/Vida Urbana has worked with legal aid departments to produce a template letter for the tenant associations they support, which would help them communicate prospective rental hardships to landlords.

"Through these template letters people can explain their current economic struggle to their landlords. We've drafted those letters and will make them available on our website soon,' she said.

"What we don't want is for people to feel like because they've lost income or can't pay rent, that they should just pack up and leave. But unfortunately, we're really concerned a lot of people are going to [do that], even in the most unhealthy environment we've had in a long time."

Baker defers vote on Arroyo's bid for stay on rents, mortgages

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

In the City Council's virtual meeting last Wednesday, District 5 Councillor Ricardo Arroyo offered a resolution calling for a citywide moratorium on rent, mortgages, evictions, and foreclosures. District 3 Councillor Frank Baker blocked the resolution — which was otherwise supported by 12 members of the 13-member body—forcing Council President Kim Janey to refer it to a committee hearing.

This is quite a complex issue here," said Baker. "I would like to invoke Rule 33 to make sure that this goes into committee and we don't take a vote on this today. I believe it's too complex, and I don't think this is within our power to call for a moratorium."

After the meeting, Arroyo took to Twitter, asking residents to email Baker and urge him to support the resolution.

Arroyo wrote: "Today, all councilors, except for Frank Baker, supported my resolution calling for a moratorium on rent. mortgage, evictions, and

foreclosures. His objection denied us a vote on this. Email Frank Baker at frank.baker@boston. gov and urge him to support it."

Arroyo had also said on Twitter before the council meeting that Mayor Walsh supported his resolution, writing: "Just got off a call ... and he pledged to support my resolution."

esolution to a hearing that will be held by the Committee on Housing and Community Development, explaining, "Because there has been an objection, we have to refer it to a hearing.'

In a phone call with the Reporter, Baker explained his decision to seek a hearing before taking a vote.

"I want to stress that I don't disagree with the intentions of this resolution. I would just rather have a hearing when it comes to something as complex as this. To ask for something like that calling a moratorium is not within our purview

or power.' He added: "This move to me looked like pure political posturing on his [Arroyo's] part, trying to take advantage when we're in a pandemic situation. He's trying to score points here and I didn't care for it. There's already an order for no evictions for two months in place coming down on the state. Nobody's going to get kicked out of their homes."

Baker told the Reporter that he had re-Janey referred the ceived "vulgar" calls on his personal devices in the hours since the council meeting. "My home phone, my cell, and even my wife's cell have been published," he said. "I wouldn't even say to anybody some of the things we've been hearing. The messages being left on my wife's phone are vulgar."

While Baker said he supports a hearing on the issues outlined in the resolution. he added that he thinks that leadership should come from federal and state levels.

This week, Councillor Baker said he supported a Senate bill pushed by Sen. Nick Collins that was poised for a vote this week.

"Im happy to see our partners in the state Legislature moving this legislation to provide protection from evictions and foreclosures for the residents of Boston and across the Commonwealth," Baker said. "These prescriptive measures provide critical relief for renters and homeowners impacted by the COVID19 pandemic, while protecting them from long term financial ruin."

Some advocates landlords say instead of a blanket policy, a rent moratorium should only apply to people who can prove that they need help. Greg Vasil, CEO of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, told WBUR any rent relief should be granted on a case-by-case basis, between tenants and landlords.

"A vast majority of our landlords that we've talked to... want to figure out what's going on and try to help [tenants] with their lives, because everybody's in the same boat," he said.

Vasil also warned that a blanket moratorium could have unintended consequences. "If you totally cut off cash flow

to some of these buildings, some... are going to fall into the foreclosure world, which is even worse, because if they're foreclosed upon, they'll be taken over by out-ofstate banks and we'll be back where we were in 2008."

While the other councillors supported the resolution, a couple called the situation "complex," and urged careful consideration of ripple effects. District 1's Lydia Edwards said she approved the resolution, but wanted to make sure the council kept in mind the "burden" it would place on some.

"I think we as the council certainly need to say in one voice that we see folks struggling and we understand that," she said. "We also need to acknowledge that we are placing a burden on corporations and we need to make sure that we are addressing that."

At-large Councillor Michael Flaherty also was supportive of Arrovo. "I know that we have folks in the city who are in dire circumstances," he said, "we need to recognize the severity of this situation."

At-large Councillor Michelle Wu said, "It's important for us to be pushing for this at the city level. We know that the devastation will continue even after the public health crisis has quieted down. Now is the time to step up and start putting in place the steps to have an equitable recovery from this.'

District 4's Andrea Campbell supported Arroyo's call, saying: "No one should lose their home because of a health crisis. It's critical and it's essential from an economic and public health perspective - and it's the just and moral thing to do. I want to thank the mayor for his leadership on this and for encouraging the real estate community to have moratorium on evictions."

District 6 Councillor Matt O'Malley said that the council must take "extraordinary action during these extraordinary times," but he did note that the situation is complex. "There is a complexity to this, but it's something we need to do, obviously."

Baker warns of a surge in virus peril next week; closing order extended

(Continued from page 1) mid-April peak: protective gear, hospital bed capacity, ventilators, and staffing. One step the age of 39, he said.

On Tuesday, Baker announced that the state will be turning the DCU Center in Worcester into a 250-bed medical facility to treat patients with lower acuity of symptoms. He noted that it is one of three field medical stations for which the state has requested approval from the federal government through the Massachusetts Emergency Medical Center.

The state has continued to ramp up its testing capacity, with the number of people tested landing at almost 43,000 Monday, an increase of more than 3,700 over Sunday. In a video update posted after three consecutive overnight shifts, emergency physician and Boston state Rep. Jon Santiago said the state's testing numbers are "fantastic" and said it's time to focus now on contact tracing.

The governor identified four key areas of focus in the days leading up to the anticipated mid-April peak: protective gear, hospital bed capacity, ventilators, and staffing. One step the administration is taking is setting up dedicated nursing homes to treat older patients with COVID-19, aiming to prevent those individuals from infecting other residents and staff in skilled nursing facilities.

Last Friday, Baker urged people who are thinking about traveling to Massachusetts to reconsider, and said that anyone arriving in the state through an airport or train station will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days.

'We're asking that

folks considering travel to Massachusetts for whatever reason to not travel to our communities, especially if you have symptoms," Baker said. The new guidance from Baker follows a recommendation from the White House coronavirus task force on Tuesday that anyone who has left New York or who has passed through New York City -the nation's hottest coronavirus zones just 200 miles south on Interstate 95 — self-quarantine for two weeks.

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On Friday, the House passed a bill (H 4598) that would extend the state income tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15, something Baker and legislative leaders said they've already agreed to; give restaurants the ability to sell beer and wine via take-out or delivery as they try to remain afloat during the pandemic; and give municipalities more flexibility around property tax deadlines.

Also Saturday morning, the White House announced that President Trump had approved the disaster declaration requested Thursday by Baker, opening a spigot for more federal funding to supplement local COVID-19 efforts in the Bay State.

The Baker administration said that the disaster declaration means that "affected local governments, state agencies and certain private non-profit organizations statewide will be reimbursed for 75 percent of their costs

associated with response and emergency protective measures."

It also means that the Mass. Department of Mental Health will receive federal aid to "assist individuals and families in recovering from the psychological effects of the COVID-19 outbreak through electronic phone and chat technology."

The public health emergency is accompanied by economic gloom. Unemployment claims skyrocketed in Massachusetts last week as the federal Department of Labor reported neverbefore-seen levels of need nationwide during the coronavirus crisis. The federal agency's report listed 7,449 non-seasonally adjusted advance claims in Massachusetts during the week ending March 14 and 147,995 during the week ending March 21, a nearly twentyfold increase.

A similar trend carried nationwide: seasonally adjusted initial claims jumped 3 million week over week to about 3.28 million in total, smashing previous records with swaths of the country out of work due to the pandemic.

"This marks the highest level of seasonally adjusted initial claims in the history of the seasonally adjusted series," the Department of

Labor wrote in its report. "The previous high was 695,000 in October of 1982."

Baker signed a bill last week expediting access to state unemployment benefits for employees who lose access to work because of COVID-19. Those who submit successful applications will no longer face a one-week waiting period and should be able to receive aid within seven to 10 days.

In a report last week, Goldman Sachs estimated the national unemployment rate could rise from 3.5 percent to 9 percent due to the outbreak, with the impact particularly sharp on low-wagejobs vulnerable to economic downturn.

With rents and mortgages due on Wednesday, the first of the month, community groups worry that the Legislature has not yet passed a bill protecting tenants and homeowners from evictions and foreclosures.

Dorchester's Lew Finfer, co-director of the Massachusetts Communities Action Network, said that the federal relief bill passed last week has holes that leave many tenants exposed if they cannot pay their rents.

And despite Baker's assurances that nobody can be evicted while the housing courts are closed



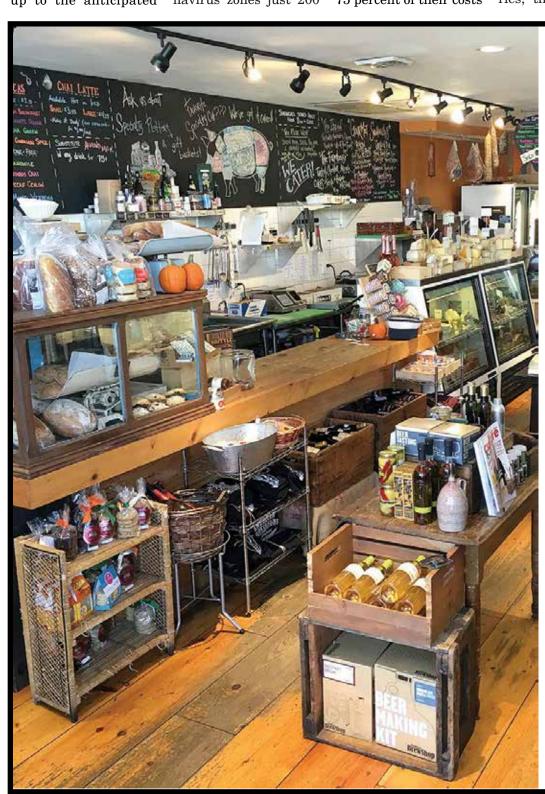
On Tuesday, Gov. Baker put the state on alert for a surge in COVID-19 patients needing hospitalization beginning next week. SHNS photo

due to coronavirus, Finfer said many renters don't understand that and are putting themselves at risk to try to pay rent. (See story, Page 16).

"The courts are closed but that message isn't generally out there to tenants and if they're getting eviction notices, they think they're in trouble. They're desperate and doing whatever they need to do to be able to pay their rent, or they're moving," he said.

A letter signed by 80 community groups and unions urging passage of a tenant-homeowner protection bill was sent to Baker, Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President Karen Spilka.

"The House needs to be strong on it, and the governor needs to understand the need for it," Finfer said.



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Geraldine "Gerry" **Murray Scannell**



She was born in Boston in 1935 to William and Marion Murray. The youngest of 3 girls, Gerry attended Mission Hill Grammar School and Mission Hill High School in Roxbury. In 1957 she married the love of her life, the late Robert "Bob" Scannell. Together they spent their lives dedicated to their children, grandchildren and to each other. She is sur-

vived by her five children, their spouses and her 18 grandchildren; Susan Young of Westwood and her husband Joe, Bob Scannell, Jr. of Milton and his wife Mary, Bill Scannell of Medfield and his wife Beth, Laurie Sullivan of Milton and her husband Mike and Kevin Scannell of Dover and his wife Nicole. Beloved Nana to Joey, Erin and Danny Young of Westwood, Olivia, Bobby and Julia Scannell of Milton; Billy, Caroline, Jack and Jimmy Scannell of Medfield; Mike, Katie and Danny Sullivan of Milton and Kevin, Tommy, Sean and Bridget Scannell of Dover. In her younger years, Gerry enjoyed painting and traveling with her husband Bob. Gerry worked for ten years at the Vanderbilt Club in Norwood. Her kind ways and friendly chats aligned perfectly with the Club's warm and welcoming environment. Most important to Gerry were her children and grandchildren. They brought enormous joy and happiness to her life. "Nana" will be missed more than words can say. Gerry was predeceased by her parents, her two sisters Ann Kelly and Marion Pickett, and her infant grandson Patrick Sullivan. Due to the current health crisis, services will be private. The family intends to hold a celebration of Gerry's life at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Gerry's name to Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester http://give.bgcdorchester.org/donatebgcd, 1135 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02125.

ADAMS, Arthur of Chelmsford, 66. Son of the late Arthur and Helen (Sakowich) Adams. Longtime special companion of Diane Hill of North Chelmsford and family Samantha Hill, Philip Alden, Jacob Alden, and Benjamin Alden of Pepperell. Brother of Dr. John Adams and his wife Anne of Wrentham, and the late Elizabeth Adams. Uncle of John P. Adams and his wife Elizabeth, Alicia Adams, and Ryan Adams. Program Director

at the Gavin Foundation for 20 years. Longtime friend of Bill W. Private Services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Gavin Foundation, PO Box E-15, South Boston, MA 02127 or donate online to www.gavinfoundation.org/donate

BENNETT, Stephen Lawrence, 69, retired Lieutenant of the Massachusetts State Police. Stephen was born in Boston to James and Nathalie (Thayer) Bennett of

Barbara A. (McDonough) Bailey

of Dorchester, passed March 19, 2020

Barbara was born and raised in Dorchester and was a fixture at neighborhood events, fundraisers, and political rallies. Born in 1937, she was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy High School. She was an employee and supervisor at New England Telephone, NYNEX, Bell Atlantic, Verizon and AT&T for over 40 years. She was a longtime member of Cedar Grove Civic Association and the Ward 16 Democratic Committee.

She loved her family, her daughter Mary Bailey of Squantum; son Tom Bailey and his wife Maureen of Squantum and grandchildren Olivia and Liam; son Timothy Bailey of Houghs Neck in Quincy and grandchildren Megan, Brendan, and Maddie. She also leaves her sister Ann McDonald of Quincy and many McDonald and McDonough nieces and nephews. Her brothers Joe, Myles, Walter and John McDonough predeceased her.

Barbara fought with courage to regain her motor skills and independence after a brain aneurysm rupture. She would bravely cross Gallivan Blvd in Dorchester for her daily walk to Greenhills to see her neighbors and catch up on the latest gossip. Through it all Barbara never lost her sense of humor.

She will be remembered by her friends and family as incredibly courageous, caring, funny, intelligent, someone who said what she thought and a larger than life character. Most of all she was a great and much loved mother who will be so missed.

Normally, the funeral is an opportunity for the community to gather in support of one another. Although we cannot gather together with Barbara's family at this time, friends may still offer their support by visiting www.Keohane.com and sharing a special memory or message. For those who cannot access the website, please call 1-800-KEOHANE to have your message added.

High School, the former Boston State College, and received a Master's degree from Anna Maria College. At Boston State, he met his wife, Mary (Sheehan) Bennett. Steve leaves behind two daughters, Jamie Bennett Jones (Paul), of Ashland, MA and Megan Bennett, of Arlington, VA. Perhaps his favorite moniker, "Pop," was reserved for his beloved grandson, Shane Jones, who spent many "Pop Days" be-ing silly together. Steve leaves behind nine siblings. Nathalie Sisson (Paul) of Weymouth, Dan Bennett (Margie, predeceased) of Cape Coral, FL, Jim Bennett (Dottie) of Canton, GA, Bob Bennett (Teresa) of Dorchester, Irene Schramm (George) of Attleboro, Rita Bennett of Dorchester, Phyllis Bennett of South Boston, Margie Henderson (Mark) Braintree, and Kevin Bennett (Mishelle) of Lynnwood, WA. Steve also leaves behind wonderful in-laws, including James Sheehan (Marilyn, predeceased) of Marlborough, Eileen Costa (Tony) of Somerville, Nancy Marche(Ralph) of Tewksbury, John Sheehan of Billerica, MA, and Anne Sears (Michael) of Wilmington. Steve also leaves behind many cherished nieces, nephews and great-"bitsahs." Due to the current Massachusetts state of emergency with COVID-19, we will have a funeral Mass and celebration of life at a later time. Information about this memorial will be shared via www. slatteryfuneralhome.com and social media when it becomes available. This will provide a more personal opportunity to share stories and memories of Steve. Memorial contributions may be made to the SPAM Benevolent Fund http:// www.spambenevolentfund.org/support/.
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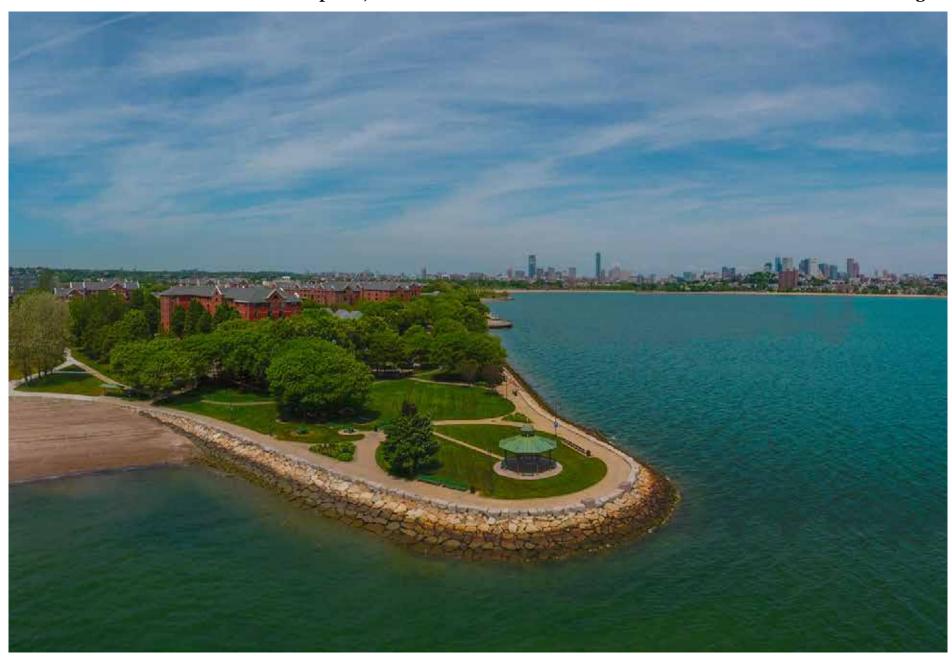
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private.

GALLAGHER, Stephen F. Jr. of Dorchester, formerly of Milton. Born and raised in Milton. Stephen was a graduate of St. Agatha School and Archbishop Williams High School and had attended Quincy College. He worked at General Dynamics for over 30 years as a Quality Assurance and Inspection Manager in the Missions System division. Son of the late Stephen F. and Eileen (Naughton) Gallagher. Father of Christopher Gallagher. Brother of Patrick J. Gallagher. Stephen will forever be remembered by numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and extended family and dear friends. A private family Visitation and Funeral Service will be held. Please consider a donation to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation or Old Colony Hospice, One Credit Union Way, Randolph, MA 02368.

HERNANDEZ, Estilita "Cuca" (Gonzalez), 89 of Hanover and formerly of Upham's Corner, Born in Paso Real, Havana, Cuba, she was the daughter of the late Rogelio and Juana Gonzalez. Estilita immigrated from Cuba with her son, Jose in 1967 and proudly became a US citizen. Estilita was the wife of the late Jose Hernandez, Sr. She is survived by her son Jose Hernandez, Jr. and his wife Lisa (Harrington) Hernandez, of Hanover. She was the sister of Minerva Oramas of San Diego, CA, Rene Gonzalez of Miami, FL, and the late Alodia Martin. Estilita was the grandmother of 3. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. All services will be private. Donations may be made in Estilita's memory to Norwell VNA and Hospice, 120 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061 or to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, PO Box 220, New York, NY 10150.

HURLEY, James A. of South Boston, 87. Husband of 59 years of Joan (Maloney) Hurley. Father of Susan and her husband Charles Tevnan of Dorchester, James A., Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Norfolk, Nancy and her husband John Powers of South Boston and Karen and her husband Matthew Drane of Norton. Grandfather of 9. Son of the late Daniel F. and Mary A (McGarry) Hurley, brother of Paul D. Hurley and the late Daniel F. Hurley, Mary A (Sis) Chapin and Edward F. Hurley. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Due to the current health crisis, burial will be private. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. The family requests donations in Jim's name be made to the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, 230 West Sixth Street, South Boston, MA 02127. 30-year employee Fisher Scientific Company, Korean War Veteran.



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