High rents vex Bowdoin-Geneva retailers

By Simon Ríos
WBUR Reporter

When Jon Goncalves opened his barbershop here in Bowdoin-Geneva five years ago, his rent was $1,000 a month and set to increase $50 a year. For the barber, this met the definition of affordable. But late last year — after the building changed ownership — the new landlord told him that he was raising the rent to $2,000. Goncalves negotiated. “He said, ‘Okay, I will put it to $1,850.’ I said okay, that’s fine. I try.”

Competition is fierce among more than a dozen barbershops and hair salons in Bowdoin-Geneva, so Goncalves said there’s no way he can raise his prices. “You have to do a lot of haircuts to pay the rent,” he said. “I’ll try [to make ends meet]. I’ll have to work seven days a week.”

Bowdoin-Geneva is what one resident calls a “pre-gentrified” neighborhood. That means it has experienced less development — and less displacement — than other parts of the city. But that doesn’t mean it’s easy to raise a business here. Housing data show that the cost of rent in Bowdoin-Geneva has nearly doubled over the last decade. Data on retail rent are harder to track, but Bowdoin-Geneva has 241 businesses, with many independent ones. 

When it comes to rent, the cost of raising a business here is the definition of stagnant.
April 5, 2018

Collins wins nomination for First Suffolk Senate seat

State Rep. Nick Collins easily won the Democratic nomination to replace the state's next senator in the First Suffolk district. Collins, a two-term offi cial of Dorchester, will face the non-partisan elections in November, with 3,722 votes— or 94.59 percent of the vote— as the only printed name on the ballot.

Collins will face off against two unenrolled candidates— Althea Garrison and Donald Tompkins, Sr., in a May 1 fi nal election.

It was a lownumber turnout, with just 28 percent of the district’s 111,183 registered voters casting ballots— 4,096 cards. The 213 write-ins accounted for 5.14 percent of the vote in Tuesday’s election.

A Boston police of fi cer has been found guilty of a racially-motivated attack on a car passenger. Michael Doherty, 43, of Boston was off-duty when he struck a racial and ethnic slur when he assaulted a 28-year-old Revere man who was driving home in the early morning hours of Jan. 4, 2015. Doherty struck the victim and chased him out of the vehicle. When he fled the area on foot, Doherty was convicted of violating the civil rights of the defendant. Doherty is said to have committed the offense at the Haffen House Apartments.

Cop indicted in Columbia Rd. crash

A Boston police of fi cer has been charged with new felony offenses stem- ing from a Jan. 2015 crash on Columbia Road that left a 20-year-old man with a brain injury. Police prosecutors say that Doherty, 28, was drunk when he slammed his speeding Honda Accord against two people in New Dorchester’s EMK Institute on Thurs., April 5, 5:30 p.m. will feature the Armida Quartet joyously discovers musical chamber music groups” (Hamburger Abendblatt), and already recognized as “one of today’s greatest active musicians.”

The City of Boston’s two municipal golf courses — the Devine in Dorchester and the Wright Golf in Hyde Park—are offering fun, free clinics that will provide instruction in the fundamentals. The sessions will be held from 2-4:30 p.m. on Sat. April 7 and 14.

Making a Difference: Nathan Glick

Officer guilty in racial attack
Candidate McAuliffe seeks culture shift in the DA’s office

Shannon McAuliffe wants to bring a sea change, a culture shift in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office. She is calling for a reduced emphasis on facile factors, and a focus on strategically redirecting at-risk individuals from the criminal justice system.

“I think it would make a huge difference in the way the system works if we were to redirect at-risk individuals,” she said in an interview with the Reporter.

McAuliffe was the first to pull papers for the seat, and that was before District Attorney Dan Conley announced he would not be seeking re-election. Endorsed by Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, she now faces a crowded field of Democrats aiming for the county’s top prosecutorial post.

In the interview at the Sugar Bowl ice cream and coffee shop on Broadway Avenue, the 49-year-old McAuliffe expressed the state of her life and her calling. She pursued a master’s degree in public administration at Harvard’s Kennedy School in 2012, then, in 2015, she started work at Roca, a Chelsea-based nonprofit that works with gang- and court-involved high-risk young men “who had been hurt by a lot of systems” to redirect them from the system and onto sustainable employment and stability.

Two years under McAuliffe’s leadership, Roca’s Boston site saw no arrest or new charges for 79 percent of the program’s long-term participants, according to the program’s website. Although she carved out pockets of strategic advocacy where she could, “I thought I could really change the system, the culture of the office was just too strong for it.”

She started thinking about running for district attorney about a year ago, and took out papers on Feb. 21. McAuliffe highlights bail reform as a top priority, calling for changes to the cash bail system that she says effectively works to ensure jail time before a defendant has been convicted because they cannot afford bail. Mandatory minimums are over-relied upon and should also be revisited, she said.

“Violent offenses and heinous crimes need to be dealt with in a certain way,” she said. “That’s something that the Suffolk County district attorney’s office knows how to do. That’s not the change I’m talking about. The change I’m talking about is, instead of the large destructive net, casting a smart, strategic one so the right people go to jail for the right reasons for the right amount of time, and the people who don’t need to go to jail can actually be lifted up and out in a different way. We need to start doing that.”

Flaherty will not seek DA job

City Councillor Michael Flaherty says he will not mount a candida- cy for Suffolk County District Attorney this year. The seat will open up when longtime DA Dan Conley steps down at the end of his term this year.

In a statement issued on Monday night, Flaherty said that he would stay focused on his work as a citywide councilman.

“We have been working through a family medical matter and, while the prognosis is good, my full attention is on what is most important to me, my family. Now is not the right time for me to take on the immense obligations of a countywide campaign.”

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By Jennifer Smith
News Editor
Patrick Fandel will be the new Dorchester liaison with the city’s Office of Neighborhood Services, Mayor Martin Walsh announced Monday.

The neighborhood liaisons are frequent faces at neighborhood meetings, acting as point people for the Mayor’s office and working with other city departments to deliver services to their representative areas. Savin Hill resident Dave Cooter, who held the Dorchester post since Fall 2015, has transitioned over to the Department of Neighborhood Development.

Fandel will represent villages including Columbia-Savin Hill, Clam Point, St. Marks, Melville Park, Ashmont Hill, Ashmont Valley, Ashmont Adams, Lower Mills, Cedar Grove, Pope’s Hill, Port Norfolk, and Peabody Slope.

“I am honored to be named the Dorchester liaison by Mayor Walsh,” said Fandel in a statement. “Dorchester is rich in diversity, tradition and ideals and I look forward to continuing Mayor Walsh’s goal of providing excellent city-services to every neighborhood.”

Khoa Pham, Roudnie Celestin and Flavio Deveiga also represent portions of Dorchester.

Pham is the city’s Vietnamese liaison. Deveiga works with the Cape Verdean community and Bowsdoin-Geneva, Uphams Corner, Grove Hall and Four Corners. Celestin is the citywide Haitian liaison and covers parts of Dorchester and all of Mattapan.

Fandel, 23, is a Boston College High School graduate who lives in Lower Mills. He graduated in Spring 2017 from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History.

According to the city’s release, in his free time, Fandel enjoys reading, traveling, and exploring local cafes and restaurants. He worked as a field organizer with the Walsh re-election campaign in 2017.

“I am very excited to announce Patrick as the new Dorchester liaison,” Walsh said in a statement. “Patrick has previously worked to promote civic-engagement amongst many different groups, and I look forward to seeing the results of him engaging with the Dorchester community. He will continue to help Dorchester retain its special character and culture, while delivering high-quality constituent services.”
By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester residents struggling to provide care for their pets have a new affordable and conveniently located option: the Pet Wellness Clinic at the Dorchester YMCA.

Launched last week by the Animal Relief League of Boston, the clinic will be open on Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a flat fee of $10, and clinic’s professionals will check out your dog or cat and provide various types of care, including vaccinations for rabies and distemper, flea treatment, implementation of a GPS microchip, antibiotics, treatment for heartworm, and provide various types of care for dogs and cats to keep their pets,” she said.

Mary Nee, president of ARL Boston, said the clinic is part of an initiative aimed at pet owners were veterinary care, behavioral issues, and day-to-day care. The clinic at the Y aims to offer solutions for all three by giving owners and their pets access to animal care professionals.

“We want it to be an open forum where people can ask questions about their pets and where we can have input from the community,” said Fincke. “There’s no risk, no judgment.”

Noted that the affordable clinic seems like an unprecedented step, but it’s one that she expects will be successful. The ARL’s “Spay Waggin,” a mobile service that provides affordable spaying and neutering services to communities in Cape Cod and the South Shore, served in part as inspiration for the localized clinic. She hopes the collaboration with the Y will be a stepping stone to other neighborhood treatment options. “We hope that this is the first of many,” she added.

Mildred Ramos brought her dog Shadow to the clinic launch, and she was given an exam by veterinarian and ARL Medical Director Kyle Quigley. According to Ramos, the five-year-old Shadow had never been given vaccines or checked for diseases. “This is a first time for everything,” she noted, adding that securing vet appointments for Shadow had been difficult because of exorbitant prices.

“It was easy, it was convenient,” she added. “We’ll definitely be back.”

The Pet Wellness Clinic is available to Dorchester residents only and is limited to 10 spots. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 857-413-5964.
Potential benefits such as quicker recovery and less pain has made minimally invasive surgery increasingly popular for a variety of surgical procedures. There are some operations, such as gallbladder removal, where minimally invasive surgery is more widely used than conventional open surgery.

Minimally invasive surgery, also called laparoscopic or endoscopic surgery, may require a few incisions of less than a half-inch each, compared to an incision of five to eight inches or longer with open surgery. During minimally invasive surgery, the surgeon inserts a scope consisting of a flexible tube with a camera and light attached into one of the incisions. Images are sent to a screen, which the surgeon watches while performing the surgery using a tool or tools inserted through one or more of the other incisions.

Benefits of Minimally Invasive Surgery
Not all surgeries can be performed using minimally invasive techniques. Major cancer, heart or other surgeries may require a more open surgical field. In some instances – even if a laparoscopic procedure is performed routinely – a physician may determine that a patient doesn’t qualify for the surgery based on his or her overall health or condition.

However, when laparoscopic surgery is determined to be a good option, it may offer the following benefits over open surgery:

- **Shorter recovery time.** Since small incisions usually heal faster than large ones, some surgeries can be done on an outpatient basis. Surgical patients who are admitted to the hospital may be released sooner and return to their regular activities faster.
- **Less pain.** Smaller incisions generally mean less post-operative pain.
- **Lower risk of infection.** Smaller wounds are generally at less risk of infection.
- **Less blood loss.** The tiny incisions involved in minimally invasive surgery usually result in less blood loss than would be experienced with open surgery.
- **Less scarring.** This can be a significant consideration for some patients.

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Gallbladder removals and appendectomies are among the most commonly performed minimally invasive procedures, but laparoscopic surgery is commonly used for many other procedures including:

- Gallbladder removal
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The rate of unemployment in Dorchester and Mattapan is consistently higher than the city average, he said, and the poverty levels are lower, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. "I'm pushing the city to do something about the very needs of the community because the next time we don't have an incident of violence," said Connolly. "I think we've got to have more anti-violence, we've got to have the young person graduating high school. It's so easy to say, 'we have a shooting and we have a shooting and that's it,' it's much more difficult and requires more work to do something about the poverty, schools, development, vacant lots, and all the rest of it.

An end year review of Boston Police data from 2013 to 2015 shows increases in homicides, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, and automobile thefts. "The department defines as part one crimes those committed within 27 percent in Mattapan and 37 percent in Dorchester within those respective neighborhood boundaries.

Despite a dip in Dorchester homicides of 20 percent from 2013 to 2015, murders in both neighborhood boundaries were stable at about the same level, with a spike in Dorchester in 2017, even as their populations have grown at a slow but steady rate compared to the rest of the city.

In a Reporter mapping, Dorchester and Mattapan show the locations of at least 23 and 6 homicides respectively in 2017. The proportion seems fixed, at least in terms of the number of murders this year. Of all of the recent past really at all...We're not especially concerned so much with district lines, but more in terms of where is the crime occurring as we address hotspots, and where should we allocate our resources.

The reallocation of police resources occurs daily, weekly, monthly — based in part on these hotspots. It is up to district captains to guide the community on the perceived violence and crime in their neighborhood. The community can respond in a number of ways to divert younger generations from violence.

For Campbell, "there's no separation in terms of categories. Violence is violence, so that's how residents expect us to talk about it. Remember that even if incidences of violence are decreasing in communities, if there is one larceny, one homicide, that shakes the core of community, because they don't care that violence numbers are going down, they care about that one incident."

Some of it comes from within the neighborhood, he said, and there is an additional burden on young people to represent themselves well even if they do not have many models for how to do so.

"With the kids, it's just working with them to deter them from becoming a statistic," he said, in a rueful tone of voice. "Stop playing into the stereotype, we're a black and brown neighborhood. The crime has been a generic guns from the street and watching hotspots, the captains say. Both district captains Jim Share pilots that allow police to monitor private vehicles and operate a voluntary program.

But increasingly they are building up connections between the districts and the community narratives. Connolly said C-11 was connected with local business districts like Bowdoin-Geneva through a shared messaging app, and Hosein highlights partnerships with the Department of Community Development.

"Over the past 10 years, we've seen a downward trend, and it's pretty steady, and that's because we know that we are out there and we're always assessing, we are working with the schools and watching hotspots, and what does the community need," Hosein said. "We're trying to fine-tune our work."

The community can help to fine-tune their response and requests for additional resources, Campbell said.

"My residents know that I am very much in communities from media spaces versus visiting, they're the ones I have to push back on..."
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organization to a space more conducive

Regarding his vision for the

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office, Bulger spent 17 years
in Boston, and now, seeing
what he called an

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Boston teen-agers have
since 1994. Now, after

the threat of deportation despite
having lived in the country for
decades and established roots with
their communities. But

Bulger said the organization’s services extend
to immigrants, documented or otherwise,
from other backgrounds as well.

"We have an open door policy,“ he
said, “because I’ve run some
cases where I believe that the things these people face
today, it’s really, really hard
for them. The things that these people face
nowadays, it’s really, really hard
with this current administration."

Boston's neighborhoods,
expansion of free wifi in

In Homework Help.

Pajama Story Time;
6:30 p.m. – Pajama Story Time;
8 p.m. – Yoga.

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In Homework Help.

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Mon., Apr. 9
10:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time;
11:30 a.m. – Art of Excellent Listen-
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March 2018

What is the main focus of the Mayor's Youth Council and how does it aim to improve the city? The Mayor's Youth Council has been established to promote the voices and ideas of the youngest residents, with the goal of involving young people in shaping their city. The Council encourages young people to participate actively in the city's future, with a focus on public safety and civic engagement. By providing a platform for young people to engage with organizational leaders, the Council aims to facilitate communication between the Mayor's Office and young people. The Council's vision is to empower young people to be involved in decision-making processes and to help shape their city's future. This involves submitting letters to the editor, applying for city positions, and participating in group interviews with various city officials. The Council's ultimate goal is to make every city environment safer and more welcoming. By doing this, the Council hopes to support young people in making a difference in their communities and helping to shape the city's future.
City Singers founder Jane Money, Sen. Forry honored by UMass Boston

UMass Boston’s interim Chancellor Barry Mills presented Jane Money, founding artistic and education director of the Boston City Singers, with the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership at the university’s annual Community Breakfast last Thursday. Former State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry was also recognized at the event for her involvement in the community for the past two decades. She received the Chancellor’s Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service.

Money founded Dorchester’s Boston City Singers, a division of Young Pro Musica, in 1986. The organization provides music training opportunities to low- and moderate-income city youths in the communities in which they live. It has since grown to serve more than 500 students, many of whom reside in metro-Boston’s urban neighborhoods.

Charley Jacobson, age 1, gathered eggs during the Dorchester Park Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday morning. Hundreds of children and their families participated in the annual rite of spring organized by the Dorchester Park Association with support from RFN Credit Union. Jennifer Cann photo

Have you ever wondered if an earlier building may have been located on your lot before your house was built? Next to Cedar Grove Gardens there is a little street called Joanne Terrace with houses that were built between 1950 and 1960. The 1933 atlas shows that the tract of land that contains 903 and 907 Adams Street plus 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 Joanne Terrace was a vacant rectangular parcel owned by the city of Boston.

The 1892 through 1918 atlases show that there was a primary school located there, named at first the Codman School, and later the Adams Street School. The land appears to have been vacant until Daniel Pierce constructed a cabinet shop and other buildings there in the early 19th century. Furniture dealers Abraham and John Kimball bought the property from Pierce in 1865, but they sold to John McBride in 1867. Later, a shop and other buildings there in the early 19th century.

Adams Street School, Cedar Grove
George McBride operated a Cotton Drying Works in the seven buildings on the parcel and at times employed up to 40 people.

On March 3, 1870, the Boston Post reported that a fire the day before had destroyed the Neposnet Drying Works, burning six women employees to death. Three men were at work on the lower floor and the six women – Ellen Dunn, 25, Margaret Kennedy, 34, Mary Hurley, 45, Bridget Martin, 25, Mary O’Brien, 38, and Margaret Cunniff, 30 – were sorting on the second. No cause was ever determined for the fire.

The city of Boston purchased the lot from George McBride in September 1872 for $6,669. It is probable the school building was constructed in the late 1870s.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Today’s illustration is courtesy of the Boston City Archives.
A city-mandated pause could benefit Lower Mills project

A controversial plan to build a four-story condo complex was underway as the Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meets to review a proposal for a major mixed-use development near the old Washington Street in Lower Mills. The city will delay the project for about four years. The BPDA is asked to make any hard and fast decision.

The day before he died, King preached a sermon called, “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop.” In one of his passages he said, “Let us take the civil rights movement and turn it into a genuine movement for all Americans.”

In order for them to render a verdict of guilty. People on trial for a criminal offense are given the option of being judged innocent until proven guilty. People on trial for a criminal offense are given the option of being judged innocent until proven guilty. They would have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the individual is guilty of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. And on that same day, 5,000 African Americans rallied at White Stadium in Franklin Park to protest and heroically, doggedly, in that spirit’s School of Divinity. He met his wife, Coretta Scott, later a doctoral student in social work, and Chuck Turner, later a Boston City Councillor.

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This criminal justice reform bill takes us in the wrong direction. Where’s the line on renamings?

Here’s a state legislative proposal to award the line to the Boston Common. The “Lawrence H. Summers’ School of Divinity. He met his wife, Coretta Scott, later a doctoral student in social work, and Chuck Turner, later a Boston City Councillor.

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News item: There is no equitable after school programming for Grove Hall youth in city facilities or school that they can safely walk to in their own neighborhood. They have been shut out again – no access to the gym at the Burke/Grove Hall Community Center, and no access to the Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School gym.

Commentary

There is a disproportionate lack of multipurpose community center facilities in Grove Hall compared to other Boston neighborhoods. The Boston School Department does not allow headmasters/principals priority to develop community partnerships that target their students, along with their friends, to have access to their gym for evening or weekend prevention programming!

Remember when the Jeremiah E. Burke High School lost its accreditation in the 1990s? The school department also located just a few million dollars for renovations at a minimal accreditation level. At the same time, Boston Latin, Boston Latin Academy, Hyde Park, and East Boston each received more than $22 million to renovate their schools to complete state standards. These high schools either had large white student populations or were predominantly white neighborhoods.

Instead of being satisfied with these crumbs, Project RIGHT, the Burke School Parent Council, and the Grove Hall community organized against this racial inequality, and their protests finally led to the $49.5 million renovation of the Burke High School facility that included the Grove Hall Community Center and the relocation of the Grove Hall Library Branch in 2008.

During this same time, Project RIGHT and the Grove Hall community worked with Mayor Thomas Menino for more than ten years to plan and develop the Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School on Columbia Road that included a regulation-sized gym, a multi-purpose field, a library, science labs, technology, and several art, dance, and music rooms. These two facilities began to narrow (but not eliminate) the gap between them and other neighborhoods when it came to young people having access to large multi-purpose prevention facilities where they felt safe.

Now, the city and the school department have blocked access to the gymnasium that used to be safe havens for Grove Hall students and youth who are now excluded from using them.

With the city and school department limiting community involvement and access to neighborhood resources, it is no wonder that reports show that there is a significant racial disparity of resources. "Boston ranks low in opportunity for Hispanic, African-American children...We’re not a resource poor city," Renée Boynton-Jarrett, a pediatrician at Boston Medical Center, who uses the data in her medical practice, told the Globe several years ago. We are a city with a lot of enrichment resources and after-school programs, but we also have very stark inequities in how they are distributed.

The decision to keep the Burke gym away from the over-sight of its headmaster, and before that, Grove Hall Community Centers/Boston Centers for Youth & Families, must be reversed. The control of the Frederick gym must be given back to its principal and board of directors. Facilities that are distributed to their gyms for evening programming in their gymnasia that did not conflict with school sports.

Now, the Burke no longer has access to its gym during the evening and external school department personnel (who have limited knowledge of the turf issues and challenges that our neighborhood young people face) control facilities that used to be safe havens for Grove Hall students and youth who are now excluded from using them.

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Senator Warren to Speak at Reporter Forum

Sen. Elizabeth Warren is the featured guest at a town hall forum sponsored by the Dorchester Reporter this evening at the Boston Teachers Union hall on Columbia Point in Dorchester. The forum, which will be moderated by Reporter news editor Jennifer Smith, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the BTU hall — 180 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester — with doors opening at 6 p.m. Parking is available at the site, which is also accessible from the MBTA via the JFK/UMass station. It is free and open to the public. Questions will be chosen through a randomized lottery at the site.

Dot Day 10k Cash Drawing

Dorchester Day Parade Committee 10k Cash Drawing at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester at 7 p.m. on Fri., April 6. Limited number of tickets ($30) will be sold for $100 each. Proceeds from the event support the June 3 Dot Day Parade. Contact Kelly Walsh at kellywalsh@dotdayparade.com or 888-734-2356 for tickets.

City Golf Courses Open on Friday

The City of Boston's two municipal golf courses will open on April 6 for the 2018 season. The City owns and operates the William J. Devine Golf Course in Dorchester and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park, designed by Donald Ross. The second-oldest public golf course in America and part of the historic Emerald Necklace, the Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park offers a pleasant golf experience only minutes from downtown Boston and is open year-round, weather permitting. Recent improvements include a brand-new fairway bunker at Hole 17 and rebuilt/restored bunkers at Holes 2, 4, 8, 12, and 18. Contact PGA Professional Kevin Prawley at 617-285-4084 for more information. Golfers can access information on rates, season permits, monthly specials and tournaments and book tee times at cityofbostongolf.com.

April 8 Concert at All Saint’s Church

Armida Quartet, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music, will perform in concert at Peabody Hall, All Saints’ Church on Sunday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m. This concert begins the highly acclaimed Berlin group’s first North American tour. Tickets ($25) available at the door or at ahchambermusic.org. EBT card holders $3. Children under 13 admitted free.

St. Ann’s 10k Dinner at Venzia on April 12

Saint Ann Neponset’s 34th Annual $10k Dinner benefiting Parish Youth will be held on Thursday, April 12 at Venzia, 20 Ericsson St., Dorchester. 6 – 7 p.m. cocktails / 7 p.m. dinner and drawing.

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April vacation options aplenty close to home

By Maureen Forry-
REPORTER STAFF

So much great stuff is happening, I’m not sure where to start!

First of all, if you haven’t got activities lined up for April vacation yet, Sportsmens Tennis Club and Enrichment Center has got your back. Sportsmen’s state of the art indoor courts come equipped with excellent instructors who will instill a love of tennis, health and fitness in your kids.

Even if you’ve got plans for vacation week, you should definitely check out their well equipped gym afternoons, as well as their well equipped gym for grown ups. Check out sportsmenstennis.org for schedules.

Our neighbors up on Milton Hill, the Forbes House Museum, are holding a Lincoln Essay and Drawing Contest and are encouraging kids from kindergarten to grade 8 to enter. Established back in 1924, the essay contest was founded by Mary Bowditch Forbes, who requested original essays inspired by the great President Lincoln. Prizes will be awarded to the first place winner of each grade level, along with a ceremony to celebrate the winning students. For more info, including essay and drawing topics, go to forbeshousemuseum.org or call the museum at 617-696-1815.

Here are some other events for your parenting calendar:

Saturday, April 7 at 10 a.m. — Wizarding Day at the Franklin Park Zoo. Join us for a magical day as we bring the wizarding world to you! Guests are encouraged to dress in their wizarding best as we celebrate all things magic. Quidditch, science, carnivorous plants and learning about animals. Save 15 percent when you buy your tickets ahead of time at franklinparkzoo.org.

Saturday, April 7 at 3 p.m. — Kids’ Garden: Spring Pea Planting at the Adams St BPL. The sooner we plant them the sweeter they’ll be. Kids’ Garden Club programs are suitable for ages 3 and up.

Tuesday, April 17 at 6 p.m. — Saint Ann Neposet 34th Annual $10,000 Dinner benefitting Parish Youth Grand Prize $10,000!!! $150 for a numbered ticket and $50 for a companion ticket. If you have a service or product you would like to donate to be raffled or put up for auction, please call ore-mail 617-825-6160 saintannnoffice@gmail.com

Friday, April 13 at 10 a.m. — Songs for Children with Morton Hyams at the Fields Corner BPL. Sing along with Morton Hyams as he plays music for young children.

Friday, April 13 at 6:30p.m. — Bangladesh Student Association of UMass Boston welcomes you to celebrate Bangla New Year 1425. Enjoy cultural program, and delicious traditional dinner. UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd.

Tuesday, April 17 at 9 a.m. — Calling all Wildlife Explorers & Families invite girls from throughout the city to spend their April school vacation at the All Girls Sports Festival in Roxbury. The free four-day event will take place April 17 to April 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Franklin Park Zoo. Register today for the four-day April school vacation education program! Geared toward kids 7-11, this exciting program will include a variety of fun activities including animal encounters, arts and crafts, behind-the-scenes tours, and games. 617-989-3742

Tuesday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. — Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families invite girls from throughout the city to spend their April school vacation at the All Girls Sports Festival in Roxbury. The free four-day event will take place April 17 to April 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Franklin Park Zoo. Register today for the four-day April school vacation education program! Geared toward kids 7-11, this exciting program will include a variety of fun activities including animal encounters, arts and crafts, behind-the-scenes tours, and games. 617-989-3742
To address the extreme toll of opioid addiction, Democratic candidate for governor Jay Gonzalez on Tuesday said he would require health insurers and the state’s MassHealth program to cover the cost of medical marijuana when it is prescribed by a physician for someone suffering from addiction.

“The point here is we’ve got to be bold about taking on this crisis and trying some new things,” Gonzalez told the News Service.

A total of 1,977 people in Massachusetts died of suspected or confirmed opioid overdoses in 2017, and the addiction crisis claimed 2,105 lives in 2016.

A former health insurance executive, Gonzalez said medical marijuana coverage was not an option for enrollees at CeltiCare Health, where he was CEO, because the insurer primarily covered MassHealth patients whose benefits were state discretionary.

State law features a catch-all provision, “what I am proposing is that it be explicitly listed as permissible.”

Under his proposal, medical marijuana insurance coverage would not extend to people already okayed to use the drug to treat non-addiction conditions.

Forbes reported Monday on studies published by the American Medical Association from the University of Georgia, Athens and the University of Kentucky and Emory University, that found “letting people legally access marijuana appears to reduce reliance on addictive opioids.”

Gonzalez also declared his support for safe injection facilities, which are illegal but have drawn interest from some stakeholders as a way to steer addicts into treatment and reduce overdose deaths. Under pending bills, individuals could use illegal drugs in facilities staffed by health care professionals. Gov. Charlie Baker has said he remains unconvinced of the efficacy of safe injection sites.

If elected, Gonzalez would also transition to anyone incarcerated in state jails or prisons struggling with addiction.

The Gonzalez proposal was introduced Monday through a campaign email from Kate Donaghue, who described losing her son Brian to an opioid overdose March 12.
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or for more information, please contact Billy Sittig at

in Charlestown, on Thursday, April 19. To register

finals at Ryan Playground, located at 74 Alford St.

in Dorchester. Winning teams will meet for the

Community College, 1350 Columbus Avenue, and

city to spend their April school vacation at the All

7 to 8) and Squirt (ages 9 to 10) divisions. Please

April 17, 18, and 19 during the public school vacation

so do plan ahead!

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as a health and wellness workshops supported by local

representatives from various departments will be present including the Boston Planning

and Development Agency, the Boston Transportation

Department, the Public Works Department, the

Parks and Recreation Department, Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Health Commission, and

the Office Economic Development and more will be in

attendance to answer questions and share resources.

MOTHER’S DAY WALK FOR PEACE ON MAY 13

The annual Mother’s Day Walk for Peace to benefit the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute steps off from

Fields Corner to City Hall on Sunday, May 13. For

more information visit mothersdaywalk4peace.org

for more info.

The 10th Anniversary of Taste of Dorchester event

Taste of Dorchester event ASSISTS MAA

The 10th Anniversary of Taste of Dorchester event on Thurs., April 26 features over 30 restaurants, magician, silent auction, live jazz, and free raffle. Benefit for the Massachusetts-based Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance which educates and mobilizes to break down barriers facing low-income families. First-time homebuyers. IBEW Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Contact mcallahan@mahahome.org for more info.

MAYOR WALSH HOSTS OPEN HOUSE IN ROXBURY

Mayor Martin J. Walsh will host a City Hall Open House in on Monday, April 23, 6-8 p.m. at the BCYF

Shuborne Community Center, 2730 Washington St.,

Roxbury. Residents from Roxbury and other neigh-

borhoods are encouraged to come learn more about city services, capital projects and ongoing programs from the City of Boston. Representatives from various departments will be present including the Boston Planning and Development Agency, the Boston Transportation Department, the Public Works Department, the Parks and Recreation Department, Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Health Commission, and the Office Economic Development and more will be in attendance to answer questions and share resources.

SAINT ANN-SHREIN COLLABORATIVE

Join the Saint Ann-Saint Brendan Collaborative’s Nutshell Gumshoe Hike to benefit the All Girls Grill from March 15 through May 15. Learn more about the event and register online at duffyroofing.com.

APRIL VACATION CAMP AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Register for the four-day April school vacation education program at Franklin Park Zoo. In this program, campers will become experts in animal tracking and identification. Geared toward children ages seven to 11, this exciting program will include a variety of fun activities including animal encounters, arts and crafts, behind-the-scenes tours, and games! 9 a.m. to 3:45 pm. One Franklin Park Rd, Dorchester. Cost is $235 for a member child and $275 for a non-member child. Sibling discounts are available. Pre-registration is required. For additional information, please contact 617-961-3093 or e-mail hamilton@bostonzoo.org

FAIRY HOUSE BUILDING IN FRANKLIN PARK

Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the fifth annual Fairy House Building family event on Thursday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the newly renovated Fairy House on the Boston Nature Trail at Franklin Park. Local children and families are invited to help build tiny houses. This event will be led by an experienced naturalist who will show you how to make detailed, story-telling books from the Appalachian Mountain Club’s Outdoors Rx program, a visit from New England Aquarium, and face painting. Children are encour-
ged to bring their favorite fairy self costumes to encourage their tiny guests to alight in Franklin Park. Natural materials such as sticks, stones, and leaves are provided, and young guests are welcome to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. There will also be a fairy puppet show at 11:30 am. Schoolmaster Hill is located on Circuit Drive between the William Devine and the BHC Health Care Hospital. For more information, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-961-3094, or visit online at boston.gov/parks.

CPA FORUM IN MATTAPOISET ON APRIL 23

A Community Preservation Forum will be held on Mon., April 23 at Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. 6 p.m. Input sought on Mattapan priorities for $20 million in annual funding through the Community Preservation Act to support historic preservation efforts in Mattapan.

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REPORTER’S CALENDAR

Thursday, April 5
- The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing at 11 a.m. on a request to remove and replace the shade trees at 240 Mount Vernon St., Dorchester. The hearing will be held in the City of Boston’s Tree Ward’s in the 3rd floor conference room at 1091 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester. The request is for the removal of two London plane trees and replacement of four 10-inch dbh (diameter at breast height).
- Sem. Elizabeth Warren is the featured guest at a town hall forum sponsored by the Dorchester Reporter this evening at the Boston Teachers Union hall on Columbia Point in Dorchester. The forum, which will be moderated by Reporter news editor Jennifer Smollett, will begin at 10 p.m. at the BTU hall on 280 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester. The forum will be open to the public. Questions will be chosen through a random lottery at the door.

Friday, April 6
- The South Bay Parade Committee’s 10th Cash Drawing at Florian Hall, 555 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, will begin at 7 p.m. Parking is available at the site, which is adjacent to the MBTA via the JFJKUMass station. It is suggested that you make your way to the MBTA and take the public. Questions will be chosen through a random lottery at the door.

Friday, April 6
- The Gaelic Players Association of Boston will hold their second annual Boston GPA Dinner on April 6 at 6 p.m. at the Marlborough Hotel in Boston. They are projecting to have over 500 attendees. Advance tickets will be available soon on the GPA website.

Saturday, April 7
- The annual Greater America Fore from the event support will be available soon at the BTU hall on 280 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester. The event will feature playing and reading. The festival will put your magical skills to the test and how to draw, make toys, and flowers. For ticket information, visit the event support.

Sunday, April 8
- The annual Greater American Fore will feature food and fun with the Tufts University Quidditch team. The Quidditch players and enjoy magic tricks performed by professional magician, Darren Yong. Science on the Streets and the Quidditch team will feature how to make things fly. For ticket information, visit the event support.

Monday, April 9
- Dorchester People for Peace will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Felix D. Arroyo Community Center (Vet-AID), 42 Charles St., Dorchester.

Tuesday, April 10
- Mattapan Food and Fitness Morton Diamond at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 53 Mildred St., Mattapan, will begin at 7 p.m. Special discussion on healthy cultural eating, and a cash bar. $5 suggested donation. Register online at www.mlhcu.org.

Wednesday, April 11
- The 2018 Mayor’s Cup Triangle meets at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1102 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. 6-7 p.m. – Fall 2017/18 Season.

Thursday, April 12
- Saint Ann Neponset House Building family will continue at the Boston Teachers Union hall on 280 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester. 12-1 p.m.

Thursday, April 12
- McCormack Civic Association in the Triangle meets at 6:30 p.m. at 1030 p.m. at Bright Star Touring Theatre presents the event.

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Sunday, April 15
- The 2018 Mayor’s Cup Triangle meets at 6:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1102 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. 6-7 p.m. – Fall 2017/18 Season.

Monday, April 16
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Tuesday, April 17
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Wednesday, April 18
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Thursday, April 19
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Friday, April 20
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Saturday, April 21
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Sunday, April 22
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Thursday, April 26
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High rents vex Bowdoin-Geneva retailers

Interviews with multiple business owners in Bowdoin-Geneva point to the same conclusion: Rents are skyrocketing. Bowdoin-Geneva is too far from the University of Maine, which is certainly pre-gentrification, said Noah De Amor, a lifelong Bowdoin-Geneva resident and entrepreneur. When his bike repair business, Bowdoin Bike School, was in need of a permanent home, he looked for retail space in his neighborhood. He was so surprised by what he found that he made a Facebook video to share his findings. “It would be awesome to find something right in our backyard, but prices here are out of control,” he said. “Here’s the rundown in the hood: 1,500 square feet, Bowdoin Street, $4,000. 1,000 square feet, Bowdoin Street, $3,000. 600 square feet, Washington Street, $1,800 a month.

He then started looking at prices in Roxbury’s Dudley Square, an area in the midst of a construction boom that’s transforming it into a modern (De Amor says “gentrified”) neighborhood. “Everybody talks about how home rental prices in Roxbury are out of control, and folks are getting gentrified out of their homes,” he said. “So I called a few folks and I found something interesting…a lot of these places [in Dudley] are of comparable value, not that much higher, or even lower than spaces right in Bowdoin-Geneva.” The Facebook rant would prove fortuitous for Bowdoin Bike School.

One of the people on line pointed De Amor to a nonprofit that was of interest. “I feel like any landlord who is thinking negatively, in the forethought to think about affordability in the housing space,” he said. “I wish we had had the foresight to think about what commercial affordability could mean 30 years ago, but it was not the same issue.”

In contrast with housing needs, Crockett said, the city has far fewer resources to help small businesses like the ones struggling to make the rent in Bowdoin-Geneva. But she said that’s starting to change. The city is creating an entity to address gentrification by taking a greater role in development. The goal is to “spark equitable economic development while also preventing displacement of neighborhood residents and businesses,” according to a Request for Proposals issued by the city in February.

“We need to be a policy approach that’s working hard, anything is possible.” Business owners in Bowdoin-Geneva say the neighborhood is in flux, with shops constantly opening, then closing. Advocates in the neighborhood hope the next generation of businesses will be more diverse – and profitable enough to stay in business.

The Reporter and WBUR have a partnership in which the news organizations share resources to collaborate on stories. Simón Ríos is a WBUR reporter who is working from the Dorchester Reporter newsroom. He can be reached at srios@wbur.org.
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**NEW BALANCE GIVES BACK:**

The New Balance Foundation has generously provided a $25,000 grant to Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester to support our Individual Fitness Program. This program includes diverse activities like yoga, non-contact boxing, fencing, and 1:1 swim lessons. They specifically fulfill a need that many of our members have, for taking part in fun and engaging fitness opportunities without playing a team sport.

Healthy habits formed in childhood have lifelong benefits. Youth who live in the city often lack opportunities for safe outdoor play. We provide a choice of activities so that every child can be active in a way they enjoy.

Thank you to The New Balance Foundation for generously supporting these important fitness opportunities.

**FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE**

**Spring Program Begins:** Each year, we offer program sessions in the fall, winter and spring, with seasonal program choices that keep members interested and allow them a chance to experience a variety of activities.

Our new spring session started this week. Programs include sports and fitness, like basketball, indoor soccer, wrestling, and fencing, as well as aquatics, nutrition and cooking, fine arts, music, dance, education, and teen-specific activities. While all of our programs are inclusive, we will also offer the Martin Richard Challenger Baseball program, which is specifically designed to offer youth with disabilities an accessible baseball experience.

If you're interested in signing up for Challenger Baseball, contact mbutler@bgcdorchester.org for information.

**DID YOU KNOW**

**New Wellness Class:** For the first time this year we’re offering a Meditation & Wellness class, for grades 2-8 at the Marr Clubhouse. This class takes place on Thursday evenings at 6PM, and teaches members the fundamentals of meditation and enables them to take part in a relaxing meditation time each week. They also learn about other forms of wellness and what goes into taking care of your mind and body.

There is also a Meditation class specifically for girls at our Walter Denney Youth Center. That class takes place on Thursdays at 6PM and is open to girls ages 12-17. It is a great way for girls to relax and unwind during a busy week, and have a chance to reset their mind in a positive way and within a supportive environment. Members have been enjoying these new classes and we believe in the benefits they offer.

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Celebrate One Boston Day through kindness and service

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

For more than 120 years, the Boston Marathon has represented our city at its finest. Every year, thousands of runners lace up their shoes in Hopkinton and begin the long trek toward Boylston Street where people have gathered from across the city to cheer on friends, family, and complete strangers. On Marathon Monday, we come together in a special way as one city to support and celebrate one another.

Five years ago, our Marathon took on a new meaning. That year, President Obama came here to help our city heal, saying, "Even when our heart aches, we summon the strength that maybe we didn't even know we had... We carry on. We finish the race." The following year, Vice President Joe Biden reminded us that "we own the finish line," I saw our city come together to care for the wounded, mourn those we lost, and honor the heroes.

Since then, the Boston Marathon has become a movement. It has come to represent the strength of the human spirit in a new and profound way. It’s a testament to the resilience of our city. Two years later, we marked the beginning of a new Boston tradition: One Boston Day.

Each year, the day serves as an opportunity to celebrate the resilience, generosity, and strength demonstrated by the people of Boston and those around the world in response to the tragedy of April 15, 2013. In years past, we have celebrated this day by giving back to our communities and showing the kindness that was on display five years ago. I'm proud that this day is now a permanent fixture in our city and that we will continue this tradition in the years going forward.

Sunday, April 15, 2018, will mark the fourth annual One Boston Day, and this year I encourage all Bostonians to participate. I encourage you to visit onebostonday.org to see the ‘acts of kindness’ individuals and organizations are planning. There are many ways - big and small - for you to get involved. Help clean up a local park. Help an elderly neighbor with housework, or mentor a struggling student. Participate in one of the many donation drives and walks planned. Give blood at Mass General Hospital or Thank a Veteran with Boston’s Veteran Services Office. However you choose to get involved, it will be a meaningful and memorable experience for everyone involved.

Last year, we reached more than 43,000 “acts of kindness” across the city. Bostonians shared their projects on social media and the hashtag #OneBostonDay was trending nationwide. As we get closer to this year’s day, we’ll be highlighting efforts under way for this year. I hope that the stories of other’s actions inspire you to get involved this year - and for all future One Boston Days.
Kevin DeMille

me harder to be better at my job, even if it was just out of spite half the time. In 1995, I moved on, but I have carried that Dorchester Market work ethic with me wherever I went. Work harder. Work faster. Get the job done. After I left, I still stopped in to see Pete and Kev. And we'd always have a good laugh catching up on old times, Pete with his Patriots baseball cap and Kev with his bloodied butcher’s apron, standing behind the meat counter, keeping an eye on things.

Kevin DeMille wasn’t my favorite guy to work for. We frequently butted heads because I was—and still am—a strong-headed Irish kid from Dorchester. Peter was easier to get along with, but I think Kev was the one who pushed me harder to be better at my job, even if it was just out of spite half the time. In 1995, I moved on, but I have carried that Dorchester Market work ethic with me wherever I went. Work harder. Work faster. Get the job done. After I left, I still stopped in to see Pete and Kev. And we’d always have a good laugh catching up on old times, Pete with his Patriots baseball cap and Kev with his bloodied butcher’s apron, standing behind the meat counter, keeping an eye on things.

Kevin DeMille

recently passed away, leaving a void in the hearts of many who knew him. He was a respected member of the community and leaves behind a legacy of hard work and dedication.

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Boston Water and Sewer Commission will begin Water Main Flushing in the Roslindale, Hyde Park and Mattapan area’s starting:

April 8, 2018 through May 13, 2018

The boundaries for the areas being flushed are: Tower Street to the north, Cummins Highway to the south, Blue Hill Avenue to the east and Centre Street 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.

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC’s 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

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) 989-7278 or visit our website @ www.bwsc.org.
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