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SHEDDING HAIR FOR CONOR'S CAUSE



Above, Conor Olsen, center front, with, from left, family members Phil Olsen, Deb Olsen, Sean Olsen, Luke Olsen, and Maeve Olsen. Below, Conor's great-uncle, Michael Bailey, gave up all his hair via Rachel Riley for the cause. "Anything for Conor; we had to be here," he said. *Seth Daniel photos*

Hundreds gathered at Devine Rink on Sunday for the "Conor Crushes Cancer "Buzz Off," an event put on by 8th grader Conor Olsen and his family to support those being treated for Hodgkin's lymphoma, which Conor was diagnosed with in late February. He now is in a treatment program at Boston Chil-

dren's Hospital and has received tons of support from teammates on his Dorchester Youth Hockey Bantam Blue team. The community came out in force on Sunday, with many having their heads shaved and purchasing T-shirts and other items for Conor's fundraiser.

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Boston's Home Loan Gap

For Black and Hispanic Bostonians, home financing denials a vexing issue

First in a three-part series

By ZENINJOR ENWEMEKA, ADRIAN MA, AND SAURABH DATAR
WBUR REPORTERS

Owning a home is considered part of the so-called American dream, but for Black and Hispanic Bostonians, it is more often a dream denied.

A new WBUR analysis of mortgage lending in Boston from 2015-2020 found that lenders denied mortgages to Black applicants at three times the rate of white applicants. Hispanic applicants were twice as likely to be denied a loan compared with white applicants.

Manny Bello knows that disappointment well. Last spring, he



Melvin Vieira, Jr., president of the Greater Boston Board of Realtors: "Have I seen my clients who are African American or Latino, Asian or whatever, have I seen them jump through more hurdles? Get more paperwork? Yes, I have."

found a great single-family house in Mattapan. It had enough space for him, his wife, and their three kids, and a finished basement where he could put a home office. It also had a large garage and driveway that would be perfect for the vehicles from his cleaning business.

"I thought I had hit the jackpot," said the 46-year-old Bello, who identifies as Hispanic. "It was the perfect fit. And I was just in love with the house."

It took Bello eight years to get to this point. He spent that time saving money and preparing for homeownership. He worked his

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Housing eyed for parish campus at St. Matthew's site

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Two development groups are exploring a partnership that would redevelop the former St. Matthew parish campus on Dorchester's Stanton Street into a mixed residential project with a significant affordable housing component.

V10 Development and Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (NDC) rolled out their collaborative proposal, which is still in the exploratory stage, along with some initial ideas at a small public meeting with neighborhood association leaders from Redefining Our Community (ROC), Dorchester Unified, and Talbot Norfolk Triangle (TNT) on March 31.

St. Matthew parish was established in Dorchester in 1923. On Oct. 1, 2020, the parish was combined with nearby St. Angela parish to form Our Lady of Carmel parish. The church on Stanton Street was decommissioned and is now ready for what is known as "profane [non-religious] use."

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Fair Foods forms community among helpers, those in need

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Dorchester's Jane Taylor can't recall when she started volunteering at the various Fair Foods stops around the neighborhood, but she does know that it has become community for her, and something the 79-year-old looks forward to doing at least three times a week.

Taylor, as well as other volunteers like Maria Fernandes, are emblematic of the long-time food surplus distribution organization that now serves more than 3,000 families across Greater Boston with a network of more than 400 volunteers who show up on time every week, unload the truck, set up the tables, and make friends with the clients who have made Fair Foods part of their lives for decades – long before food distribution became a necessity during Covid-19.

"I was brought up a Quaker and service is a part of how we live our lives," said Taylor last Friday after-

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Jane Taylor is a volunteer multiple times a week.

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Police, Courts & Fire

A four-alarm fire broke out Sunday afternoon (April 2) around 1 p.m. at 19 Oakley St. inflicting significant damage to that home and the back of two homes on Corona Street. More than 100 firefighters fought the blaze, and Oakley Street was filled with fire apparatus most of the afternoon.

There were no injuries, but two residents were displaced from the Oakley Street home. Fire Chief of Operations Joseph McMahon praised the BFD companies for keeping the fire from spreading to the inside of the Corona Street homes. Neighbors noted that a fire took place next door to 19 Oakley St. last year and had just been fully repaired. Several neighbors also lost power for the afternoon as crews dealt with live wires in the back of the home.



Seth Daniel photo

Mopedists, motorist in Adams Village melee

An ugly altercation that unfolded last Saturday afternoon at the busy intersection of Granite Avenue and Gallivan Boulevard involving a group of people on mopeds and a motorist and his passenger remains under investigation by Boston Police this week.

The incident, which was captured on a video that went viral that evening, sent two people to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to the *Boston Globe*.

The video showed a Honda Civic sedan plowing into a person riding a motorbike in the parking lot of the McDonald's restaurant. Individuals who were apparently connected to the moped rider then assaulted the vehicle and eventually

pulled its occupants from the car. A brawl ensued on Granite Avenue, with several people exchanging punches.

A police report of the incident suggests that the trouble began as a "road rage" incident in which the group on mopeds threw rocks at the motorist, who struck another vehicle before veering into the McDonald's lot. No arrests have been made as of the *Reporter's* deadline.

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A three-decker on Field Street was heavily damaged in a blaze on Monday morning that consumed much of the rear of the building, according to Boston Fire officials. Two firefighters suffered minor burns in the two-alarm fire, which displaced 17 people.

Developer eyes 24-unit building in Lower Mills on Metamorphosis site

Developer Joey Arcari has filed plans with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to replace a convenience store at Washington and River streets in Lower Mills with a 24-unit residential building with 18 parking spaces.

Arcari's proposal for what is now the Metamorphosis convenience store, also calls for 1,600 square feet of ground-floor retail space in the new building, which would rise between the Star Market on River Street and Spukies N



A rendering shows a proposed 24-unit building that would replace what is now Metamorphosis convenience store on Washington Street in Lower Mills. RODE Architects image

Pizza on Washington Street.

The space would be split between one bed-

room and two bedroom units, with three of them rented or sold as affordable. The proposal does not specify if the units will be rented as apartments or sold as condos.

According to the filing for the "transit oriented" project: "The building is sited as an architectural extension of the Baker Lofts, taking design cues from the distinctive historic mill building context. Timeless materials, rich masonry detailing, and contextual proportions ground it within the site."

— REPORTER STAFF

Dot Fieldhouse gets \$1m boost from \$1.5t federal spending bill

The project to build a state-of-the-art indoor fieldhouse for Dorchester youth is getting a big boost from the federal government in the form of a \$1 million grant, said Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, who pushed through the funding as part of an \$1.5 trillion appropriations package passed and signed into law last week.

The fieldhouse— a

partnership of Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, the Martin Richard Foundation, and Boston Public Schools — will be built along Mt. Vernon Street on the Columbia Point peninsula. It will be located next to the McCormack and Dever schools.

"I am extremely happy that this critical funding was included... to create a fieldhouse that will provide a safe

and educational site for our community's children," Lynch said in a statement this week. "Bill and Denise Richard have been friends for many years and this facility will provide families and children with more access to early education, care, academic support and character and leadership development.

Lynch added: "I give great credit to Bill Rich-

ard and Bob Scannell for their hard work and dedication in spearheading this effort, and to my colleague, Councilor Frank Baker, for his continued support. And none of this would have succeeded without the amazing work of Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, who worked to ensure this funding was included in the final bill."

— REPORTER STAFF

Lower Mills neighbors mourn civic leader, activist Terry Dolan

A funeral Mass will be said at St. Gregory Church next Tuesday for Theresa "Terry" Dolan, a longtime Dorchester civic leader and environmental activist, who died suddenly April 4 at her home in Lower Mills.

A Milton native who graduated from Fontbonne Academy and Regis College, Ms. Dolan moved into Dorchester in 1991, drawn, she said, by the "mini-renaissance" of the Walter Baker Chocolate buildings on the banks of the



Theresa "Terry" Dolan Neponset River.

After earning a grad-

uate degree at Simmons College, she worked for 25 years in the Massachusetts State House, serving six governors of both political parties, from Michael Dukakis to Deval Patrick.

Upon her retirement in 2008, Ms. Dolan became a leader in community civic activities, advocating for the cleanup of the Neponset River and volunteering as secretary/treasurer of the Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association. Most recently, she led

the charge for the restoration of historic signage atop the old Baker administration building.

A wake will be held next Monday (April 11) from 4 to 7 p.m., at Dolan's Funeral Home in Lower Mills, with church services at 10 a.m. on April 12, followed by a private burial. In keeping with her wishes, family and friends are invited to a celebration of her life at 88 Wharf Street "a half hour after the Mass ends."

— ED FORRY

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Roadway construction at the Morton Street and Blue Hill Avenue intersection and at the Morton Street and Harvard Street intersections will prompt temporary lane and sidewalk closures next week, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). The work is scheduled to take place daily from Monday, April 11, to Friday, April 15, during daytime hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vehicular and pedestrian access through the intersections will be maintained throughout the project, but MassDOT "encourages drivers to seek alternate routes, reduce speed, and use caution while approaching and traveling through the work zone."

A section of the Neponset Greenway between Cedar Grove and Port Norfolk was partially closed this week to accommodate paving work, which began on Tuesday and is due to end on Friday, April 8. The path between Taylor Street and Granite Avenue will be impacted between 6:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. daily with pedestrian patterns "clearly marked," according to the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation.

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

A virtual meeting will be held on Tues., April 25 from 6-8 p.m. to discuss a proposal for a five-story building with 35 units for 120 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. For more info, contact Quinn Valcich, 617-918-4362 or quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Public Facilities Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services host a fourth community meeting to explore options for a new community center in Dorchester. The meeting will be held via Zoom on Thur., April 14, at 6 p.m. To participate in this meeting, please register at [Bit.ly/BCYFDorchester](https://bit.ly/BCYFDorchester). Translation services can also be requested when registering. To learn more about the study and review the presentations from the other meetings, visit [Boston.gov/BCYF](https://boston.gov/BCYF). Check out the mapping tool and take the survey to provide us feedback.

City holds first Boston Rec Fest at Franklin Park April 19— Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department present the first annual Boston Rec Fest (Recreation Festival) during the April school vacation week at the Playstead in Franklin Park on Tuesday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event for kids 18 and under will feature a variety of sporting activities for young Boston residents. Fun inflatables will provide skills challenges in the All-In-One Sports Arena, Full Court Press basketball game, QB Blitz football throw, Field Goal Challenge, Slap Shot Hockey, Soccer Shoot Out, All Star Challenge obstacle course. The event will also include an appearance by Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster. The festival location is at the Playstead on Pierpont Road near the rear entrance of Franklin Park Zoo. By MBTA, take the Orange Line to Forest Hills and the #16 bus to the zoo. By car, the park can be reached from Blue Hill Avenue, Seaver Street, or Circuit Drive. Ample free parking. Fully handicapped accessible. For more information and to stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in

Boston parks, call 617-635-4505, visit boston.gov/Parks, join our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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

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Cummins rehab to feature roundabout, single lanes

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

After months of talk, two important decisions were made this month in the ongoing re-design of Cummins Highway in Mattapan, including a lane reduction and a new roundabout at Weybosset Street.

A meeting held last week (March 29) was the latest in a 10-month series to discuss the \$24 million reconstruction of Cummins to improve pedestrian safety, bicycle infrastructure, and traffic flows at signals – with a eye toward later improvements at Mattapan Square.

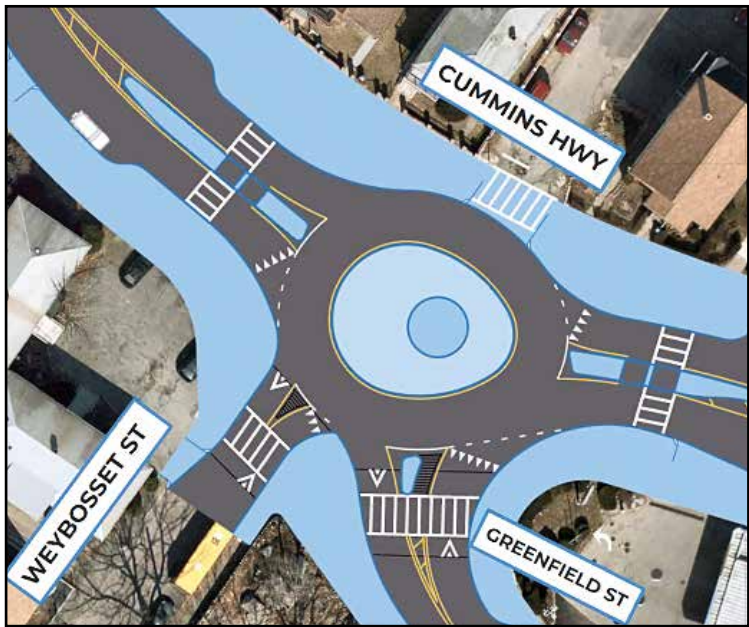
Construction could begin this fall or next spring.

Project engineer Jeffrey Alexis – a Mattapan native – said the city-led project team has arrived at final decisions on traffic lanes and adding a roundabout along the corridor.

“What we’ve been looking at is to try to maintain efficient flow of traffic along the corridor not just for vehicles, but also for pedestrians and cyclists,” he said.

Part of the decision to reduce the highway to one lane each way in most areas, and then to widen it at intersections, is to slow down traffic at all times. One of the biggest concerns of residents since meetings began in 2018 was how fast cars are going during off-peak hours, and even sometimes during peak traffic.

Keeping two lanes each way throughout, Alexis said, would not accomplish that goal.



One of the newest features now in the plans for Cummins Highway re-design is a roundabout at Weybosset Street that planners and residents hope will keep vehicles moving at a slower speed and allow fewer dangerous confrontations with pedestrians and cyclists. The intersection is currently a five-pronged signalized convergence.

“What we’re seeing is cars are still able to speed...along the corridor,” he noted.

The news was well received by the online audience of about 75 people – though there were some who did not agree with everything, with the bicycle infrastructure a particular problem.

A common theme throughout the meetings, as well as those for nearby American Legion Highway improvements, is that introducing robust bicycle lanes will hasten gentrification and displacement of the existing community.

That said, the bulk of the plan analyzed on March 29 looks at

intersections and pinch points along the corridor, including: Harvard Street/Wood Avenue;

Greenfield Street/Weybosset Street; Itasca Street/Ridlon Road; Woodhaven Street; Rexford Street/Rockdale Street; River Street/Blue Hill Avenue intercept with Mattapan Square.

Many of the intersections include new left-turn lanes, such as at Harvard Street, and wider sidewalks with separate bicycle lanes throughout the length.

Another hallmark is the shortening of crosswalks and adjustments of signals so that pedestrians aren’t crossing

when drivers are turning.

The biggest infrastructure change is the addition of a roundabout at Weybosset and Cummins, introducing a totally new feature along the corridor. Alexis and other city officials said the new configuration will allow for safer driving speeds, a continuous flow of traffic, increased pedestrian and bike safety, and fewer conflicts at the five-pronged intersection.

The roundabout was considered earlier in the process alongside a traditional traffic signal setup. In the end, many in the area – including the funeral home abutting the roundabout – felt it would work better.

“With the traffic numbers on Cummins Highway east and west, a signal wouldn’t have helped reduce speeds because Cummins gets the green light,” said Alexis. “Signals are not as efficient for crosswalks. We didn’t get any big opposition to the roundabout and so we are moving forward with it.”

Some neighbors feel the roundabout could be an opportunity to beautify the corridor with landscaping and public art in the center – perhaps signage welcoming people to Mattapan.

Changes at Woodhaven Street will allow a new left-turn lane and introduce two lanes of vehicular traffic into Mattapan Square to handle heavier traffic loads. Crosswalks will be shortened, and another will be added, all to accommodate easier pedestrian access to the commuter rail stop under the bridge at that intersection.

One important thing that will not change is the parking situation along the highway. Unlike other road reconstruction projects, the city team indicated, this wasn’t a place where they were looking to change the parking situation or parking regulations. Aside from losing a few spots for enhanced sidewalks, most all the parking spots that exist will be retained.

“We are taking a different approach because it’s not downtown Boston, so we’re not looking at timed meters or introducing parking regulations that would make it difficult for a caregiver or family member to come and park on Cummins Highway and visit residents that live there,” said Stefanie Seskin, active transportation director at Boston Transportation Department (BTD).

Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets for Boston, said this week the Cummins Highway redesign is a test case for how the city will navigate planning for all large road projects.

“This is going to be one of the largest and biggest investments in a street reconstruction project in Boston, aside from Blue Hill Avenue,” he said. “I think this is going to be a showcase. Hopefully residents will look at it and say they are glad they have this in their neighborhood as a street to travel on.”

The next planning meeting will take place on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. and will focus on Age Friendly Street Design.

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Boston presses ahead with its “All Inclusive” campaign

By KATIE LANNAN
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NEWS SERVICE

Launching the second round of a campaign promoting Boston as a diverse and welcoming

destination, city officials said on Monday that they hope the effort not only drives new travelers to visit but also encourages Bostonians to play tourist across their home-

town’s neighborhoods. “I remember growing up and, you know, there were folks I went to high school with in Dorchester that had never been to Charlestown, and it’s too easy in our city to get comfortable with what’s right down the street versus hopping on a free 28 bus — just putting that little plug in there — to visit other neighborhoods and other restaurants and other cultural institutions,” Segun Idowu, Boston’s chief of economic opportunity and inclusion, said at a press conference announcing the extension of the “All Inclusive Boston” campaign.

Using both federal American Rescue Plan Act funds and money from Boston’s operating budget, the city awarded some \$1.5 million for the second phase of the campaign, which involves digital and social media marketing, print, radio, video, and a new partnership with local NBCUniversal TV stations. The campaign was created by Colette Phillips Communications, Boston-based ad agency Proverb, and the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Michelle Wu said 84 percent of contractors and subcontractors involved in the effort

are businesses owned by women or people of color. So far, she said, the initial All Inclusive Boston campaign “has generated more than 4,000 new visits to our city since January of 2021, which is an incredible feat given the dynamics of the pandemic and all that our communities have been struggling with.”

“This campaign is part of our effort to create and tell the story of a Boston for everyone,” Wu said. “Whether your family dates back six generations here, whether you are new to this country or city, or whether you haven’t yet had the chance to come and visit, we are here, we are welcome, we are ready to embrace you.”

Colette Phillips, president and CEO of the communications firm, said the campaign also aims to “reinvigorate the economy by driving visitors and residents alike to experience some of the traditional under-visited small businesses” that have been hit hard by the pandemic and its economic disruption.

Wu and other officials unveiled a 30-second promotional video that will anchor the campaign, in which several people — and one barking dog with subtitles — declare, “This is my Boston accent.”



Colette Phillips spoke at a City Hall event on April 4 to discuss phase two of All-Inclusive Boston, a promotional campaign that seeks to highlight small businesses and Boston as a tourist destination. At left is Segun Idowu, the city’s chief of economic development, at right, Mayor Wu. Phillips is the CEO of Colette Phillips Communications, Inc., which orchestrated the campaign.

John Wilcox/Mayor’s Office photo

One says the phrase in Korean, another signs it, and one whispers it from within the main branch of the Boston Public Library. The speakers are engaging in various activities, including skateboarding, grabbing a beer, and putting the finishing touches on a plate of bao buns in a restaurant kitchen.

Daren Bascome, Proverb’s managing director and founder, said the

idea was to take something Boston is known for — the distinctive accent of some residents — and use it as a way to reintroduce the city and “underscore just the rich diversity of our places.”

“There are more than 140 languages that are spoken in our city. There are people who always had many different Boston accents,” he said.

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Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 120 Bowdoin St project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the SPRA. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the public. This is the rescheduled meeting date following the previous postponement.

The proposed project consists of a 5-story building with residential 35 units, 117 bicycle parking spaces, and 3 electronic car parking spaces.

At this time, the BPDA is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available at no cost. If you require translation services, please contact quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 4/25/2022. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

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Metro Credit Union opens Morrissey Boulevard branch

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts's largest state-chartered credit union, opened its latest branch at 960 Morrissey Blvd. on March 30. The location is Metro's 18th branch overall and a new addition to the lineup of branches within the city of Boston.

The branch offers Metro's full suite of consumer and business products, as well as access to an ATM, coin counter, and drive-up window.

In addition, the 960 Morrissey Boulevard location includes dedicated resources for mortgage lending, commercial banking, and investment services.

"Dorchester is a community with rich history and impact in the



On site at the branch opening: From left, Metro Credit Union Senior Vice President Marie O'Neill; West Roxbury branch manager Claudia Goncalves DosSantos; George Huynh, Dorchester Community Liaison; and Metro Credit Union Chief Operating Officer Traci Michel.

city of Boston, and expanding our branch network to Dorchester is a great next step for Metro's growth" said Marie O'Neill, senior vice president for Engagement, Experience, and Marketing. "We look forward to growing in the community by add-

ing to our Boston-based branches, which include Massachusetts Avenue, Government Center, Commonwealth Avenue, and West Roxbury."

The branch is led by Manager Claudia Goncalves DosSantos and assistant manager Cecelia Salmon Barnett.

EDEN receives a \$15k grant from Rockland Trust affiliate

The Rockland Trust-Blue Hills Charitable Foundation recently awarded a \$15,000 grant to EDEN for its intervention and stabilization program that aims to help break the cycle of homelessness among single mothers and children currently living in long-term shelters.

"EDEN was established with a vision to help families struggling with homelessness, especially single mothers, access the most vital resources they need to give their families a better future. Raising a family is no easy feat. EDEN is the bridge to self-sufficiency for families experiencing homelessness," said Jehu Leconte, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of EDEN.

The grant from the Rockland Trust-Blue Hills Charitable Foundation will be used for covering operational



Pictured, from left: Julie Beckham, financial education officer at Rockland Trust; Andrea Borowiecki, vice president of Charitable Giving & Community Engagement at Rockland Trust; Suzanne Spargo, vice president and branch manager at Rockland Trust; Jehu Leconte, co-founder and CEO of EDEN; Thomas Golden, vice president, CRA officer at Rockland Trust.

costs and program costs, including the purchase of educational training materials and laptops for hybrid learning.

"We are honored to support EDEN in their mission to equip families with the skills, knowledge and resources to overcome homelessness," said Andrea Borowiecki, Vice President of Charitable Giving & Com-

munity Engagement at Rockland Trust. "By providing a wide range of personal development programs to the mothers and children they serve, EDEN is changing lives within the communities we serve, and we're exceptionally proud to play a small role in the meaningful work they're doing."

Bill Brett to introduce new book at Florian Hall fundraiser to boost Dorchester Fieldhouse

Photographer Bill Brett will celebrate his sixth book, "Boston: Game Changers," at Florian Hall this coming Sunday (April 10) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. as part of an event meant to raise funds for the Martin Richard Foundation and Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Fieldhouse Project.

An afternoon of conversation trading Boston stories will feature some of the city's best journalists: WBZ NewsRadio 1030's Jordan Rich, CBS Boston anchor



Lisa Hughes, NBC10 anchor Latoya Edwards; and WBZ NewsRadio's "NightSide" host Dan Rea. Charity Auctioneer

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



St. John Paul II Catholic Academy's boys' basketball team advanced to the New England CYO tournament in Vermont last month after defeating a team from St. Joseph's in Needham, 42-28, to win their league championship. The team includes: Tommy Barry, Tommy Kelly, Windell Jean-Baptist, Brandon Medina, Ethan Castille, Harley Etienne, Jessen Jean-Baptist, Kahlil Prerval, Jack Cook, Aiden James, Marcel Ruiz, Lucas Laurenti, Chris Philemon and coaches Ryan McLaughlin and Michael Hegarty.

Four Dorchester residents— Julia Blacker, Michelle Canniff, Elizabeth Licht and Cailin O'Dwyer — are running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 126th Boston Marathon on Patriot's Day — Monday, April 18. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team will run in-person this year and will also offer the option of running virtually, due to the ongoing

Covid-19 pandemic. Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team-mates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$5.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This year marks the 33rd annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC).

One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research. To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Gilbert Stuart School

The Gilbert Stuart School, which opened in 18906 and closed in 1975, stood approximately where the Lower Mills branch of the Boston Public Library is located today.

From the *Boston Globe*, July 4, 1896:

"New Schoolhouse on Richmond St., Dorchester, Will be Called the Gilbert Stuart School – At the last meeting of the school board, Mr. Dunn, for the committee on school-houses, reported favorably on the name of Gilbert Stuart for the new school on Richmond St., Dorchester. From Frank T. Robinson, secretary of the Gilbert Stuart Fund



Association, was received a communication asking that the name of Stuart be adopted and stating that appropriate

At the left of this week's photograph, there is a small building at the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Richmond Street with a sign advertising: W. A. Chamberlain, Carpenter & Builder. William A. Chamberlain lived at 121 River Street.

pictures would be presented to the school.

"This brings to notice the name of our greatest portrait painter, the author of the well-known likenesses of George Washington and his wife, beside a long list of our Revolutionary army and navy heroes.

"Stuart lived for 20 years in Boston and his remains lie in the central burying ground, Boston Common. He was born at Narragansett, R.I., in 1755 and died July 10, 1828."

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

Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website.

New rules still allow for public protests

A new city ordinance kicked in last week: It restricts demonstrations outside of individual homes in Boston to certain hours— 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It’s a reasonable rule, one that imposes \$50 fines for a first offense, \$150 for the second, and \$300 for the third or more. And it’s not groundbreaking by any means. Other cities and towns have set up other restrictions that have withstood First Amendment court challenges.

The new measure here in Boston was prompted in the near term by the constant barrage of noisy early morning protests by anti-vax mandate activists who have been relentlessly targeting Mayor Wu for months now, showing up on her street in Roslindale to express their grievances over city policies on masks and vaccinations. The protests have sometimes started up as early as 7 a.m. with whistles, drums, and inane shouting disrupting the peace in what should be a quiet residential setting in a city neighborhood.

Last Friday, around 7:30 a.m., the first five people to defy the ordinance were assessed fines outside of Wu’s home. The restrictions, incidentally, apply not only to Wu’s residence, but also to any private home in the city that might become the target of demonstrators.

Naturally, there are those who worry that any barrier to free speech should be avoided. In fact, four city councillors— Erin Murphy, Frank Baker, Julia Mejia, and Kendra Lara— opposed the ordinance in a 9-4 council vote last week.

For all that, there were already noise ordinance restrictions in place in the city that *de facto* have banned the sort of noisy demonstrations that have besieged Wu’s family and her neighbors between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. The new rule effectively amends the earlier time frame by two hours in the morning and two hours at night, leaving ample opportunity for those intent on gathering to make themselves heard throughout the day and evening and even into the night.

The principle behind the ordinance is sound. Public officials, of course, should be thick-skinned enough to face scrutiny, pushback, and, yes, even sustained protests. But neighbors — most of whom have no involvement in the policy-making decisions that prompt such reactions— shouldn’t have to withstand that same disruption to their daily lives, particularly in the tranquility of their private homes, purchased in most cases long before the mayor’s election.

Having lived within view and earshot of Michelle Wu’s predecessor, it was not without precedent that citizens seeking to get the mayor’s attention would assemble near Marty Walsh’s home. But it happened on just a few occasions, and without the orchestrated intent of making life miserable for the larger community.

The onslaught that Wu’s opponents have unleashed in Roslindale has been nasty, wrongheaded, and counterproductive. Ideally, they’ll smarten up and realize that harassment of the mayor isn’t winning them any converts. Quite the opposite, actually. I know of several people who are sympathetic to their position in concept, but find their tactics outrageous.

That said, they still have the right to do it, just not at the crack of dawn or well into the night. That seems like fair play.

– Bill Forry

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A St. Brendan parishioner asks the cardinal: ‘Keep a beacon of our faith’ on Gallivan Blvd.

LAUREN O’BRIEN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Saint Brendan Church is facing imminent closure by the archdiocese, a move openly advocated for by our new pastor, Rev. Palladino. The Presbyteral Council has met to discuss the matter, but Cardinal O’Malley has not made a final decision, leaving a tiny glimmer of hope for our church. Fr. Palladino is ignoring the cardinal’s pause and declaring himself that our church will close for services by May 31.

There is a long, deeply rooted problem not simply with our church, but with the Archdiocese, that has festered for decades. Our parish has had reasons to turn away from the church, the worst of them being the horrific child abuse by clergy in the 1970s and early 1980s and the archdiocese’s painful coverup. Closing our church will not sweep the anger and hopelessness away.

People who have not lived in this area may find it hard to grasp the enormity of what closing St. Brendan Church will do to our community. In Dorchester, you identify neighborhoods by parish, by church, no matter how religious or nonreligious you are. Saint Brendan Church has always been a part of the very fabric of our neighborhood.

Pastors like Fr. James Lane and Fr. James Fratus became part of the community so that they could guide their parishioners toward God and through tough times. They reached out and brought those who had strayed back to God. For a long time now, St. Brendan’s pastors have been forced to leave after only a few years – just as they were starting to join the neighborhood. This strategy of Fr. Paul Soper [the archdiocese’s director of Pastoral Planning] has deeply damaged St. Brendan’s. What makes a parish strong is the people trusting and caring about those guiding us and leaders knowing and caring about their people. This policy has undoubtedly decreased Mass attendance.

One of the many reasons to attend Mass was the feeling of neighborhood community, belonging, and familiarity and that was taken away repeatedly by the coming and going of so many of our priests. It takes a lot of work to start anew, but our community has been hanging on. The religious connection is slipping, however; we need someone reaching out and offering that acceptance and feeling of community. Since our current pastor’s arrival, the feelings at Mass have been less peaceful. His early bulletin notes left people hurt and angry, feeling pushed away rather than welcomed.

Fr. Palladino’s comments make it seem as though our church building is crumbling. Yet the archdiocese’s own facilities assessment team has deemed each area “acceptable.” Yes, there are many needed repairs, with masonry/repainting and drainage issues being the main problems. But there has been no order to evacuate, no call to stop Masses on May 31. The archdiocese let St. Brendan Church deteriorate through benign neglect; much of the needed repair was hidden from us by short-term pastors. We are requesting an independent review of what needs to be done by local contractors. Qualified tradespeople in our neighborhood, who have been willing to lend

their services, have been turned away. Cost-cutting measures have not been considered; the facilities team actually recommended replacing entrance doors with new mahogany ones.

The way the archdiocese has stealthily carried out this closure process is also angering. Property sales of land next to the church were not allowed while we were still an independent parish. Instead, we were pushed to become part of a collaborative in 2018, and in the midst of the pandemic, the archdiocese slipped in the merger and a new parish name. The merger meant that \$875,000 gained from the sale of St. Brendan property – the former convent and lot next to the church – could be directed to St. Ann’s, as half our donations are. This behavior seemingly contradicts the archdiocese’s pastoral mission statement “We treat ... those whom we serve fairly... holding ourselves accountable for our commitment to service.”

Even when people are not at Mass, the church itself reminds us of our faith and calls people to prayer. The archdiocese’s removing Churches is actively hiding Catholicism from everyday life. When it closed 65 parishes in 2004, there was a considerable uproar and resistance across the archdiocese. Eight years later, in 2012, Director of Pastoral Planning Fr. Soper told a Boston Globe reporter that “closing parishes didn’t work... When a parish closed, people just went away. The numbers worshipping didn’t improve. We were not better off afterward.”

At that time, the cardinal’s team, including Fr. Soper, was considering forming what are now called Collaboratives- groupings of parishes with one pastor who share priests, staff, and a council but maintain their own identity, buildings and finances. Under this proposal, the Globe reported, parishes would not close or merge. Now, 10 years later, Fr. Soper and the archdiocese are merging parishes before closing them. It cannot merge away a neighborhood community and expect people to drive to another church and suddenly see that as home. They are abandoning Catholics in St. Brendan’s- not seeming to care if we just “went away.”

We are trying desperately to hang onto the center of our unique neighborhood - our little small town hiding in the big city that has become our very identity. We are disheartened, but we are not yet broken. We are asking Cardinal O’Malley to give us a chance. We are a strong community with many contractors and tradespeople willing to help. Please give us a period of reprieve and let us raise funds to save Our Church. We would appreciate having a pastor willing to work with us to reinvigorate this church community rather than pushing to close us. Keep a beacon of our faith on Gallivan Boulevard. Let us keep Catholicism alive in our Dorchester neighborhood.

Benefactors willing to be a part of saving our church and tradespeople/contractors willing to offer their services, please contact SaveStBrendanChurch@gmail.com

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The Lord’s Prayer

BY LAWRENCE S. DICARA

As I wrap up my second stint at Spaulding Rehab, I reflect upon the power of prayer in my life, especially during these past 15 months.

Of course, my parents taught me how to pray. They were both mighty good at it, although my grandmother may have had the most direct line. Because we went to public school (which meant that many assumed that our souls were in danger), we had Sunday School right after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church at St. Gregory’s, presided over by the Sisters of Notre Dame who came in various shapes and sizes but who were all very rigid in the way they approached our religious education. The Baltimore Catechism No. 2, a blue paperback, was required reading. We memorized the answers to a series of questions, the first of which was “Who made us?”

Then on Monday afternoons – it must have been unconstitutional, but nobody questioned it—children were dismissed early from the Charles H. Taylor School to walk down the street to St. Gregory’s where a priest would give us additional religious instruction.

Most everybody at our elementary school was either Catholic or Jewish. If a Jewish holiday fell on a Monday, there were not a lot of students left at school at the end of the day. My old friend Richard Clarke tells a wonderful story about his facing such a situation when he was in the fifth grade.

We learned to pray the way we learned to speak. “Owa fahthah who aht in heaven” because that is

the way Cardinal Cushing taught us to pray when he said the Rosary on the radio and, whether it be in politics or religion, Cardinal Cushing could do no wrong.

How many times have the people who might be reading this article recited the Lord’s Prayer? So many believe it is a simple encapsulation of what many of us believe. It has been recited in an almost nonpartisan fashion for decades. Read sentence by sentence, it makes lots of sense.

Recently, I read the Pope Francis’s new volume, “Let Us Dream.” It was sent to me by an old friend in Rhode Island – a widow who goes to church regularly. The pope is very smart. That doesn’t mean that I agree with him on everything, but on most things, I think he gets it. He certainly understands the need for the world to change if it is to survive.

So many times during these past many months, when I have not been able to sleep at night, when getting my wounds attended to, when hoping that I could get through a mini-crisis with respect to pain or otherwise, I have recited the Lord’s Prayer. I have concluded it is as much on target today at it was when I first recited it over 65 years ago.

I am a better person because I pray. I am a better person because people have prayed for me, especially during these past 15 months. Perhaps, the world would be a better place if more people prayed in whichever way they feel comfortable.

Lawrence DiCara is a former Boston City Councillor and a native of Dorchester.

City park maintenance shouldn't be a neighborhood burden

By **BILL WALCZAK**
REPORTER COLUMNIST

The Friends of Savin Hill Park held its 38th annual Savin Hill Park cleanup up this past Saturday. The cleanups have been essential to the restoration of the top five acres of the park, with each year achieving an incremental improvement. This year, a group from the Patten's Cove area asked to be part of the cleanup.

Boston's parks are well known in the world of urban parks, thanks in part to the work of world-renowned park designer Frederick Law Olmsted's in the late 19th century creating the Emerald Necklace. The Necklace starts at the Boston Common and winds its way down the Muddy River to Jamaica Pond, then via the Jamaica way to the Arboretum and Olmsted's main gem – Franklin Park.

Olmsted's plan was to continue the chain of the necklace along Columbia Road to the Boston waterfront, but, sadly, that was never completed. The existing Olmsted parks have much support and special funding sources and are generally in excellent shape.

Boston has many other parks that are wonderful places for residents to experience nature and fresh air, such as the state-managed Neponset River Reservation and Pope John Paul II Park, and Boston Parks Department-managed parks such as Dorchester Park, Almont Park, Malcolm X Park, and the park that I see every day, Savin Hill Park. Neighborhood parks get much less maintenance and support than the Olmsted parks.

Savin Hill Park was part of lands of the indigenous Massachusetts tribe prior to the Puritan settlement. In the book "Dorchester Day Celebration, 277th Anniversary, 1907," there is a photo from 1884 entitled "The Last Indian Camp on Savin Hill," indicating that the tribe continued to use Savin Hill late into the 19th century. Upon their arrival in 1630, the Puritans named the hill Rock Hill, due to its rocky outcroppings of Puddingstone. Being about 100 feet above sea level, and right on the waterfront, it was used by the Puritans in 1639 for "great guns," that is, cannons, to protect the new settlements from the French, who, the Puritans feared, would contest their settlements along Boston's waterfront.

Savin Hill sat at the southern end of George Washington's troop array in the early years of the Revolutionary War. It was fortified again during the War of 1812, and was an encampment of soldiers for many years. It was the subject of an 1819 painting that is in the possession of the Old State House Museum.

We know that the hill's name changed to Olde Hill from 1730 to 1830, at which point Joseph Tuttle, who owned the Tuttle House Hotel, where Cristo Rey School is now, renamed the site Savin Hill, after the trees that abounded there.

A commission created around 1900 to look at ideas for new parks for Boston recommended that Savin Hill, then owned by the Worthington Family, whose home was the old St. William's Rectory on Dorchester Avenue (now demolished), be made into a park. The First Dorchester Day was held at the summit of Savin Hill in 1904, during which leaders joined the call for making Savin Hill into a park.

One of the people at that ceremony was John "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald, who promised that if he were elected mayor, he'd make Savin Hill a city park. After he was elected, Savin Hill became a park on July 26, 1907.

In the process of making the park, the "Savin" trees were eliminated in favor of planting the oak trees that ring the park.

For the 100th anniversary of the park in 2007, the Friends of Savin Hill Park, after viewing the 1819 painting, decided to plant some "Savin" trees, and approached the Parks Department to get some. We wrote a grant to the Parks Department that resulted in some money to buy some "Savin" trees, but when



City Councillor Frank Baker and Kirk Carapezza removed a discarded tube from Savin Hill Park at the 38th annual cleanup on Sat., April 2.
Bill Walczak photo

the Parks arborist, a man beguilingly named Leif Fixen, tried to buy some, he found that the tallest "trees" he could get were 18 inches tall. This made no sense at all, considering the painting in the Old State House.

At that point, a then-Savin Hill resident, Matthew Gordy, a landscape architect, looked into the issue, and found that Joseph Tuttle was actually referring to what we now call Eastern Red Cedar trees, and that the common name for those trees in the 19th century was "Savin tree." We eventually got three Eastern Red Cedars, and planted two near the tennis court and one along Caspian Way.

The annual Savin Hill Park cleanup started when I purchased my house in 1981. Savin Hill has an amazing view; out to Hull on the east, the Blue Hills on the south, downtown to the north, and into Roxbury on the west. But when I bought my house, the sunrise exposed thousands of shards of glass left by groups of youth who had broken thousands of beer bottles there over the years. One group included the now-famous Mark Wahlberg, whom I confronted regularly, to no avail.

The Parks Department ignored the top five acres of the park, on the basis that it was not used for organized sports and, therefore, an urban wild, for which there was no maintenance, though occasionally the department would have to remove stolen cars that had been pushed over the cliff at the top of the hill. Things got so bad that houses near the park would put air conditioners in their windows mainly to create white noise to obliterate the sounds of partying youths and breaking bottles at night. One neighbor referred to the park as "Hiroshima Park," and it was generally viewed that living next to it was a very negative thing.

But some neighbors saw the potential of the park, and when I started raking the glass up in my first couple of years next to it, they asked that I let them know when I was raking so they could join in. That led to the first invitational cleanup in 1985 and the Friends volunteer group. Every year since then, a general cleanup is announced by the Friends, and between 30 and 40 people will show up to rake

leaves, remove dead trees and branches, and pick up glass. It took about fifteen years of cleanups to clear the top of the park of most of the glass, but there seems to be an unlimited supply of shards along the cliff walk on the southern side of the hill. This year, City Councillor Erin Murphy joined others in targeting glass removal there.

The Friends of Savin Hill Park cut the grass at the top of the hill, and provided daily trash removal and other maintenance for decades. Today, the park is in much better shape and has fewer problems with vandalism, though there is still much graffiti and glass to remove. Though "Friends of Parks" groups are a wonderful community building experience, it's shameful that our city has neglected neighborhood spaces such as Savin Hill Park for so many years that it is only through the efforts of neighborhood volunteers that maintenance happens.

The Parks Department missed a big opportunity when the Parks Commission didn't include improvements to the park and removal of dead trees when they approved the new condo developments at 55 Alpine Way and 147 Grampian Way, which abut Savin Hill park. Park friends groups should be planting flowers, not cutting grass, removing dead trees, and extracting glass from walkways. Our state and city governments need to staff their park systems sufficiently to ensure that they are reasonably maintained.

And so, until that happens, we salute those who came out last week to provide maintenance for Savin Hill Park and Patten's Cove: Sue Wadlington, Dave Butler, Alix Gianetti, Aaron Berger, Thomas Man-nion, City Councillor Erin Murphy, Dave Mareira, Kirk Carapezza, Elizabeth Walczak, Chris Gianetti, Sarah Miller, Matt Collamer, Meg Campbell, Emily Lichtenstein, the Moore Family, Sue Schardt, Randy Tobin, Wyatt Griffith, Chuck Monroe, Katrina Martin, Angus Smith, Rob Kimball, Erin Kimball, Bert Bremer, Karen Fegley, Walter Fernandes, Thalia Yunen, Jin Tao, Steve Weymouth, Marc Antoine, Bobby Spano, City Councillor Frank Baker, Antoni Smith, Steve Smith, and Deborah Lenares (and others who didn't sign in).

Zoning board nixes Dot Ave. apartment building proposal

By **REPORTER STAFF**

A five-story, 26-unit apartment building proposed for 1809-1813 Dorchester Ave. across from Edwin and Shepton streets failed to get enough votes for approval from the Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday.

The board voted 3-2 to support Mark Kennedy's plans to replace his current commercial painting building with an apartment building and no parking spaces. State law requires at least five votes for a proposal to pass.

Board members Mark Erlich and Sherry Dong voted against thye bid. Board chair Christine Araujo, who has voted against three recent proposals in Roslindale that had no parking, did not cast a vote after Erlich's and Dong's no votes doomed Kennedy's project.

City Councillor Brian Worrell, several nearby residents, and the St. Mark's Civic Association opposed



the proposal not only because there was no parking component but also because they deemed the proposed building too tall with too many apartments.

"This is a crazy proposal," said Sydney Miller of Edwin Street. She said the building would tower over the two- and three-story strutures near it and questioned where all its residents would park.

Kennedy's attorney, George Morancy, called the proposal "a true TOD [transit-oriented-development] project," because it is just a five-minute walk from the Ashmont T station. He added that because of the "shallowness" of the lot, the highest number of parking spaces that could be fit into the plan would be four, so Kennedy decided that because of its proximity to Ashmont, it made more sense to use that space for 2,200 square feet of retail business.

Morancy added that four of the units would have been rented as affordable, rather than the three required by the city.

Greater Ashmont Main Street has supported the project because of the "commercial revitalization" the site offered. The BPDA board had approved the plan last in November.

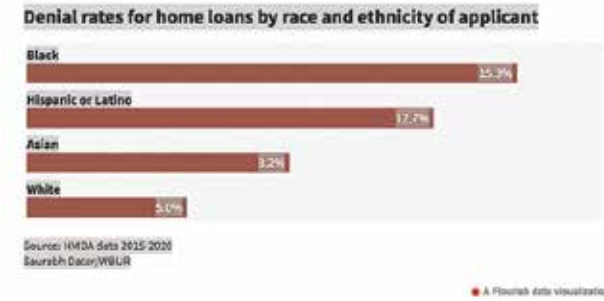
For Black, Hispanic Bostonians, home financing a vexing issue

(Continued from page 1) way up to become a manager at a janitorial company. And he started his own cleaning business on the side, which increased his income. He also built up his credit score, getting it to the 800s — the highest range. He was ready.

“The loan officer told me that I have the perfect package,” he said.

He went through a loan pre-approval process. He had a closing date. And his kids were even picking out their rooms. “And then I got denied at the last minute,” Bello said. “It was heartbreaking.”

Bello said the mortgage underwriter told him he was denied because his



cleaning business was a few months short of two years old, so that income wouldn't be considered for the application. In other words, the lender would only factor in one of his streams of income, which wasn't enough to get the loan he needed for the home in Mattapan.

“I was very disappointed,” Bello said. “I just

said, ‘You know, if this is the reason and there’s nothing I can do, well, thank you very much, and I guess I’ll just stop looking for a property right now.’”

So, Bello has put homeownership on pause. He isn't sure when he'll try again.

“I don't want to go through the process

again and be denied at the last minute,” he said.

WBUR's analysis of publicly available federal data through the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) found that 3,501 applications for loans to purchase homes were denied in Boston between 2015 and 2020, amounting to 6 percent of all such applications.

In addition to the higher denial rates for Hispanic homebuyers, the numbers were working against Bello in another way: It's harder to secure home loans for properties in predominantly Black parts of the city, like where he was looking in Mattapan. WBUR found

that lenders denied loans for home purchases in majority-Black parts of Boston at 2.5 times the rate of majority-white areas.

Homeownership isn't just about fulfilling a dream. It's the primary way most Americans build wealth. So, when Black and Hispanic residents encounter more hurdles when trying to finance a home purchase, the ramifications are broad and lasting.

“Homeownership is one of the major drivers in the racial wealth gap,” said Tatjana Meschede, associate director of the Institute for Economic and Racial Equity at Brandeis University.

An often cited study by the Boston Fed in 2015 found the median net worth of a white household in Greater Boston was approximately \$250,000, while the median figure for a non-immigrant Black household was \$8.

Lending industry representatives say the data WBUR used in its analysis doesn't tell the full story about denial rates. They attribute the higher denial rates for Black and Hispanic borrowers to differences in credit scores, debt, or loan size relative to the value of the home.

“We believe the HMDA data that underlies your story can help iden-

tify potential lending disparities within the mortgage market but given limitations with the data, the numbers are not sufficient on their own to explain why those disparities exist,” Blair Bernstein, director of public relations for the American Bankers Association, told WBUR in a statement.

Some of the data that lenders say explains the gap, such as credit scores, are not made public, but are available to regulators. Last year Federal Reserve researchers found that factors such as credit scores, property values, income and mortgage loan algorithms explain most of the racial gap in denial rates, but not entirely, “suggesting a possible role for discrimination.” And the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau analyzed 2019 HMDA data and found that disparities weren't eliminated when factoring in credit scores.

Locally, a report released in August by the Massachusetts Community Banking Council found that Black and Hispanic loan applicants were more likely to be denied even when adjusting for the borrower's income, debt, and other factors.

“Even high-income Black borrowers are less likely to receive a loan

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– Chris Herbert

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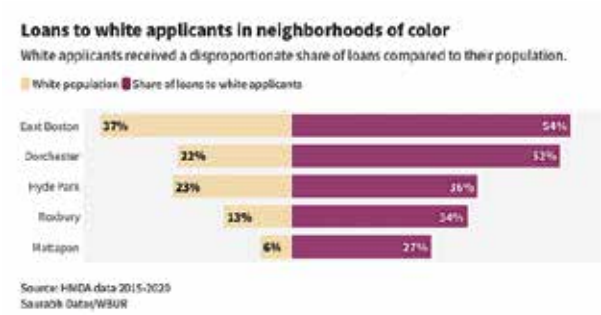
WBUR analyzed Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data for Boston. Under HMDA, financial institutions are required to compile and publicly report home loan data. The data, which is reported to the federal government, includes various types of housing such as single-family homes, multi-family homes, apartment buildings and condos. Only home purchase loans were included in the analysis. Refinance loans were excluded. The loans were issued by traditional banks and other types of lenders, such as credit unions and mortgage companies.

or are more likely to be denied a loan than their white counterparts,” said Sarah Philbrick, a research analyst formerly with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. In 2017, the agency studied denial rates among high-income loan applicants in metro Boston. The challenges many people of color face to-

day in trying to buy a home — and secure the financing to do so — reflect history. Experts say racial disparities in mortgage lending can be traced to the same thing: structural racism. “The lending patterns today and the disparities that we see today are basically reproducing the patterns that have

been here for quite a while,” said Jim Campen, a professor emeritus at University of Massachusetts Boston who has studied mortgage lending in the city. There is a long history of racial discrimination in housing. Under the federal policy that became known as redlining, banks refused to lend in Black and immigrant neighborhoods in cities like Boston from the 1930s through the 1960s. Additionally, racially restrictive covenants — contracts embedded in property deeds — were used to ban people of color from living in white neighborhoods. “The historical policies we had in this country just didn’t provide the same opportunities for Black households compared to whites,” said Meschede, of Brandeis University. As a result, Black borrowers often have lower incomes, less money saved, and less ability to get financial help from their families than white borrowers — and therefore are less able to afford homes and acquire loans. Past discrimination is baked into the current mortgage lending gap, experts say. “When you look at that mortgage transaction, you’re really at the end of a long string of other

factors that discriminate against people of color that have created obstacles to owning homes as well,” said Chris Herbert, managing director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. In Boston, the homeownership rate for white residents is 44 percent, while it’s 30 percent for Black residents and 17 percent for Hispanic residents. City data show that the gap has actually widened since Congress passed the Fair Housing Act in 1968, which made redlining illegal. And studies since then provide strong evidence that discrimination has continued. Says Chris Herbert: “When you look at that mortgage transaction, you’re really at the end of a long string of other factors that discriminate against people of color...” The Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston conducted an investigation in 2006 in which volunteers of different races applied for loans at the same banks. The center, which has since closed, found that loan officers often gave white applicants more loan options and discounts on closing costs — even when Black, Hispanic and Asian applicants were better qualified. Overall, the study found



evidence of discrimination in half the cases. Melvin Vieira, Jr., president of the Greater Boston Board of Realtors, said some of his clients have been treated differently when they tried to get a mortgage loan. “Have I seen my clients who are African American or Latino, Asian or whatever, jump through more hurdles? Get more paperwork? Yes, I have.” This is what lending discrimination looks like now, some housing experts say. It’s more subtle and often harder to spot. And it’s not just individual loan officers’ behavior. Company decisions, like where to open up branches or whom to market to, can also lead to discrimination. The US Justice Department has found that some banks have discriminated against Black and Hispanic neighborhoods, and recently announced an initiative to combat “modern-day redlining.”

But even if all traces of lending discrimination were to be erased, Campen said he believes there would still be a homeownership gap. “The racial problems and the problems of inequality in this society are so deep and so long and so severe that we’re not going to end them by tinkering around making changes in the mortgage lending system — as important as that is,” he said, especially, he added, since all of this is happening in the midst of a housing shortage and a market with rising home prices. “If you want to have greater Black homeownership in the city of Boston, you need to make either homes more affordable or Blacks richer,” Campen said. “Or both.” This article was originally aired and published by WBUR 90.9FM on March 30. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.



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Fair Foods forms community among helpers, those in need

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noon at the First Parish Church distribution site on Meetinghouse Hill. “All of these sites become their own communities – communities built around feeding people. People come out to help because they believe in it and want to do it. They believe people should have fresh food. Every site is multi-cultural, and you can’t say any one site is this community or that community. It’s one big community centered around food access.”

Taylor first discovered Fair Foods when she was trying to help Southeast Asian families relocate to Dorchester. She said she saw the truck distributing food for their now famous “\$2 per bag” and had one of the families go out and get a bag. She was so impressed that she started volunteering the very next week.

“I do remember the first thing I did to help was one day we had big snow drifts and we had to dig out the snow so the truck could get in for the delivery,” she noted with a smile.

Taylor and Fernandes exchanged high-fives as they started the distribution at First Parish last Friday.

Fair Food Operations Manager Liz Boyd said the organization started in Dorchester on a day more than 30 years ago when its founder, Nancy Jamison, was driving past the Pilgrim Church food program in Uphams Corner, felt that she should stop, and did just that. Soon after she sold her car and got a delivery truck to start her own program.

The organization was also one of the first to recognize the potential of re-



Operations Manager Liz Boyd said they distribute more than 17,000 pounds of food at more than 40 sites, including six stops in Dorchester and Mattapan.



Fair Foods volunteer Maria Fernandes has been donating her time at the First Parish Church site for 15 years.

purposing surplus foods. That came, according to the Fair Foods website, when Jamison saw a truck full of edible carrots that was headed to the dump. Figuring that food like those carrots shouldn’t be wasted, she began looking for ways to re-distribute surplus foods rather than throw them out.

The surplus, Boyd said, now comes from trucking companies, food suppliers, and farms. The foods are sorted at a warehouse in Jamaica Plain and placed into bags that sell for \$2 each. There’s no consistency on what might come in

a bag; much of it is seasonal, and every week is different.

Last Friday, there were 380 bags prepared for the First Parish site. They contained blueberries, yellow squash, English cucumbers, potatoes, grapes, and tomatoes – as well as bottled iced tea drinks. Sometimes, there is meat and dairy.

“It is run of, by, and for the people,” said Boyd. “It is affordable, abundant, and accessible. We are intent on building communities and feeding communities. We operate seven days with five days on site

and over 17,000 pounds of food distributed per day. Fair Foods has now picked up enough food to fill the Prudential Tower one and a half times. You don’t need an ID and there are no sign-ups or proof of income required. We make no judgments, and all are welcome.”

As Taylor kept the line of clients moving last Friday atop Meetinghouse Hill, she said those who volunteer do so out of a sense of mission and service.

“At 79, I work four to five days a week because I believe in the program and what it stands for,” she said. “Everyone should have food with dignity, in this or any other country. For all of us, this work is a mission put before us... As one young man put it,

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT SUFFOLK, ss.
Case No. SU22E0003
To Avelino J. Dosreis of 104 Norfolk St., Boston, MA 02124; Maria Monteiro of 2404 Old Bermuda Hundred Rd., Chester, VA 23836 et al. and to all other persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by Francisca Palmer, 2702 Grove Forest Ct. of Midlothian, VA in the County of representing that she holds as Tenant in common and an undivided 1/6th part or share of certain land lying in Dorchester in said County of Suffolk, and briefly described as follows:
The land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Dorchester District of Boston, Suffolk County, being No. 104 Norfolk Street, and being Lot 3 on Plan by C.H.W. Wood, dated August 11, 1894, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2218 Page 374, bounded and described as follows:
NORTHERLY: by Norfolk Street, as shown on said plan, fifty-one and 09/100 (51.09) feet;
EASTERLY: by Lot 4 as shown on said plan, seventy-five and 94/100 (75.94) feet;
SOUTHERLY: by Lot 4 as shown on said plan, fifty and 17/100 (50.17) feet; and
WESTERLY: by Lot 2 on said plan, sixty-one and 39/100 (61.39) feet.
Containing 3,412 square feet of land according to said plan.
Being the same premises conveyed to the Grantors herein by deed of Thomas R. Garvey dated July 2, 1963 recorded with Suffolk Deeds Book 7758, Page 220.
Setting forth that she desire that – all the following described part – of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$464,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY SHOULD FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON the fourteenth day of April, 2022, the return day of this citation.
Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, ESQUIRE, First Judge of said Court, this 4th day of March, 2022.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: April 7, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU22P0628GD IN THE MATTER OF: KAREN JOHNSON of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by St. Elizabeth’s Gpu at Carney Hospital of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Karen Johnson is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/05/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Date: March 29, 2022
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LEGAL NOTICES

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. SU21P2735EA ESTATE OF: ANTHONY MORGAN DOWDEN a/k/a: ANTHONY DOWDEN DATE OF DEATH: 07/15/2015
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Coretta White of Hyde Park, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Coretta L. White of Hyde Park, 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 **05/13/2022**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 01, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
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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. SU21P1757EA ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA MARY CARR DATE OF DEATH: 04/02/2021
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John M. Pagnotta of Bridgewater, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: John M. Pagnotta of Bridgewater, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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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 **04/14/2022**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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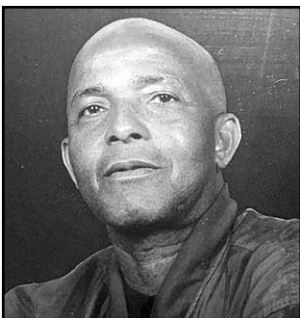
Qualifications: At least 6-8 years of progressively responsible and proven experience in environmental advocacy or environmental organizing and/or sustainability program development and management required, including at least 3-4 years’ experience of managing staff. Bachelor’s degree in environmental studies/science, community planning, public policy, or related field preferred. Familiarity with/experience in environmental conservation, green energy generation, etc., and developing and launching community organizing campaigns at a neighborhood level preferred. Previous on the ground work/experience working in urban settings with low/mod income people of the global majority (POGM), preferred. Excellent verbal and written communication and computer skills required. Ability to work independently and to manage multiple tasks and project simultaneously.

Salary range is \$75,000-\$85,000, commensurate with experience. Send resumes with cover letter and salary requirements by April 28th, 2022 to gail@csndc.com or to Gail Latimore, Executive Director, Codman Square NDC, 587 Washington St, Dorchester, MA 02124. No phone calls please.

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Sale of abandoned property under MGL c.265, s.39A. Owner intent to sell at Public Auction at 8am on 04/25/22 at Peters Towing, 150 Freeport St, Boston, MA 02122. 2009 Toyota Corolla Red Vin# JTD-BL40E699052387 Owner Name: Erin Ann Dailey Owner Address: 372A Washington St. Apt A Franklin, Ma. 02038

RECENT OBITUARIES



ARTHUR, Donald of Dorchester. Donald was born in Trinidad to the late James A. Arthur and Henrietta (Jordan) Arthur. Husband of the late Jean G. Arthur. Father of Roger Arthur, Charmaine L. Arthur, Keisha V. Arthur-Cole and her husband Duke Cole, Duane Miller and his wife Nakeya Miller and the late Ricardo Arthur. Brother to James, Iris, Irene, Elton, Edna, Alfred, Doreen, George, Grace, and Errol. Grandfather of 24. Great-grandfather to 12..



AVERSA, Mary C. (Cerullo), 106, of Dorchester and East Boston. Wife of the late Patrick M. Aversa. Mother of Florence Aversa and husband (deceased) Frederick Kuethe of Dorchester and Rosanne Aversa and husband Michael McCormick of Dorchester. Grandmother of 2 and children Delaney and Deacon Browning; great-grandmother of 3. Sister of the late Gabriel William (Billy) Cerullo, his wife, the late Adelina (Lena) Cerullo of Medford.



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CAMERON, Frances M. (Lynch), 79, in Raynham, formerly of Dorchester and South Weymouth. Wife of the late Richard “Dick” Cameron. Mother of Rick Cameron and his wife Lauren of Arizona, Christine Cameron and her husband Ryan Ratts of Rhode Island, and Susan Paturzo and her husband E.J. of Bellingham. Grandmother of 7.



COX, Miriam Gertrude (Dottin), 93, of Mattapan, originally of Cambridge. Daughter to Samuel Dottin and Beatrice Myers and raised by Mr. and Mrs. Lovell. Miriam is preceded in death by her husband, Deacon Hayward W. Cox, Sr., and children Carleton Cox, Miriam E. Cox, and Hayward W. Cox, Jr.. She is survived by her sons, David G. Cox and Barron B. (Pamela) Cox, daughter, Bonita P. (Felix) Cox. She also leaves her 9 grandchildren, and 7 great-grand-children.

She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, extended family, church family and friends. The family requests that in donations be made in her memory to: HopeWell, 504 Dudley Street, 2nd fl., Roxbury, MA 02119.



DONOFRIO, Virginia M. (Costa) of Easton, formerly of Carver, Dorchester and Roxbury. Wife of the late Joseph F. Donofrio. Mother of Ralph Donofrio and his wife Ann of Dedham, Mary Minton and her husband Mark of Easton, and the late John Donofrio and his wife Catherine Donofrio of Carver. Sister of Frances Sebestyen of Florida, and the late Josephine Cascone, Lillian Sciarappa, and Joseph Costa. Grandmother of 3; also survived by 8 great-grandchildren. Donations in Virginia’s memory may be sent to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA 02451 or to the American Cancer Society, 1324 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301.



GOODRIDGE, Loretta Dianne, 79, of Mattapan. Daughter to the late Dorothy O. Lane and Ernest E. Lane Sr. Mother of Fred K. Goodridge, Janell D. Goodridge and Lemarr J. Lovett. She was preceded in death by her brother Ernest E. Lane Jr and her long time companion Lehmann L. Lovett. She leaves a sister Janice Yvonne Sims of Virginia Beach, Virginia, nieces and nephews Camille McKinnis, Jacqueline Young, Donna Fox, Charles Sims Jr, cousins, great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.



GORDON, William J. “Billy” of Rockland formerly of Dorchester. Husband to Michelle (Routier) Gordon of Rockland. Son of the late William and Jessie Gordon. Brother of Joanne Falcone, and the late Linda Gregorio

and Helen Calley. Uncle of many nieces, nephews, and brothers in law. Billy was also survived by many dear friends.



HEALEY, Martin, J. “Marty” of Atlantic Beach, FL, formerly of Quincy and Dorchester. Husband of the late Rita (Brown). Father of Barbara of Plymouth, Michelle (Jack) of Bath, PA, Martin of Middleboro; 4 grandchildren; his brothers, the late William (Jean), Kevin (Kathi), the late Brendon (Ann); and many in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews. Son of the late William and Katherine Healey. US Marine Corps veteran.

HOLT, Donna M., 75, of Cape Cod, originally from Dorchester. She was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Grace Holt of Dorchester; her brother Thomas Holt, sister Dorothy Connolly; and her two children, Joseph and Michael DeRosa. She is survived by her brother Edward Holt, Quincy, and sisters, Kathleen Shea, Hingham, Anne Marie Hampton, Ft. Myers, FL, Deborah Gallahue, Milton, Geraldine Holt, Revere and Janice Holt, Hingham. She is also survived by seventeen nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made in her name to the MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center.



LaBELLE, Theodore J. Jr. “Ted,” 88, of Canton, formerly of Dorchester. Korean War veteran. Husband of the late Theresa A. (Kotarba) LaBelle of Canton. Father of Theodore J. LaBelle III and his late wife Mary Ryan of Framingham, Peter LaBelle and his wife Julia of Beaverton, OR, Karen Monahan and her husband Steven of Avon, Daniel LaBelle and his wife Thresia of Quincy, Thomas LaBelle and his wife Caroline of Taunton, Mark LaBelle and his wife Monica of Milton, Susan Scannell and her husband Keith of Holbrook, and the late Catherine LaBelle. Loving brother of Jack LaBelle and his wife Marcia of Braintree, the late Al LaBelle and his wife Carol of Weymouth, the late Mary Knoll and her late husband Archie Knoll of Braintree. Grandfather

of 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in his memory to The Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org.



MIDDLETON, Elizabeth A. “Betty” of Dorchester. Wife of the late Joseph A. Middleton. Mother of Ann Marie Middleton of Quincy, Joseph A. Middleton and his wife Eileen of Quincy, Barbara Aliano and her husband Charles of Somerville, Nancy Middleton of Dorchester, Lisa Middleton of Dorchester, Elaine Wijnja and her husband Hotze of Quincy, and the late Robert A. Middleton, and John F. Middleton. Grandmother of 6. Please consider making a donation in memory of Betty to a charity of your choice.

MORRIS, Joan (Costello), 76, of Waltham, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the John J. Costello and Gladys M. (Hamel) Costello. She is survived by her husband Bruce H. Morris; granddaughter Beth; 1 great grandson; brother John S. “Jack” Costello of Las Vegas, NV. She was predeceased by her step-son Bruce H. Morris Jr. and grandson Justin Morris.

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



WALSH, Stephen M. of Roslindale, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Mary Maureen (O’Sullivan) Walsh of Lispolie, Ireland. Steve was the father of Stephen Walsh of Kihei, Hawaii; Joseph Walsh and his wife Lynn of Needham; David Walsh and his wife Kristen of Plymouth; and Dennis Walsh and his wife Kimberly of Milton. Papa of 8. Great-grandfather of 2. Steve was predeceased by siblings Mary Machaby of Holbrook; Joseph Walsh of Boca Raton, FL; Michael Walsh of Alexandria, VA; Ann Walsh of Hingham; Sr. Barbara Jo-

seph Walsh of Wellesley; and his twin brother Tom of West Roxbury. He also leaves sisters-in-law Pat Walsh of West Roxbury; Judy Walsh of Alexandria, VA; Bridie Mallon of Armagh, Northern Ireland; Noreen Janes of Jersey, Channel Islands; and brother-in-law John O’Sullivan and his wife Anne of Lispolie, Ireland. Steve is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and loyal friends. US Army veteran. Donations in Steve’s memory can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute or the Alzheimer’s Association.



WHITE, Catherine M. “Kay” (Glavin), 98, of Savin Hill. Wife to Robert L. “Bob” White. Mother of Catherine Keddie-Coyne, and her late husband John Coyne, Barbara and her husband Roger Croke, and Margaret and her late husband Richard Higgins, all of Dorchester, Robert and his wife Patricia White of Franklin, Walter and his wife Monica White of Florida, Edward and his wife Patricia White of Yarmouth, and Rev. Joseph White of St. Joseph Parish, Boston. She was nana to 20 grandchildren; and her late 18 month old granddaughter Kaitlyn Marie; and 24 great-grandchildren. Daughter of Irish immigrants, Cornelius and Margaret (Buttimer) Glavin of Youghal, Co. Cork, Ireland. Daughter-in-law of Robert L. and Mary E. (Schulz) White. She was the eldest sister of 9. Sister and sister-in-law to Jackie Glavin, Sue McAleney, Mary and Larry Costello, Michael and Penny Glavin, and Lou White. Predeceased by Cornelius and Mal Glavin, Peggy and Fred Murray, Billy Glavin, Walter and Virginia Glavin, Imelda and Cliff Meiggs, Walter and Rita, Arthur, Betty, Ralph and Eddie White, Mary and Pat McKenna, and the good folks of Midland Street and friend Agnes Croke. Survived by dozens of nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Rev. Fr. Bernard Cotter SMA of Co. Cork. She was a proud union representative of Local 54 and employee of Boston University. After retirement, she took the position of St. William’s Rectory cook, where she worked until the age of 84. Please pray a Hail Mary, a Thank You Jesus, and/or make a donation in Kay’s memory to AARPSS, Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services, 68 William Cardinal O’Connell Way, Boston, MA 02114, or at aarpss.org .

Housing eyed for parish campus at St. Matthew's site

(Continued from page 1)

John Tocco, of V10, said his firm has owned the former rectory building at St. Matthew's for some time and obtained the rest of the property under agreement from the archdiocese of Boston early this year.

"We envision a mixed residential project with a heavy influence on affordability," he said. "One way of achieving this is to potentially partner with the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation or a similar affordable development group, which is what we're exploring now."

Gail Latimore, director of Codman Square NDC, said that while there are no agreements between the two potential partners, they've had some "good conversations" over the past two months about the opportunity.

"We have no formal relationship or agreement," she said, "but what we are doing is seeing how we can do something on the site. We have no plans. Being that the site is a former church, we wanted to have conversations in the community. We want to see if we can make the site work financially."

Tocco and Latimore said any agreement would likely be a collaboration whereby Codman Square NDC would need to develop a minimum of 100 affordable rental units on the part of the site where the church and two related buildings now sit.

Such a venture would include purchasing the land at market rates from V10.



St. Matthew Church

Meanwhile, V10 would develop a combination of 50 market rate and affordable units that would likely offer homeownership opportunities, with the entire campus being made up of a few separate buildings.

With that, the collaboration would consist of 150 units across the site, with parking aiming to be one-to-one for the V10 portion and the minimum 0.7 spots per unit for the affordable site. Tocco said they understand, even at this early point, that they are looking at a residential neighborhood that needs off-street parking.

"We don't want people spilling out into the neighborhood and disrupting your block," he said.

Said Latimore: "The other thing is we're not sure if we can keep the

buildings on the site. We haven't decided anything, but we don't know. We may have to demolish them, including the church."

Tocco said his group has not developed in Dorchester, but has two large projects in the works in Everett and Worcester. He said he had experience in infrastructure development overseas before coming back to his home in Greater Boston, where he took on a major community relations role during the development and construction of the Encore Boston Harbor casino.

Knowing how communities work, and wanting to respect the area around St. Matthew, he said his company wanted to meet with neighbors before embarking on any big plans. They knew they wanted to make a big splash on the affordable housing piece at the site, and after investigating how to do it themselves, they realized it was much more complicated than they had anticipated. That led them to search for partners, which is how Codman Square NDC came to being considered for such a role.

"What we hope to take away at this early stage is what is exciting for the community," Tocco said.

For community members in attendance, one of the biggest concerns was the potential loss of long-time local operator Wesley Child Care, which has served the community since 1969 and has been located on the St. Matthew site since 2006.

Neighbors from Stanton Street and ROC indicated they would love to see a portion of the development be devoted to Wesley, as childcare in the area is tough to find.

"That's very important to us," said one neighbor representing Stanton Street. "Having a leasable space that could be a day care would be very important to maintain."

Many neighbors also said they felt blindsid-

ed by the sale of the property. They stressed that the campus has always been a community gathering space, even for those who didn't attend church there. Representatives from ROC and Dorchester Unified indicated they would like to see the gathering space continued with the provision of an enhanced community room for at least three of the abutting associations, a place for monthly meetings, for community gatherings, and for receiving official association mail.

"We need a place to call home," said one ROC leader. "Not just a room, but a home."

Other concerns were about the density on the site – a church campus with nearly no residential component would now have at least 150 new residences within

a tight neighborhood. That, neighborhood leaders said, would need to be carefully planned and expertly executed to avoid disrupting a street that consists mostly of long-time homeowners.

Other leaders asked V10 to consider implementing a developer's teaching program for young people and teens who are interested in any aspect of development – from property acquisition to architecture to community engagement to construction.

While the initial results of the meeting seemed promising for the potential development collaboration, more discussion is ongoing and any potential development agreement is still in the exploration stages, Tocco said late last week.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU21P1417EA
ESTATE OF:
FLORA M. JOYCE
a/k/a: FLORA JOYCE
DATE OF DEATH: May 26, 2021
SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sheila F. Joyce-Bird of Dorchester, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Sheila F. Joyce-Bird of Dorchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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COUNTY OF ONSLOW
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DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
22-CvD-582
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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU22C0078CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
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A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Jalena Draya Brown of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jalena Catalina Campbell

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Clockwise from top left: Jamie Joyce entered Devine Rink with a full head of long hair, and a thick beard. After his 'Buzz Off,' he left with a tight shave cut and a very trim beard; Conor Olsen (front, center) with his teammates from Dorchester Youth Hockey during Sunday's event; Friends Maeve Doherty, Maeve Olsen (Conor's sister), Ava Daly, and Sydney Denver gathered for a photo; Johnnie Ryan was all smiles after his "hockey hair" came off on Sunday, with Rachel Riley working the clippers; Halle Hold had her hair braided by Maeghan Driscoll as part of the 'Buzz Off' event.

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