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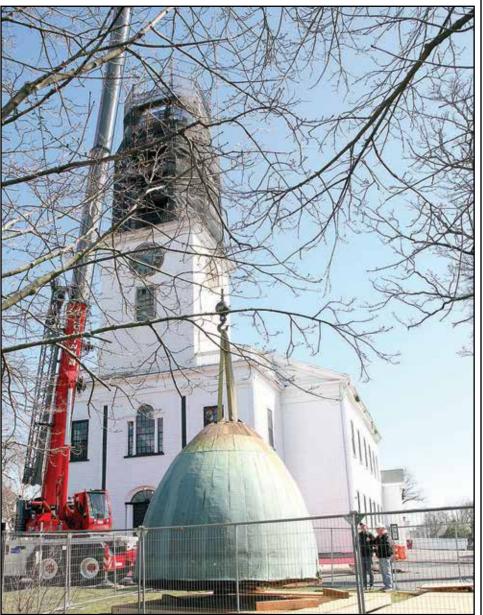
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#### **SAVING THE SECOND CHURCH**



Crews from American Steeple & Tower Co. coordinated with Dorchester preservation consultant Jeff Gonyeau to remove the dome and lantern tower from atop the Second Church in Codman Square over the past week - the first time the structures have been removed since 1806. Seth Daniel photos

## Historic steeple taken down for repairs on Second Church in Codman Sq.

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

The dome and lantern tower of Dorchester's Second Church has been  $standing\,proudly\,above\,Codman\,Square$ since 1806. Last week, it was removed from its perch for critical structural

Jeff Gonyeau, a Dorchester resident and preservation expert who has been heading up the Second Church's repair project, said the decision to remove the steeple's elements was made quickly after substantial rot was found at the base of the dome and on internal supporting columns.

Last Wednesday (March 29), steeplejacks from American Steeple and Tower Co. of Salem removed the copper-plate dome via a crane. On Monday of this



The circa 1816 bell made by Paul Revere & Sons foundry in Boston still stands proudly in the belfry of the Second Church steeple.

week, they removed the lantern tower. Both have been placed in the front yard of the church property, marking the nrst time since the church was built that the 4,000-pound top had come off. Much of the repair work will be done on the ground.

"The plan was not to take the tower down," said Gonyeau. "They thought they could repair it in place. However, there are 8 supporting columns inside that are 13 feet tall and 6 had failed. They pulled out one of the columns and found significant rot at the base especially on the main King Post."

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# US Rep. Lynch laments 'divisive' effects of shifts as council redistricting case goes to federal court

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Congressman Stephen Lynch took the stand in federal court this week to decry the way the City Council redrew the political boundaries of Boston's nine

Councillors voted in November to shift South Boston public housing developments, then located in District 2, to Dorchester-based District 3, as well as parts of Dorchester, primarily Cedar Grove and Adams Village, from District 3 to District 4, which includes part of Dorchester and Mattapan.

The practical effect of the moves was that most of the residents remained in the same Council district.

The four councillors who opposed the redrawn district map — District 2 Councillor Ed Flynn and At-Large Councillor Michael Flaherty, both of South Boston, and District 3 Councillor Frank Baker and At-Large Councillor

Erin Murphy, both of Dorchester have sued to strike down the map, which was signed into law by Mayor Michelle Wu and remains in effect as city elections get underway.

Lynch and some local civic associations in Dorchester and South Boston have signed onto the opposition effort, which is playing out at the Moakley Federal Courthouse in South Boston. The plaintiffs also allege Open Meeting Law violations, a tactic that councillors have a history of making.

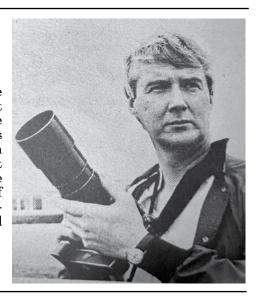
The Wu administration has hired Lon Povich, a top lawyer who worked for former Gov. Charlie Baker, and Jennifer Miller, who has served as chief legal counsel for the state Senate, to defend the map.

Redistricting is a city-level process that follows most US Census decennial counts. This round was driven in large part by a boom in South Boston's population, mostly in the neighborhood's (Continued on page 4)

#### Legendary Dot lensman is mourned

Frank O'Brien, (shown at right in the 1980s) who died on his  $82^{nd}$  birthday last week, spent a career documenting the triumphs and downtimes of Boston's storied sports teams for the Boston Globe in an award-winning career that spanned more than four decades. He leaves behind an impressive body of work and legions of friends and relatives, many of them still deeply rooted in his home neighborhood.

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# Electricity suppliers' 'underhanded' tactics cited by city's energy chief

#### By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

The city's top energy and environover competitive electric suppliers, saying the companies are targeting people in neighborhoods like Dorchester and Mattapan.

For years, the companies have sent employees to people's doors, with a request to see residents' electric bills and the promise of lower rates. They've sometimes falsely claimed to be from utilities such as National Grid or Eversource, in an attempt to get residents to sign a contract with them, city and state officials have said.

Direct Energy, which is among the

competitive electric suppliers operating in Boston, claimed they "denounce" such tactics when asked about what mental official is sounding the alarm Mariama White-Hammond, a Dorchester resident who serves as Mayor Wu's to say about the industry's practices.

People who have switched to a competitive electric supplier are paying more than if they had stayed with (Continued on page 15)

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# Dot teen held in probe of '22 Roxbury murder

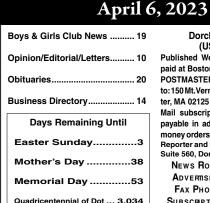
A 17-year-old Dorchester resident was arrested on Monday in connection to a murder investigation stemming from a fatal Roxbury shooting last September. The male teenager has not been named since he is a juvenile, but police say he was arrested on Monday in East Boston while he was driving a vehicle that was stopped by police. A passenger in that caralso a 17 year old – was arrested on an outstanding warrant related to the murder of Hanser Abraham Moreta-Gonzalez, 26, who was shot to death on Sept. 29, 2022 on Shawmut Avenue in Roxbury. Members of the BFD Fugitive Unit and the ATF executed the warrant, which led to the arrest of both teens around 2:15 p.m. on Monday. Police say they also recovered a loaded 9mm gun in the car.

Boston Police officers assigned to District B-3 arrested two Dorchester residents on Saturday morning (April 1) after pulling over their car as they responded to a shots-fired call near Harvard and Gleason streets around 3 a.m. The two suspects – Kevin Crutchfield, Jr., 35, and Cherrelle Rascoe, 37 – were riding in a car with "illegally attached plates," according to the police report. The driver, Crutchfield, had a suspended license, according to the BPD account. A search uncovered a handgun with five rounds in a bag inside the car. Rascoe faces illegal gun charges and Crutchfield is facing charges for the motor vehicle violations, according to police.

A Braintree man is facing drug trafficking charges after Boston Police attached to the Area C-11 Drug Control Unit and DEA agents raided an apartment in a residential development in Braintree last Friday. Esteve Diaz, 41, was arrested during the raid, which, BPD says, turned up over 1,000 grams of cocaine. Braintree Police assisted in executing the search warrant. Diaz was to be arraigned in Dorchester District Court this week.

Boston Police report that gang-unit officers arrested an 18-year-old Mattapan man they found with a loaded gun near Uphams Corner last Wednesday evening (March 29). According to police, officers were responding to the area of Sumner Street just after 7 p.m. for a radio call for a person with a knife. Police say one of the men found at the scene was found to be carrying a loaded firearm in his waistband. The suspect was also charged with resisting arrest and assault and battery on a police officer.

A 26-year-old Dorchester man was arrested last Tuesday (March 28) after police pulled his car over on Norfolk Street because of excessively tinted windows and an obscured license plate, according to a police account. Police say they noticed "ballistic damage" on the vehicle and a bullet fragment inside. The man was found to be carrying a loaded 9mm gun, police say.



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# Cape Verdean president visits Bowdoin Street

The president of Cape Verde, José Maria Neves, visited Dorchester and several other communities in New England over the past few days, including a meeting with Gov. Maura Healey on Monday.

Neves arrived in Dorchester – home to one of the largest Cape Verdean communities in the United States – last weekend and attended Palm Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Church. Afterward, the Cape Verdean Association of Boston and State Rep. Chris Worrell hosted him for a panel discussion with numerous leaders in St. Peters Teen Center.

On Monday he was hosted by State Sen. Liz

Miranda at the State House and engaged in a private meeting with Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll.

On Tuesday, President Neves was part of a panel discussion at UMass Boston, and then was the honored guest at a grand dinner in Cesaria Restaurant on Bowdoin Street, hosted by Sen. Miranda. The overall purpose of the visit was to engage the Cape Verdean diaspora. Above, President Neves is shown with Paulo Debarros of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston; and Carla Monteiro, former candidate for City Council during the Sunday discussion.

Photo courtesy Rep. Worrell

# Sen. Warren, Quincy philanthropist to address UMass Boston graduates

UMass Boston has tapped USSen. Elizabeth Warren and Rob Hale, a Quincy businessman and philanthropist, to deliver commencement addresses to the class of 2023 on Thurs., May 25, at the harborside campus. More than 3,800 students are expected to get degrees.

Warren, a Cambridge Democrat, is serving her second term in the Senate and last week announced that she's running for third in next year's election. The Harvard University law professor was a candidate for president in 2020 and former head of the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

"I can't wait to celebrate the graduates and their families at UMass Boston – an outstanding public research university that reflects the talent and diversity of our Commonwealth and our nation," Warren said in a statement. "I look

forward to recognizing their accomplishments and sharing a few words of advice for the Class of 2023."

Hale is the co-founder and president of Granite Telecommunications, a \$1.9 billion company based in Quincy. He is also a well-known philanthropist, making headlines last October when he said he and his wife Karen planned to give away \$1 million a week for a year.

nillion a week for a year. His company employs more than 200 UMass Boston graduates, according to Hale.

"Granite has also been lauded for its deep commitment to diversity," UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco said in a statement. "As a major employer, Mr. Hale understands the importance of building a diverse workforce pipeline, one of the signature priorities of UMass Boston's strategic plan."

– REPORTER STAFF

## No Turn on Red signs added to key intersections

Several new No Turn on Red signs have popped up lately at intersections throughout Dorchester. City officials say it is part of an effort to enhance pedestrian safety and a prelude to a policy shift that will take aim at scofflaw motorists.

The signs have been installed in recent weeks at intersections such as Victory Road and Neponset Avenue and Washington and Park Street – both



New sign sits at Washington and Park streets.

places where "hanging a right" has been status quo for decades.

A city spokesperson said the new signs were placed close to schools, parks, and community facilities and other sites with histories of crashes or obscured sight lines.

The signs are also part of a larger change to city's traffic signal guidelines that will be instituted in a few months.

"We aim to make our

neighborhoods safer and more accessible by making street changes that reduce risks for vulnerable road users and curb unsafe driving behavior,"

said the spokesperson.

"BTD is currently in the process of updating our signal guidelines with the purpose of increasing safety for people walking, biking, and driving at our city's intersections."

– REPORTER STAFF

#### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden and members of his transition team and Community Engagement Unit will hold a community forum at the Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave. on Sat., April 8, 10 a.m.-noon.

The public is encouraged to attend.

First Parish Dorchester on Meetinghouse Hill will host a **Dorchester Community Passover Seder on Sat., April 8, from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the parish hall. The event is family friendly and all are welcome to participate in the Passover story and meal. Potluck food donations are welcome. For more information, call the First Parish office at 617-436-0527.

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., April 19 at 6 p.m. on the Dorchester Bay City project. See page 4 or bostonplans.

org for meeting details. This meeting was originally scheduled for April 5 but was re-scheduled.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 6 p.m. to discuss proposed redevelopments at 114-122 Harvard St. and 18-24 Standish St. in Dorchester. The meeting will include a 45-minute presentation of the proposal by TLEE development and 45 minutes of public Q and A. See bostonplans.org.

The Dorchester Day parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. Participation forms are available on the website dotdayparade.org or email info@dotdayparade.org. Applications are now available for candidates the 'mayor' of Dorchester contest. The next parade committee volunteer meeting will be held on Tues., April

11 at Savin Bar and Kitchen, 116 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester.

The 27th annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace will be held on Sunday, May 14 beginning at 8 a.m. at Town Field in Fields Corner, Dorchester. See mothersdaywalk-4peace.org for more info on starting a team, donating, or sponsoring the event. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Mural Crew will welcome the local elf and fairy population back to their summer homes with the annual Fairy House Building Workshop at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill on Thurs.. April 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop welcomes families to a magical day of fairy house building. The event will feature face-painting and a story time. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes.. Natural materials will be provided, and children are encouraged to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses. Visit boston. gov/fairy-houses to learn more.

Julie Williamson, executive director of Standish Village Assisted Living, provides an overview of "Understanding Dementia in the Real World," on Thurs., April 20 from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. at Lower Mills Library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester. Caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the interested public are encouraged to attend this free training. Call the Lower Mills Library at 617-298-7841 for more information.

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# Healey in pitch to community: Apply for MBTA jobs

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Addressing a crowd of community leaders and activists in Roxbury's Nubian Square last Thursday, Gov. Maura Healey asked for their help in fixing the MBTA by spreading the word about job openings.

At an event put together by the political action coalition known as Communities of Color (COC), Healey laid out some of the challenges facing the MBTA and praised the incoming general manager, Phillip Eng of New York's Long Island Railroad.

"He's going to be great. He's an engineer, he's on the job, he's been handson," Healey told a crowd at Hibernian Hall that included political activists and elected officials



Addressing a crowd of community leaders and activists in Roxbury's Nubian Square, Gov. Maura Healey asked for their help in fixing the MBTA by spreading the word about job openings. Seth Daniel photo

such as Mayor Michelle Wu and Auditor Diana DiZoglio. She appeared on stage with Joseph Feaster, an attorney and chair of the city of Boston's task force on reparations.

leadership team, Healey said, and "their charge is to transform things, to fix things.'

The MBTA has suffered from "years and years, decades of, you know, at times questionable Eng will build out a management and leadership, underinvestment, and you pay the price every single day, and we know that," Healey told the crowd of about 500 leaders mostly from Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury.

The T is facing a work-

force shortage, and she asked attendees to encourage people to apply for the "great jobs" at the public transit agency. "You can build a career here," she said. "We also understand it's tough to be a bus driver right now if you're going to get yelled at every day. There are other things to do. So, we are going to try to create a culture so we bring people in, fill the 800 or 900 slots of shifters, of repairmen, of dispatchers, operators, drivers. And I ask for community help in this."

Her administration is "not going to be able to get this done unless we get the workforce," the governor said.

Healey added that she supports low fares and pilots for no fares, a nod to

the Wu administration's three fare-free bus lines that have run through Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury.

The governor, who took office in January, also touched on housing, noting that she has proposed creating a new secretariat dedicated to increasing the number of homes in Massachusetts as the region faces a crisis driven by high demand and low supply.

The administration is committed to working with advocates and developers to create 200,000 new units of housing, Healey said. "Rents are out of control, we know that," she added. "And we know the specter of paying a down payment on a home is way too out of reach for too many."

# Pedestrian deaths up across state last year

More than 100 people were struck and killed by drivers in cars in Massachusetts in 2022, up sharply from the previous year, according to a new study. The rate of fatal pedestrian crashes jumped 35 percent between 2021 and 2022, according to the report last week by the advocacy group WalkBoston. The group analyzed data provided by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Of the 101 pedestrian deaths reported, 71 percent happened in "environmental justice" neighborhoods, according to WalkBoston. This is a designation created by Massachusetts state law referring to US census tracts where the majority of residents are largely low-income, non-English speaking and/or belong to a minority group.

The fatality rate was disproportionately higher

for adults 65 years old and older (65 percent), even though just 17 percent of Massachusetts residents are 50 or older.

Brendan Kearney, deputy director of WalkBoston, blames the rise in pedestrian fatalities on poor road design, which fail to reduce illegal speeding. "We believe that there needs to be safer speed on our streets and really thinking about how people can get around outside

of vehicles, too," he said.

One solution, he said, is for state and local governments to target the most dangerous locations first. And the organization is  $now\ calling\ on\ Mass DOT$ to release a plan on how it will make streets safer.

Of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns, 60 reported at least one pedestrian fatality. Boston saw the highest number (12), followed by Worcester (7) and Chicopee (5).

In Boston, Kearney pointed to the upcoming Roxbury Transportation Corridors project that proposes improvements to some of the city's "trouble spots," including Melnea Cass Boulevard and Warren Street along Nubian Square.

But it's not just big cities that need fixing, Kearney said.

In Chicopee, which has 8 percent of Boston's population, three pedestrians were struck and killed by cars on the same street between November and February. While Kearney said the biggest change will come from government action, he noted that drivers can exercise more awareness.

"A driver has airbags. Vehicles are, you know, safer on the inside for the drivers, but they are not safer on the outside,' he said. "People need to be aware that they need to slow down so they have ... time to react to what's happening on the roadways."





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# Lynch laments 'divisive' effects of council redistricting

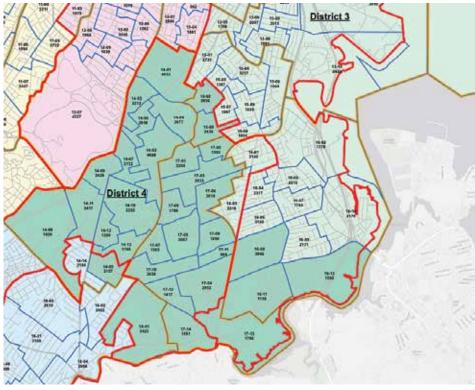
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Seaport area. The numbers meant that District 2 had to shed population while Dorchester's District 3 needed to add to its count, leading to bitter fights and harsh words among councillors.

As the public housing developments and their hundreds of residents, many of them people of color, were shifted to District 3, several predominantly white Irish areas of Dorchester, precincts in Cedar Grove and Adams Village, were moved into District 4, which is represented by Councillor Brian Worrell, who is Black.

Lynch, who has represented that area of Dorchester as part of his Congressional district, which runs from South Boston down to Brockton and Bridgewater, said Cedar Grove and Adams Village have veterans' posts and youth sports leagues that tie them to Dorchester's Neponset neighborhood. "The churches are what holds it all together, though," he said. "It's been that way for a long, long time."

Asked what the redrawn map does to the area, Lynch said, "It changes the whole dynamic there. Very divi-



Councillors in a 9-4 vote passed a map of political boundaries that has District 4 absorbing part of Neponset from District 3. The four councillors who opposed the map are challenging it through a federal lawsuit. City Council map

the identity of the area."

He also criticized the map for moving the public housing developments out of District 2. "Did you try some other ways to balance out the population?" Lynch asked rhetorically, referring to the defendant councillors.

The councillors who oppose the enacted map. including Baker, were in the courtroom to take in Lynch's testimony. The sive, I think, in terms of Reporter previously not-



District 3's Frank Baker

ed that Baker is backing the federal lawsuit with



District 4's Brian Worrell

\$10,000 from his campaign account.

Several Council aides and former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, who worked on the map as part of a coalition of advocacy groups, also sat in the audience, as did Rasheed Walters, who has previously written columns for the Boston *Herald* and signed onto the lawsuit. Walters, whose Council district (No. 4) didn't change after the passage of the redistricting map, declined to speak with reporters.

Moon Duchin, a Tufts University expert on redistricting who has testified across the country, took the stand after Lynch. A witness for defenders of the redistricting, she said the map enacted by councillors resembles the one adopted 10 years ago, during the last redistricting realignment, when almost 10,000 people were reassigned from District 2 to District 3, according to Duchin, who also offered advice to councillors when they were hashing out changes last fall.

US Judge Patti Saris, who is hearing the arguments, noted that the "big grievance" is from the Neponset area and asked if the map would be out-of-kilter if Neponset and the Little Saigon area of Fields Corner, which was moved into District 3 in the enacted map, were left alone.

Duchin replied that the lines had to be redrawn because of the population shifts in South Boston, and the ripple effect that followed.

When Saris noted that many in Neponset did not stay in the same council district, Duchin acknowledged that they had been shifted. "But someone always has to be," she said, noting that 58,000 people, a vast majority, remained in District 3.

She added that there are millions of ways — a "vast universe"—that a City Council map could be redrawn. But what councillors finally sent to Mayor Wu's desk, she said, was largely a "status quo" map.

There wasn't a Voting Rights Act violation within the map, Duchin said, as some map opponents have claimed with respect to District 4. The opponents argue that the enacted map dilutes the Black vote in District 4 by pulling in high-voting white precincts.

Asked if District 4 as it exists still offers Black voters an effective opportunity to elect candidates of their choice, Duchin said it does.



## **Virtual Public Meeting**

## **Dorchester Bay City Process**

April 5, 2023 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3KVHA1z Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 **Meeting ID:** 161 514 9505



#### **Project Description:**

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The meeting is scheduled for 4/5/2023. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date. This meeting will be focused on the process moving forward for the proposed Dorchester Bay City Development. The meeting will begin with a presentation of the project by the development team, followed by public Q&A.

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# Wellington Hill footpaths offer a unique amenity in Mattapan

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Every city neighborhood has its charms. For its part, Mattapan's Wellington Hill has its walking paths.

Like those of Beacon Hill or Mission Hill, the city-owned paths through the hilly Mattapan neighborhood go back to when the pastoral landscape was in the early stages of becoming a residential area some 125 years ago.

With long streets laid out in a circular fashion on a steep hill, the paths were likely as utilitarian as they were quaint as residents traversed between streets without having to walk around them.

They still offer that convenience, and remain an amenity that residents cherish, although they would like to see them fixed up. City officials indicated a major renovation project is likely coming this summer, but residents note it's been a long-time coming and they'd like to go beyond maintenance and also make them a showpiece.

"When you walk, you look at things in slow motion, but in a car, things go by fast and you can't observe and see the beauty of the neighborhood," said Aamir Mahdi, of the Wellington Hill Neighborhood Association. "The footpath is a great way to get from Wellington Hill to Walk Hill and then down to Almont Park. It just adds so much to the neighborhood and gives it a little bit of a country environment in

the middle of the city."

He added, "It's also easy for the residents to go from one street to the other without having to go all the way to the end and back up."

For other neighbors like Jei Christie, an association member, the paths were the clincher for her choosing to live on the



A long, wooded stretch of the Wellington Hill footpaths is blocked off between Walk Hill and Hazelton streets due to a lack of maintenance and unsafe conditions. Many on Walk Hill Street report feeling like outcasts since the closure.

Hill. The Hyde Park native said she was looking to buy a home in Roxbury, but while checking out a home on Wellington Hill, she took a walk along the paths.

"After that I knew it was to be here," she said. "I actually had my first date with my spouse on these paths," she said. "I had just moved here and wanted to show off the paths and we walked them for our date. It has an intimacy to it. When the lights are on, they add to the ambience.

"A lot of people don't know about [the Hill], and it's a hidden gem," she continued. "I've never had a person that said it wasn't cool after I showed it to them. It's our crème de la crème."

There are five pieces to the pathways, but some of them are so rundown that they are either closed off or have been taken over illicitly. They include:

• A stretch of wooded walking path between Walk Hill and Hazelton streets, which has been closed by the city due safety concerns caused by years of neglect.

• A section between Hazelton and Wellington Hill that boasts decora-



A short footpath between Wellington Hill/Duke Streets and the former Solomon Lewenberg School (now Young Achievers) is well used by students and families headed to the school or the top of the hill, with its generous views of downtown Boston.

tive lighting and a wide but deteriorated path.

• A piece from Wellington Hill/Duke Streets to the former Solomon Lewenberg School (now called Young Achievers Academy) that is handy for schoolkids.

• Along but minimalist

path between Wellington Hill and Westmore Street that is only a sidewalk's width and has no lighting or décor.

• A final piece that has become a parking lot for abutting multi-family homes and is blocked off at its descent to Erroll Street. It is intended to connect to Harvard Street and the Boston State Hospital property.

From histories of Wellington Hill done by the Boston Landmarks Commission, it can be surmised that the paths were part of the neighborhood's original design. While much of the surrounding area had been developed long before, Wellington Hill remained "upland pasture" even after 1900 due to its steep incline. Part of the property was inherited by a Harvard University graduate student ,Wellington Holbrook, who sold off lots for residential development. The Goodale and Lawrence families sold off the rest of the residential land as Wellington Hill Park.

Together, they drew street layouts and promised to have them in place by 1910, likely when the walking paths were also laid out. Construction company stamps can still be observed in the concrete paths from 1912 and 1915.

By the 1920s, Wellington Hill was a thriving neighborhood of blue-collar and white-collar workers, with the Lewenberg School opening in 1930.

It appears that many of the paths haven't had serious work on them since the original concrete layout, with crumbling concrete, broken railings, and inaccessible sections.

City Engineer Para Jayasinghe, who shares the love of the Wellington Hill footpaths, said records indicate they were completed in 1915. He noted that many pathways are deteriorated or shut down, but the hope is that things will soon change.

"We are on track to advertise a project for the replacement of the closed staircase and make improvements to the footpath that is open and give it a facelift to make it what the community deserves," he said.

He said if bids come in as expected, which are hoped to be under \$1 million, they will start construction this summer and have an opening around Labor Day.

"Like the neighbors, I find these paths very endearing," he said. "People actually meet and come together on these footpaths and they enliven these neighborhoods. I cherish them as the community does."

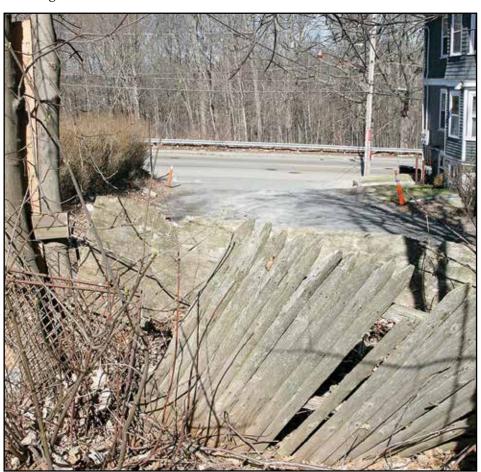
munity does."

Mahdi said they are excited to see the improvements delivered this summer, but most residents would like to see the city go an extra step beyond maintenance. Some, like David Lopes, have called for the paths to be more of a priority in neighborhood planning initiatives like PLAN Mattapan.

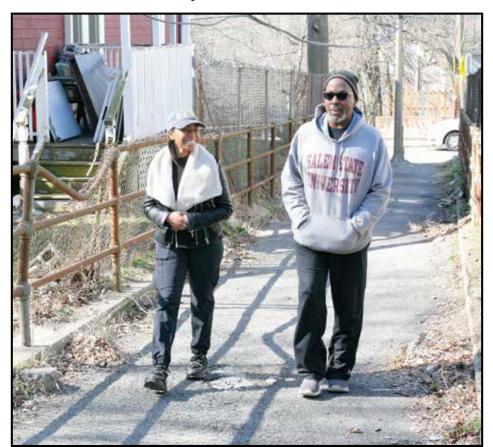
"Let's improve things already there like the Wellington Hill footpaths," he said last fall during a PLAN Mattapan session, run by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

All three neighbors hope that one day restored footpaths will be hosting things like public art, neighborhood block parties, and other activities like those scheduled for the Beacon Hill footpaths.

"It's interesting how something so different and unique can make you want to spend your life here and it makes me think we need more walking paths," said Jei Christie. "When you're driving, you're not paying attention to people. You don't stop in a car, but when you're walking you may stop and maybe it sparks a conversation, and you learn about your neighbors.'



A part of the path from Westmore to Erroll Streets has been blocked off completely, while the upper part is being used as a parking lot for apartments.



Wellington Hill neighbors Jei Christie and Aamir Mahdi took a stroll this week on one of the stretches of the Wellington Hill footpaths between Hazelton and Wellington Hill streets. The paths, believed to be original to the neighborhood, are in dire need of restoration and improvement. Seth Daniel photos

## In Roxbury, family and community remember Mel King

By Seth Daniel **News Editor** 

Last Wednesday evening, members of the "Communities of Color" political advocacy coalition gathered to pay tribute to the life and passion of Mel King, the 1983 mayoral candidate, former South End state lawmaker, and longtime community activist who had died at the age of 94 a day earlier.

The coalition held the event in tandem with 10 Democratic ward committees inside Hibernian Hall, where the attorney

Joe Feaster, the emcee for man being. I am blessed." the evening, said at the outset that "we couldn't have an event like this in this community if we didn't also acknowledge the impact Melvin King had on this community. This night is for Mel King."

The most moving tribute of the night came fromKing's son, Michael, who noted that "people keep telling me they're sorry for my loss. I tell them that I'm not sorry. I got a chance to have a frontrow seat for the life of a pretty remarkable hu-

Michael said he spent time with his father in his last moments on Tuesday, when he was able to reflect on all that Mel King had done for him

and for the communities of Boston.

"I hung out with him for a while in the room and I didn't feel a sense of loss," he told the full-capacity crowd. "It kind of brought his life into focus for me. As it became more in focus, I began to really appreciate what he did.

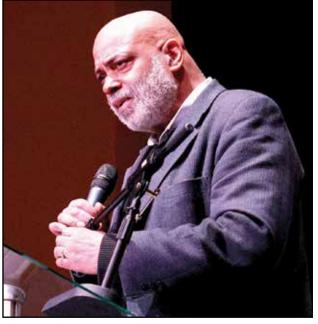
As people shared their condolences and experiences with him throughout the day on Wednesday, Michael said he "got lifted up by all the people telling their stories."

He noted that he planned to keep working at Mel King's South End Technology Center in the Tent City housing community, and he called on all the community members and elected officials to support him in that as a tribute to his father.

Mayor Michelle Wu said that one word was on her mind upon reflecting on Mel King's passing and that word was "legacy." She added, ""I don't think we will ever fully heal from the loss the King family experienced, and the city's heartbeat has grown a little fainter at this moment."

"There are so many organizations we take for granted like the Urban League and Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA), and so many other institutions that have all been here 50 years or 54 years. A generation of people like [Mel King] built that foundation for us...They understood to make changes 50 years in the future they had to do whatever it takes despite what the headwinds might be...I am willing to rush into those winds with all of you."

Gov. Maura Healey



Michael King, son of the late Mel King, said he was blessed to have had a front-row seat to observe the life of his father, a "remarkable human being."

Seth Daniel photo

said she met Mr. King when she was a firsttime candidate running for attorney general and he invited her to one of his renowned Sunday brunches. "He was a man who saw a vision for what others thought was impossible, but he felt was possible," she said. "We could not be celebrating the way we are celebrating tonight and confirming our commitment to justice and equity if not for Mel King.

The Hibernian Hall event was part of a "thank you" celebration planned by the Communities of Color, following last year's activism around the state and local election season, while also preparing for this year's round of municipal elec-

"We had a packed house of over 500 people, standing room only," said Darryl Smith, COC"s co-founder. "We had to shut the doors at 6:30 p.m. and we still had people outside waiting in line to get into the event."

Also sponsoring the event were Democratic Ward Committees from Wards 8 through 15, and 17 and 18.

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Dorchester's Tiffany Chan. Emcee for the COC



COC Co-Hosts Attorney Joe Feaster and Dorchester's Alda Witherspoon Mar shall.



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Jon Santiago, state secretary of Veterans Affairs, and Ward 12 Democratic Committee member Anthony Seth Daniel photos



WBZ's Paul Burton, COC Co-Founder Darryl Smith, WBZ's Tiffany Chan, and COC member Gary Webster.

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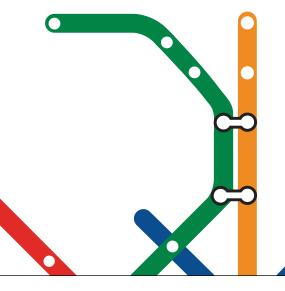
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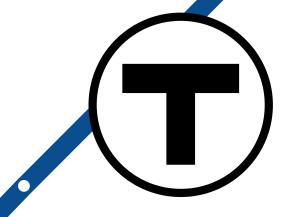
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## Cricketers relish their turf in Franklin Field as the city moves on renovation project

By Seth Daniel News Editor

With cricket having been played at Franklin Field for more than 100 years as background, a renovation project now underway at Talbot Avenue's Harambee Park is aimed at making Dorchester home to the premier cricket field in the Northeast.



Denovan Blake, president of the Conway Cricket Club, hopes renovations are done carefully to the field in Harambee Park.

"We're trying to make sure this main field is the showpiece," said Denovan Blake, president of the Conway Cricket Club that uses Franklin Field as its base. "If you go to Los Angeles, Houston, Connecticut, or Ft. Lauderdale, they are building new fields. Even with all that going on, we could have the best field in North America.

"We have a mature field already. We're right here and people drive by and it's close and there's a great buzz in the atmosphere during games.

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The Franklin Field venue, even in its current condition, is one of the best in Massachusetts, which is home to 18 fields statewide, according to Ajay Rodrigues, whose East Coast Cricket Club shares Franklin Field with Blake's team.

"It's a great field, but that said, in terms of grade or grass it's not the ideal. The changes they've proposed are going to be great for the sport," he said.

Officials from the Boston Parks and Recreation department said they intentionally made cricket a priority as they mapped out the multi-phased improvement project for the 45-acre park.

Cricket fields are very specific with the outfield turf needing to be more like a golf putting green than a soccer field. The actual pitch, where the ball is "bowled" and the wickets are placed, is best when it's made of clay – like a clay tennis court. The key is having a surface where the ball bounces correctly.

"Cricket has been here for 100-plus years and we're well aware of that," said Cathy Baker-Eclipse, the Parks department's director of capital projects. "It's unique. The pitch is a different material than anything else. You can't put it on the same place as a soccer field or it won't bounce right...We know the importance of the space and being able to play a regular game."

The current plan will displace the cricketers from Franklin Field this summer. The season starts in late April and runs through mid-October, so the Conway Club will share space at Almont Park in Mattapan or at Franklin Park's Playstead. While they are gone, Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods said a \$1.7 million improvement project will go forward, with bids going out in

Improvements include adding a second practice field - a replacement for one taken in an earlier phase to make room for youth football - to the east by the Lee School in an underutilized portion of the park There will be new LED sports lighting to replace the current lighting units that are inoperable and antiquated. Beyond that, there will be picnic areas, seating, water fountains, a new entrance, and concrete pads for storage containers.

"These new elements are going to bring about the ability to allow more people to play and become



A cyanotype photo of men playing cricket at Franklin Field around 1905. Cricket has been the longest-standing sport played at the 45-acre park, stretching back more than 100 years.

Courtesy Dorchester Historical Society

## HARAMBEE PARK PHASE 4 PHASE 4 UPDATED DESIGN CONCEPT



**CONCEPT PLAN** 

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The current design to renovate the main cricket field and add a second practice field adjacent to the main field this summer. City officials and cricketers hope to be able to create a premiere facility in New England as the sport booms.

engaged in the sport of cricket," said Woods. "To have a second pitch and field and lighting for night cricket expands the playing time. That only increases the opportunity for people to participate in the game of cricket and for us to have two premier cricket fields."

The concern from the cricket community, particularly Blake, is that the plan for the second field requires moving the current main field about 20 feet to the west. The main field, he said, is mature and considered one of the best surfaces in the Northeast. Any discussion of changing it brings worry that condi-

tions could be ruined if movements are not done with precision, he addeds.

"I am concerned about drainage," Blake said. "You can't play golf on a soggy green and a cricket field is like a golf green. If it's soggy, the ball won't go anywhere. This field needs repairs, but it's a great field. It can rain very hard and in two hours you can play on it."

Baker-Eclipse said they have heard those concerns and are looking to preserve the main field as much as possible as they move it 20 feet. The hope is that any inconveniences will be temporary, but they have to fix divots and regrade the existing field.

"Someone had a vision way back when they built this field," reiterated Blake. "Kudos to them for the vision they had. They did it right. I'm hoping those doing it over now will listen to us and we can have a real showpiece that is greatly improved."

Both Blake and Rodrigues praised the city for making sure their field is a "cricket-only" field. Blake noted that the Massachusetts Cricket League is considered one of the best in the nation. It started with eight teams and has expanded to more than sixty. With cricket on the rise, dedicated fields are hard to come by.

"I've lived in the US for 45 years and played cricket at Franklin Field for 40 of those years," said Blake. "Cricket is an international sport, and the world is global now and there is an influx of people from the Caribbean, Asia, and former British Commonwealth countries...There's a big expansion now."

Concluded Rodrigues, "Franklin Field aside, other fields in the state are being pulled out of use for cricket and this year we're struggling because 15 or 16 teams don't have a home...Cricket is always an afterthought. It's a sad state of affairs... For what it's worth, I think the Boston Parks Department has been great."

A final design meeting for the Phase 4 reconstruction of Harambee Park at Franklin Field is scheduled online for April 26 at 6 p.m.



The East Coast Cricket Club shares Franklin Field with Conway Cricket Club, and said renovations will be good for the sport. They are shown here playing last year at the Franklin Park playstead.

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# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

# Pressley, Essaibi George reunite to hail Big Sisters at the Trotter School

Pressley visited the William Monroe Trotter School in Dorchester on March 14 to celebrate \$250,000 in new Community Project Funding that she recently secured for Big Sister Association of Greater Boston (Big Sister).

Pressley was joined by Big Sister President & CEO Annissa Essaibi George, mentors, and staff for a roundtable discussion about how the funding will support the group's one-to-one mentoring and enrichment programs for girls.

"As a former mentor at Big Sister, I was honored to celebrate this funding and look forward to continuing my partnership and

**Elaine and Bill Doherty** celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on April 1. On Sunday, the couple celebrated the event with a brunch and a champagne toast at the Bowery in Low-er Mills. The Dohertys raised their family of five on Ventura Street in Cedar Grove. They were married at St. Gregory's Church in 1967. Bill Forry photo

Congresswoman Ayanna collective efforts with Big Sister," said Pressley.

> Essaibi George said the federal dollars will allow Big Sister Boston to both broaden its reach to serve more girls.

Joining Pressley and Essaibi George at the roundtable were: Trotter Principal Sarita Thomas; Ylva Duke, manager of Big Sister Site-Based Mentoring; Mai Roberts, Big Sister VP of Community Relations; Charmain Jackman, PhD., Founder, InnoPsych; Renee Spencer, EdD, Professor and Chair, Human Behavior, Research, and Policy Department at Boston University's School of Social Work; and Holly Durso, 2022 Big Sister of the Year.

SETH DANIEL



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley joined Big Sister CEO Annissa Essaibi George and other community leaders at the William Monroe Trotter K-6 School on March 14 to deliver \$250,000 in funding for the organization to expand its one-to-one mentoring programs for Photo courtesy Rep. Pressley's office





**Brianne Gore and Kelly** Walsh of the Dorchester Day Parade Committee are shown at an event held at the Ghost Pepper restaurant on Savin Hill Avenue held on March 29. The karaoke-themed event raised funds for the parade. Gore is shown holding a new t-shirt created by the parade committee. This year's Dot Day Parade will be held on Sunday,

Photo by Bill Forry



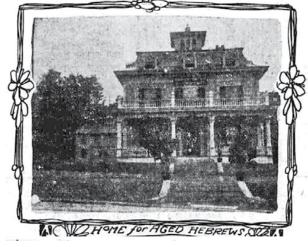
The St. Martin de Porres girls' basketball team won the State Championship this month beating St. Margaret Mary of Westwood for the title. Coaches included Brian Tracy and Bob Griffin. Players are (L-R) Gayln Griffin, Robin Griffin, Sara Tracey, Ali Linehan, Erin Tracey, Marianna LaMonica, Monica Kelley, Emma Donovan, and Anna Davidson. Photo courtesy St. Martin de Porres

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

**DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** The Hebrew Home for the Aged

On Jan. 28, 1903, a small group of Orthodox Jews - five women and one man - created the Hebrew Moshav Zekainim Association. Its goal was to "establish a Home for the taking care of the old and infirm Jewish men and women in the City of Boston." Two years later, "owing to the demand for a Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews in our city, where the ritual of orthodoxy will be strictly adhered to," the Association announced that it had purchased a building at 21 Queen St., Dorchester.

The Hebrew Ladies' Home for the Aged Association raised \$10,000 in charitable donations, to



The above image, published in the Sept. 10, 1905, edition of the Boston Sunday Post, shows the house on Queen Street in Dorchester that was owned by The Hebrew Ladies' Home for the Aged Association.

buy the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century home on 17,109 square feet of land. The house was described as a large wooden structure with a

broad piazza, spacious rooms, surrounded by beautiful grounds in the form of a garden. The house was adapted to



In 1956, ground was broken for a new facility at 1200 Centre St., Roslindale.

accommodate 45 men and women, and a room for worship on the lower floor. It opened its doors in September 1905 with 15 residents.

In 1956, ground was broken for a new facility at 1200 Centre St., Roslindale, and on Sept. 22, 1963, more than 260 residents moved from

21 Queen St. to the new 475-bed residence. The name was officially changed from "Hebrew Home for Aged" to "Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged," reflecting its new charter as a chronic care hospital and home "for aged and ill men and women of Boston who require nursing care."

Today, the site on Queen Street is home to the Neighborhood House Charter School.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's historic houses are closed at this time for  $building\ repairs.$ 

#### **Editorial**

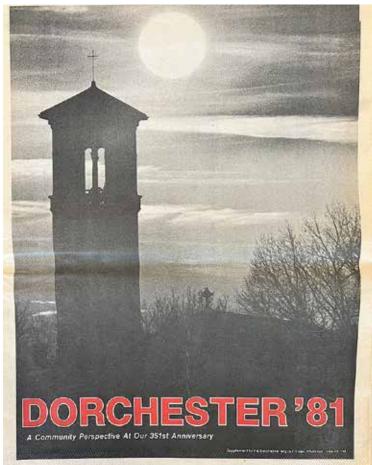
# Photojournalist Frank O'Brien, 82, leaves behind a trove of work—and happy memories in his native Neponset

Frank O'Brien, a Neponset and present from the slopes of native who documented the highs and lows of the local sports scene for the Boston Globe for more than 40 years, died on March 29-his birthday —at age 82. He was buried out of St. Ann's on Monday after a jam-packed wake in Milton drew bold-faced names from the world of journalism and hundreds of his neighbors past

Pope's Hill and the side streets that splinter off Minot and Chickatawbut.

Frank long ago decamped for Canton, but his heart was always in Dot, embedded like a traveling photojournalist tucked into the back of the team bus.

In 1981, one of Frank's photos graced the cover of the



 $The long-defunct Argus-Citizen's Dot Day \ edition \ in \ 1981 \ including \ and \ in \ and \ in$ ed on its cover this piece of art from Frank O'Brien, a moody silhouette of St. Ann's brick steeple as a January sun set in the west. He had pulled over on the Southeast Expressway and turned his 300mm lens on what was a familiar subject for him.

annual Dorchester Day supplement to the now-defunct Argus-Citizen. Compiled by Ed Forry in his pre-Reporter days, the 1981 Dot Day edition included an array of Frank's already iconic photographs published by the Globe in its broadsheet heyday: Bobby Orr flying through the air after netting his Stanley Cup-winning goal at the Garden back in '70; Larry Bird puffing on Red Auerbach's championship victory stogie in May '81; and the USA men's Olympic hockey team celebrating their Lake Placid win over the USSR in 1980.

But it was one of Frank's rare non-sports snaps that made page one in his hometown newspaper: The photo was a moody silhouette of St. Ann's brick steeple as a January sun set in the west. Frank had pulled over on the Southeast Expressway and turned his 300mm lens on the familiar subject.

In an interview with Ed Forry for that edition, Frank shared the tricks of the trade that made him an award-winning news photographer many times over.

"Always anticipate— think ahead about what might happen.... The thing that makes success is mobility. Be prepared to move around and take different perspective shots."

By that time, 14 years into a career that began when he volunteered to shoot photos of the 1967 'Impossible Dream' Red Sox team at Fenway— Frank was already nearing legend status in his business— notching six first prize awards from the Boston Press Photographers

Photographer Frank O'Brien Captures The Thrill Of The Celtics' Victory

This capturing of Larry Bird giving the V sign while puffing on Red Auerbach's NBA championship victory stogie in May '81 ranks in the top tier of Frank O'Brien's photo legacy.

Association.

He went to work at the old Globe on Morrissey Boulevard right out of Cathedral High in 1958. He started out as a copy boy and fell into photography, though he was never a passionate shutterbug.

"I don't do it as a hobby, and I never will," Frank said emphatically. "I do it strictly as a business."

The O'Brien clan was as well-documented as any other Dot household in those days. They'd pile into the car for a trip to Sears or Caldor for the family portrait.

When dad was off the clock, he was off the clock—and more than likely enjoying a cold one with pals at their private hang-out—The Line Club—on

Neponset Avenue. Or, perhaps belting out a musical number with the New Neponset Players, a crew of St. Ann's faithful who performed shows regularly at the school auditorium back in the '70s and '80s.

Frank's family — including Maureen, his wife of 39 years and their four children—eventually grew to count 13 grandkids and one great-grandchild in its ranks.

His is a fine legacy—one that will long be immortalized in the memorable photographs that he has left behind.

As Frank himself said in 1981: "For a kid from Dorchester ending up as a photographer at the Globe? It's not too shabby."

## Participatory budgeting can better meet the needs of the city's residents

By Adam Welds, Faviola Rodriguez JARQUIN, AND LI PHELAN ZHANG SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Boston's city government is in a moment of deep reflection and debate: How much say over the city's budget should everyday residents have? What will our new powers look like?

Boston's Participatory Budgeting ordinance is still under debate, which makes this time especially important to guarantee that the needs of Boston's residents are met.

Participatory Budgeting, that is, the opportunity in law to directly propose and vote on part of the city's operating budget, is important not only for the opportunity, agency, and empowerment it will provide community members but also because it

builds solidarity and creates a binding force to bring residents together for the cause of building up their

Bostonians overwhelmingly passed a ballot question in 2021 that mandated participatory budgeting, and as students at the Boston Latin School and the John D. O'Bryant School, we want just and democratic decision-making as to how the city's money is spent.

The mayor and the city councillors are now considering how to structure this unfamiliar new democratic process. At the heart of the debate is the question of how to make sure that the communities in Boston that have struggled with generations of neglect and disenfranchisement are empowered in the process and will truly benefit from their participation.

A municipal budget is a moral and political document, an expression of needs and priorities, and soon the people of Boston - including high school students like us - will be able to directly define part of it, drawing on our expert familiarity with life in our neighborhoods and our imaginations for a better

A form of participatory budgeting has been practiced with young people in Boston since 2014 via Boston's "Youth Lead the Change." Now, the idea is expanding as a city-wide piece of democratic infrastructure.

A meaningful amount of money is needed for this process to truly address the needs in underserved communities. At least \$40 million, which is 1 percent of the operating budget, is necessary for participatory budgeting to create meaningful, transformative projects in Boston's communities.

In another critical area, the Oversight Board for Participatory Budgeting should be organized created with racial and economic equity in mind. Residents' voices should be valued because we know best what we need, and we can relate to, and understand, our neighbors across the city. The city should hold a public nomination period for Oversight Board members as a way to ensure that those who oversee the process have our needs and concerns in mind because they also share the same needs and concerns.

This will allow for new faces to be a part of leading Boston, faces that represent Boston's rich culture and diversity. The board needs to have community members with *lived* experience on it to understand community demands, to address the problems that we see with our eyes on a daily basis. This will also give young people like us the opportunity to be nominated and represent the city's youth on the board.

The board should learn quickly that different parts of Boston require more support than others; it's why neighborhoods should be funded equitably. We should make sure that neighborhoods that require more help are prioritized.

Additionally, grassroots organizations that have built networks within Boston neighborhoods should be leading participatory budgeting events in those areas. These indispensable connections will require effort and coordination by the organizations that should be paid for.

The people of Boston within underserved and overlooked neighborhoods have long been disenfranchised, and that has caused them to be divided as they are looking to leadership to help solve their ever-growing problems.

Participatory budgeting in Boston can be stronger and more progressive than in other cities by building off of the strong sense of solidarity that Boston constantly strives toward. Ensuring a diverse oversight board, funding grassroots partners, and equitably distributing adequate funds across the city are paramount considerations if we want to make positive change on the way to becoming a city where we can truly say we're united and empowered.

Adam Welds is a Dorchester resident and Faviola Rodriguez Jarquin lives in East Boston. Both attend the John D. O'Bryant School. Li Phelan Zhang of Allston is a student at the Boston Latin School.

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# Mel King changed Boston forever; let's memorialize him accordingly

By Lew Finfer Special to the Reporter

Through 1983, Boston politicians ran their campaigns along the eastern shore and southern border of Boston because that's where the voting power was. East Boston, Charlestown, South Boston, the white part of Dorchester, Hyde Park, West Roxbury.

Mel King changed the narrative that year when he became the first African American mayoral election finalist. Former School Committee member David Finnegan had led in the polls throughout the primary campaign against a field full of more traditional politicians; Sheriff Dennis Kearney, City Councillors Larry DiCara and Fred Langone, and former Deputy Mayor Bob Kiley along with then-state Rep. Mel King and Councillor Ray Flynn, who on election night

moved ahead of Finnegan and finished in a virtual tie. This was very much unexpected as Mel King was a progressive – some said "radical" – Black leader and Ray Flynn ran as a neighborhood populist.

That was the night when voters of color and progressive whites became important in Boston politics, too. No longer could citywide campaigns ignore them.

After the vote, a *Boston Globe* cartoon by Paul Szep presented the Vault, which was the organization of Boston big business leaders, as an older Brahmin lady who had fainted. Kneeling to help her was Mel King, wearing his signature bow tie, and Ray Flynn sporting an Irish scally cap. They are shouting, "Quick, someone bring the smelling salts" as the woman clenches her heart and grimaces at the election result.

King's campaign deemed itself the Rainbow Coalition as it brought forward together people of all races. His campaign manager, Pat Walker, recounted how this name happened.

"We developed it one night when Bonnie Acker was making buttons and she started experimenting with different colors. They were handmade buttons back then. And she started using different color markers and all of a sudden the idea of a rainbow came up and then a day or two later we hired an airplane to tow a rainbow behind it when we had all the different neighborhoods marching to City Hall."

For all that, Mel King's contributions on progressive issues were many both before and after that 1983 campaign. In the 1960s he was a leader in the campaign by Black residents to get the Boston School Committee, then led by Louise Day Hicks, to desegregate the schools. The panel refused for 13 years and finally a court suit filed by 14 adults and 43 children – Tallulah Morgan v. James Hennigan – led to federal Judge W. Arthur Garrity's decision that the Boston schools were unconstitutionally segregated. Busing followed.

Mel also was a leader in the campaign that in in the early 1970s stopped the eight-lane highway that was to go through what is now the Southwest Corridor into Boston.

Mel King was rightly seen as the father of community organizing in Boston. When urban renewal began in the South End, housing was torn down and a parking lot was planned in a space adjacent to Copley Square. King led a massive demonstration against this that became a three-day occupation of the land with people sleeping overnight in tents, an action that was called Tent City. The follow-through led to a massive 259-unit affordable housing complex instead of a parking lot meant to serve the well-off.

He might also be considered the father of affordable housing in Boston and for all of Massachusetts. He sponsored the law used by non-profit community development corporations (CDCs) to incorporate. He sponsored the law to create the Community Development Finance Corporation to finance such housing and cooperative economic development. He sponsored the law to create the Community Development Assistance Corporation (CDAC) that gives



Mel King celebrated a birthday at the McKinley South End Academy in 2017. Photo courtesy Don Harney/Mayor's Office

crucial technical assistance to non-profits seeking to build affordable housing and childcare centers.

He was a leader in the anti-apartheid movement challenging South Africa's oppressive racist laws. When Nelson Mandela was freed from prison after 27 years and the apartheid system finally ended, he made a trip to the US to thank his supporters. Mel King chaired the massive, 250,000-strong 1990 rally on the Esplanade honoring Mandela. And leaders of the LGBTQ community recall that Mel King was the first elected official to march with them in the Gav Pride Parade.

Mel was also a poet. In his "Power of Love," he says in part:

Love of power
Builds fences
Power of love
Opens doors....
The love of power sees limits
The power of love is infinite

Boston Mayors Kevin White and James Michael Curley have statues memorializing them in front of Faneuil Hall. The other statue there recalls the Revolutionary War patriot Samuel Adams. Its inscription reads: "He organized the Revolution."

The person who most epitomized the ways and means of Samuel Adams in Boston from 1950 on was Mel King. Let's put a statue of him there, too, and let's all work for the economic and racial justice that we need

Lew Finfer, the director of Massachusetts Action for Justice, is a Dorchester resident.

#### Mel King services set for two days next week, then brunch on April 16

A two-day "homegoing celebration" and a brunch at Dorchester's Florian Hall are planned for next week as Mel King, who died on March 28 at age 94, is laid to rest

A public viewing of the civil rights champion will take place on Mon., April 10, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Union United Methodist Church, 485 Columbus Ave., in Boston. A 6:30 p.m. speaking program is also on the schedule.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday at noon with Rev. Dr. Jay Williams as the officiant, and eulogies provided by family and community members, including the Hon. Byron Rushing.

Due to limited capacity, guest tickets will be required for in-person admission. Ticketing will be posted at unionboston.org/melking.

ASunday brunch—in lieu of a repast—will be held at the Boston firefighter's union hall, Dorchester's Florian Hall, on Sun., April 16 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. See unionboston.org/melking for more info.

#### **Letter to the Editor**

# Blue Hills access could be better, but options exist for city residents

To the Editor:

I enjoyed the recent article on the Blue Hills Reservation ('So Close, Yet So Far,' March 23), as I live in Dorchester and visit the Blue Hills often. I agree that access to the Blue Hills could be better, but I think you omitted several possibilities for people without a car.

• Bicycle. If we ride from Mattapan Square over the Neponset bridge, we find a marked bike lane on Blue Hills Parkway that leads to Ulin Rink. If we continue up Unquity Road, there is a wide off-road shoulder and we can easily reach the area of Houghton's Pond, Brookwood Farm, and Ponkapoag Pond. • The 240 bus from Ashmont Station. This stops at Randolph Street (Rt. 28) and Chickatawbut Road; also, at North Main Street (Rt. 28) and Scanlon Drive. Both provide access to quiet, undeveloped sections of the Blue Hills.

• The 716 route (from Mattapan Station) could definitely be improved. In season, it should stop at the Ponkapoag Golf Course, and the DCR skating rink there. And the stops at Blue Hill ski area and Trailside Museum should be improved - at least by a bus shelter. They could even be alternated with the Park & Ride lot on Blue Hill Avenue, solving one problem on weekdays and a different problem on weekends.

- Bill Card, Dorchester





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# Daily Table opens new Mattapan store



Daily Table opened its doors on March 30 at the Loop at Mattapan Station. The store will host public grand openings from April 6-8.

Photo courtesy of Daily Table

The non-profit grocery store Daily Table opened its fourth location last week on the ground floor of The Loop, the mixed-use building that is nearing completion on what was once a parking lot next to Mattapan station at 474 River St.

The four-story building will also house 135 units

of housing, the first largescale development of its kind in Mattapan Square in recent years.

Daily Table offers nutritious and affordable food staples like fresh produce, meat, dairy at prices "significantly lower than other local supermarkets," according to a company statement. It accepts cash, credit, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Its original store opened on Washington Street in Codman Square. It also has outlets in Cambridge and Roxbury. – STAFF



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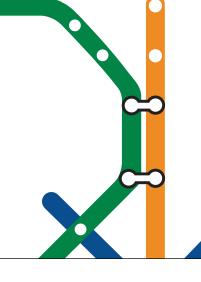
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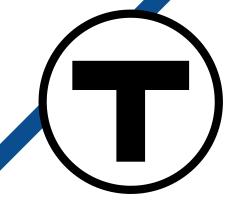


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## Four-alarm blaze hits multi-family house on Cushing Ave.

A fire ripped through a Cushing Avenue house on Tuesday afternoon, prompting a huge response from Boston firefighters and a scramble to prevent the blaze from spreading to other structures in the densely settled Jones Hill neighborhood.

The fire at 105 Cushing Ave. hit four alarms just after 2 p.m., as flames shot out of the second-floor turret. The woodframe home is listed in city records as

a four- to six-family house that was built in 1910.

Fire trucks pulled up to both Cushing Avenue and Sawyer Avenue. The house is directly behind the historic home of civil rights activist Monroe Trotter on Sawyer Avenue. There were no immediate reports of injuries related to the incident.

-REPORTER STAFF



A Boston firefighter gets fitted in turnout gear by another jake on the scene of Cushing Avenue on Tuesday afternoon, where a four-alarm fire tore through a six-family home. Upon arrival, Boston Fire crews faced very heavy flames and thick smoke.

Seth Daniel photo, above. BFD photo at right.



# Historic steeple is taken down for repairs on Second Church

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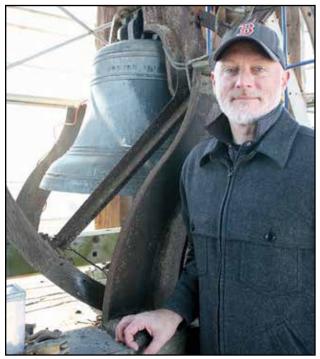
Gonyeau and Bob Levesque, of American Steeple and Tower, noted that repairs made in the 1950s were probably the cause of the rot, as they had reinforced the columns with steel plating that ended up trapping water and moisture in the base of the columns.

"The water just got inside the steel plates and sat in there and likely caused the rot,' said Levesque. Added Gonyeau: "If we had done all of the preservation work and then put them on a rotten structure, it would have been very bad. It's a godsend in a way, not so much for the budget. but for the fact we have it down and can do these structural repairs at ground level."

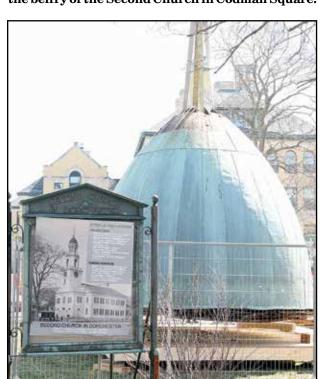
Having the dome on the ground will also allow crews to do significant work on its copper plating and reinforce/replace it so that it will better protect the top of the church.

Levesque, who worked on repairs to the church in 1986 alongside his father, said in dismantling the steeple they took great care to protect the circa 1816 Paul Revere & Sons bell that still sits proudly in the belfry – just below the lantern tower that was removed on Monday.

He said that the bells are special, though not rare, and the one in Second Church is in great condition. He noted that "there were only 19 bells that Paul Revere was actually involved in making. The Paul Revere & Sons foundry made over 450 bells. They're all over



Dorchester preservation consultant Jeff Gonyeau shows off the Paul Revere & Sons ca. 1816 bell in the belfry of the Second Church in Codman Square.



The dome of the Second Church is carefully lowered to a resting pedestal in the church's front yard so that it can be repaired on the ground.

the place and we see them all the time in the area." The Rev. Victor Price, the pastor at Second



The dome of the Second Church steeple on the ground.



The circa 1816 bell made by Paul Revere & Sons foundry in Boston still stands proudly in the belfry of the Second Church steeple. Seth Daniel photos

Church of Dorchester, said the church hopes to raise enough money in future preservation phases to put the bell back in working order, allowing it to be run on holidays and special occasions.

A four-faced glass clock on the tower is also

pegged for fundraising efforts. The timepiece, a gift from chocolate magnate Walter Baker in the 1800s, has not operated in decades. They hope to be able to get it working again.

Most of the funding for the project at Second

Church has come from proceeds of the Community Preservation Act. It has not yet been determined how much additional funding will be needed to complete the project after the unexpected discovery of the structural issues.



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# Electricity suppliers 'underhanded' tactics cited by city's energy chief

(Continued from page 1) their service, according to a state-level analysis, and low-income residents and communities of color are disproportionately affected.

Along with Dorchester and Mattapan, the worst-hit Boston neighborhoods include Hyde Park, Roxbury, and East Boston, according to White-Hammond.

"What's most despicable about this is they tend to target seniors, people whose English isn't their first language, and low-income communities." The introductory rates they quote, she said, are almost never given in writing, and while the company employees sent to people's doors are bilingual, the contracts are in English.

"These are really underhanded techniques," she said.

City officials have been pushing their own program, known as "Community Choice Electricity," saying that while they also offer lower rates than utilities like Eversource, the third-party suppliers are taking advantage, White-Hammond said, by sending employees to people's doors claiming to be from the city.

"The city will never send someone to your door to sell you electric-



Mariama White-Hammond, Boston chief of environment and energy.

Jeremiah Robinson/ Mayor's Office photo

ity," she said. "If they claim to be us, it is not true." Residents should ask to see the person's ID card and ask them whom they work for, she added.

"We're trying to get the word out to everyone and every place that we can so we can dry up their ability to go to people's doors and trick them."

White-Hammond is personally familiar with their tactics: She tells of an employee of a competitive electricity supplier who recently came to her home. She was at City Hall, but her husband, Rahn Dorsey, was home to answer the door. He dialed White-Hammond and put the employee on

the phone, who claimed to be moving them to "Community Choice." If that was the case, White-Hammond told the employee, "you'd be working for me. And we don't send people to people's doors."

After that exchange, the supplier employee left the home without saying who his true employer was.

For now, Mayor Wu has signed onto legislation at the State House that would ban competitive electric supply companies across Massachusetts. Attorney General Andrea Campbell also supports the bill.

Her predecessor, Gov. Healey, had issued reports laying out the higher costs of competitive electric suppliers' contracts and pursued complaints against suppliers for "aggressive and deceptive" sales tactics, including the harassment of customers with multiple calls or home visits, where some salespeople allegedly refused to leave an elderly person's home without a signed contract.

While attorney general, Healey reached agreements with multiple companies over deceptive

sales tactics, notably with Connecticut's Starion Energy, which was forced to pay up to \$10 million after allegedly "luring" more than 100,000 Bay State residents into "expensive" contracts with high electricity rates.

White-Hammond said that when residents call City Hall complaining about the competitive electric suppliers, her office directs them to the attorney general. But the problem, according to White-Hammond, is that the contracts residents sign are often different, with a higher rate, from what the salespeople told them at the door in another language, and the companies can chalk up any dispute to a "he said, she said" matter.

"It's kind of hard to keep up with a company that is making so much money off of people," White-Hammond said. "We need a legislative fix. While we work on a legislative fix, we need every imam, every coach, we need every home health worker, we need everybody who engages with multiple different folks to check and make sure people are not paying for these kinds of bills.'



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2022, a drop of about 0.1 percent, but the newest estimate released in fresh data from the US Census Bureau puts the state's population ahead of its revised 2020 Census level. The bureau's "Vintage 2022 estimates of population and components of

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The new data put numbers to some of the migration concerns that have fueled Gov. Maura Healey's push for changes to the state's short-term capital gains and estate taxes, and color the challenges that businesses of all types have been having as they try to hire people in Massachusetts.

"We can't be the outlier that we are because too many people leave - 100,000 people. More people will leave this week, this month. So we need to do something," Healey said when the Revenue Committee held a hearing on her tax package (H42). On Wednesday of last week, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao said an average of 1,100 residents left Massachusetts per week last year.

tially counted 7,029,917

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people living in Massachusetts, but the bureau announced last May that it had actually overcounted by 2.24 percent and reduced its population count to 6,784,000. Compared to that revised figure, the July 2022 estimate released Thursday would represent an increase of almost 200,000 people. The latest estimate is based on the 2020 Census and more recent data on births, deaths, and migration.

Massachusetts experienced 70.019 births and 63,716 deaths between July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022 -- a net "natural increase" of 6,303 people. Over the same time, Massachusetts experienced a net outflow of 57,292 people to other states in the US, the UMass Donahue Institute said, and a net inflow of 43,880 people from other countries -resulting in net negative total migration of 13,412 people.

Area economists affili $ated\,with\,the\,MassBench$ marks journal reported that Massachusetts has a "declining labor force and shrinking working age population" and needs to focus on competitiveness issues in the areas of housing, transportation, and high costs relative to other states.

"With little or no labor force or working age population growth, the state's employers are having to draw on labor from elsewhere," according to the latest MassBenchmarks bulletin. "Recent growth in the size of neighboring New Hampshire's labor force (in contrast to the Massachusetts decline) may exemplify that Massachusetts is bringing in labor from other states, whether in-commuting or working remotely."

The counties that saw the greatest population decline by number from July 2021 to July 2022 were Suffolk County (a loss of 5,384 people), Hampden County (a loss of 1,808 people) and Berkshire County (loss of 762 people).

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## Tax credits coalition relaunches amid debate on Beacon Hill

back into the conversation on Beacon Hill, a coalition of 30 organizations pitched its priorities that leaders said would buoy low- and moderate-income families.

The Healthy Families Tax Credits Coalition's platform includes increasing the earned income tax credit (EITC) from 30 percent to 50 percent of the federal credit and following the Healey administration's plan to combine two existing dependent tax credits into a single child and family benefit of at least \$600 per dependent.

"This year, Massachusetts has the opportunity to lead the nation in promoting equitable tax policies that invest in the wellbeing of families and the health of our communities," said Allison Bovell-Ammon of Children's Health Watch.

The coalition held a "relaunch" event at the State House at the same hour that House Speaker Ronald Mariano was announcing to business leaders at a hotel across town that a comprehensive House tax relief plan would "soon" emerge.

Supporters empha-

sized the timeliness of their push, which also came a couple days after the Revenue Committee heard testimony on Gov. Healey's tax relief proposal and less than a month ahead of the House budget debate.

Sen. Jamie Eldridge of Acton noted that lawmakers "came very close to expanding the EITC last year" in an economic development bill; the House tax package in 2022 would have upped EITC to 40 percent of the federal credit. Legislative leaders wound up swiping tax relief off the table in late-session talks.

Eldridge said that "the only slightly positive thing from us not doing the reform last year" was that it gave supporters time to fine-tune their bills. The Acton Democrat updated his EITC bill to include expanded eligibility for immigrants

Notice is hereby given that a **Community Outreach Meeting** for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at 6:00pm via Zoom. The proposed Marijuana Retail establishment is anticipated to be located at 1953 Dorchester Avenue, Boston, MA. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

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Lauding the coalition's plan as a "holistic approach to try to combat poverty," Sen. Sal DiDomenico of Everett said that "there's not one

person I can think of that doesn't support this." But "support" doesn't equate to enactment, he added.

The coalition describes itself as led by Children's HealthWatch at Boston Medical Center, with member organizations

including the Mass. Budget and Policy Center, Jewish Vocational Services, EMPath, the Mass. Association of Community Development Corporations, and Boston Children's Hospital.

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account(s) of Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance. You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the prefum date of 10/16/2032. This day is NOT objection attnise out of the fore 10:00 A.m. the return date of 04/15/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s)

the anowance or the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and consulated the control of th

and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.
You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's completely take away the above-named 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 annot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State Appage. at State expense. WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Date: March 15, 2023

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CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU20P0629EA ESTATE OF: ROBERT M. WHEELER
DATE OF DEATH: 02/14/2020

DATE OF DEATH: 02/14/2020
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Clyde Wheeler of Pittsfield, NH requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, the allowance of proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition may be requested in the Petition.

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

Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2023.

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 Object conswithin thirty (30) days of the return day action may be taken davs of the return dav. action mav be taker without further notice to you. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 31, 2023

Register of Probate Published: April 6, 2023

MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU22P2437EA ESTATE OF: HARVEY SMITH, JR. DATE OF DEATH: 12/14/2021 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Annette H. Gaston of Randolph, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Annette H. Gaston of Randolph 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. Published: April 6, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0142CA RENILSON LEONARDO DA GRACA

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Renilson \_eonardo Da Graca of Boston, MA equesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Leandro Leonardo

Andrade Fernandes IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for pur poses of objecting to the petition ov filing an appearance at: Suffoll Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day o 04/20/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which yoັເ nust file a written appearance i you object to this proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court

Date: March 22, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate Published: April 6, 2023

MOH Income Restricted Rental Opportunity

Walando Homes 25-31-25 Orlando Street, Mattapan, MA 02126 91-101 Waldeck Street, Dorchester, MA 02124

# or Units	# of bedrooms	ed Square Feet	Rent	Maximum Income Limit	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for Deaf/hard of hearing
1	Studio	400-550	\$1473	60% AMI	1	-
7	1 Bedroom	407-570	30% of HH Income	30% AMI	-	-
24	1 Bedroom	407-570	\$1,578	60% AMI	-	1
1	1 Bedroom	407-570	30% of HH Income	50% AMI	-	-
17	2 Bedroom	655-688	\$1,893	60% AMI	2	1

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI)) <u>Maximum Incomes</u> (set by HUD/MOH + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI)) 30% AMI 50% AMI 60% AMI 60% AMI 50% AM \$29,450 \$49,100 \$58,900 \$35,352 \$67,300 \$37,850 \$75,700 1 Bedroom \$35,352 \$42.050 \$70.100 \$84,100 \$45,450 \$75,750 \$90,850 2 Bedroom \$33,650 \$40,393 \$48,800 \$81,350 \$97,600

Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH) or for the units in this development that include a project-based voucher

Applications are available during the application period for 42 days, from 04/03/2023-05/15/2023

<u>Applications are available in person on the following days, dates, and times in the following place(s)</u>								
Day	Date	Time	Location					
Mon/Wed/Fri	04/03-05/15/2023	10AM - 4PM	173 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02121					
Tues/Thurs	04/03-05/15/2023	10AM - 7PM	173 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02121					
Thursday	4/20/2023	6PM - 8PM	86 Southern Ave, Dorchester., MA 02124					
Saturday	4/22/2023	10AM - 12PM	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120					

To request an online application or to have one sent by email visit <a href="https://bit.ly/WalandoApp">https://bit.ly/WalandoApp</a>

We will be holding informational meetings on Thursday, April 20, 2023 6PM at 86 Southern Ave, Dorchester., MA 02124

Saturday, April 22, 2023 10AM at 122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120



Join virtually, too, through the following link: https://bit.ly/40n2fAe

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than 05/15/2023. Mailed to Management Office, 173 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02121

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- Preferences Apply

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The Jazz Coyote performers at the concert included CLCS Resident Artist Faraday Fontimus and students Ricardo Baez, Nelycha Mazara, Kylie Small, Micah Francis-Perry, and Ezequiel Sanchez. Not pictured is Luis Caraballo. Seth Damiel photos

# Conservatory Lab Charter celebrates its new home quarters on Columbia Rd.

#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

The music-infused Conservatory Lab Charter School (CLCS) has had as many movements as a Beethoven symphony over the years—shifting locations five times over two decades as it sought a suitable space.

On March 30, it welcomed benefactors, alumni/a, and current students and parents to a reception to celebrate its permanent home— a state-of-the-art, \$35 million building at Columbia Road and Quincy Street, which opened in 2020 just as the pandemic hit.

 ${\bf State\,Rep.\,Chris\,Worrell,}$ 

the guest speaker for the

community celebration,

praised the school for

opening a new building

and bringing music edu-

cation front and center.

The facility houses students in grades 3-8 under the leadership of Head of School Nicole Mack, a former principal at Dorchester's Edward Everett School.

"We've been through a lot of buildings, but we finally have a home, and it wasn't an easy thing to pull off," said Gary Gut, a board member.

In May 2018, the school was told that its lease at Laboure College on the Carney Hospital campus would not be renewed, so it was decision time, and Gut said school officials decided to swing for the fences. With an aggressive fund-raising campaign, they raised \$5 million to buy the land on Columbia Road from long time roofing company.

They then worked with Citizens Bank to finance construction needs.

Gregory Groover, Sr., a former chair of the Boston School Committee, serves as the chairman of the CLCS board.

'This is the gift that keeps on giving and will continue to give for many years and to thousands of students from this neighborhood," he said.

State Rep. Chris Worrell praised the school for infusing music into every

part of its curriculum.

"A well-rounded education is something every student from every background deserves,3 he said. "It comes down to three things – choice, responsibility, and community. One of the most important things a parent can have is choice."

Gut and Mack also announced they intend to begin a new effort: a new building for their grades K1-2 school on Hancock Street.

"We have a lot of work to do on that, but we have a team now with a track record," said Gut.

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a renewed lease at Car-

ney Hospital's Laboure



Staff members gave visitors tours of the new public charter school, where music is infused into every part of the curriculum. In this middle school hallway, cellos line the walls across from traditional lockers.



Eighth grader Ricardo Baez plays a trumpet solo from Herbie Hancock's "Watermelon Man" as Artist in Residence Faraday Fontimus gets ready to join in.



Board Chair Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover, Sr. with Dr. Alexander Pham during the community celebration



on Columbia Road.



City Councillor Erin Murphy speaks with fourth grader - and the mayor of CLCS - Jaylea Mack.



Faraday Fontimus, artist in residence at Conservatory Lab Charter School, performing with his Fusion Quartet prior to the festivities.



Head of School Nicole Mack, Irene Dennison, Ryan Murphy, and Asst. Principal Alvin Cooper.



Richard Webster, of Jones Hill, and Elaine Chow, of Savin Hill.

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# **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER**

in You Tube



**BGCD Teens Join Governor Healey In Celebration at Harvard Club:** See details below.

#### CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Teens Join Governor Healey

In Celebration at Harvard Club: This past week, 20 teen girls from Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester had the opportunity to attend an event at the Harvard Club as part of a ceremony honoring Governor Maura Healey. Our members were thrilled to join the Governor at this special occasion as she was recognized by the Harvard Club for her many accomplishments.

From everyone at BGCD, we would like to congratulate the Governor and thank her for taking the time to speak with all of our members. We would also like to thank the Harvard Club for including us in this special event.

Our members were honored to have been invited to such a historical evening. What an amazing way for our girls to close out Women's History Month!

#### FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Holds Youth of the Year

**Ceremony for Finalists:** On March 27th BGCD recognized our 12 Youth of the Year Finalists in a ceremony attended by family, friends and staff. The 12 Finalists: Grainne M., Tim H., Deanna D.L., Waverly S., Callie A., Aissatou S., Jasmina P., Deshawn V., Joel T., Brian N., Lionel A., and Calvin N. were all recognized for their contributions to, and accomplishment within BGCD. The Club also announced Dashawn V. as our 2023 Youth of the Year. Dashawn will now represent **BGCD** in the Massachusetts Youth of the Year competition in May. Thanks to City Councillor Erin Murphy and Representative Dan Hunt who provided proclamations to each of the Finalists from the City Council and House of Representatives respectively. Thanks to our Youth of the Year Judges and to Superintendent Nora Baston and the Bureau of Community Engagement.



BGCD Holds Youth of the Year Ceremony for Finalists: See details below.

#### <u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> BGCD Hosting Formal Clothing

**Drive for Night to Shine Event:** Have formal clothes you're looking to get rid of? Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is collecting new or gently used formal dresses, dress pants, shirts, ties, suit coats, jewelry, and purses to be distributed to members for our Night to Shine event on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This event is a formal celebration for the members of our Project BIND inclusion programming and their families!

The drive will run from March 27<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> and donations can be dropped off at our McLaughlin Clubhouse located on 1135 Dorchester Ave.

For more information or any questions, please contact Erin at eferrara@ bgcdorchester.org.

Thank you for your support!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Good Friday - Programs Closed April 7

Power Forward Power Skills April 11

Northeastern University Tour April 18

1906 Basketball Invitational at New Balance Track April 19

> Elevate Youth Trip April 21

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### RECENT OBITUARIES



CHRISTIAN, Archie **E.**, 78, of Dorchester. Son of Estelle and Arthur Christian, Sr. He is preceded in death by his parents Estelle and Arthur Christian, siblings Samuel "SA" Christian, Elnora Christian-Collier, Ronnie Jo Christian, Robert Earl Christian, Arthur Christian, Jr., David Christian and Reynolds Christian, brothersin-law William Charles Allen, Sr. and Joseph Collier, Sr. and grandson Eugene Rankin, Jr. He is survived by wife Annie Mae Christian; siblings Elizabeth Christian of Hendersonville, TN, Vivian Allen, Barbara "Bobbie" Vaughn (Homer, Sr.), Debra Graham (Richard), Larry Christian (Lorraine), Fred Christian (Sarah), Renard Christian (Denise) all of Gallatin, TN; sister-in-law Jill Christian; children: Antonio, Tonya, Ronnie and Sharon; 16 grandchildren: 20 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren,

family and friends. COYNE, Thomas J. of South Boston. Father of Stacey Coyne of South Boston, Amy Mullen and her husband, Kevin of Dorchester. Grandfather of 2. Brother of Catherine Flynn and the late Francis Coyne, John Coyne, and Mary Ann Downs. Son of the late Francis and Winifred



(McDonagh) Coyne. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. US Army veteran. Donations in memory of Tommy Coyne may be made to the St. Augustine and St. Monica Food Pantry, PO Box 270799, South Boston, MA 02127.

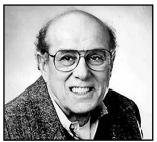


**CUSHING**, Michael  $\mathbf{R}_{\bullet}$ , 62. He was the son of the late Robert I. Cushing and Evelyn I. Cushing of Dorchester. He was sibling to Robert Cushing of Dorchester, Marie Cushing of Phoenix, Evelyn Thomas of Pembroke, Paul Cushing of Somerville, Christopher Cushing of Plymouth, and Regina Loschiavo of Marshfield. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and large extended family. Donation in Mikes memory may be sent to TILL, Inc., Donations, 20 Eastbrook Road, Suite 201, Dedham, MA 02026. tillinc.org/about/ donations

FERGUSON, John **D. "Fergie"**, 78, BPD, 78, of New Hampshire and Florida, formerly of Dorchester and Quincy. Husband of Roberta



"Bobbie" Ferguson. Father of Kim Krivitsky and her husband Mark of Hull, Tracie Welch and her husband John of Marlborough, Lynn Shevory and her husband Robert of Dedham, and Michael Ferguson and his wife Kimberly of Longmeadow. Brother of the late Marilyn Wieher, Claire Ferguson and David Ferguson. Grandfather of 8. US Navy veteran. Donations in memory of John may be made to the Visiting Nurse Home Care & Hospice of Carroll County, P.O. Box 432, North Conway, NH 03860, vnhch.org



FISHMAN, Norton A originally from Dorchester. Dr. Fishman leaves behind his wife, Carol (Lowenberg) Fishman; as well as his children, Scott Fishman, Robin Borgestedt, and Lauren Petrie; as well as his 8 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his brother, Harrison Fishman; and his son, Jeffrey Neil Fishman. Donations may be made to the Jeffrey Neil Fishman Endowment Fund at Boston Children's Hospital.

GEANACOPOULOS, **Demetra "Demie"**, 73 of Weymouth, originally from Dorchester. Daughter of the late Thomas and Lorraine (Adie) Geanacopoulos. Sister of Deborah Purdy of Dorchester, the late Charles Geanacopoulos and his surviving

wife Andrea of Shirley, Patricia Geanacopoulos of Whitman, Pamela Amerault and her husband Brian of Quincy, Thomas Geanacopoulos and his wife Cheryl of Ashburnham, Elizabeth Hobson and her husband Thomas of Milton, Denise Geanacopoulos and her partner Darlene McPhee Connolly of North Attleboro. Donations in memory of Demetra may be made to Wounded Warriors ~ woundedwarriorproject. org or a charity of one's choice.

LYDON, Anne T. (Wynne) of Dorchester. Wife of the late John J. Lydon. Mother of John J. Lydon and his wife Ruth of Braintree, Mark N. Lydon of Leominster, Patrick Lydon and his wife Kathy of Norwell, Robert Lydon and his late wife Tricia of Quincy, Linda Davies and her husband James of New Hampshire, and the late



Diane Jackson and her surviving husband Michael of Pembroke. Sister of Frank Wynne, and Helen Whalen. Predeceased by many siblings. Grandmother of many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Anne is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

MCFARLIN, Portia L. (Pittman) Moore, 87, of Mattapan. Daughterto the late Charlie and Juanita Pittman. She was the oldest of seven children: five brothers and one sister. Portia married Raymond Turner and migrated to Boston. She is preceded in death by her four brothers John Frank, Willie Cleve, Jeff and Laniel Pittman as well as her sister Carolyn.



Portia is survived by one brother Charles Pittman. She leaves three children: Tyrone (Loretta) Turner, Denise (Sidney) Burton, and Wanda Turner Bragg, Son-in-Law Kevin Bragg and stepson Robert Ashley; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren: and a host of nieces and nephews.



MCDONOUGH, Leo, J., 94, of Ft. Pierce, FL, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Agnes (Gately). Brotherof Tom, Jack and Janet. USMC veteran Father to Leo J. and his wife Jeanne, David J. and his wife Liza, Mark A. and the late Stephen B. Also survived by his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brother in-law Edward MacCormack and sister in-law Jane McDonough.



MORAN, James J. "Jim", 78 of Braintree, formerly of Quincy and Dorchester. Husband of Henrietta (Blake) Moran of Braintree. Father of

Vincent Moran and his wife Dina, Sean Moran and his wife Suzanne all of Braintree. Brother of Michael Moran and his wife Dorothy of Braintree, Margaret Moran of Lawrence, Paul Moran and his wife Susan of Minneapolis, MN and the late John Moran. Grandfather 5. Also survived by many extended family and friends. US Army veteran.



O'BRIEN, Francis "Frank" L., 82, of Canton, originally from Dorcheser. Son of the late Francis L. O'Brien and Mary Elizabeth (Walsh) O'Brien. He is survived by his wife Maureen (Higgins) O'Brien formerly of Milton, Father of Dyanne Frances (O'Brien) O'Brien and husband Patrick of Chestnut Hill, Joanne Marie "Jody" (O'Brien) McEachern and husband Joseph of Dorchester, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" O'Brien of Dorchester, and Kristin Anne O'Brien and her partner Michael Cromp of Boston. Grandfather to 13. Great grandfather to 1. Brother of the late Rosemary (O'Brien) Coffey of Braintree and her late husband William Coffey. Brother-in-law to Paul Higgins and wife Susan of Milton, Susan (Higgins) Hagerty and husband Jim of Norfolk, Patricia (Higgins) Cunningham and partner Dennis Murray of Milton, and Diane Higgins and partner Peter Relick of Milton. Former husband of Joan McIntyre of Braintree. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Donations may be made to HomeBase. Org which serves veterans, service members, and



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SAUCIER, Ellen (Cotrone) of Mission Hill. Mother of William (Cheryl) of Mission Hill, Ellen of Hyde Park, David of Mission Hill, Susan (Frank) D'Amato of Dorchester, and Steven (Sarah) of Mission Hill. Grandmother of 7, greatgrandmother of 5, sister, aunt, godmother, cousin, and friend to all that crossed her path. Donations may be made in Ellen's memory to the Mission Church Restoration Fund, 1545 Tremont St., Roxbury, MA 02120.

# Councillors urge growth of city's urban trail system

By Charles DeCurtis SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A number of city councillors are proposing an "urban trails program" that would increase connections between green spaces across the city, add trails and signage along the way, and implement a number of other features.

The proposal was made at a recent hearing held by the Council's Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks. The plan would add extensions to the existing "Walking City Trail," a 27-mile stretch of connected pathways that starts at the Neponset River Reservation and stretching to the Bunker Hill Monument.

Councillor Kendra Lara, the chair of the committee whose office hosted public hikes along

last year, said an expanded system would allow residents to see "the city in a way most people have never before" by exposing hikers to "small businesses, public art, and cultural institutions" in the neighborhoods.

Miles Howard, one of the Walking City Trail founders, said the pathways have helped to enliven formerly unused green spaces in the city. The proposed additions, if approved, would help to "show people a full spectrum of existing green spaces and the possibility of what green spaces could look like in every Boston neighborhood," he said.

The goal, proponents say, is to take users through the city's unique neighborhoods, including

City of Everett Income-Restricted Rental Opportunity Everett, MA 02149 2 Income-Restricted Rental Units

Rent

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# of

**Bedrooms** 

1-Bedroom

Minimum Income

80% AMI

\$61,320

# of Units

2

Minimum Incomes

(set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area

Median Income (AMI))

# of Bedrooms

1-Bedroom

Maximum Income Limit

(% AMI)

80%

Household Size

1

2

3

4

5

6

Maximum Incomes

(set by HUD + based on household size + Area

Median Income (AMI))

Maximum Income

80% AMI

\$78,300

\$89,500

\$100,700

\$111,850

\$120,800

\$129,750

the Walking City Trail communities that don't often get a lot of foot traffic.

> "It would create new cross pollination between different neighborhoods that previously remained separated by historical barriers," Howard said.

> An expanded urban trail program would also address environmental injustice in the city, helping to tear down historically defined barriers that have limited disadvantaged individuals from access to green spaces, the councillors said.

> Lara, who represents Jamaica Plain, said the proposed expansions could be "one more opportunity to reclaim Black space in green space."

She added that "low-income communities and communities of color tation of this and other have been, and continue to be, disproportionately exposed to and impacted by environmental racism. As a Black woman who got introduced to hiking by Black elders, I want to make sure the implemen-

trails keeps racial justice at the center."

Lara, along with fellow sponsoring councillors Kenzie Bok and Gabriella Coletta, also proposed ensuring sufficient signage on the Walking City Trail,

noting that users are often unaware of where the trail begins or ends.

The committee is expected to hold more hearings on the urban trails program, Lara's office said.

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** 9	1-bedroom	550 SF	\$1,406	60% AMI	-	-	
*2	2-bedroom	700 SF	30% HH income	30% AMI	_		
1	2-bedroom	700 SF	\$1,381	50% AMI	_	-	
15	2-bedroom	700 SF	\$1,681	60% AMI	_	1	
*3	3-bedroom	1000 SF	30% HH income	30% AMI	_	_	
10	3-bedroom	1000 SF	\$1,941	60% AMI	1		

\* Five (5) Homeless Set-Aside (HSA) Units, (2) Two-Bedrooms, (3) Three-Bedrooms, will be filled through direct referral from HomeStart. For direct referrals, please visit <a href="https://www.homestart.org/bostonhsa">https://www.homestart.org/bostonhsa</a>.

\*\* Two (2) 1-bedroom fully adaptable units at 60% AMI have a preference for households who have AHVP

For more information about these referrals, please contact us at the email address or phone number below

(set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))					Maximum Incomes (set by funders + based on the household size + Area Median Income (AMI))				
# of bedrooms	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI		Household size	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	
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1					2	\$33,650	\$56,100	\$67,320	
2	\$0	\$43,610	\$53,084		3	\$37,850	\$63,100	\$75,720	
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3	\$0	-	\$61,295		5	\$45,450	\$75,750	\$90,900	
3					6	\$48,800	\$81,350	\$97,620	

Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH) or applicants eligible for the units in this development, including a project-based voucher

Applications are available during the application period for 46 days, from April 3, 2023 to May 17, 2023

To request an online application or to have one sent by email, visit www.onehalleck.com. To request a paper application be mailed to you, please call 617-209-5438

We will be holding informational meetings via Zoom on Tuesday, April 18, at 6:00 pm and on Saturday, May 6, at 11:00 am. Join through the following link: www.onehalle

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If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 639-3064 Ext 770, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

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DATE OF DEATH: 12/27/2021
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - FormalAdjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Diane L. Jackson of Dorchester, 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: Diana L. Jackson of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surely on the bond in unsupervised administration. pervised 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 writte appearance and objection at this Court before

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Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs Justice of this Cour Stice of this Court.

Date: March 31, 2023

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and Appointment of Personal Representative and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Hoa Vu of Boston, 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: Hoa Vu of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the boad in unsupported administration. the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Petition for Formal Probate of Will with A Petitudi for Politial Floate of Will Will Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Adrienne Flowers of Sallins County KI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Adrienne Flowers of Sallins, County Ki be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administratio

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Justice of this Court.

Date: March 24, 2023 Vincent Procopio

Register of Probate

Published: April 6, 2023

# Domino's Pizza looking at new store in Codman Square

By Seth Daniel **News Editor** 

Domino's Pizza is eyeing a Washington Street storefront in Codman Square as a site for a new store. The proposal was set to be discussed at the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC) meeting on Wednesday

night this week.

Cynthia Loesch Johnson, who chairs the council, said that representatives from the national pizza chain are expected to make a presentation at the meeting about the proposal for the former bank property at 569-571 Washington St.

will convene at 7 p.m. in the Second Church of Dorchester, 44 Moultrie St. The meeting will also be held on Zoom.

According to Loesch Johnson, there are mixed feelings in the neighborhood about the proposal, since many residents

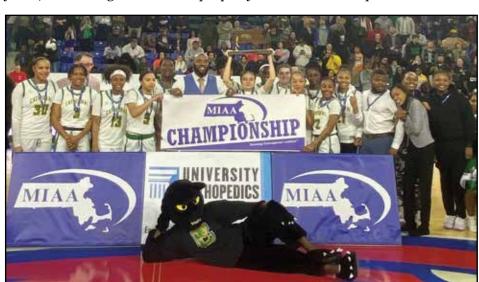
near Aspinwall Road that have opposed new fast food chains in recent years. Most notably, opponents on the council blocked a Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen restaurant from opening in a space across the street from this proposal.

That controversy played out over several years, with neighbors successfully lobbying city officials to deny the Popeye's the licenses it needed to open. The fast food chicken eatery did not renew its lease last year and has vacated the property despite doing extensive renovations in preparation for an opening that never occurred. The property remains

vacant.

Another item on the busy CSNC agenda is a proposal by Revent Space to locate on a site in Codman Square. Revent rents out a flexible space in business districts for work and special events and corporate meetings. There is a Revent Space on Neponset Avenue.





 $The \, Cathedral \, High \, School \, girls' \, basketball \, team \, marched \, through \, the \, Division$ 4 state MIAA tournament this month and finished the state champions after beating Wahconah, 75-53, in Lowell's Tsongas Center on March 19. Most of the girls on the roster hail from Dorchester and Mattapan, including Yedidya Lubunga (23), Hijjah Allen-Paisley (2), Keyona Raines (5), Luisne McCusker (11), Malani Smith (13), Dynasia Evans-Goode (21), Anaya Bizcaino (35), and Vera Richemond (50). Photo courtesy MIAA



The Archbishop Williams High School boys basketball team prevailed in the competitive Division 3 MIAA tournament this month, beating St. Mary's of Lynn High School in the Tsongas Center, 76-71, on March 18. Dorchester boasted two players on the championship roster, including senior starting point guard Charlie Connors (3) and senior shooting guard Brendan Foster (11). It was the first MIAA boys basketball state championship for the Braintree school, and the team finished the season a remarkable 24-1. Also pictured at far left is School President Dennis Duggan Jr., a native of Melville Park.

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