

Boston's 'new normal' – masks when outside, overnight curfew

By STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE AND REPORTER STAFF  
Mayor Walsh this week asked all Bostonians to observe a nighttime curfew from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and to begin wearing face-coverings when they leave their homes as he warned of an imminent surge in COVID-19 cases in the city. Boston had recorded 19 deaths – and more than 2,000 known positive cases of the disease – through Tuesday afternoon, with "many more"

fatalities expected as the trajectory of reported cases continued to climb across the Commonwealth. During a press conference outside Boston City Hall on Sunday, Walsh at first stood at a podium against a backdrop of people wearing masks, and talked about his plans to wear one made by City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George. He donned the mask at the end of his remarks, in which he confirmed cases had risen 27

percent over the previous 48 hours. On Tuesday, he said that number had grown higher still – by 33 percent over a three-day period. "That's what a surge looks like and we are still at the beginning of the surge," the mayor said. "I'm asking everyone and anyone to wear a mask covering their face when you leave your house," Walsh said. "That means shopping, going for a walk. That means (Continued on page 14)



"I'm asking everyone and anyone to wear a mask covering their face when you leave your house." - Boston Mayor Martin Walsh. John Wilcox/ Mayor's Office photo

At Phillips, chocolate, safety top the menu

By DANIEL SHEEHAN REPORTER STAFF  
For over half a century, Phillips Candy House has been using its renowned confectionery prowess to make Easter Sunday mornings a little bit sweeter for families in Dorchester and across the Greater Boston region. This year promises to be no different, as far as the candy part of the equation is concerned, as the Morrissey Boulevard institution has taken measures in response to the pandemic to make sure (Continued on page 12)



A chocolate bunny created at Phillips Chocolates on Morrissey Boulevard, which is now offering curbside pick-ups and half-priced shipping ahead of the Easter holiday on Sunday. Photo courtesy Phillips Chocolates

Carney ramps up admissions for virus

ER still open to all  
By REPORTER STAFF AND STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE  
Steward Health Care, which owns Carney Hospital in Dorchester, continues to prepare for an expected surge in admissions of COVID-positive patients at the Dorchester Avenue facility. On March 17, Steward announced that the hospital had begun converting its inpatient units into a specialized coronavirus treatment center. The first unit had 11 beds. The Carney is currently expanding its capacity beyond that number and, said Nicholas Puleo, a spokesman for Steward, it "has tempo- (Continued on page 14)

Cedar Grove Gardens sees busy pre-Easter trade; owner steps up deliveries and 'no-contact' sales

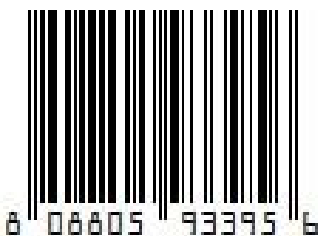


Richard O'Mara of Cedar Grove Garden is shown outside his Adams Street business on March 25, before Bill Forry covering recommendations went into effect. Bill Forry photo

By DANIEL SHEEHAN REPORTER STAFF  
With spring officially here, according to the calendar at least, florists and garden centers across the country would ordinarily be gearing up for their busy season. But with the advent of the global pandemic and the safety restrictions that are accompanying it, flower shops are among the numerous businesses, large and small, struggling because they fall in a "gray area" when it comes to making the list of services deemed essential by government officials. The trickiness over the "essential" category stems from whether or not garden centers fall under "Food and Agriculture," one of the sectors

of business allowed to remain in operation under current Massachusetts guidelines. Some flower shops, including ones in California and Pennsylvania, have been shut down by local authorities. In Boston and its neighborhoods, some florists, like Olympia Flower Store in the South End, have also closed their doors. But Richard O'Mara, owner of Cedar Grove Gardens in Dorchester, is, justifiably in his opinion, keeping his business operational. "I was told by a couple of local growers from Littleton and Foxborough that if I had herbs and cold weather crops out in the yard, because of the nature of those things, I (Continued on page 16)

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Social and physical distancing remain the primary strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The new measures that Mayor Walsh has put into place strengthen the guidance previously issued around social and physical distancing, which include staying home as much as possible and maintaining a distance of 6 feet or more from others. These new measures went into effect on Mon., April 6, and will run through Mon., May 4.

Curfew

On Sun., April 5, the mayor issued a stern message to Bostonians, warning that the surge in coronavirus cases is just beginning in Boston and Massachusetts and ordering a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew for all non-essential workers beginning Mon., April

# From City Hall, guidance to citizens: Observe curfew, wear face-coverings



### PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

We are issuing a public health advisory in the City of Boston to everyone except essential workers to STAY AT HOME from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., starting tomorrow April 6.

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6. He also advised that all senior citizens and people with health issues should stay inside for “the next couple of weeks” and not go out, even to exercise. He also told all Bostonians to wear protective face coverings effective immediately.

Face-covering

In addition to social distancing when going out in public for an essential trip, wearing face covers will help to reduce the risk of a person spreading the virus, especially if they do not know they are sick. Face coverings should be worn anytime someone is outside the home, including

on walks or other passive recreational activities.

Face coverings should not be placed on children under 2 years of age, on anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.

Coverings can include a cloth, scarf, bandana, etc. that cover a person’s mouth and nose. Homemade face coverings should be made of intact, close-weave cloth and allow comfortable breathing.

Face coverings should be frequently washed using a washing machine with detergent and hot water and dried on a hot cycle. They can also be hand washed with soap and warm water and left to dry.

It is advised that residents use a face covering, as opposed to a medical-grade face masks, in order to preserve protective equipment for health workers and those serving on the front lines in response to COVID-19.

Staying at Home

The Boston Public Health Commission has issued a Public Health Advisory for everyone in Boston except essential workers to stay at home from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. This addresses unnecessary trips to businesses, restaurants, and other locations, and is intended to en-

courage people to stay inside their homes at night. Residents are encouraged to utilize delivery services as much as possible after 9 p.m. As a reminder, residents are encouraged to remain in their homes as much as possible throughout the day and only leave for essential needs, including trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, emergency meal sites

City parks sports areas closed

Recreational sports areas in city parks, such as courts and fields, will be closed to limit exposure and contact between people. As a reminder, all playgrounds in Boston have been closed since March 20, and will remain closed. Areas for passive recreation, like walking and jogging, will remain open. Additional signage has been posted on all recreational sports areas and outside of parks that will be closed.

If needed, Boston Police are empowered to disperse gatherings and they can order people to vacate closed sections of parks.

For people at high risk

For people over 65 and those with underlying health conditions, the City of Boston encourages taking extra precautions. Trips outside the house should only be made when absolutely necessary, for either food or medications.

Those experiencing difficulty with access to food, please call 311 for assistance. In addition, taking walks or spending time outside is discouraged for the next few weeks, and exercising inside the home is encouraged as an alternative.

The underlying health conditions that can put someone more at risk are very common and include asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, kidney or liver disease or conditions that can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment and smoking.

In Boston, more than 11 percent of adults have asthma, and the rate is higher in black (15 percent) and Latino (12 percent) residents, as well as in Dorchester and Roxbury (15 percent each). One in four Boston public high school students have asthma, according to the Boston Public Health Commission.

Limiting contact

Effective Tues., April 7, City Hall will reduce the days of operation that it is open to the public to only Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public access to 1010 Massachusetts Avenue will be limited to the Boston Public Health Commission on the 2nd floor and residents must be accompanied when entering the building. Additionally, everyone

entering City Hall, including employees and members of the public, will be required to complete a self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms, including elevated temperature. Residents are required to make appointments if they need to visit any of the essential services offered out of City Hall, and can learn more about the status of city departments and hours of operation here.

More information

Resources and information about COVID-19 are available on [boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus). Resources available on [boston.gov](https://boston.gov) and through city departments include support for renters and homeowners; small businesses; free meals for Boston students; free toiletries for Boston students; emergency childcare centers – including 40 centers in Boston – support for older residents; information on homeless shelters; transportation options for healthcare workers; resources for those in recovery or those who have a substance use disorder; and mental health resources.

For additional questions or programs, please visit [boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus) or call 3-1-1, Boston’s 24-hour constituent hotline. Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to receive text alerts on a regular basis, available in six languages.

## DOT BY THE DAY April, 2020

A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Well, all events have been cancelled.

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## UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

In almost every instance, community events have been postponed or cancelled due to the COVID-19 health emergency. The Reporter is tracking cancellations and is noting them here. Watch DotNews.com for updates and follow @DotNews on Twitter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spirit (decorations, costumes, enthusiasm.) The People’s Choice award earns its winner the golden bean pot and bragging rights.

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

Here is the latest guidance from the city’s parks department:

- Tot lots and playgrounds are temporarily closed. Parks remain open at this time. Maintenance and operational functions continue uninterrupted.

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

- Please call 617-635-4505 or email [parks@boston.gov](mailto:parks@boston.gov) if you have questions about Parks permits or events. Visit [Boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus) for the latest public health information.

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# Asian, Cape Verdean businesses hear pleas, rush to donate PPE to healthcare workers

By KATIE TROJANO  
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As the calls for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) streamed in from hospitals and healthcare workers on the frontline of the COVID-19 response, business owners in Dorchester’s Asian and Cape Verdean community came together to donate thousands of materials.

In late March, hearing urgent calls from healthcare workers in need of PPE, owners of nail salons, dry cleaners, supermarkets, and restaurants came through in short order with supplies of masks and gloves to donate where needed.

State Sen. Nick Collins, District 3 City Councillor Frank Baker, and Linda Champion, an attorney who works for the state’s Department of Industrial Accidents, coordinated with leaders to facilitate pickups and drop-offs to the Carney Hospital, Mass General Hospital, Codman Square Health Center, and other community health agencies.

“We reached out to Vietnamese community leaders and the next morning they had already pulled together donations of about 15,000 masks,” said Champion. “They stepped up and gave all of their supplies, and not one

person asked for anything in return. That’s a huge sacrifice. The masks are one of the tools that these business owners use to do their jobs, and if they had to go back to work tomorrow, they wouldn’t have them.”

In keeping with social distancing practices, Collins and Baker organized the pickups from businesses and owners’ front porches and drove them to medical centers.

“Sen. Collins and I worked together on calling different people who wanted to donate and we used my front porch as a drop-off station,” said Baker. “From there we brought them to different health centers in our districts. For me that was DotHouse, Geiger Gibson and Neponset Health Centers.”

Anna Hidalgo pulled together boxes of thousands of gloves from Cape Verdean businesses on Dudley Street and on Dot Ave, including Nos Cosa Restaurant and Dudley Supermarket. Melissa Huong called shop owners and gathered thousands of masks from small business owners, including salons and dry cleaners. Lam Ngoc Nguyen donated 5,000 surgical masks.

Kim Thai, VietAID board chair and director

of policy at Boston Inspectional Services, also connected with Dorchester businesses and city agencies.

“As we were getting calls about the need for masks and gloves, I contacted some local businesses – mainly nail salons, restaurants and construction workers who have gloves and masks as part of their regular inventory,” Thai said.

“I reached out to Jennifer Nguyen, who owns Banh Mi Ba Le on Dorchester Ave. and some other owners,” she added. “Some of them actually purchased the masks and gloves themselves, and others started soliciting through their own networks.”

“Within about two to four hours we were getting calls from people who had heard about this from word of mouth and wanted to donate. We made sure to get the donations to a lot of local community clinics, and worked with Councillor Baker who coordinated some drop-offs.”

“It was amazing,” said Councillor Baker. “Just the way people stepped up without a question and donated cases and cases of gloves and masks.”

Senator Collins stated: “Thank you to Linda and all of the small busi-

nesses who have helped secure critical PPE in an extremely challenging time. The community hospitals like Tufts, BMC and Carney have really stepped up, as well as our health centers, where these heroes are working on the front lines along with first responders to save lives despite the risk to themselves. It’s incredible and it shows that when we come together, we can take on any challenge in our community and be better for it.”



Thang Nguyen, owner of Direct Nail Supply on Dorchester Ave., donated gloves to Philomin Lapiste, executive director of Bowdoin Street Health Center.

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# Fields Corner bakery, on hiatus, turns to home-delivered loaves

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REPORTER STAFF

Since coming to the difficult decision on March 28 to close indefinitely the home.stead bakery & cafe in Fields Corner, co-owner Elisa Girard had been searching for a way to take action. Eventually, she settled on a solution that both came naturally to her as a baker and seemed universal enough to bring

people together: bread. “It was just kind of a spur-of-the-moment kind of decision for me,” she said. “I had been making sourdough at home, and had been wanting an idea to help our staff and help home.stead reopen. So initially, I put some feelers out on social media and got a huge response from the beginning.” Girard said she has

heard from more than 60 donors in just the last week alone and estimated she has baked about 20 loaves of sourdough so far. She initially set a fundraising goal of \$1,500, a figure that has been eclipsed by some \$1,100 as of Tuesday. And with roughly 40 orders on the waitlist, Girard plans to be baking bread for the foreseeable future.

“I’m baking out of my home kitchen, so I only can deliver two loaves a day,” she explained, adding that people were excited about getting fresh, warm loaves on their doorsteps. Girard has been delivering loaves via bicycle – “when it’s not raining,” she noted – accompanied by her husband, Vivian, who co-owns the cafe along with Jack Wu.



Elisa Girard      Ken Rivard photo

The Facebook fundraiser has an end date of May 30, leaving plenty of time for Dorchester residents to donate and secure a place on the sourdough loaf waitlist.

## 12th Suffolk candidates still need signatures in by April 28

By KATIE TROJANO  
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Nomination papers for this year’s state elections continue to circulate with the April 28 deadline for filing less than three weeks away. In the 12th Suffolk district, those hoping to make the ballot and fill the vacancy left by Dan Cullinane, who is not seeking re-election, are required to collect and file at least 150 signatures from voters who live in the district. On Tuesday, Debra O’Malley, a spokesperson for Secretary of State William Galvin, said it would require an act of the Legislature to change the election requirements, including the signature deadline. “The speaker and the Senate president have both indicated publicly that they are looking at the issue and whether any changes are needed,” said O’Malley. “We have advised

them about related deadlines, such as deadlines to challenge a candidate’s nomination papers, deadlines to fill vacancies caused by those challenges, and ballot printing deadlines.” The primary election is Sept. 1, with the general election scheduled for Nov. 3. One candidate for the 12th Suffolk seat, Cameron Charbonnier, a Dorchester resident and a longtime aide to Mayor Walsh who currently works as director of Strategic Initiatives in the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, says that social distancing has made campaigning more difficult. “Gathering signatures while strictly adhering to social distancing is a unique challenge for sure,” he told the Reporter. “I think most people are rightly focused on how to stay safe, healthy, and helpful to each other at this time and

not focused on politics, myself included. “That being said, this time has made for many valuable one-on-one connections on the phone and I’ve been incredibly humbled by the good response I have received from across the district. Personally, I will continue to use whatever time is provided to continue these conversations and safely pursue enough signatures to be on the ballot, by meeting either the current deadline or an extended one.” Brandy Fluker-Oakley, a Mattapan attorney, told the Reporter in early March that she plans to run in the 12th Suffolk race. “While I’m extremely confident that I will obtain the necessary signatures to appear on the ballot by the April 28 deadline,” she said, “this is certainly a new landscape requiring a new way of campaigning.”

She added: “If we want to encourage more first-time candidates to run, including women and people of color, the system will also have to be flexible and adjust to this new reality, given the limitations of in-person and door-to-door contact and other restrictions being placed on candidates.” State Rep. Dan Hunt, who is running for re-election in the 13th Suffolk district, said he does not expect the nomination deadlines to be extended for House seats. Most candidates likely gathered the requisite 150 signatures prior to the social distancing guidelines, he suggested, noting that nomination papers have been available for candidates since Feb. 11. The papers “are out for 12 weeks and most larger congressional and county seats require a much higher number of signatures,” said Hunt. “I don’t necessarily see extending the

due date for House of Representative seats at this point, but maybe for larger seats. But, as always, the situation we’re in is fluid and things can change.” In the last two election cycles, Mattapan-based attorney Jovan Lacet mounted unsuccessful campaigns against Cullinane. He indicated last year that he intended to launch a third challenge against the incumbent, but has not responded to Reporter requests to discuss his plans with Cullinane out of the running. Stephanie Everett, a Mattapan attorney who sought the 12th Suffolk seat in 2013, also told the Reporter in early March that she was considering another bid for the office. More information about the nomination process and election schedule during this emergency can be found at sec.state.ma.us/ele/covid-19.htm.



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# Local centers are seeing a surge in applications for WIC benefits, food stamps

By KATIE TROJANO  
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Loreto O'Connor, director of the Women Infants and Children (WIC) program at Dorchester's Harbor Health Services Inc., has worked with WIC programs for 24 years, but the last few weeks have been an unprecedented experience for her.

"I have never seen the surge in the need for services that we have seen in the last two weeks," O'Connor told the Reporter on Thursday, noting that it has been "at least 40 percent."

Harbor Health Services leads a close collaboration with other community health organizations in providing WIC benefits. These include Neponset Health Center, DotHouse Health Center, Codman Square Health Center, and South Boston Community Health Center.

"With a grant from USDA (the US Department of Agriculture) we collaborate really closely with all of those health centers. Our WIC sites are embedded in each of them," explained O'Connor.

She said that all of Harbor Health's WIC staff have been working remotely during the crisis. "We're continuing to see old participants re-enrolling, as well as new participants every day," she said. "Our staff is working really hard to make sure that every woman and child that needs help is receiving WIC benefits during this time."

New unemployment claims in Massachusetts and nationally soared again last week after

hitting historic levels a week earlier as the viral outbreak continues to wreak havoc in Massachusetts. A record 181,062 people filed initial claims during the week ending March 28, about a 22 percent increase over the prior week, according to non-seasonally adjusted data the Department of Labor published on Thursday.

During the week ending March 21, Massachusetts had the third-largest increase in initial claims among all states, trailing only Pennsylvania and Ohio, according to the department.

Many who find themselves unemployed and facing financial hardship are accessing public benefits like WIC for the first time.

"It's kind of a learning curve," O'Connor said. "It's all very new to them, but there are resources. We have an app to help them while they're shopping, our WIC shopper app. It allows them to scan any item and see if it's in their food prescription." The app also allows users to access recipes and view their benefits, showing exactly when the benefits start and end.

O'Connor said she wanted to clarify a myth that many first-time users have asked about — that all WIC benefits start at the beginning of the month. "In our state at least, it doesn't work like that," she said. "Benefits start on the day of the baby's birthday."

She said that staff are providing new waivers and conducting check-in appointments over the phone, providing nutrition education, breast-

feeding support services, and health food access information.

"Another thing WIC does is provide referrals to other health and human services agencies," said O'Connor. "We work to provide food access in as many ways as possible."

The Daniel Driscoll Food Pantry at Neponset Health is open with extended hours on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and it's located across the street from the health center at 10 Minot St. The DotHouse Food Pantry is open for seniors 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. every Tuesday and 8 a.m.-10 a.m. every Wednesday for rest of community.

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She added that there have definitely been some challenges as a

result of the pandemic.

"There are some challenges. Lots of people are stockpiling groceries, and our participants follow specific guidelines, the list we provide them is like a food prescription," said O'Connor, "There are specific brands and sizes you can buy. For example, if someone has a gallon of one percent milk on their list, they can't choose two half gallons if there's no one gallon. They don't have another choice if those products aren't on the shelf."

O'Connor did say that there has been some movement on social media asking people who aren't using WIC benefits to choose other options that aren't WIC-approved. There are also issues with people stockpiling infant formula, she said.

"Companies are making more, but people who can afford to buy in bulk are stockpiling it and that's a real challenge," she said. "Our employees are working to call different stores and pharmacies to locate infant formula."

They are also helping families with budgeting, recipe ideas, and with trying to navigate what's happening day-by-day, O'Connor said.

"If you go to a food pantry you might not know what to make with something like dried beans, so we're trying to put recipes out there. At so many levels, we're trying to help families. They are really stressed, they don't know what's going to happen. None



Ashley Prettyman, a prevention specialist at Harbor Health, prepares a bag of food for distribution to clients at the Food Pantry at the Daniel Driscoll-Neponset Health Center. The pantry, which is located across the street from the health center at 10 Minot St., is open for seniors on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and for the rest of the community on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Elsewhere, The Dot House Food Pantry on Dot. Ave north of Fields Corner is open for seniors on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and to the rest of the community on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Photo courtesy Harbor Health

of us really do," she said.

O'Connor added that Harbor Health will be issuing benefits for three months out during the public health emergency, and will continue for as long as it goes on. She said that her staff isn't letting the public health emergency stop their work, even if working from home presents some challenges.

"We've been trying to do Zoom and conference calls — WIC appointments require an intake specialist and a nutritionist, so our staff is divided up into teams" she said. "It's not always easy, but our WIC staff is so dedicated. They're going above and beyond trying to get to everybody who has applied so that they can have benefits. It means so much."

Her concern looking

forward, past the state of emergency, is that many families will struggle to pull themselves out of debt and will still require assistance.

"Right now, we're working in the moment, but we're going to need to support these families for a lot longer," O'Connor said. "We'll need to have federal funding. Nutrition service in particular, will need to be funded fully."

"When it's over families won't be back on their feet right away. People might be able to get jobs, but they also might need to dig themselves out of debt. We might want to consider looking at the past six months of earnings when assessing eligibility if possible."

A State House News Service report was used in compiling this article.

## At Geiger-Gibson, other centers, telemedicine brings care to homes

By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

Community health centers across Boston — including Geiger-Gibson Neighborhood Health Center on Columbia Point — have moved most of their work online or on the phones.

Kellie Keenan, Geiger-Gibson's Practice Manager, said the health center's telemedicine services have become a critical link for patients who still need routine services.

Although the center doesn't do COVID-19 testing, physicians are making referrals to places where they can be tested. "We're still able to triage the patient's situation, and still guide them to places where they can get tested," said Keenan.

"We're not doing any in-person appointments, but we're still trying to provide the same level of care with our telehealth

visits," she added. "Our providers are on site and are rotating at [Daniel Driscoll] Neponset Health Center as well, our sister site."

Employees are making sure that patients with chronic issues are closely connected with their providers for regular monitoring. Keenan said that many patients have been relieved that they can still receive care online and not have to leave home, where they might be exposed to the virus.

"Some are nervous about going out to health care systems in their communities," she noted. "For everybody, the thought of moving to online was scary, but now that we're getting in the groove, it's actually working well."

Geiger-Gibson is still accepting new patients, still providing women's health and mental health

services, and, said Keenan, "we are still allowing access to our on-site pharmacy. A lot of our patients might have lived in Harbor Point forever while others may have transportation barriers. We are meeting people outside and providing them with their prescriptions. And we also mail prescriptions."

She added: "We want people to know that we're still offering birth control, IUD insertion, and we have our OBGYN in place. Women still need to have access to these services."

"And we still have pediatrics open, we're still doing well-baby visits, and we're still helping people apply for health insurance," she said. "I'm a Dorchester girl, my whole family goes to our community health centers, and it's important that people are still being supported."

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# Hard-hit by cancelled gigs, artists are seeing some help from funders



At left, Dorchester Art Project leadership staying safe with protective masks. Center: A recent piece by DAP tenant Matthew Brennan a.k.a. Two Thangs mixes pop culture influences to interpret a time of crisis. At right: Dorchester artist Latrell James (bottom right) joined a quartet of musicians for a virtual performance on Instagram. Below: DAP tenant Jo Nanajian displays one of her handmade masks.

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Dorchester’s music artists are among the countless people left grasping for straws in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, with many facing months of cancelled gigs and lost income. But a pair of private and public initia-

tives aimed at providing artist relief are looking to at least partially offset those losses.

The city of Boston has temporarily transformed its Opportunity Fund into the “Boston Artist Relief Fund,” which is awarding grants of \$500 and \$1,000 to artists “who live in Boston and

whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by COVID-19.”

Artists can apply to recoup financial losses due to canceled events, for reimbursement for travel expenses, to offset loss of income for teaching artists, or to replace supplemental income

from part-time service industry jobs that have been lost due to the crisis.

The Record Co., a Newmarket Square-based community music workspace that is currently in the middle of a multimillion dollar transformation, has started the Boston Music Maker COVID-19 Fund. Community Manager Maria Bartolotta told the Reporter that even though The Record Co. is currently closed, leadership wanted to address the “urgent need” in the music community they will be serving in the near future.

lining things up for months and months in advance; to see all those plans, and all that hard work disappear has just been really tough.”

One local artist who has felt the acute impact of COVID-19 is MC and Dorchester native Red Shaydez. She told the Reporter that her day job, which she works at from home, has been largely unaffected. But as for her artistic livelihood, she has already seen “a minimum of six shows” cancelled in March, April, and May, a loss representing thousands of dollars in income. While she successfully applied for The Record Co’s relief fund, that grant will only offset a fraction of the canceled gigs.



closely impacted staff and artists.

“We decided the best way to help is to make sure we survive this,” she explained. “The Covid-19 Relief Fundraiser was created for that purpose; just to try to fill the gaps, and to try to make us whole again once this is all over. All the money is going to part-time keyholder staff, rentals we had to cancel. ... The ultimate goal of the fundraiser is to pay the rent of vulnerable DAP tenants so they can continue renting the studio space.”

So far, the fundraiser has reached over 50 percent of its roughly \$16,000 goal. “It’s been really encouraging so far,” said Leavitt. People really care about DAP, and they want it to keep it going.”

In terms of the artists themselves, Leavitt noted their creative talents are needed more now than ever.

“It’s a total transformational shift in all of our lives, so I think artists are going to need to help us process everything.”

Creative output prompted by the crisis is already emerging on social media platforms: Jo Nanajian, a DAP tenant, had been making face masks adorned with jewels and other ornaments for months before the crisis started. Now, she’s adapting her designs to make masks for health care workers.

Elsewhere, performing artists have taken to virtual platforms. The Dorchester rapper/producer Latrell James took to Instagram with a host of other musicians for a “live” version of his song “Grateful,” which they performed remotely from their apartments. In the song, James touts the importance of gratitude, reminding us that “it’s a whole blessing to wake up in general.”

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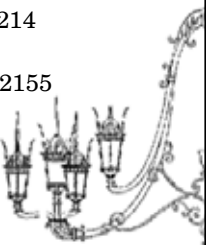
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### Boston Public Library COVID-19 UPDATE

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

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

#### All locations closed

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

#### All events cancelled

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

As always, we are closely following the directives of the City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission.

#### Don’t worry about due dates

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

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If you don’t have a library card yet or your account has expired, learn how to get an eCard.

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

#### Keep each other safe

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



The Dorchester Reporter is proud to have the support of the Martin W. Richard Foundation, which works to advance the values of inclusion, kindness, justice, and peace by investing in community programs that broaden horizons for young people and encourage them to celebrate diversity and engage in positive civic action. The foundation’s support for community journalism at this challenging time will help make it possible to continue bringing to you stories like the ones on this page and throughout the Reporter. You can learn more about the work and mission of the foundation at [MartinRichardFoundation.org](http://MartinRichardFoundation.org)



# From drive-by visits to ‘grab-and-go’ meals, BGCD keeps their mission alive

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester closed its doors last month, but the institution is making sure its important community outreach work is continuing— both virtually and through the odd social distancing-compliant visit.

Deirdre Habershaw, an Ashmont resident and parent of a two-year-old who attends daycare at Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, said daycare staff paid her family a “drive-by visit” on Monday morning.

“All the daycare teachers coordinated a caravan today to go by the houses of daycare children,” explained Habershaw, who said the staff visited at least 30 locations all over

Dorchester, South Boston, Milton, and Quincy.

“They sent out a notice last night that they were doing this, so my kids made up signs and went out to see them as they came by,” she said. “There were probably at least a dozen cars with teachers and staff who had made up signs as well.”

Habershaw said her ten and seven-year-olds, who had also gone through the daycare program, were happy to see the staff, while her two-year-old didn’t quite know what to make of the unorthodox visit.

“He was mostly confused. When they left, he said ‘They’re all gone!’ I think he thought they were coming over.”

The caravan is just the latest way that the Boys

and Girls Club has tried to stay connected with the community during times of social distancing. In recent weeks, the organization has developed a full schedule of virtual programming, regularly posting videos of BGCD staff teaching classes and leading activities—such as sports, dance, art, music, science, baking and yoga—on their YouTube channel.

According to Habershaw, a group of BGCD staff have started filming their own version of The Masked Singer, a popular singing competition game show. In the BGCD format, staff members submit video clips of themselves singing while wearing digital disguises, while the kids vote to decide who moves on to the next round.

“The Boys and Girls Club has been doing so much to try to keep people engaged,” said Habershaw. “They started doing the Masked Singer, and the kids are so excited—they want to know who is who and who’s getting voted off.”

“With the staff members, it’s so impressive because a lot of them are, like, kids in their twenties who are just home themselves trying to scrape together something interesting. They also did a cool little

video where they spliced everyone together and made a video along to the Golden Girls theme song. They’ve been doing a lot.”

Mary Kinsella, Vice President of Education at BGCD, said she was proud of how the organization has been adjusting on the fly as the COVID-19 crisis has progressed. “A lot of the things we’re doing are somewhat natural to us, but then there are also things that are out of our realm,” she said. “So, we’re learning a lot. As I like to say, we’re flying this plane as we build it.” Kinsella said Monday’s early education initiative of checking in on kids was meant to help maintain some sense of normalcy for the club’s youngest members.

“Especially for the little ones, we want all the kids to know that everything’s going to be ok,” she said. “For some of the younger ones, because of their cognitive development, physically seeing their teachers is important...some of our teaching staff have been taking turns going in [to the club] to video themselves and ensure children, you know, telling them, ‘Hi! See, our books are all still here, they’re be here when you come back.’ Just letting them know that they’re



Members of the Habershaw household gathered outside their home to say hello to teachers from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester who drove by in a caravan on Monday.

Photo courtesy Deirdre Habershaw

not in the buildings, but they’re in their thoughts and hearts and make sure they’re feeling connected.”

Making efforts to replicate that routine is important, said Kinsella, especially for kids with special needs.

“Every family is at risk because stress is high, people are losing their jobs...anything we can do to help support families and establish some sense of routine or schedule, we’ve been doing that. For children with special needs, for whom this is very difficult because routine and structure are so important to their everyday function, the stress levels are even higher for those families.”

In addition to programming, BGCD is also working to “fill in the gaps” by addressing food insecurity and helping families—particularly those for whom English is not their first language—

to navigate unemployment and stimulus relief packages.

On Friday nights, BGCD has been offering grab and go dinners with “weekend grocery bags” to help families get through the weekend. And Kinsella said local businesses are pitching in. South Boston’s Coppersmith donated pizzas one Friday night, and in the coming weeks families will receive vouchers for ice cream at Chill on Park and Ice Creamsmith.

“Dorchester’s so richly diverse that we serve families who are moderate to high income, as well as families who are really struggling, so it’s been interesting to see all these families try to come together and help each other out,” said Kinsella. “During these times we see leadership bubble up, and I’ve seen a lot of that in the staff. I’m really proud of everything they’ve done.”



Dorchester’s Jack McCarthy, 19, graduated from boot camp at Ft. Benning, Georgia on March 27. His parents — Anne and Neil McCarthy— were not able to attend the ceremony due to the health emergency, but report that Jack was awarded the Army Achievement Award, earned by scoring the highest possible score— 300— on the physical fitness test. Private McCarthy will be stationed at Fort Drum in New York. He is a graduate of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in Neponset (having first attended St. Brendan until 6th grade) and Catholic Memorial High School. McCarthy has played for Dorchester Baseball, St. Ann’s CYO basketball, Dorchester Youth Hockey and ADSL, where he was trained by Jeff Buckley. Photo courtesy McCarthy family

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Advertising Mellin’s Food

In the last decades of the 19th century, Thomas T. Goodale of the Doliber-Goodale Co. chose local children for his advertisements. The top illustration is an 1894 pitch for Mellin’s Food with an illustration of Marian Louise Bowker of Neponset. The ad on the bottom right includes a photograph of James Robert Clair, of 64 Richfield Street, Dorchester. The bottle is at the Dorchester Historical Society. The society owns an April 1888 advertising card carrying this testimonial: “My little one only two months old, was a mere skeleton. We put him on Mellin’s Food, and it is wonderful to see what a change it has wrought.”

Goodale lived at 10 Caruth Street in Dorchester from the time it was built in 1888 until about 1920. He and Thomas Doliber worked for Theodore

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Metcalf of Boston whose company marketed Mellin’s Infant Food. Doliber and Goodale took over the business circa 1880, and ran it out of 40-43 Central Wharf on the Boston waterfront.

The following is excerpted from “Goods for Sale: Products and Advertising in the Massachusetts Industrial Age,” by Chaim M. Rosenberg (2007).

“With the beginning of the scientific age, the

search for a good alternative to mother’s milk gathered speed. The German scientist Justus von Liebig is credited with being the first, in 1867, to offer for sale an “ideal” infant food. His formula was a blend of cow’s milk, wheat flour, and malt flour, mixed with bicarbonate of potash. Gustav Mellin in England modified Liebig’s formula. Prepared infant food was a boon to working mothers



who left their nursing children in the hands of grandparents during the day.

“Mellin’s Food for the Infant became popular in the United States. It was marketed by Theodore



Metcalf of Boston at the cost of sixty-five cents a container. Around 1880, the agency for Mellin’s was taken over by Thomas Doliber and Thomas T. Goodale.. Its motto was “ora et

labora” (pray and labor). The company advertised Mellin’s Food as “the only perfect substitute for Mother’s milk.” Made from dried malt extract, Mellin’s Food claimed to give the baby “strength and vitality” while preventing colic and constipation. Later, the market for Mellin’s Food was expanded to include the elderly, invalids, and dyspeptics.” The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchestehistoricalsoociety.org](http://dorchestehistoricalsoociety.org). The Dorchester Historical Society’s historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Editorial

# Watching for disparities in neighborhoods

A report published by the City of Boston’s Public Health Commission last Friday offered an early glimpse into the distribution of COVID-19 cases by neighborhood, and to that point, Dorchester and Mattapan were shown to be above the citywide average of 18 cases per 10,000 Bostonians.

Two Dorchester zip codes— 02124 and 02122 — recorded 175 positive cases through April 2 out of a citywide total of 1,232. That represented a rate of 21.6 cases per 10,000 residents. Zip codes 02121 and 02125 had a slightly lower rate, but were still higher than the citywide average, at 20.4/10,000.

The total number of COVID-19 positive cases in all of Dorchester as of last Thursday at 1 p.m. was 306, according to the BPHC. At the time, that represented about 24 percent of Boston’s share of cases to date. Dorchester has 126,146 residents— or about 18 percent of the city’s total population, according to the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s most recent analysis of census figures.

Mattapan had 72 reported cases through April 2, according to the city agency— a rate of 24.3 per 10,000. Mattapan is home to 26,170 residents by the city’s latest estimate while Hyde Park led the city in terms of case rate at 30.4 per 10,000 residents.

By Monday, the city had seen 19 deaths and 2,035 confirmed cases, including 203 people who are classified now as “recovered.” We can expect to see updated weekly reports generated by the Health Commission. It’s helpful to have a data-driven understanding of what’s happening week to week.

Still, as Adam Gaffin at Universal Hub wrote, the report “does not attempt to explain the neighborhood numbers with respect to whether they are actually due to higher numbers of infected people or whether they are due to the neighborhoods having more people who, especially in the early days of the outbreak, were more likely to be recommended for one of the then scarce test kits.”

City officials are now focused on identifying potential “clusters” in specific buildings. Thankfully, they have not seen, to date, anything like the devastating cluster that has claimed a staggering 21 lives and counting at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home.

Initial news reports from hard-hit “hot-spots” like Chicago and Louisiana are already tracking a disproportionately high death rate among people of color. Is that happening in Boston, too? Today’s answer is: We just don’t know yet. Data gleaned from local hospitals and compiled by the city is — so far— too incomplete to give us a clear picture.

City Councillor Andrea Campbell, whose District 4 includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, told the *Reporter* that “what keeps me up at night, frankly, is thinking about the impact of the aftermath that we’re going to have.

“Populations in these neighborhoods are dealing with economic inequality and health disparities, and they will suffer even more during a health crisis like this pandemic,” Campbell said.

Marty Martinez, Mayor Walsh’s very capable Health and Human Services chief, said on Tuesday that the city hopes to get a fuller picture of demographics in the coming days. That will be very helpful.

As the crisis unfolds, we need to be mindful of existing disparities and their real-time consequences amid this still-unfolding crisis.

– Bill Forry

# ‘In the midst of the darkness ... there is Easter light’

*Following is the homily that Rev. Jack Ahern, pastor of St. Gregory’s Parish, has written for Holy Week and Easter:*

“Over the past few weeks many images of hope and healing have flooded Facebook, You Tube and the varying news services. One of the more startling and powerful images was that of Pope Francis standing alone in the midst of a barren St. Peter’s Square in Rome at dusk with the rain steadily falling. He spoke to the world on the crisis that envelops us: “Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets, and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void that stops everything as it passes by. We feel it in the air, we notice in people’s gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost.”

“‘We find ourselves afraid and lost,’ Francis said, insisting that for Christians, the present moment is time to choose between ‘what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not.’ ”

“The heart of Francis’s argument was that the disciples, too, felt fear, and the antidote lies in Christ and the promise of the resurrection that Easter celebrates. This is a trying time for us all – yet with Christ there walking with us, there is healing and hope; courage and confidence; newness of life.

“In the midst of this coronavirus pandemic, there are an abundance of stories where good people have brought a spark of Easter light to this difficult time. Physicians, nurses and other medical staff are on the front lines in the war against COVID-19 and are stressed to the max, but they continue to provide critical care. I also think of those who work in our hospitals in environmental service, transportation,

food services, and more. They are truly giving their all in the most unsettling of situations.

“I am also struck by the goodness of first-responders, teachers teaching virtually, store clerks, delivery service and farm workers, sanitation collectors, journalists, and more. To them all, take care of yourselves.

“Sparks of Easter light are also visible in the generosity of the Lower Mills Tavern and other restaurants bringing free meals to area hospitals; the Easter light is able to be seen in the goodness of the Feeney Brothers, the Kraft Family, and Annissa Essaibi George and friends from the Stitch House Dorchester who provided much needed masks.

“The Easter light clearly shines, and I’m always moved by the sight of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren holding signs of love and affection outside Standish Village to loved ones who for the time being cannot have visitors. For the moment we are kinder to one another, making sure our family is well and that our neighbors are OK.

“In the midst of the darkness that hovers over us, there is Easter light.

“As we quietly celebrate Easter 2020, may we remember that God — who possesses a love we cannot begin to fathom — refuses to let death be the victor or have the final word. Jesus has been raised from the dead and he walks with us, offering us healing and hope, courage and confidence, newness of life.

“To you and your loved ones may you have a blessed Easter Season.”



Rev. Jack Ahern

# How did it come to this? Let’s start with Trump’s disdain for scientists

BY LAWRENCE S. DiCARA  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

“Your government failed you.” I am haunted by these words that were uttered before a Congressional committee shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, by my old Boston Latin School debating partner, Richard Clarke, a well-known national security specialist. Has our government failed us once again? Is there a pattern that can be seen throughout history?

Many years ago, I read a lengthy book that suggested a number of reasons why the great nations of the last 500 years had ceased to be great – military overreach, an inability to manufacture anything, the need to borrow from foreign nations, the overarching power of religion, especially of an evangelical nature, and an ignorance of science, among others.

I am convinced that the failure of the current president of the United States to respect or accept science is one of the reasons for our current crisis. In a time of national danger, he listens to ideologues like Stephen Miller, his White House political adviser. His failure earlier this year to follow the guidance of medical experts such as Dr. Anthony Fauci may be one of the costliest political miscalculations of the 21st Century. I am reminded of the words from that old song by Simon + Garfunkel, The Boxer – “A man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest.”

Through the years, presidents often appointed scientific advisers. MIT-trained Vannevar Bush served that role during World War II for Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. George Kistiakowsky, a Harvard chemistry professor, advised Dwight Eisenhower. Jerome Wiesner, later president of MIT, did the same for President Kennedy. Many others have served with distinction. The current presidential scientific adviser is a meteorologist.

Most believe the current president shows a total lack of interest in receiving advice from scientists, whether it be concerning climate change or infectious diseases, or from experts in general. His economic advisor is a television celebrity, not a respected economist. Is that one of the reasons for our failure as a nation to plan and aggressively address this significant public health crisis? Our elected officials find it easier to be present-oriented, and that’s primarily because of our electoral cycle. It is far easier to gloat about the TV ratings of press briefings or the success of the stock market than to plan long term.

The facts are clear:

- Politico has reported that a 69-page White House memorandum – “Playbook for Early Response to High-Consequence Emerging Infectious Disease Threats and Biological Incidents” – prepared by the National Security Council following the Ebola epidemic in 2014-2015 was completely ignored by this White House.
- The Department of Homeland Security stopped

updating its annual modeling of the havoc that a pandemic would cause the nation, according to current and former Department of Homeland Security officials. A former official was quoted in Politico as saying, “There’s no institutional memory whatsoever.”

- On May 7, 2018, Dr. Luciana Borio, White House director for Medical and Bio Defense Preparedness, stated: “The threat of pandemic flu is our #1 health security concern. We know that it cannot be stopped at the border.” The next day, Donald Trump fired her and closed down her unit which had been part of the National Security Council.

According to the New York Times, the facts were: “A pandemic flu that began in China was spread by international tourists and was deemed a pandemic 47 days after the first outbreak. By then, in the scenario, 110 million Americans were expected to become ill.”

In fact, weeks after the first coronavirus case was diagnosed in the United States, the Trump Administration submitted a 2021 budget proposal calling for a \$693.3 million *reduction* in funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Furthermore, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, who was fired by Trump in 2019, warned of the danger of a pandemic to an unprepared nation last year in his worldwide threat assessment.

- Writing in the New York Times on March 15, 2020, David Leonhardt listed a number of comments from the president misleading the American people, beginning with his statements on January 22: “We have it totally under control...it is going to be just fine.” A month later, on Feb. 28, Trump said “It’s going to disappear. One day, it is like a miracle. It will disappear.”

Somehow or other, our government can pay for space shuttles and drones that kill people in foreign countries, but not for medical research or public health initiatives. We are becoming a nation governed by fear, not facts.

The problems on the state and local levels are, in some cases, equally significant, given that many elected officials are focused upon the next election. Those issues are small in comparison to the national unwillingness to admit that a crisis was imminent when the virus emerged in China, as well as the failure to mount an aggressive national response early on.

In a situation such as we are facing, different forms of government operate differently. In a monarchy, the king might be forced to abdicate; in a parliamentary system, there would be a vote of no confidence; in the United States of America, there will be an election in November.

I recently read a memoir of World War I written by a German officer. He reminded us: “In war you learn lessons...but the tuition fees are high.”

May our nation learn many lessons from this war.

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# Fast-moving crisis, fast-moving changes, and a plate full of what we’re still facing

By **BILL WALCZAK**  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

In last week’s column, I questioned the continuing lack of tests, asked why we’re not told to wear masks, and

## Commentary

mentioned that we know little about the impact of the pandemic on the state budget. The rapidly growing pandemic is producing rapid decisions and rapid changes, and I’m pleased to report that we’ve been asked to wear masks in public, that we apparently will soon have a quick test available, and that there has been some work done on the impact on the state budget.

To continue the discussion: While riding my bike around the neighborhood on Monday, I found that, at least in the Savin Hill area, about half of the people I passed were wearing masks, and also that I felt uncomfortable wearing a medical mask. Not uncomfortable in a physical sense, just in a sense that I was either telling people I was sick or that I thought they were.

Whatever it takes, our pandemic will be mitigated when we get to the point where all people are wearing masks in public.

On the testing front, people ask why people without symptoms should be tested. When HIV/AIDS hit in the 1980s, initially there was no certainty as to how you could get it, and who might be positive for the virus. To find out, the government got medical establish-

ments to give blood serum left over from blood tests to anonymously test populations to determine the prevalence of the disease.

I remember that at the Codman Square Health Center, our prevalence rate among patients at the time was .05 percent, meaning that about one in 2,000 patients had HIV but didn’t know it. These types of studies led to what are called “universal precautions,” i.e., treat everyone as if they carry the disease but don’t know it. We currently do not know what percentage of people in Boston, our commonwealth, or the country carry the coronavirus and do not know it, though we know it has to be high since a high percentage of those testing positive for the coronavirus are asymptomatic, meaning they don’t have symptoms.

We won’t be able to put a lid on this pandemic until we have near universal testing (with far lower “false negatives” than we see currently) that gives results within minutes. When everyone knows his or her virus status, we will be able to prevent those with the virus, even those who do not have symptoms, from infecting others. If we had done this in February, we would have had a fighting chance to severely limit the spread of the virus.

Partners In Health is going to trace the spread of the virus in Massachusetts (detective work to determine whom the infected person interacted with and then quarantine them), but if we only test people with symptoms, we won’t be able to

stop this virus from spreading in any major way.

Lastly, we now have information on the impact of the pandemic on the state and national budgets, and it isn’t pretty. Tufts University’s Tisch College did an analysis that indicated the common-

wealth will have a shortfall of \$500-\$750 million from April to June in this fiscal year, which ends June 30. The problem with this is that such a deficit has to be eliminated by June 30 by law, and \$500 million over a quarter is a \$2 billion annual budget cut.

Some of the money to make up this loss may come from the federal government, and we do have a rainy day fund, largely

thanks to former Speaker Tom Finneran. However, the Tisch report (and other analyses) also says that in fiscal year 2021, which begins on July 1, the likely deficit will be \$1.3-\$2.25 billion – if the economy starts improving in July and begins a positive track in January. State House leadership began a process this week to figure out what to do, so brace yourself.



# State Senator Nick Collins

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# Thanks to Krafts and team plane, 1.2M masks landed at Logan

MICHAEL P. NORTON  
STATE HOUSE  
NEW SERVICE

The New England Patriots team plane transported 1.2 million N95 masks from Shenzhen, China to Boston’s Logan Airport last Thursday, capping off a remarkable weeks-long quest to acquire the highly coveted masks that began with efforts from Gov. Charlie Baker.

“In today’s world, those of us who are fortunate to make a difference have a significant responsibility to do so with all the assets we have available to us,” Patriots owner Robert Kraft told the Wall Street Journal.

The mission aboard the Boeing 767, which showed the lengths to which people are taking to acquire personal protective equipment to fight the coronavirus, involved stops in Alaska, an avionics upgrade made in Wilmington, Ohio, and a strictly-regulated and timed cargo loading process in China. The successful delivery of personal protective equipment came after an order of 3 million masks from BJs got confiscated in the port of New York. Instead of trying traditional channels again, Baker found a partner in the Krafts



More than a million medical masks were unloaded from the Patriots’ Boeing 767 at Logan Airport on Thursday, the fruits of a complex, back-channel humanitarian mission.  
*Jim Davis/Boston Globe/Pool*

to help transport masks directly from China, getting help from the Chinese embassy, the State Department and the governor of Alaska along the way. “No days off. Thanks to some serious teamwork, Massachusetts is set to receive over 1 million N95 masks for our front-line workers. Huge thanks to the Krafts and several dedicated partners for making this happen,” Gov. Baker tweeted Thursday morning.

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# At Phillips, chocolate, safety top the menu

(Continued from page 1) their treasured chocolate treats make their way to loyal customers safely.

Owner Joe Sammartino said adjusting to the crisis has been “challenging,” but that the company is doing its best to keep orders moving.

“The team there is working away, and we’ve done a few things...we’ve beefed up our online staff so we can take care of orders that way, we’re doing curbside pickup, and we’ve instituted all the other things everyone else does: keeping patrons and customers away from each other, and also from staff, in addition to the sanitizing we do on a constant basis. We’re trying to do our part, and we’re trying to get folks their chocolate.”

Closing down the interior of the shop on Morrissey Boulevard has compelled him to partly reduce his staff, including “a few of the older workers who said they wanted to stay home, which we understood,” said Sammartino.

But as far as making its homemade chocolate goes, the health crisis has thankfully done little to disrupt the Phillips production process or supply chain: “We always have a fair amount of raw materials,” said Sammartino, so chocolate-making is proceeding “as normal.”

Online orders can be placed at [phillipschocolate.com](http://phillipschocolate.com) and delivered right to your door at a reduced price thanks to a new 50 percent off delivery fee promotion, said Sammartino. “Obviously it’s not as much [as usual], but fortunately the online and curbside pickup has helped us be able to continue on,” he said.

Phillips currently has plenty of seasonal products in stock, including chocolate rabbits, Easter eggs filled with fudge, butter cream, and coconut, and an assortment of Easter baskets.

“We ramped up production a lot prior to this, so we’re in pretty good shape,” said Sammartino.

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# Partners in Health is leading state’s ‘contact tracing’ effort

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

Massachusetts officials have launched a large-scale contact tracing program with the help of a nonprofit health organization, aiming by the end of April to have about 1,000 people investigating and recording every instance of potential coronavirus transmission at a time when cases across the state are expected to soar into the tens of thousands.

Public health experts at the state and local level are already working to track who might have been exposed to patients with COVID-19, but doing so with current resources is growing more difficult as new cases grow daily at an accelerating rate.

The new Community Tracing Collaborative developed with the group Partners in Health will provide a “much more robust, targeted approach” to bend the curve downward and limit new cases of the highly infectious disease, Gov. Charlie Baker said as he announced the effort Friday.

“What we’re doing here today is the beginning of a breaking of new ground in the fight against COVID-19,” Baker said during a Friday press

conference. “Massachusetts will be the only state in the country putting together this kind of programming. There’s no nationwide tracking that’s currently being done, and we anticipate that we need to get out ahead of this and do everything we possibly can here in Massachusetts to deal with COVID-19 through and in the aftermath of the surge.”

Staff at a call center will reach out to as many coronavirus patients in Massachusetts as possible, both to connect them with health resources and to acquire contact information for everyone with whom patients recently interacted.

The team of close to 1,000 tracers will then attempt to reach to patients’ contacts to inform them of the possible exposure and offer isolation resources, which public health officials say can help limit further spread.

Dr. Joia Mukherjee, PIH’s chief medical officer, said knowledge about who those infected may have contacted is crucial to slowing the spread of the highly infectious disease.

“Social distancing measures that the governor has led are an important first step in slowing transmission, but without knowing our own

status, without being able to specifically protect our loved ones, we are all living in the dark,” she said. “We know that there is significant anxiety in this darkness. Many people say, ‘Well, we’re staying at home anyway, so what’s the difference?’ It is an enormous difference if you know that you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.”

Partners in Health, which has experience responding to the 2014 to 2016 Ebola outbreak in west Africa and the 2010 cholera outbreak in Haiti, will provide staff and expertise for the collaborative. It will also be responsible for hiring the team of tracers across the state, many of whom are

already on board. Accenture and Salesforce, both private companies, will also contribute logistical and technical support to the effort, while the center will be led by the Baker administration’s coronavirus command center that Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders is running.

Researchers say that strong contact tracing practices cannot fully prevent the spread of infectious diseases, but it can decrease the amount of time between someone becoming infected and isolating themselves and therefore can lessen transmission risks.

Dr. Paul Farmer, one of PIH’s founders, referred to the organization’s ex-

perience fighting Ebola as a foil for the state’s urgent response.

“There, the steps that Gov. Baker and his administration are proposing were not taken in time. There were not the resources necessary to flatten any curves, and so in at least three countries, the health care delivery system was flattened itself. This is one of the things we wish to avoid here,” Farmer said. “We’ve seen what it’s like when it happens, and this time around, we’re going to see what it’s like when the full monty is applied.”

The rapid growth in confirmed cases over is due partially to increased testing capacity. With about 20 outside facilities supplementing the state

public health laboratory, Massachusetts is now testing close to 5,000 patients per day. By the time the tracing collaborative is fully operational, the state could already be in the midst of peak hospitalizations.

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## Organizers withdraw permit for Dot Day Parade

By BILL FORRY  
EDITOR

The Dorchester Day Parade Committee has cancelled the 2020 parade and parade-related events due to the coronavirus crisis.

Kelly Walsh, president of the Dorchester Day Parade Committee, announced the decision in a posting on the group’s Facebook page on April 7. “Due to the coronavirus

pandemic, the Dorchester Day Parade Committee decided to cancel this year’s Chief Marshal Banquet and Dorchester Day Parade that was scheduled for June 7, 2020. It is never an easy decision to cancel an event, but we feel this is the best and safest decision for us to protect the health and safety of our committee members, participants and neigh-

bors.”

“We hope that you and your family stay healthy and safe and we hope that we will be able to see you all again soon to celebrate our wonderful community.”

Walsh added: “I have notified the Mayor and the Mayor’s Office of Special Events that the Dorchester Day Parade Committee is withdrawing their permit request.”

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# Boston’s ‘new normal’ – masks when outside, overnight curfew

(Continued from page 1) working on a construction site or at work. Any essential workers, we’re asking you to do the same. Anything outside your home.”

Scarfs, bandanas, or any type of cloth may be used for a mask, Walsh said, and people should make sure they are able to breathe comfortably while wearing masks. The city is providing them to its employees who must work outside their homes, he said, and helping others to acquire them.

“We can all help slow the spread by covering our faces,” he said. “It’s important to understand that covering does not protect you from infection. Physical distancing is still one hundred percent necessary.”

“You need to keep at least six feet away from other people even when you are wearing a face covering, but face coverings will help slow the spread of the virus. That’s because up to about 25 percent of the people who are infected are not showing symptoms right now. Many are still out and about because they don’t feel sick.”

In its new guidance, the CDC says, “We now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (‘asymptomatic’) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (‘pre-symptomatic’) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity — for example, speaking, coughing, or



The Boston Convention & Exhibition Center is being re-purposed for use as a 1,000-bed field hospital that should be ready by Thursday, April 9. Mayor Walsh said that the facility will house “six acute care suites, a physical therapy suite, 52 nursing stations, 48 bathroom facilities, 500 of these beds will be dedicated to patients struggling or homeless and the remaining 500 will be for other patients.”

Mayor’s Office photo by John Wilcox

sneezing — even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms.”

In an update on Tuesday, Walsh told residents that — like many of them — he finds wearing a face-covering awkward at times. But, he added, it’s what has to be done to lower the risk of community spread.

“I’m having a hard time myself with it,” said Walsh, who told people to “use common sense and think about where you’re going. “If I’m walking down the street, when I pass my neighbors, I’ll put it on. When I come into City Hall and I’m walking around, outside of my office, I have it on. If I’m sitting outside on my porch with no one else around, I’ll take a break. But the mask is in my pocket all the time,” he said.

Underscoring the grim nature of Boston’s preparations, Walsh added that the city is prepared to work with its hospitals to expand the capacity of their morgues. The city will expedite any per-

mits needed to increase mortuary space, he said. In New York City and elsewhere, officials have established temporary morgues and have used refrigerated trucks to temporarily store the dead.

“The next few weeks are going to be a test of our health care capacity like never before. We’re going to see cases continue to climb,” the mayor said on Tuesday afternoon. “And unfortunately, we’re going to see a lot more loss of life. We expect hospitals will need to add their capacity to their morgues.”

Walsh said that any operations associated with expanding morgue capacity “will not be visible to the public. These facilities are an unsettling reminder of how serious this emergency is. It underscores the urgent work we must continue to do to support and expand our medical capacity.”

The nighttime curfew — which Walsh has said is recommended,

but won’t be enforced by police at this stage — kicked into effect on Monday night. It applies to all but essential workers, he said, noting that city streets have been “quiet,” and — when asked by a reporter — adding that arrests in the city of Boston have gone down “21 percent since the pandemic” began.

But, he said: “If anyone is in a situation where they do not feel safe at home: Call 911. Boston Police are here to help you.”

Of the city’s three branches of public safety response — Police, Fire, and EMS — Walsh said that less than 2 percent have tested positive for the coronavirus.

A Boston Public Health Commission analysis of available data through April 2 showed that certain neighborhoods in the city — including Dorchester and Mattapan — were shown to have a slightly higher rate of positive, known cases in Boston. Over-

all, as of that date, the average rate of positive cases citywide was 18.2 per 10,000 residents. In Dorchester, that rate was about 20 percent. East Boston and Hyde Park were two other neighborhoods with higher than average caseloads.

On Tuesday, Marty Martinez, the city’s Health and Human Services chief, responded to a question from the Reporter about whether the city is tracking more granular demographic information — including race and ethnicity — that can tell the public more about the distribution of cases within the city.

Martinez said that only about 50 percent of reported cases from hospitals and other sources included information about a patient’s race or ethnicity, which prevents a full picture about whether certain groups have been impacted at different rates than others.

But, he noted: “What we do know is that health

disparities exist. The mayor has asked us to make sure we are looking at that data to see where we need to target our messaging.”

The 1,000-bed coronavirus field hospital planned for the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in the city’s Seaport district will be ready to open as soon as Thursday, Walsh said.

“When it opens later this week, the BCEC medical center will have 1,000 total beds, 6 acute care suites, a physical therapy suite, 52 nursing stations, [and] 48 bathroom facilities; 500 of these beds will be dedicated to patients struggling or homeless and the remaining 500 will be for other patients,” the mayor said.

The first patients at the BCEC will likely be homeless Bostonians who test positive for COVID-19, he said. There are roughly 200 cases of COVID-19 among the city’s homeless population, according to Martinez. Walsh added that the 250 beds planned for specialized care for homeless individuals at the Newton Pavilion, a former Boston Medical Center hospital building the state now owns, will be ready by this weekend or early next week.

••• All events scheduled for the 50th anniversary Boston Pride Parade and Festival scheduled for June will be pushed back one year to prevent coronavirus transmission risks, organizers announced Tuesday. Boston Pride and city officials agreed on a new date of June 12, 2021 for the parade and festival.

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# Carney ramps up admissions for virus

(Continued from page 1) rarely suspended inpatient admission for non-COVID-positive/non-[Patient Under Investigation] patients. This will best position us to care for people suffering from — or suspected of having — coronavirus as the number of those impacted begins to surge in the Commonwealth.”

Carney will transfer those requiring inpatient admission to another Steward Health Care facility, Puleo said, adding that the emergency department remains open to “all in need of emergency care.”

The Seton Building next to Carney, which houses doctors who typically see patients in their offices, remains open, and appointments “will continue at the discretion of providers in consultation with their patients,” Puleo said.

The Carney was the first hospital to designate itself as a coronavirus facility in the nation last month, according to

Steward. This weekend, the health care system also began transforming Morton Hospital in Taunton into a dedicated care center for patients who test positive for the virus.

The changes associated with the “proven isolation strategy,” according to Steward, include better care and recovery chances for COVID-19 patients, reduced mortality rates, and better capacity for other Steward hospitals to care for patients undergoing treatments for health conditions unrelated to the virus.

Dr. Joseph Weinstein, chief medical officer for Steward Health Care, said that traditional models of care are ineffective at addressing the surge in virus cases, citing “lessons from Italy and China” while noting that significantly lower infection and mortality rates were achieved in places like Germany and South Korea, where hospitals clustered CO-

VID-19 patients in isolated locations, thus lessening the chance of infection for other patients and staff.”

Steward operates 35 hospitals in 9 states and serves more than 6 million patients annually.

The company also reported on Sunday that it had launched a program “months ago” to acquire and stockpile specialty ventilators and personal protective equipment to treat COVID-19 patients as part of preparations for the arrival of the virus. Once the coming surge declines, the company plans to move unused equipment to its other hospitals as those facilities deal with an influx of patients.

The claims about preparedness conflict with assertions from the Massachusetts Nurses Association, which represents more than 2,750 nurses and health care workers in eight Steward-owned hospitals in Massachusetts. On Friday, the nurses union alleged

that Steward is inconsistently providing protective equipment like N95 masks and gowns and that nurses “are forced to reuse soiled masks for days.”

“If the stockpile exists, there is a disconnect because the supplies are not generally accessible to staff when needed,” the union said.

In a statement released by the nurses association on Friday, Carney Hospital nurse Peg Conlon said, “Yesterday there were not enough N95 masks available in the ICU, in the special COVID-19 units, or anywhere in the hospital. What we do see is a dangerous rationing of PPE at Carney, which is a guarantee for more spread, and of a loss of staff as more of us become sick.”

Inadequate access to personal protective equipment has been a worldwide problem, putting health care workers at risk and aiding in the spread of the virus.



# What was going on along your street in 1882 or 1918? Check out Atlascope



**By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF**

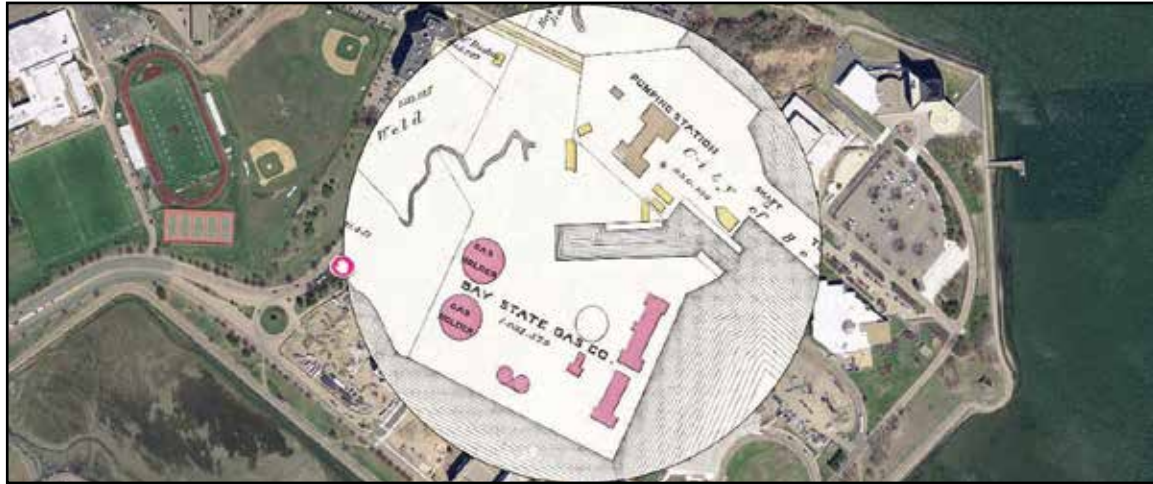
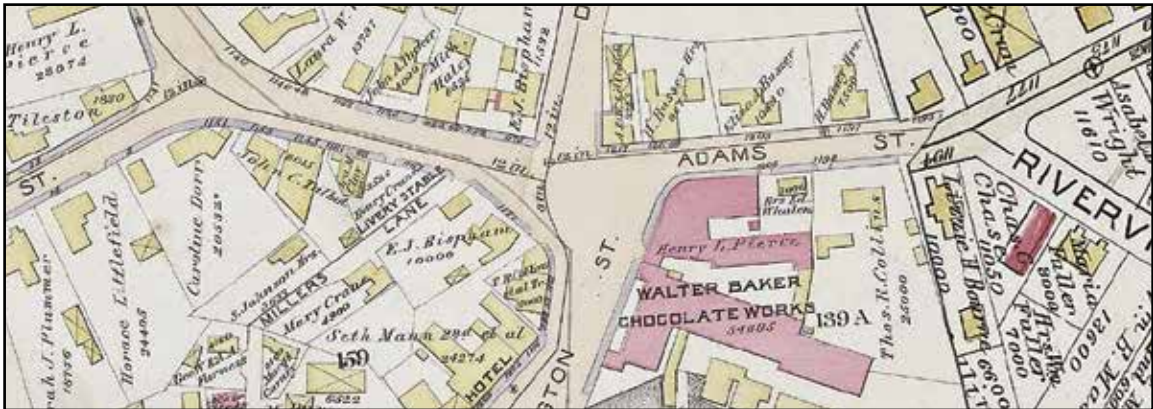
Atlascope, a new, interactive map tool created by staff at the Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library, offers historians and history buffs an easy way to examine historic Boston through a lens that allows for detailed scrutiny.

The digital program, which creators designed to be similar to modern resources like Google Maps, was compiled from a collection of dozens of atlas volumes dating from a period between the Civil War and the first World War. These “super detailed” atlases offer a reference for what Boston looked like in those times, said Garrett Nelson, Curator of Maps and Director of Geographic Scholarship at the Leventhal Center.

“These urban atlases had two purposes: The main one was for the real estate industry; they didn’t have Zillow or anything like that back then. The other was for rating fire insurance. Companies needed to know what different buildings were made out of, how close they were to each other, and how great a risk there was of them burning...so the level of detail on here is pretty incredible. It shows the material, the number of floors, where they had windows and skylights. That’s what makes them so complicated and interesting to explore.”

The daunting process of digitizing the physical atlases involved photographing each page, virtually stitching them together, and using georeferencing – matching points on historic maps to points that still exist in real life – to warp the map into reality.

The result is an immersive, user-friendly resource that



allows people to take any address or property in the city and delve through its history, comparing scenes from multiple atlases dating from the late 19th century, early 20th century, and present day.

“Our main goals were to make it really simple and easy to browse through, and also make it so that you could use it on a cell phone, and use the phone’s GPS to find where you are,” explained Nelson.

In a neighborhood rich in history like Dorchester, the Atlascope tool allows the curious to trace the evolution of certain blocks and see where and when historical events took place.

Often, snapshots simultaneously show us scenes that have changed and remained the same. In the map accompanying this story of Columbia Point in 1889, we can see the calf pasture pumping station, which was the city’s first sewerage system, and also as it still stands today. Just below it, gas tanks owned by the Bay State Gas Co. appear where UMass Boston campus buildings stand today.

In other cases, we can see instances of history repeating itself. In 1898, the current site of Carney Hospital on Dorchester Ave. was the site of a Convalescent Home for City Hospital, which housed a sizable tuberculosis ward, according to Garrett. Fast forward a century to the ongoing pandemic, and Carney is now the city’s designated COVID-19 hospital, being used to isolate those suffering from a new viral outbreak.

Compared to the old method of leafing through disorganized physical atlases, Atlascope’s one-stop online database is a breeze. It’s already being used in K-12 and university education and being promoted for walking tours and neighborhood explorations of historic sites. In self-isolation, it presents an opportunity to explore your neighborhood as it was 100 years ago, and its mobility allows residents to step outside for a breath of fresh air and compare their block to that of atlases past.

“This has made it so much easier to get at it, compare it; you don’t have to come and browse at a library,” said Garrett. “It opens up whole new way of seeing city and thinking about historic maps...and shows us that the places we live in today have this really striking historic legacy.”

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# What’s happening at Dot’s stores, restaurants

• After Governor Baker signed a bill on Friday allowing restaurants to sell beer and wine along with take-out orders, Lower Mills Tavern jumped at the opportunity. LMT is now offering bottles of wine and single cans and six-packs of beer with food orders. A limited menu is available daily from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., for curbside pickup or delivery via UberEats. Let’s raise a glass: On Monday, LMT pitched in some salads for the staff at Carney Hospital.



Lower Mills Tavern gifted dozens of salads to staff at Carney Hospital on Monday, posting this photo to their Instagram page with a message: Thank you to all of our #HealthHeroes

• Pantry Pizza on Dorchester Ave is open for takeout and no-

contact delivery, plus they’re giving back to health care workers. In

a photo posted last week, a large supply of pizzas were sent to the doctors and nurses at Carney Hospital.

• Caffè Zia Gianna in St. Mark’s is open for take-out only with limited hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. A special menu of sweet and savory treats will be available each week. Last week’s included Sicilian meat lasagna, cream of red pepper lasagna, orange hazelnut cake, and apple cinnamon cake. Call

617-436-2368 or message [caffeziagianna](#) on Facebook or Instagram to order.

• For vegans stuck at home and feeling limited by food options, Oasis Veggie Vegan Parlor is still open for takeout. The cozy Four Corners spot and its sister establishment, Oasis Restaurant on Hancock Street, is open Thursday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

• Vegan alert: Close your eyes. For those craving a burger, Bred

Gourmet in Lower Mills is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. for takeout and delivery via UberEats and GrubHub.

• Honeycomb Cafe in Savin Hill is open for takeout with new temporary hours: Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., with online ordering available Friday-Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for pickup in the cafe.

*See story on page 4 in this edition for what’s going on at home.stead bakery & café in Fields Corner.*

## Cedar Grove Gardens owner stays open; cites confusion, unfairness in restrictions

(Continued from page 1) would most likely pass the criteria in a sense of it being a food product or agricultural product,” explained O’Mara. “Now, those are just opinions, of course. But if you look at the list of what’s allowed,

I have some broader issues with it.” Hardware stores like Home Depot and Lowe’s, which are considered essential by the government, have large floral departments and nursery sections, a reality

that comes across as unfair to O’Mara.

“They sell the very product that is my lifeline,” he said.

Even smaller stores like Lambert’s and Market Basket – food and produce stores that also sell flowers – are not restricted, O’Mara pointed out. “I think it puts the small guy at a disadvantage, to be honest with you. We’re the local small niche store that does most everything – we do what a pizza shop does; we make deliveries on a daily basis throughout the year. So does Amazon and UPS, and they’re all designated as essential. So there’s a discrepancy

there that I think is a little unjustified...I feel as though I have the right to be open, with the [safety] restrictions.”

While Cedar Grove Gardens remains open, O’Mara said, he is taking “all sorts of precautions,” including limiting access to the inside of the store, making Lysol sanitary wipes available in the outdoor garden center, and offering curbside pickup and no-contact delivery.

“We’re operating on the basis that people can’t walk into the store. If they want something, we’ll come out and bring it to them in the parking lot. So we’re following all

the guidelines in terms of maintaining social distancing and encouraging use of sanitary wipes and sanitizer. I’m satisfying all the criteria.”

In a further effort to minimize contact, his delivery drivers are wearing gloves and ringing people’s doorbells when dropping off floral orders, said O’Mara. Gourmet items sold in the store’s gift shop, such as Philip’s chocolates, Effie’s cookies, and McCray’s caramels, are also available for delivery.

“We’re hoping people continue to use our services in terms of deliveries so we can maintain staffing levels, which have dropped considerably from 17 to just 8.”

In addition to cutting his workforce in half, the coronavirus has

gutted much of Cedar Grove Gardens’ orders for events, O’Mara said. “All of the weddings have been cancelled or rescheduled or postponed to the fall. We do a fairly good-sized event business, so you’re talking about five figures there in terms of changes in our plan.”

“We’re encouraging people to consider sending flowers to family, friends, and loved ones that might be feeling a little blue about being locked in their homes and doing the stay-in-place order,” he said. “It’s been proven that plants and flowers – according to the Society of American Florists – have a beneficial effect on people’s psychological well-being.”



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We would also like to acknowledge and thank Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Governor Charlie Baker for their vigorous efforts to take care of the city of Boston and the state of Massachusetts.

Lastly, thank you to our BGCD family: members, families, staff, board members and donors. We could not continue our work without all of you. Thank you for your patience and kindness. We are here for you.

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:**  
**BGCD Online Participation Waiver for Virtual Programming:** Since our BGCD At Home programming is going so well, our staff would like to start providing small group classes to our members via Zoom video calls. Programming will include art demonstrations, dance videos, a special Celebrity Speaker Series and much more!

To be able to participate in these exciting activities, parents will need to fill out our Online Participation Waiver, which states that they agree to the terms and conditions.

To fill out the waiver, please visit [bgcdorchester.org/virtual-programming](http://bgcdorchester.org/virtual-programming).

For more information, please contact Mike Joyce at [mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org).



**BGCD Continues "BGCD At Home" with our own "The Masked Singer":** See details below.

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Please follow us and like our pages to join in the fun!

For more information, please contact Brendan McDonald at [bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org).

UPDATES

Due to the COVID-19 Crisis, all 3 of our Clubhouses will remain closed. For the most up to date information on Club activities and resources or to make a donation to our Clubs, please go to our website at [bgcdorchester.org](http://bgcdorchester.org).

For those in need of assistance, please call our Club Community Hotline @ 617-288-7120 ext. (4444) or email us at [info@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:info@bgcdorchester.org).

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**ANDRADE, Henriqueta** of Dorchester, passed away on Tuesday. Wife of the late Manuel Andrade. Mother of Maria S. Alves, Maria Zinha Fontes, Felismina DaVeiga, Celina Alves, and Manuel Andrade. She is also survived by a host of family and friends. Private Funeral



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**CONNOLLY, Stephen Henry Jr.**, 94 of Yarmouth Port. Husband of Thelma E. (Hardy) Connolly. Son of the late Stephen Henry and Anna (Simmons) Connolly. Father of Stephen R. Connolly and his wife, Paula of Sandwich, Janice S.C.

Petrie and her husband, Mike of Topsfield. Grandfather of Alison Bruno of Sandwich, Christopher Connolly of Woodstock, NH, Kristen J.C. Petrie and her husband, Kevin Eaton of Newmarket, NH, David Petrie and his wife, Samantha of Haverhill and Daniel Connolly of Sandwich. Great-grandfather of five great-grandchildren. Brother of Dorothy Seibert of Whitman, Robert Connolly of Oceanside, CA, and the late Timothy Connolly. Stepbrother of Joseph Foley of Canton and the late Virginia Foley Borroni, Josephine Foley Piona, Tom Foley. Interment will be private and a celebration of Steve's life will follow at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association heart.org or to the Salvation Army salvationarmyusa.org

**DRISCOLL, Edwin W.** of Dorchester. Husband of the late Norma F. (MacDonald) Driscoll. Father of Maureen Crowley of Braintree, Francis X. of Dorchester, Joan MacDonald of Wey-

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE  
OF PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN  
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON  
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU20P0536GD  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
PAULO J. ANDRADE  
of DORCHESTER, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Sharkilia L. Andrade of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Paulo J. Andrade is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Sharkilia L. Andrade of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/24/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate

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mouth, Theresa Daly of Dorchester, Thomas G. of Dorchester, James E. of Dorchester, Ellen Ranton of Kingston, Paul J. of Braintree, and Ann Callahan of Braintree. Grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Edwin was a proud WWII veteran serving in the United States Army. Due to the current health crisis, visitation and funeral services will remain private. Donations may be made in Edwin's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to Old Colony Hospice & Palliative Care at 321 Manley St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

**LePINE, David Frederick** of Dorchester, formerly of Brighton. David was the son of the late William J. LePine and Winifred A. (Adams) LePine. David was interred with his parents in Notre Dame Cemetery in South Hadley, MA.

**McDONOUGH, John L.** of Quincy, suddenly. Husband of Mary F. (McCarthy) McDonough. Father of Patrick E. McDonough and his wife Kristin of Marshfield and the late Matthew J. McDonough. Pa of Matthew Joseph, Joseph John and Seamus Patrick. Brother of Elizabeth DiGirolamo of Canton, Thomas McDonough of Scituate and the late Edward "Buddy" McDonough and Helen Twohig. John is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. John was retired from

**SPENCER, Josephine M.**, 77, of Dorchester, passed away on April 6,. She was born to Mary Crowley on May 23, 1942 in Dorchester. She was a long time employee of Standard Uniform, and worked as a manager for 21 years for BWSC before she retired in 2003.

Josephine is survived by her two sons Chris "Tiger" Stockbridge and Michael B. Mackan, her daughter in law Joyce M. Mackan, her friend Lilian Arnold, and many nieces and nephews, and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Joseph & John, and Sisters Alice, Irene, and Justine, and her daughter Michele Callahan, and grandson Kevin Callahan.



Josephine was active in the Geiger-Gibson Health Center at Columbia Point, ABCD Head Start, AL-ANON, and many political campaigns. She loved to write songs, jokes, and sew. She always was sharing her creative talents. But her favorite thing to do was to hang out with her grandchildren.

the MBTA and member of Machinists Local 264 and currently worked as a bartender at Darcy's Pub in Quincy. The Funeral Service and interment at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy will be private. Public Services will be held at a later date. Donations in John's memory may be made to the Matthew J. McDonough Scholarship Fund, c/o Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, North Easton, MA 02357.

**MURPHY, Francis M.** of Dorchester and formerly of Roxbury, 81. Son of the late John and Catherine Doherty Murphy. Father of Sharon Murphy. Denise Pearlman, Sandra

Lang and Paul Bercume. Survived by many grandchildren. Brother of the late John Murphy, Daniel Murphy, Kathleen Scanlan, Maureen Murphy, Michael Murphy, Joseph Murphy & Kevin Murphy. Lifelong Member of Local 33. Services to follow at a later date

**WATERS, Frances "Fran" (Kelly)** of Dorchester. Wife of the late John F. Waters. Mother of Kevin F. of Mansfield, John "Jack" F., Jr. of Easton, and Edward X. of Dorchester. Grandmother of Kevin, Jr., James, Mary, Katie, Annie, and Ellie. Sister of Mary Cass, Patricia Martin, Joe Kelly, and the late Helen O'Brien, James Kelly, Ann Mullen, and Eddie Kelly. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Due to the health crisis, visitation and funeral services will remain private. Donations may be made in Fran's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
UNDER M.G.L. c. 183A:6

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

**DESCRIPTION:**  
The Post Office address of the Unit is: 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02121  
The Unit is shown on Exhibit A attached hereto, as well as on a plan recorded with the Master Deed, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided by M.G.L. Chapter 183A section 9, and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in M.G.L. Chapter 183A, the Master Deed, the documents establishing the organization of unit owners and the By-Laws as amended of record. The Unit is conveyed subject to, and with the benefit of, all easements, restrictions and encumbrances of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

Each of the units in the Condominium is intended for residential purpose as set forth in the Master Deed.

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

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

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

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

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Docket No. SU20P0512EA  
ESTATE OF:  
PRISCILLA A. RICHARDSON  
DATE OF DEATH: 10/28/2017

To all interested persons:  
A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Donna Joseph of Quincy, 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: Donna Joseph of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **04/23/2020**.

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

**Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: March 27, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate

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*Message from Mayor Martin J. Walsh*

## **CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS:**

- Fever (100.4F / 38C or higher)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

*Call ahead before going to your doctor's office or the ER.  
Call 311 for the Mayor's Health Line.*

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- Stay at least six feet away from others
- Do not socialize in person
- Wear a face covering when you are in public
- Wash your hands, use hand sanitizer, cover your cough and sneezes, and avoid others when sick

*There is a Public Health Advisory for everyone in Boston except essential workers to stay home from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. As a reminder, please stay home when you can during the day.*

## **HOW TO STAY INFORMED:**

- Sign up for text alerts in six languages: Text BOSCOVID, BOSEspanol, BOSFrancais, BOSKreyol, BOSKriolu or BOSPortugues to 99411 for daily updates
- Visit [boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus) or call 311 for guidance and information from the City of Boston

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