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Students at UMass demand answers

By JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER STAFF

Student leaders at UMass Boston are struggling with the resignation of Chancellor Keith Motley, who they feel was forced out amidst budget concerns and the strain of a construction-dense campus.

They also are asking for greater clarity with respect to deficit numbers.

Motley plans to leave his post, which he has held for the past decade during which he presided over an unprecedented boom on the Columbia Point campus, at the end of June. He will then take a year's sabbatical and return as a tenured professor, at a salary of \$240,000 a year.

Motley stands apart from the heads of the other UMass schools, student leaders said, and the loss of his direct interaction in student life will be a blow.

One of the students who feels that way is
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To mark One Boston Day on Saturday, volunteers (top, in Fields Corner, below in the St. Mark's neighborhood) cleaned and beautified stretches of Dorchester Avenue. Story, Page 2.

Mike Ritter photos



City capital plan boosts projects in Dot, Mattapan

\$19m marked for firehouse on Meetinghouse Hill

By JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER STAFF

The \$2.08 billion capital plan that Mayor Martin Walsh unveiled last week highlighted a slew of infrastructure projects in Dorchester and Mattapan, including school and library repairs, park investments, and a new firehouse for Meetinghouse Hill.

"This plan prioritizes investments in Boston's neighborhoods and is a direct reflection of the feedback we received from thousands of residents who contributed ideas to our planning processes," Walsh said in a statement. "I am proud that we are able to put the wheels in motion to begin investing in projects that are important to Boston's people, and that will prepare our city for a year of groundbreaking success."

A major ticket item for Dorchester, the new Engine 17 fire station, was slated for \$13 million in FY17's budget and is now allotted \$19 million across five years. Fire officials say the station is sorely needed to support one of the busiest fire companies in the city.



Planned capital investment projects in Dorchester, Mattapan

The centrally located hilltop fire station is not in the most convenient location, with the Fire Department in talks with First Parish Church about the possibility of constructing the new station on vacant church-owned property closer to the Winter Street intersection.

Education is a hallmark of the FY18 budget, for which the city rolled out capital and operating plans separately this year, guided by the citywide planning study Imagine Boston 2030. Walsh has committed \$1 billion in facility investments over the next decade for Boston Public Schools buildings.

Five schools would receive a collective \$9.8 million for roof or boiler
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Ngoc-Tran Vu
Her mural is in the works

Mural celebrating Vietnamese heritage set for Fields Corner

By VEKONDA LUANGAPHAY
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Ngoc-Tran Vu, a multimedia artist who is best known as "Tran," has won a \$10,000 grant to design and paint a permanent mural celebrating Vietnamese culture in Fields Corner.

The artwork will adorn the side of the Pho Hoa restaurant across from Dot House Health and is scheduled to be completed by this fall.

"I saw how the empty walls could be used for art and a space of gathering for both residents and

visitors. Plus Dorchester could definitely use more art," said Tran, who lives across the street from the restaurant. She won support for her vision after speaking with restaurant owner Tam Le.

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Taking aim again at trash, debris along the Neponset

By NOBLE INGRAM
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As spring settles in across Dorchester, a flurry of organizing has begun again in anticipation of the annual Neponset River cleanup on April 29. A collaboration

between the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Neponset River Watershed Association (NRWA), this effort aims to sift through a year's worth of debris along the river's banks

from Central Avenue in Milton to Port Norfolk in Neponset.

Dorchester's position well downstream from the river's headwaters in Foxborough makes the Neponset's borders more susceptible to the collec-

tion of trash and other waste. According to John Lyons, the president of the Port Norfolk Neighborhood Association, the pollution and litter from towns farther upstream float into Neponset regularly and pile up as

the river moves toward Dorchester Bay. In his eyes, local investment in the river's ecological quality has come a long way.

"The Boston Harbor was once termed a na-
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DOT BY THE DAY

April 20 - 23, 2017

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

Thursday (20th) – Discover the different birds of prey that call Massachusetts home during a 4:30 p.m. program at the Uphams Corner branch of BPL, 500 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.

- Matt Heaton performs in a free concert at Lower Mills Library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester, 3 p.m.
- Hip hop poet and actor Marlon Carey and slam poetry champion and educator Regie Gibson team up with musicians to create an energetic literary performance combining poetry, spoken word, story, song, and rap in their Shakespeare to Hip Hop performance at 6:30 p.m. at the Codman Square Branch at 690 Washington St., Dorchester.
- Jason Palmer Jazz Quartet performs at 7 p.m. at Peabody Hall, All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. \$15 tickets online at mandorlamusic.net.

Saturday (22nd) – Dorchester History Initiative hosts “Building A People’s History of Dorchester” event at the Dorchester Historical Society, 195 Boston St., Dorchester from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. with coffee and refreshments. Come and share your aspirations for Dorchester’s history. What history is missing and why does it matter to you? For more information, contact Jane Becker, PhD at jane.becker@umb.edu or Monica Pelayo, PhD at moica.pelayo@umb.edu.

- Party for the Planet in celebration of Earth Day at Franklin Park Zoo.
- Foster parent info session from 2-4p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center’s Earth Day Celebration, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Meet DCF social workers and current foster parents.

Sunday (23rd) – Dorchester Historical Society talk by author and Dorchester native Michaela Casey, who will talk about the development of her characters, based on Dorchester models, in her new book, *The Old Overholt and Other Stories*, which was inspired by her father, the late Thomas Casey (1914-2009), a long-time Dorchester civic and parish leader. 2 p.m., DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston St. Free.

- Haitian-American violinist, composer and performer Daniel Bernard Roumain will perform “Redemption Song & Sonatas,” which he describes as “a musician’s view on civil rights around the world,” at 4:30 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Purchase tickets, \$25, at ahchamber music.org or at the door.

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Young volunteers posted a One Boston sign in a huge planter in Peabody Square during One Boston Day observances in Dorchester on Saturday. Jennifer Smith photo

‘This is how we get by...’

Volunteers pitch-in, recall victims on One Boston Day

**By JENNIFER SMITH
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More than 100 people gathered in Peabody Square last Saturday to mark One Boston Day and share a moment of silence with the Richard family, whose 8-year-old son Martin lost his life during the bombing attack at the Boston Marathon four years ago.

The day of public service and unity commemorates those lost in the twin bombings on April 15, 2013 – BU student Lingzi Lu, and Medford’s Krystle Campbell were also killed in the blasts. MIT Police Officer Sean Collier, who was killed three days later by the bombers, and Boston Police Officer Dennis Simmonds, who died a year after he sustained injuries during a confrontation with the killers, were also remembered at the ceremony.

Standing beside a white wreath, and flanked by his wife Denise and their children, Henry and Jane, Bill Richard said, “People look at us and ask how we do it. It’s within our family, it’s the strength of our family. But if you look to your left and look to your right and look around, this is the reason,” he said. “This is how we do it. This is how we get by. This is how we move forward.”

He added: “And One Boston Day, while it’s about hanging wreaths and reflecting, it’s about moving forward for us as a family and as a community.”

Mayor Martin Walsh and Gov. Charlie Baker joined in the moment of silence at 2:49 p.m. – the time of the first explosion – as the bells of All Saints’ Church rang out. “It’s just amazing that the community that



Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Bill Richards, Governor Charlie Baker and Councillor Frank Baker Mike Ritter photo

we’re in today, Dorchester, it’s just amazing that every time you’re asked, you rise to the occasion,” Walsh said.

Earlier that afternoon, volunteers cleaned and beautified stretches of Dorchester Avenue. New plantings stood in the square. Food tents and canvasses bearing messages of solidarity rose outside Ashmont Station. Members of Team MR8, some of whom would run the Marathon

two days later, draped blue and white ribbons around the Peabody Square clock tower.

“The work you did today, it looks incredible,” Bill Richard said. “I just want to thank you on behalf of our family, and you know, when we go across the street for hot dogs and ice cream and some drinks today, think of Martin, ‘cause I mean like most kids, it was his favorite food.”

Team MR8 gathers \$917,431 for Martin Richard Foundation, Page 16

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Boston State Hospital Committee meets tonight – The Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meets on Thurs., April 20 from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

‘People’s History’ Open House on April 23 – Dorchester History Initiative hosts “Building A People’s History of Dorchester” event at the Dorchester Historical Society, 195 Boston St., Dorchester on Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. with coffee and refreshments. Come and share your aspirations for Dorchester’s history. What history is missing and why does it matter to you? For more information, contact Jane Becker, PhD at jane.becker@umb.edu or Monica Pelayo, PhD at moica.pelayo@umb.edu.

MBTA hosts final meeting on Mattapan-Ashmont trolley line – The MBTA hosts final in a series of three public meetings about planned improvements to the Mattapan-Ashmont Trolley Line on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lower Mills library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester.

Walk and Bike Tour of Glover’s Corner – The BPDA’s ongoing Plan: Glover’s Corner initiative continues with a Walk & Bike Tour on Tuesday, April 25 from 5-7 p.m. The group will examine the existing neighborhood assets; areas that could be enhanced; as well as opportunities for growth. The Walk tour starts outside Homestead Bakery and will be about a mile

long and will be moderately paced. The Bike tour-leaving from Savin Hill T station parking lot— will be two miles long and require participants to have a working bicycle and helmets. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers>.

Neponset River Clean-up set for April 29 – The annual Neponset River cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at three sites—including Granite Avenue and Baker Square. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register at neponset.org/volunteer.

Adams Street BPL hosts Civics 101 – Adams St. Branch of the BPL hosts “Civics 101 Discussion” at 6:30 p.m. This program will discuss the history of the United States, with an eye on what you would need to know if you were trying to become a naturalized citizen. All ages. For more information, please call 617-436-6900.

Meeting on Garvey Park Improvements set for May 3 – The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services invite the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss improvements to Garvey Park in Dorchester. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the BCYF Leahy/ Holloran Community Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. The proposed project includes renovation to the entire park. For further information, please call 617-961-3019.

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Housing activists urge vote on tenant protection measure

**By JENNIFER SMITH
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A coalition of housing advocates last Monday demanded that City Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty schedule a hearing on a tenant protection act. The bill, introduced by Mayor Martin Walsh in December, has split the council in a number of impassioned public hearings and remains in the Government Operations committee.

The Jim Brooks Stabilization Act, named after the late Roxbury activist, is designed to “protect residential tenants and former homeowners living in their homes post-foreclosure against arbitrary, unreasonable, discriminatory, or retaliatory evictions, and help ensure that tenants and former homeowners are aware of their rights under state law,” according to a statement from the mayor’s office.

Landlords would still be able to evict tenants for reasons including but not limited to: failure to pay rent, violating the lease terms creating a nuisance or damaging the property, or using the unit for illegal purposes. Tenants could also be evicted in the case of landlords that want to take possession of a unit for his or her own use or that of immediate family members.

Advocates from the JP/

Rox redevelopment zone, the Allston/Brighton neighborhood, Codman Square and elsewhere in Dorchester, delivered more than 500 signatures to Flaherty’s office on Monday asking for a full vote to be scheduled. They objected to 126 days that have elapsed since the act was introduced by Walsh. It needs to be passed by the city council and the state legislature to take effect. “Residents are con-

tinuing to be displaced daily without this minor protection,” they wrote in a release. “ANYONE in privately owned housing can be evicted for no reason when their lease expires, or any time if they have no lease. Under this new law, large landlords and banks would have to give a legitimate reason for eviction.”

Some city councillors expressed reservations on the order’s specif-

ics at earlier hearings, worrying that it will unduly impact landlords controlling seven units or more, who would be subject to the new rules for evictions. Other councillors agreed with the principles of the bill in attempting to even power dynamics between tenant and landlords. Future working sessions are likely before the act makes it out of committee to a full council vote.

Dorchester House Tour set for June 11; homes on Carruth Street sign on

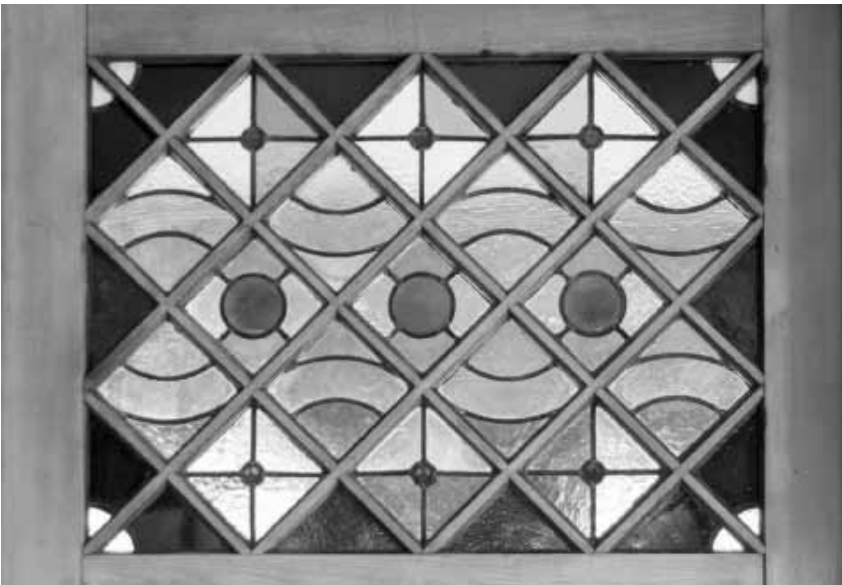
The Dorchester House Tour will return this June for a journey through some of the grand homes of the Ashmont/Carruth area with the Dorchester Historical Society gearing up for its annual fundraiser and architectural showcase.

Dating back to the 1970s, the historic homes tour was resurrected last year in the Ashmont Hill area. Now owners will open their doors to houses in the more cohesive Carruth area, featuring a number of 1880s houses with varying levels of modernization and adherence to a classic aesthetic.

“The houses this year are pretty grand for the most part,” said All Saints’ parishioner Jeffrey Gonyeau. “Some of the iconic houses that people will recognize from passing through the neighborhood and wondered about will be on the agenda.”

Visitors will tour 10 homes on Ashmont, Carruth, and Beaumont streets, kicking off at the parish house in the Parish of All Saints’ near Ashmont station.

“We’re also lucky to have featured at least two of the most active architects working in Dorchester at the time,” Gonyeau said, noting that Dorchester native Edwin J Lewis, Jr. and John A. Fox were the creative minds behind a number of the houses on the tour.



A stained glass window from a featured home on the historical house tour.
Lianne Ames photo

Many of the gorgeous, stately homes were spliced into multi-family houses over the years, and the current owners “have done really fine work in respecting the character of the houses,” said Vicki Rugo of the historical society.

“All of them are really excited to be sharing their houses,” she said, “so it’s going to be a wonderful experience for them to share the stories of the houses, the stories of how the owners came to live there, the work they’ve done on

them. In almost every case, the homes had significant work done to bring them up to 21st century preferences.”

The tour will take place Sunday, June 11, from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$35 per person later in April at the historical society website – dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org – and also on site on the day of the tour.

The Dorchester Reporter is the media sponsor for the tour, which benefits the historical society.

City capital plan boosts projects in Dot, Mattapan

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repairs, including replacing roofs at the McCormack and Dever schools and replacing boilers at Boston Latin School.

About \$2.5 million for security improvements would go in part to the Everett School, the Rev. Haynes Early Education Center, the Murphy School, the Henderson School, and the Chittick.

A \$29.9 million window replacement program for seven schools is under way, including work at the Community Academy of Science & Health, TechBoston Academy, and Young Achievers K-8 School.

The Mattapan Early Elementary School, which remains operational through June as the Mattahunt school, receives \$1.2 million in the proposed budget for renovations.

Several Dorchester library projects have been given boosts in the proposal, which sets aside \$18 million across multiple years for site

acquisition, design, construction, and furnishings for a new branch library at Uphams Corner. The budget also proposes a \$94,000 investment in an interior reconfiguration project at the Lower Mills Branch Library.

The plan includes a \$12.1 million investment to conduct a facility assessment, develop a building program, and support the construction of a new facility for the Fields Corner Branch Library. A study is under way to assess the value of a \$12.6 million investment for a new branch library on Adams Street.

The mayor’s office maintains that accessible neighborhood green space is an ongoing priority, with \$1.2 million of a \$3.7 million renovation of McConnell Playground already allocated for this fiscal year. In FY18, the Doherty-Gibson Playground would receive \$400,000 to repair or replace field floodlights and upgrade the electrical system. Downer Avenue Park would be given \$1.15 million for an overall refurbishment. The former Hopkins Street Garden is slated for a \$50,000 investment in to design the Odom Serenity Garden.

Mattapan is less robustly served by proposed investments, benefitting from the broader \$5 million pathways investments in Franklin Park and the \$3.7 million renovation of nearby Harambee Park in Dorchester. Walsh has also committed to a \$28 million investment funded by the sale of the Winthrop Square garage to fully renovate Franklin Park, the city’s largest green space.

BCYF projects in Mattapan are budgeted for multi-million-dollar boosts. The Gallivan Community Center is slated for \$2.96 million in improvements, and the Mattahunt Community Center would see a \$1.9 million investment for an interior refurbishment and \$500,000 to improve exterior lighting, which would conclude in FY18.

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Arts & Entertainment

‘Music that makes you sweat’

Haitian-American violinist DBR takes stage at All Saints Church

By RYAN DALY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Haitian-American composer and musician Daniel Bernard Roumain will perform live in the Ashmont Hill Chamber Music concert series on Sun., April 23. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester.

Roumain’s “Redemption Songs and Sonatas”—described as a “musician’s view of civil rights around the world”—includes acoustic piano synthesizers and electric violins.

“I love music that makes you sweat,” said Roumain, who uses his initials DBR as his stage name. The 46-year-old attended Vanderbilt University’s Blair School of Music for his undergraduate degree and University of Michigan for his doctorate degree in musical composition.

Roumain described his musical style, in an interview, as equally melodic, funky, and folk. The rising musician hopes his performance will resonate with both musical neophytes and experts as an act of im-



Daniel Bernard Roumain— or DBR for short— will play electric violin and synthesizers in a concert at All Saints Church on April 23.

passioned storytelling.

“I know that the people have a strong connection to the community, to the land and the sea,” Roumain said. “As a black, Haitian-American composer, what can I share with a typical resident is the ability to tell a good story.”

Attendees are encouraged to engage in conversation with DBR between songs, he said, as well as after the concert concludes.

“You’ll find me waiting in the lobby.”

DBR sees the concert as a kind of homecoming event. He is building a home near Boston. He currently splits his time between Lexington, where he visits his son; Harlem, where he has proudly lived for more than 20 years; and Arizona, where he is a professor at Arizona State University.

“I hope that this is a beginning of a relation-

ship between me and the community, a conversation that will stay close to my heart. I’m really excited. I don’t have the opportunity to do many concerts on Sundays, so it’s going to be really beautiful.”

Tickets will sell for \$25, but there will be a \$35 family rate when purchasing three or more tickets. More information is available at ahchambermusic.org.

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH
Thurs., April 20, 10:30 a.m. – BabySing; Drop In Tech Support; 3:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club. **Fri., April 21,** 9:30 a.m. – Baby Toddler Playgroup; 2 p.m. – Nature Weaving. **Tues., April 25,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. **Wed., April 26,** 4 p.m. – Boston Teacher’s Union Homework Assistance. **Thurs., April 27,** 10:30 a.m. – BabySing; Drop In Tech Support; 3:30 p.m. – LEGOs Builders Club. **Fri., April 28,** 9:30 a.m. – Baby Toddler Playgroup.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH
Thurs., April 20, 6:30 p.m. – Shakespeare to Hip Hop. **Fri., April 21,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. **Mon., April 24,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., April 25,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – 3D Art Class for Youth. **Wed., April 26,** 10 a.m. – HOW TO USE MY SMARTPHONE!; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thurs., April 27,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Fri., April 28,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 12:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Apr. 20, 4 p.m. – Lego Club. **Fri., April 21,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness; 3:30 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton. **Mon., April 24,** 3 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., April 25,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Boston Teacher’s Union Homework Assistance; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., April 26,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thurs., Apr. 27,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Fri., April 28,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., April 20, 2 p.m. – Build-a-Bot; 3:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours; 5:30 p.m. – Tech Thursdays; 5:30 p.m. – Family Movie Night: Craft Night. **Fri., April 21,** 10 a.m. – ACLU Know Your Rights Workshop; Computer Basics. **Mon., April 24,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., April 25,** 10:30 a.m. – Tuesday Tales; 3:30 p.m. – Creative Arts Workshop for Youth; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wed., April 26,** 3:30 p.m. – Creative Arts Workshop for Youth; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – 3D Art Class for Youth. **Thurs., April 27,** 3:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 3:45 p.m. – Tech Thursdays; 5 p.m. – Actors’ Shakespeare Project: A Most Rare Vision Pop Up Performances; 5:30 p.m. – Family Night: Game Night. **Sat., April 29,** 2 p.m. – Girls Who Code.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH
Thurs., April 13, 3 p.m. – Creative Arts Workshop for Youth; 6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. **Fri., April 14,** 1 p.m. – Laurence Olivier Film Series. **Sat., April 15,** 9:15 a.m. – Family Yoga. **Tues., April 18,** 10:30 a.m. – Story Time with Ms. Celeste. **Wed., April 19,** 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 11 a.m. – Email Basics. **Thurs., April 20,** 3 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton. **Fri., April 21,** 1 p.m. – Laurence Olivier Film Series; 3:30 p.m. – Young Makers’ Club. **Sat., April 22,** 10 a.m. – Drop-in Craft.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs., April 20, 3 p.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton. **Fri., April 21,** 1 p.m. – Laurence Olivier Film Series. **Mon., April 24,** 6:30 p.m. – MBTA announces public meetings highlighting investments to the Mattapan-Ashmont Trolley Line. **Tues., April 25,** 10:30 a.m. – Story Time with Ms. Celeste. **Wed., April 26,** 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement. **Fri., April 28,** 1 p.m. – Laurence Olivier Film Series. **Sat., April 29,** Friends Book Sale.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., April 20, 4:30 p.m. – Birds of Prey Up Close. **Sat., April 22,** 11 a.m. – LEGO Builders Club. **Mon., April 24,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Poetry and Pizza. **Tues., April 25,** 10:30 a.m. – Story Time with the Boston Ballet; 1 p.m. – Sharpie Tie Dye Tees. **Wed., April 26,** 11:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Circle Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Rights When You Shop. **Sat., April 29,** 12:30 p.m. – Author Reading. **Mon., May 1,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., May 2,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wed., May 3,** 11:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Circle; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

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Seven ran to aide Dot's Arredondo Family Foundation

Seven runners in Monday's Boston Marathon raised funds for the Arredondo Family Foundation (AFF) to support military families impacted by the issue of suicide.

The Arredondo Family Foundation, based in Dorchester, is a nonprofit organization that is committed to empowering military families in combating military related suicides through training that teaches how to identify the signs of suicide.

"Our team is running to honor those who have lost family to military related suicide," said Carlos Arredondo. Mérida and Carlos Arredondo lost their son Alex, a U.S. Marine, in the war in Iraq, and later lost son Brian to suicide. They have dedicated themselves to movements and causes that empower people and give voices to those who cannot speak for themselves.

Carlos was a spectator at the 2013 Boston Marathon supporting the Military Friends Foundation when, after the tragic bombings, he ran to help Jeff Bauman with whom he has formed a lasting bond.

"AFF works hard every day to advocate and care for families who have suffered a loss by suicide as well as educate military families on recognizing the signs of PTSD and suicidal behavior to prevent suicide among their loved ones," said Mérida Arredondo.


Their team members included Elizabeth Borges of Norton, who created the "Boston Proud" t-shirt in 2014 and has raised over \$17,000 for the One Fund, Newton Wellesley Cancer Fund and most recently \$7,300 for the Arredondo Family Foundation. Matthew Fogarty from Massapequa, NY; Andrea Hart, originally from Camden, ME; Jennifer Kauffman from Quincy, who was one of the injured at the finish line at the Boston Marathon bombing. Having suffered from PTSD herself, supporting the Arredondo Family Foundation is something she feels passionate about, due to their empowerment of military families in the prevention of military-related suicides as a result of PTSD; Brian Malone a Boston resident who is originally from Leominster; Cara Mezzetti Salmon of Newton and a veteran herself; and Jeff Sanders from Mattapoisett.

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Poetry Slam competition bound for EMK Institute, Strand Theatre

The sixth annual Massachusetts Youth Poetry Slam Festival drew 300 youth poets to the Sheraton Boston Hotel for two days of preliminary competition and workshops on April 8-9. The tournament will continue throughout the month of April across Boston with championship event set for Dorchester's historic Strand Theatre on Sat., May 6. All events are free leading up to the team finals, which is \$10 general admission and free for youth groups.

Sixteen out of 40 teams have advanced to the semi-finals which will be held at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate on Tues., April 25 from 6-9:30 p.m. The semi-finals will feature four poetry slam events and the winner of each team poetry slam will advance to the state championship. The local teams competing in the semi-finals include Codman Academy Slam Poetry Team and Boston and Collegiate Charter School.

The festival is run by the Massachusetts Literary Education and Performance Collective (MassLEAP), a Boston-based collective of poets, educators and writers who help to establish a platform for youths and foster their development through performance poetry. Participants must be 13-19 years of age and represent a school, church or community organizations that is dedicated to serving Massachusetts's teens. Participants can enter individually if their school or organization does not have a team. The participating communities are Boston, Worcester, Metro West and the North Shore. For additional details and tickets, visit massleap.org.

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A loaded 9mm semi-automatic handgun confiscated after a vehicle stop on Freeport Street last Wednesday night. Photo courtesy Boston Police

No slowdown on neighborhood gun activity and arrests

Boston Police sources say that last Thursday afternoon’s gunfire on Granite Avenue near Adams Corner — a 4 p.m. fusillade of bullets that left a young man dead — was the result of a road rage incident. In the immediate aftermath, officials delayed releasing the name of the victim.

Details of the deadly encounter are being tightly held by police as they seek to capture the gunman — and any accomplices — but the *Reporter* has been told that there is a known suspect in the case.

What is clear is that someone — whether through a murderous impulse or a ruthless plot — was reckless enough to unload a semi-automatic handgun on another person in broad daylight in the middle of a bustling neighborhood in the driveway of a family destination — McDonald’s.

The boldness of the shooter is a reminder that gun violence is a menace that can — and does — impact every corner of our city. All Bostonians are imperiled by the proliferation of illicit firearms that are being recovered with alarming frequency by the men and women of the Boston Police Department.

On just that one day — last Thursday, April 13: • A 16-year-old was arrested just before 9 p.m. near Burke High School — the scene of another obscene daytime shooting that claimed the life of a student last year — for carrying a loaded .380 handgun on Washington Street.

• Later that same night, officers from District B-2 were called to Uphams Corner — specifically at Monadnock and Bird streets — where police and K-9 dogs investigating a recent shooting led to a trash can where a black .22 caliber Beretta firearm had been covered with debris.

• Just after 11 p.m., a radio call for a person with a gun brought Boston Police to 470 Blue Hill Ave. in Grove Hall, where surveillance video showed a suspect flashing a gun. When officers attempted to frisk the suspect, they report that “a violent struggle ensued during which the suspect attempted to evade and escape the officers’ custody.” When they did capture him, police say, they found a loaded Luger with a defaced serial number carried by 27-year-old Tyquan Evan. Police also say he threatened to shoot officers.

The day before, at about 8 p.m., police confiscated a .22 revolver from a 19-year-old from Dorchester following a shooting in Uphams Corner — near Bird Street — that left a 20-year-old man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim is expected to survive. The young man arrested in the company of the victim is facing illegal gun charges.

Later that night, police from District C-11, acting on a tip, stopped a car on Freeport Street and arrested a 23-year-old Stoughton man, who they say stashed a loaded 9mm semi-automatic handgun under his seat when they pulled the car over.

Two days. And those are just the incidents that made it onto the Boston Police public information site, BPDNews.com.

Part one crime — a category that includes homicide, rape, robberies, and assaults, and break-ins of homes, cars and businesses — is down 11 percent so far this year compared to last year, according to Boston Police. But official statistics paint a mixed portrait of gun violence in the city. Overall, through April 9, 39 people had been shot in Boston this year, an increase of four percent over 2016. There have been 6 shooting deaths, including the murder on Granite Avenue last Thursday, a slight decline from last year at this time.

So far this year, Boston Police say, they’ve arrested 121 people on firearm charges — up from 104 in the same period (through April 9) in 2016.

Bostonians can help the police by blowing the whistle on suspicious behavior. If you spot something, call it in — as someone did by flagging Boston Police to a person caught with an illegal gun on Freeport Street. The police need all the help they can get in taking this menace by gun — and the people who wield them — off our streets.

– Bill Forry

The good ship Faith can wander off course, but I remain aboard

By JAMES W. DOLAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

From nothing to nothing; is it all a dream, swirling fantasies lacking substance? Are we just another species to come and go, links in a twisted chain of happenstance and chance? Does life matter or is it a bridge from nothing to nowhere? Are efforts to find a deeper meaning futile?

Is truth an illusion, spun from thin air with no more substance than a cloud? Does justice even exist? Or is it as transient as shifting sand? And what of love: Is it only the means to perpetuate a species? Are we adrift in a sea with no absolutes, one wave overcoming another in the eternal tides?

Such questions are often lost in life’s turbulence as we struggle with the stuff of daily living. Is life a play without a script, a series of frenzied vignettes made up as the drama unfolds? What’s the point or, deeper still, is there a point? Some say, “It is what it is. Don’t look for problems; life’s complicated enough.”

Are we characters in a complex play on a spinning stage against a cosmic backdrop, making up lines that make no sense beyond the narrow here and now? Or do we fit into some larger, mysterious plan? Questions abound: Is there a source? What is stuff? Where did it come from and what holds it together? Who are we? Why are we? Where did we come from and where are we going? From cradle to grave or beyond?

Are what we call “virtues” absolute and, if so, what is their source? Are love, truth, justice, compassion, humility, understanding, generosity, courage, and self-control human inventions, and as such concepts subject to modification? The recent introduction of “alternate truth” is a troubling example. Can wholesale deportation be described as “alternate justice” or restrictive healthcare be “alternate compassion?”

Did we invent right and wrong? Can something that’s wrong for me be right for someone else? Can my weakness be another’s strength? Just how

malleable are qualities once considered enduring? Where does conscience fit in? To what degree is intent an aggravating or mitigating factor?

These questions have no easy answers, but, when considered, they can provide a framework, or what scientists might call a “working hypothesis,” to explain who, what, and where we are, particularly when supported by theology and philosophy. Less exacting or restrictive than science, they, too, probe the unknown.

Faith generates many unanswered and unanswerable questions, but it provides a platform from which to confront the doubt that accompanies any thoughtful consideration of these issues. Faith is a choice; it is the affirmation of hope. Defined as a “confident expectation,” hope assumes doubt. So much of faith is beyond our capacity to understand that a struggle to sustain it is almost inevitable. My journey convinces me that the universe and all in it are not the result of an endless series of cosmic accidents and coincidences with no design or purpose.

My Christian faith involves trust and submission. The Catholic Church throughout history has often failed to live up to its divinely inspired message. As a result, many have left. I remain because I understand that, like any institution, the church is composed of flawed human beings who sometimes do dreadful things. Unfortunately, these failings get far more attention than the good works performed by the church and the many dedicated clergy who persevere in an increasingly secular society. The message of love as set forth in the beatitudes remains my inspiration.

Born, raised, and educated a Catholic, I cannot abandon the faith upon which I have for so long depended as the church contends with the tension between tradition and evolution. The ship may be rusty and taking on water, and it may find itself off course on occasion, but it’s the one I embarked upon in my youth and will remain aboard, hoping to see a light through the fog when the voyage ends.

Advocates warn CPA— just passed in Boston— is now in danger of collapse

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

As the state’s contribution rate continues to decline to record low levels, supporters of the Community Preservation Act touted legislation they say is necessary to preserve the open space protection partnership.

When Gov. Paul Cellucci signed the Community Preservation Act (CPA) into law in 2000, it was with the promise of state matching funds from a CPA Trust Fund to preserve open space, renovate historic buildings and parks and to build new playgrounds and athletic fields.

But that partnership, during the first six years of which the state matched 100 percent of what each municipality raised by its property tax surcharge, has become more one-sided in the last decade, with state matching funds falling or remaining flat in eight of the last nine years.

“Unfortunately, that distribution has steadily declined -- it was down about a third last year to a record low of 20 percent and the Department of Revenue just informed us last week that they estimate this year’s match will fall to another record low of 15

percent,” Stuart Saginor, executive director of the Community Preservation Coalition, said. “And it will fall again in 2018 when Boston and nine other mostly large cities and towns get their first CPA Trust Fund distribution.”

Saginor was among about a dozen of people who testified Monday before the Joint Committee on Revenue in support of legislation (H 2615 and S 1504) that would raise the Registry of Deeds filing fees that feed the trust fund to a level sufficient to ensure all CPA communities will receive state match of at least 50 percent in their first round distribution each year.

State matching funds are currently provided through a \$20 fee assessed on certain real estate transactions through registries of deeds. The fee structure and match rate formula have not been changed since the CPA went into law in 2000.

The bill -- filed in the House by Reps. Stephen Kulik and Kevin Honan, and in the Senate by Sen. Cynthia Creem -- attracted 124 legislators to sign on as co-sponsors, including about a dozen Republicans. A similar bill won a favorable report from the Revenue Committee last session but never made it out of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Also Monday, the bill’s sponsors sent a letter signed by a bipartisan group of 81 lawmakers to the Revenue Committee, urging another favorable report.

“In order to continue to allow the CPA program to continue to be used as a smart growth and job creation tool for our communities around the Commonwealth, it is critical that we move quickly on this legislation,” the letter said.

Since the CPA first took effect, 172 cities and towns have adopted it (49 percent of municipalities and 60 percent of the state’s population), raising \$1.75 billion to create and support more than 10,600 affordable housing units, 4,440 historic preservation projects, almost 1,750 local parks and recreation projects, and conservation of 26,200 acres of open space, according to the Community Preservation Coalition.

“In my district I’ve had the joy of watching how that kind of investment by the state and local community has transformed some of the neighboring towns,” Rep. Joan Meschino, of Hull, told the committee Monday. “So I wanted to make sure you understood that certain small towns haven’t always been able to make that commitment ... and remind you in person how important even a small contribution from the state is; it’s important and meaningful.”

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Ask the Podiatrist

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 PM

Do you have painful feet? Podiatrist Kevin Riemer, DPM, will address common foot problems such as heel spurs, bunions, flat feet and tendonitis.

Treatment Options for Chronic Pain

Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 PM

Learn about current treatment options for chronic pain such as migraines, arthritis and spine-related pain from our pain medicine experts.

Joint Pain Slowing You Down?

Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 PM

Hip and knee pain keeping you from doing what you love? It may be time to consider joint replacement surgery. Orthopedic Surgeon Michael Berry, MD, will discuss treatment options.

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ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC TO HOST
MAY 2 FORUM ON DEVELOPMENT

The St. Mark's Area Civic Association will host a forum on Tuesday, May 2 from 7-9 p.m. titled "Beyond the Buzzwords: Shaping the Future of Housing & Development" in the lower church hall, St. Mark's Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. A panel will discuss the forces driving growth in Dorchester and the wider region and how our city and state leaders are responding. Panelists include: State Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, Tim Reardon of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Jim Keefe, the principal of Trinity Financial, John Greely and Cecelia Nardi from BPDA. The moderator is Tom Callahan of Mass Affordable Housing Alliance. RSVP to tinyurl.com/DotHousingForum. For more info contact mdouglasshurley@yahoo.com or Maddie.ribble@gmail.com.

WALK AND BIKE TOUR OF
GLOVER'S CORNER

The BPDA's ongoing Plan: Glover's Corner initiative continues with a Walk & Bike Tour on Tuesday, April 25 from 5-7 p.m. The group will examine the existing neighborhood assets; areas that could be enhanced; as well as opportunities for growth. The Walk tour starts outside Homestead Bakery and will be about a mile long and will be moderately paced. The Bike tour-leaving from Savin Hill T station parking lot— will be two miles long and require participants to have a working bicycle and helmets. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers>.

GARVEY PARK
IMPROVEMENTS MEETING

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Office of



The Boston Bruins held a Bruins Spirit Day presented by Comcast on Thursday, April 13 at the Richard J. Murphy School in Dorchester.

Neighborhood Services invite the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss improvements to Garvey Park in Dorchester at the BCYF Leahy/Holloran Community Center on Wed., May 3 at 6:30 p.m. The proposed project includes renovation to the entire park. For further information, please call 617-961-3019.

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
AT EMK INSTITUTE

From Her Beacon will be on display at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute

for the United States Senate through Wed., May 31. The Institute is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Massachusetts residents 17 years of age and younger are admitted to the Institute free of charge. During April school vacation week, Boston Public Schools art instructor James Hobin will lead a free painting workshop for children and families at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute. The workshop will take place on Fri., April 21 from 1-3 p.m.

NEPONSET RIVER CLEAN-UP
SET FOR APRIL 29

The annual Neponset River cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at three sites—including Granite Avenue and Baker Square. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register at neponset.org/volunteer.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY AT
DORCHESTER YMCA

A day-long event on Sat., April 29 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Dorchester YMCA on Washington Street features

activities such as Karate Demo, Kids Yoga, Swim Safety Drills, Fitness Assessments, Running Drills, and DIY Healthy Snack Station to motivate and teach families how to develop healthy routines at home. For more information, visit ymcaboston.org/healthykidsday.

FRIENDSHIP PARTY
FOR STEPHEN FOLAN

Stephen Folan suffered a massive stroke in January and remains in Spaulding Rehab in Cambridge in a minimally conscious state. A lifelong Dorchester resident and chef at Florian Hall, Stephen has a long road of recovery ahead of him. This friendship party is being held to help defray medical costs and support him and his family in any way. Raffles, silent auctions, DJ, live music and more on Sat., May 13 from 7-midnight at Florian Hall, Dorchester. \$20 admission. For tickets and additional information, please contact Sheila McCarthy at 617-833-2475.

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Mural celebrating Vietnamese heritage set for Fields Corner

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Le is all for the idea. He says the mural will illustrate what he and his family want the restaurant Pho Hoa to be ever since it opened 25 years ago— a showcase of Vietnamese heritage. “I feel honored, excited, proud,” Le told the Reporter. “Honored that Tran has decided to use our wall to create what we anticipate to be a beautiful homage to our heritage and community, excited to see the community come together to share the experience of the creation of the piece, proud of Tran and her dedication to the Vietnamese community. I could not think of a more fitting person nor a more fitting medium to achieve this than Tran’s mural,” he said.

Tran intends to showcase Vietnamese cultural presence in Dorchester through its history of refugee and immigrant settlements up to today’s business owners, organizations, and the churches, just to name a few. “When people think of Asian American, they think about Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, but a lot of time the Southeast Asian folks are left out,” she said. “It’s so important for the



The Pho Hoa Restaurant building.

Vietnamese to showcase their presence and their contribution to the vibrancy and make-up of the Boston community.” Ngoc-Tran Vu was born in Sài Gòn, Viet Nam and emigrated to the United States

in 1992 when she was four years old. She was raised in Dorchester and South Boston. Her mom was a home maker, and her dad attended Bunker Hill Community College studying biomedical engineering

during the day. At night, he worked various jobs like construction work and electrical work. Together, her parents raised five children. Tran earned her bachelor’s degree in Ethnic Studies and Visual Arts at Brown University, and her master’s in Arts and Politics at New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts. “Dorchester is my home community,” said Vu. “It’s an amazing opportunity to work with my community and to create a platform so different voices can be a part of it. It’s such an honor.” Vu brought her mural idea to the Creative City Initiative of New England Foundations for the Arts (NEFA)

pilot program that was launched in 2015. She is one of seven artists who received grants from the Creative City Project for its latest cycle. Creative City invites artists of all disciplines to submit their proposals. “It focuses on bringing their practice in the public realm,” said Kim Stezo, the project manager of Creative City. Stezo said the initiative seeks out projects that reflect diversity across neighborhoods and cultures. “The panel was excited about the community engagement process in designing this mural, especially for a permanent piece to involve the community voice and engage community members in the

project,” she said. “We haven’t had a project focusing on the Vietnamese community or in Fields Corner, so that’s very exciting.” Vu will receive 75 percent of the grant to start her project and the rest after it is finished. The money will go toward materials like paint, wood, art installations, and ladders. It will also be shared by herself, her assistant, an advisory board of 8 to 10 members, and about 5 youth artists who will help paint the mural. She is in the process of recruiting people for these roles and plans to start work next month and finish by the end of September.

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Taking aim again at trash, debris along the Neponset

(Continued from page 1) tional disgrace and then it became a national example of what can be done,” said Lyons. “The Neponset River was equally abused for many years — from its headwaters all the way to the Harbor. And now over the last 20 years, local advocates have fought and gotten more organized.”

In a nod to that spirit, in 2006 the DCR created “Park Serve Day” to spur sponsored cleanup events across the Commonwealth on an annual basis. From the beginning, there were yearly trash-collection outings along the Neponset, but the crews were small

and spread thin given the initiative’s statewide scope.

Then, three years ago, the Neponset River Watershed Association joined in the DCR’s event, bringing a local focus to the state agency’s existing infrastructure. The result, according to DCR Operations Coordinator Chris Spillane, transformed cleanup efforts along the river. “When the Association came in, they just energized everyone,” he said.

Since then, volunteers have hauled massive amounts of debris from the Neponset’s waters and its banks. In 2016, collection crews collected some six tons, filling

three 30-yard dumpsters and another 140 trash bags in the process. The bounty included more than plastic bottles and take-out containers. According to Spillane, volunteers also found tires, batteries, even a bathtub. “We couldn’t believe the amount of debris we picked up. We weren’t ready for it,” he said.

While the more effective recent organizing efforts have dramatically transformed restoration efforts, the extension of the Neponset Greenway has also played a role. Neighbors can now see even more of the waterway up close. And according to NRWA

Outreach Coordinator Nancy Fyler, this increased access has had a big impact on community engagement.

“On the Greenway, you have this beautiful paved path that... goes along the marshes and by the river and there is much less trash in the grasses around there. It’s very clean,” she said. “As people are using that side of the river... I think they’re taking better care of it.”

Fyler explained that the areas most covered in trash and debris along the Neponset are also places that don’t get as much foot traffic. Neglect is a powerful threat to the estuary.

“The really unfortunate thing to me,” added Fyler, “is that there is a lot of trash along Commander Shea Boulevard in Quincy ... a long road where you don’t really see the river. It’s unfortunate that people don’t pick up their trash there. But they aren’t really walking there as much as they are on the Greenway side.”

NRWA Executive Director Ian Cooke says that the real movers behind the progress in reclaiming the waterfront are activists from the neighborhoods. “The Watershed Association doesn’t really get credit for the transformation of riverside parks,” he said. “It has been crews of individual volunteers and neighborhood associations... with tremendous leadership from the local legislative delegations.”

This year’s meet-up points will target both commercial developments and state park space along the estuary. Cleanup crews will meet on Granite Avenue, near the Neponset Greenway

Trail; in the park adjacent to the Baker Square Condominiums near Adams Street; and at the Neponset Landing Pier in Quincy. A fourth location has been added this year for the first time: in Port Norfolk near the Venezia Restaurant.

Spillane explained that the DCR has a strict “take in, take out” policy. This is true for the April 29 cleanup — any water bottles or packed lunches brought in by volunteers must leave with those who bring them in. One thing, however, that is always welcome along the river is a sense of appreciation and respect for the estuary and its communities.

“When you’re out there working with them, everyone is full of energy,” said Spillane. “At the end of the day, there’s a sense of accomplishment and pride. They’re high-fiving each other — they’re making new friends. The civic pride is incredible.”

For more information, and to sign up, visit neponset.org.

BPDA board OK’s new Dot Ave. apartment complex

The Boston Planning and Development Authority’s board voted to approve a new five-story mixed-use building on Dorchester Avenue last week. The 20-unit apartment complex at 1857-1859 Dorchester Avenue will also house a first floor retail space. The property owner and developer—Connelly Construction—has committed to donate

\$10,000 to two community organizations: the Martin Richard Foundation and the City Youth Sports Training & Education Movement. The 28,896 sq. ft. building will include a mix of 16 two-bedroom units and four one-bedroom units. Three units will be marketed as “affordable.” The building will also include 24 on-site parking spaces.



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Michaela Casey will talk about growing up in Dorchester, about how her family influenced and inspired her book, and about the process of character development based on her father's life in Dorchester.

This photo shows (right) her grandfather Dan and her father Tom on the steps of 774 Columbia Road.

The author will talk about the steps involved in taking her work from final text to a published book through the self-publishing process.

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Community Health News

More Mass. consumers signing up for insurance through Connector

**BY ANDY METZGER
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**

Outreach by the Massachusetts Health Connector to the Latino community and other “target populations” contributed to 63,000 people newly signing up for private health insurance coverage in 2017, a nearly 30 percent increase over last year.

“Even though Massachusetts has the nation-leading highest rate of insureds, it was certainly my sense last year that we had not begun to plumb the depths of ethnic media outreach and community outreach and I think this year’s open enrollment showed really good results,” Connector Executive Director Louis Gutierrez told the Connector Board.

Health insurance coverage is mandatory in Massachusetts and most people are enrolled through their employers or under government-funded programs. Officials at the Connector during the most recent open enrollment period urged consumers without plans to shop around because premiums were spiking upwards.

Last September the Connector reported an overall 19 percent increase in unsubsidized plan premium costs. About 15 percent of those using the Connector changed their health insurance carrier during the most recent cycle, compared to 3 to 7 percent in past years, officials said.

The state authority created under the 2006 coverage law signed by former Gov. Mitt Romney worked with Archipelago Strategies Group to foster a “culture of coverage” around the state, combining ads with media appearances and community outreach, communications

director Jason Lefferts. The authority serves as a clearinghouse for consumers, enabling them to shop for privately administered plans if they don’t get insurance through their employers or the government.

In Mattapan new enrollment was up 70 percent compared to a year ago, and new enrollment was up 50 percent or more in East Boston and Chelsea, according to the Connector. The agency reported 45 percent of new enrollees are under 35 years old compared to a third of the renewing population in that age bracket.

“We tried to be where these uninsured people are more than we did in the past,” Lefferts told the board. He said, “We know a younger, healthier population is good for the entire market.”

Lefferts said the 63,000 new signups - significantly higher than the number reported right after the Jan. 31 end of open enrollment - includes people whose coverage didn’t start until March 30. There were 49,000 people who signed up for coverage through the Connector in 2016, according to the agency.

Sharp increases in premium costs for plans offered on health exchanges around the country fueled President Donald Trump’s criticism of the Affordable Care Act, which provides the underpinnings for the state’s health exchange and expanded MassHealth coverage.

Trump and the Republican-led Congress this year mounted an unsuccessful push to repeal and replace the ACA, and Gutierrez said uncertainty has not had a detrimental effect on enrollment.

During the open enroll-

ment period, people who were enrolled in coverage through the Connector might choose not to renew for a variety of reasons. They might obtain coverage through an employer, move out of state or move onto MassHealth.

After accounting for people who are no longer signed up for plans through the Connector, the net increase in all non-group Connector enrollment was 12,537, bringing the total to 246,073, according to the Connector.

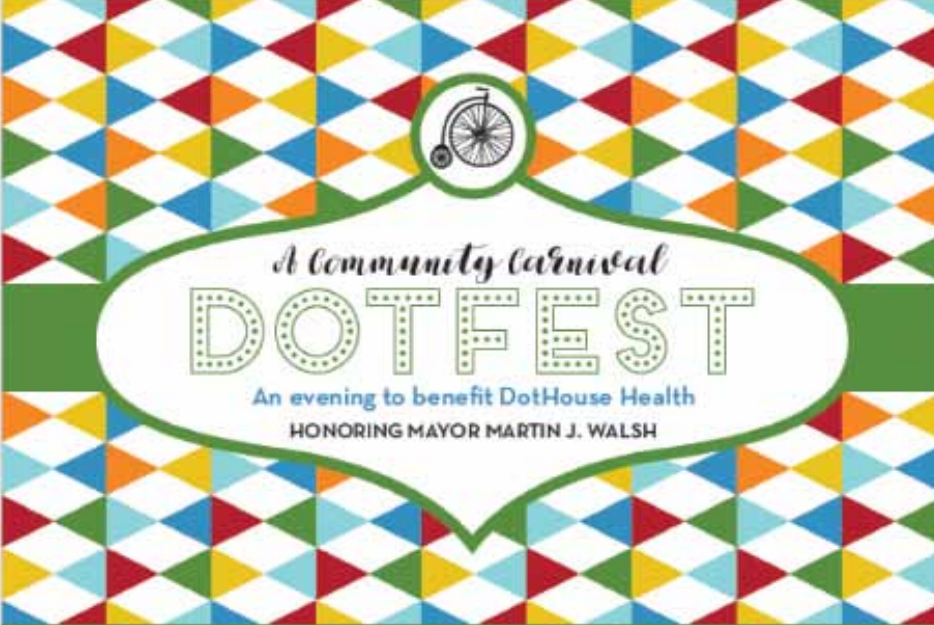
The Connector targeted its outreach on neighborhoods of Boston and mid-sized cities such as Brockton, Everett

and Worcester that have “harder-to-reach populations.” On the whole, the targeted communities’ new enrollments increased 37 percent over 2016 new enrollments.

Archipelago Strategies Group assisted the Connector with outreach as part of a \$1.1 million budget.


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Neighborhood Notables

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AUTHOR MICHAELA CASEY SPEAK TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dorchester Historical Society welcomes author and Dorchester native Michaela Casey, who will talk about the development of her characters, based on Dorchester models, in her new book, *The Old Overholt and Other Stories*, on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. Casey's book was inspired by her father, the late Thomas Casey (1914-2009), a long-time Dorchester civic and parish leader. 195 Boston St. Free.

TROLLEY MEETING SERIES FINALE IN LOWER MILLS

MBTA hosts the third of three public meetings to highlight planned investments into the Mattapan-Ashmont Trolley Line on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Lower Mills branch of the BPL, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester.

DOTFEST: A COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Join DotHouse Health for an evening of food and fun on Thurs., April 27 at 6 p.m. to benefit DotHouse Health. Details to follow. For sponsorship availability and information, please contact Usha Thakrar at Usha.Thakrar@dothousehealth.org.

DOT GUITARIST PERFORMS IN JP

Eliot Street Soirée presents guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan of Dorchester in concert at First Church in Jamaica Plain on Fri., May 5 at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$15 available at brownpapertickets.com/event/2905806. At the door, \$20. For further information, email eliotstreetsoiree@gmail.com.

PROJECT D.E.E.P. STUDENT & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NIGHT

Kenzie Kent, Boston College hockey & lacrosse powerhouse, will be the guest speaker at the 21st annual Project DEEP student and volunteer recognition night on Mon., May 8 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. Suggested donation: \$25 per family. For more information, please visit projectdeep.org or contact beth@projectdeep.org.

NOTRE DAME EDUCATION CENTER

South Boston will hold its 25th anniversary celebration and fundraiser on Thurs., May 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Venezia Restaurant. As part of the festivities there will be an all school reunion for those who attended or graduated from Cardinal Cushing high school for girls. For more information about the celebrations and the reunion or to purchase tickets, visit the NDEC web site: ndecboston.org or call 617-268-1912.

‘LOVE YOUR BLOCK’ NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS

This year the City has renamed Boston Shines and merged it with Love Your Block, a year-round initiative promoting neighborhood revitalization. Dorchester will be participating on Sat., May 13 and Sun., May 14. To volunteer visit: boston.gov/love-your-block-volunteer-signup-form. Or call 617-635-3308.

STANDISH VILLAGE APRIL PERFORMANCES

The Benjamin Young Jazz Duo from Berklee College of Music shares their talents with us on Mon., April 24 at 6 p.m. The “Grab Your Passport! Destination: Japan” celebration will feature the music of Ririka Tokushige. Ririka is a graduate of Berklee College of Music where she studied with George Garzone and Billy Pierce on Wed., April 26 at 2 p.m. Both performances will be at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 1190 Adams St., Dorchester.

ADAMS ST. BRANCH OF THE BPL EVENTS

Mon., April 24 at 6:30 p.m.: “Witchcraft in Dorchester.” Presentation by Sarah K. Black on Dorchester’s (only known) witch, Alice Lake. Mondays (May 1,8,22) at 6:30 p.m.: A five-part guided discussion on history, politics, and civic engagement. 690 Adams St., Dorchester. 617-436-6900.

SPRING FORUMS AT JFK LIBRARY

On Thurs., April 20 at 6 p.m. Dr. Andrew Farah, Chief of Psychiatry, High Point Division, University of North Carolina Healthcare System, discusses his new book, *Hemingway’s Brain* with Dr. Linda Miller at the JFK Library in Dorchester. All forums are free and open to the public. To register, go to jfklibrary.org/Events-and-Awards/Forums.aspx. On Mon., May 15 at 6 p.m. Stephen Kennedy Smith and Douglas Brinkley, co-editors of *JFK’s Vision for America*, discuss President Kennedy’s legacy with Harvard University professor Frederik Logevall. On Tues., May 16 at 6 p.m. Award-winning author and former Boston Globe correspondent John A. Farrell discusses his new book, *Richard Nixon: The Life*. On Mon., May 22 at 6 p.m. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tom Oliphant and former Boston Globe reporter Curtis Wilkie discuss their new book *The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK’s Five-Year Campaign*. On Thurs., May 25 at 6 p.m. David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize winning historian, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, discusses his new collection of speeches, *The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For*. This program is presented as part of the JFK Centennial Celebration.

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BLACK PARENTS GROUP MEETS AT ADAMS ST BPL

The Dorchester Center National Independent Black Parent Association Study Group brings members of the community together to support one another and discuss the ongoing issues impacting our children with the regular and special education system in local public schools. The next meeting will be held at The Boston Public Library Adams Street Branch, 690 Adams St., Dorchester on April 22 from 10a.m.-1p.m. Contact DorchesterCenterNIBPAsg@gmail.com or 617-506-9039.

BUILD A FAIRY HOUSE AT FRANKLIN PARK

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be co-hosting their fourth annual Fairy House Building Workshop with the Franklin Park Coalition on Thurs., April 20 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park. Free. Storytelling, books from ReadBoston, plant education from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, scavenger hunts with the Appalachian Mountain Club’s Outdoors Rx program, and face painting. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes.. For more information, please call the Franklin Park Coalition at 617-442-4141, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-961-3047, or visit online at cityofboston.gov/parks.

ADSL SPRING-SUMMER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Spring and summer programs now open for registration, which include baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball. Go to alldorchestersports.org/programs for registration, prices, and start dates. The fourth annual Family Fun Day, organized by ADSL and Propa City, takes place on Sat., May 20, at Town Field. Organizations, businesses, services, and community resources are welcome to participate as vendors. Contact Stephanie Crawford at scrawford@alldorchestersports.org for details.

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CHILL ON PARK CHILDREN’S STORY HOUR

Join Cindy of the Fields Corner Branch of the BPL at Chill on Park for the April Children’s Story Hour: Just in Rhyme, Stories and Poems that Play with Words from 6-7 p.m. on Thurs., April 20. For more info, please call 617-297-5401.

MAYOR’S COFFEE HOUR SERIES

Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Coffee Hour Series features three in Dorchester and Mattapan; Tues., May 30 at Almont Park, Mattapan; Tues., June 6 at McConnell Park, Dorchester; Thurs., July 13 at Mother’s Rest at Four Corners, Dorchester. All coffee hours will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. For further information and updates, please call 617-635-4505.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

UPHAMS CORNER LIBRARY

Thursdays at 4 p.m.: BTU teachers are available to help students in grades K-12 with homework on Thursdays. This program is free. No registration is required.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED CTR.

New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

BIKES NOT BOMBS 30TH ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON

Aims to celebrate bicycling while raising funds to finance Bikes Not Bombs’ many local youth and adult programs and implement the organization’s goal of using the bicycle as a vehicle for social change around the world. Riders will raise money individually or as a team. After-Party with band and food. For information on registration fees and to register online go to bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon. For additional information contact Natalie Brady at natalie@bikesnotbombs.org or 617-522-0222 x104.

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, April 20

• The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be co-hosting their fourth annual Fairy House Building Workshop with the Franklin Park Coalition from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park. Children and families are invited to help by building homes for them. For more information, please call the Franklin Park Coalition at 617-442-4141, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-961-3047 or visit online at cityofboston.gov/parks.

• Discover the different birds of prey that call Massachusetts home during a 4:30 p.m. program at the Uphams Corner branch of BPL, 500 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Participants begin the presentation by handling touchable artifacts to discover the adaptations that make these birds such fierce hunters and that define this group. The program concludes with a live animal encounter featuring two birds of prey. This program is appropriate for children age 6 and older. Large groups must register at 617-265-0139.

• Matt Heaton performs in a free concert at Lower Mills Library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester, 3 p.m.

• Discover the different birds of prey that call Massachusetts home in a special program at the Uphams Corner branch of the BPL, 500 Columbia Rd. 4:30 p.m. Features a live animal encounter featuring two birds of prey. Ages 6 and up. Large groups must register at 617-265-0139.

• Hip hop poet and actor Marlon Carey and slam poetry champion and educator Regie Gibson team up with musicians to create an energetic literary performance combining poetry, spoken word, story, song, and rap in their Shakespeare to Hip Hop performance at 6:30 p.m. at the Codman Square Branch at 690 Washington St., Dorchester.

• Jason Palmer Quartet performs at 7 p.m. at Peabody Hall, All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. \$15 tickets online at mandorlamusic.net.

• Chill on Park's April Children's Story Hour in collaboration with the Fields Corner Branch of the Boston Public Library from 6-7 p.m. This month's theme is "Just in Rhyme... Stories and Poems that Play with Words" and guests will enjoy a sample.

• Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meets from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Friday, April 21

• Boston Water and Sewer Commission staff

hosts "In Your Neighborhood" session at Uphams Corner Municipal Building, 500 Columbia Rd., Dorchester 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

• Weave on homemade looms with natural materials including, grasses, flowers, and branches today at 2 p.m. at the Adams Street branch of the BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester. We'll also collaborate on a giant nature loom. Recommended for ages 5 to 12. Please call 617-436-6900 to register.

Saturday, April 22

• Dorchester History Initiative hosts "Building A People's History of Dorchester" event at the Dorchester Historical Society, 195 Boston St., Dorchester from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. with coffee and refreshments. Come and share your aspirations for Dorchester's history. What history is missing and why does it matter to you? For more information, contact Jane Becker, PhD at jane.becker@umb.edu or Monica Pelayo, PhD at moica.pelayo@umb.edu.

• Party for the Planet in celebration of Earth Day at Franklin Park Zoo. Talk with exhibitors from local conservation organizations to learn how you can contribute to a healthy planet and preserve the Earth. Festivities include opportunities to meet zookeepers, animal enrichment activities, a scavenger hunt, and much more! Exhibitors include: Beyond Benign, New England Aquarium, New England Carnivorous Plant Society, RevolSun Massachusetts, and UNICEF USA.

• Foster parent info session from 2-4 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center's Earth Day Celebration, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Meet DCF social workers and current foster parents. DCF is seeking foster parents from every city and town across the state so that children can receive care in the communities where they live and go to school.

Sunday, April 23

• Dorchester Historical Society talk by author and Dorchester native Michaela Casey, who will talk about the development of her characters, based on Dorchester models, in her new book, "The Old Overholt and Other Stories," which was inspired by her father, the late Thomas Casey (1914-2009), a long-time Dorchester civic and parish leader. 2 p.m., DHS Headquarters, 195 Boston St. Free.

• Haitian-American violinist, composer and performer Daniel Bernard Roumain will perform "Redemption Song & Sonatas," which he describes as "a musician's view on civil rights around the world," at 4:30 p.m. in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209

Ashmont St., Dorchester. Purchase tickets, \$25, at ahchamber.music.org or at the door.

Monday, April 24

• MBTA hosts final in a series of three public meetings about the Mattapan-Ashmont Trolley Line at 6:30 p.m. at the Lower Mills library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester.

• Boston Water and Sewer Commission staff hosts "In Your Neighborhood" session at Kit Clark Senior Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave., Fields Corner, Dorchester 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

• A special program at the Adams Street branch of the BPL this evening focuses on "Witchcraft in Dorchester." Around the year 1650, Alice Lake was found guilty of witchcraft and sentenced to die on the gallows. With scant resources to reconstruct the case and her life before the trial, Lake's story raises more questions than it provides answers. 6:30 p.m., 690 Adams St. Free. Call 617-436-6900.

Tuesday, April 25

• Walk and Bike Tour of Glover's Corner. The BPDA's ongoing Plan: Glover's Corner initiative continues with a Walk & Bike Tour from 5-7 p.m. The group will examine the existing neighborhood assets; areas that could be enhanced; as well as opportunities for growth. The Walk tour starts outside Homestead Bakery and will be about a mile long and will be moderately paced. The Bike tour leaving from Savin Hill T station parking lot— will be two miles long and require participants to have a working bicycle and helmets. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Please RSVP at http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers.

Wednesday, April 26

• Comedy night at Dorchester Brewing Company, 1250 Massachusetts Ave., Dorchester starts at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$5.

• The Democratic Committees of Wards 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 will hold a platform meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 at 1157 Adams St., Dorchester. This is an opportunity for all to offer testimony about what should be in the 2017 Mass. Dems platform. The meeting will be held The Massachusetts Democratic Party Platform Committee is in the process of drafting the 2017 platform, which is a statement of the party's values and reflects the party's policy positions. The current platform, drafted in 2013, can be found here: massdems.org/platform.

Thursday, April 27

• Dotfest: A Community Carnival at 6 p.m. Join Dot House Health for an evening of food and fun. Details to follow. For

sponsorship availability and information, please contact Usha Thakrar at Usha.Thakrar@dot-househealth.org.

Friday, April 28

• Deadline day for Massport's Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, open to high school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop. Recipient must have community service experience and submit a 1,000-word essay. For more information visit: massport.com/scholarships.

• Mattapan Community Health Center's annual Rock the Boat gala is held at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 5:30 p.m. reception. Business attire. Call Steven Heck for tickets (starting at \$150) at 617-898-9049 or hecks@matchc.org.

Saturday, April 29

• The annual Neponset River cleanup will be held this morning from 9 a.m.-noon at three sites—including Granite Avenue and Baker Square. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register at neponset.org/volunteer.

• Adams St. Branch of the BPL hosts "Civics 101 Discussion" at 6:30 p.m. This program will discuss the history of the United States, with an eye on what you would need to know if you were trying to become a naturalized citizen. All ages. For more information, please call 617-436-6900.

Tuesday, May 2

• The St. Mark's Area Civic Association hosts a forum from 7-9 p.m. titled "Beyond the Buzzwords: Shaping the Future of Housing & Development" in the lower church hall, St. Mark's Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. A panel will discuss the forces driving growth in Dorchester and the wider region and how our city and state leaders are responding. Panelists include: State Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, Tim Rear-don of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Jim Keefe, the principal of Trinity Financial,

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A petition has been presented by Mariam M. Khoshnaw requesting that Mariam Mohamm Khoshnaw, Ahmed Salah Khoshnaw, Ari Salah Khoshnaw, Sareen Salah Khoshnaw be allowed to change their name as follows:
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John Greely and Cecelia Nardi from BPDA. The moderator is Tom Callahan of Mass Affordable Housing Alliance. For more info contact mdouglasshurley@yahoo.com or Maddie.ribble@gmail.com.

• Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and Nuestra Comunidad host update meeting at 6 p.m. at Mattapan branch of BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan on the re-development of the parking lot next to the Mattapan trolley station.

Wednesday, May 3

• The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services invite the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss improvements to Garvey Park in Dorchester. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the BCYF Leahy/Holloran Community Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. The proposed project includes renovation to the entire park. For further information, please call 617-961-3019.

Thursday, May 4

• Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston will hold its 25th anniversary celebration

and fundraiser from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester. As part of the festivities there will be an all school reunion for those who attended or graduated from Cardinal Cushing High school for girls. For more information about the celebrations and the reunion or to purchase tickets, visit the NDEC web site: ndecboston.org or call 617-268-1912.

Sunday, May 7

• Polish American Citizens Club hosts third annual Polish Fest Boston, a free, family-friendly street festival starts at noon. Enjoy delicious Polish food and drink. DJ and LIVE music, as well as cultural performance and fun for the kids. Learn more at polishfestboston.com.

Monday, May 8

Project D.E.E.P.'s 21st Annual Student & Volunteer Recognition Night features guest speaker Kenzie Kent, Boston College hockey & lacrosse powerhouse. 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Suggested donation: \$25 per family. For more information, please visit projectdeep.org or contact beth@projectdeep.org.

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The mission of the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (the "NDC") is to build a cohesive and resilient community in Codman Square and South Dorchester, develop affordable housing and commercial spaces that are safe and sustainable, and promote economic stability for low and moderate income residents of all ages.

Job Summary: Under general direction of the Executive Director, this position facilitates fund raising research, implementation of our Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) campaign through support of major donor identification, communication and cultivation. Undertakes grant (proposal) writing and development. Responsible for all aspects of proposal writing/production, review and editing, working closely with all levels of staff on a program, departmental, agency-wide and/or special initiative basis. Develop collateral materials such as agency annual reports, newsletters, etc., in support of communication and donor identification and cultivation. Develop informational pieces designed to keep Codman Square donors and other constituents abreast of Codman Square's work events and initiatives, constituting in coordination with web and social media site developers. Participate in CITC Campaign Committee meetings. Plan funder/major donor events. Maintains donor databases, including DHCD online CITC database and develops tracking protocols and supports reporting on donations and grants.

Submit resume and cover letter with salary requirements by April 21, 2017 to: Executive Director, Codman Square NDC, 587 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02124 or to katrina@csndc.com. No calls please.



The second in a season-long series of reflections on the "Impossible Dream" Red Sox season of 1967.

From Winter Haven there had been hints of optimism with veiled suggestions maybe something interesting might be up with the 1967 Red Sox. But the historically gruff Boston sports media, hardened the more by a full generation of their Town Team's fabled foibles and follies,

had been loath to go overboard.

When Dick Williams brashly proclaimed "We'll win more than we lose!" the reaction of the Knights of the Keyboard was a collective shrug touched with a condescending smile. If they'd been impressed, they were nonetheless exercising caution. And who could blame them? It was a tune they'd heard before from an old familiar score.

Around the league, however, intrigue was rising, with the notion the Red Sox may no longer be the joke they'd long been gaining currency fast. While

finishing ninth – just a half-game ahead of the fallen Yankees – in the '66 season in what was then a ten-team, one-division league, they'd nonetheless played well late in the year. The solid potential of the young prospects rapidly being introduced was no secret. Still, five other teams – Twins, White Sox, Orioles, Tigers, Angels – were regarded the only true contenders. The consensus held that if the revamped Red Sox climbed to sixth place, hurdling the comparable Senators and Indians, along with the juvenile

Royals and now pathetic Yankees, they should be pleased with their progress in '67. The scene was set.

Opening Day weather was lousy; grim, cold, and featuring none of the fanfare that has since made it a regional Holy Day. There were only 8,324 people at Fenway, huddled if curiously hopeful. Gov. John Volpe threw out the first ball, then he left, in the fourth inning. He missed a good one. On a late Rico Petrolcelli homer, the home team beat the White Sox, 5-4, stealing three bases along the way, which stunned observers accustomed to seeing their lead-footed lads rarely attempt more than three steals a month.

There was buzz over that, but it was brief because the next day, they gave one right back to Chicago, 8-5, committing five errors and yielding five unearned runs in the ninth. That was more like it. For punishment, they got a bus trip to New York to launch the season's first road trip at Yankee Stadium, House of Horrors for 45 years. In the juiciest of ironies, it was there that it became dramatically clear this was not going to be just another year of the amiable "Gold Sox" mailing it in.

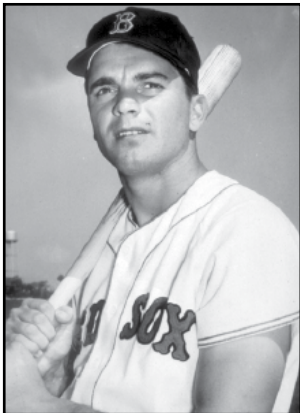
On a raw April evening in the Bronx, Billy Rohr, ashy, skinny lefty of modest promise, maintained valiantly a no-hitter through eight and two thirds innings before Elie Howard crushed the kid with a soft single. If a nice moment, it might seem hardly the stuff of historic consequence. (After winning only once more. Rohr quit the game to become a lawyer). It was the effort the team gave that made

it huge. Clearly they were fiercely pulling for the kid, extending themselves well beyond their familiar limits. They really cared.

It was a sensational catch by Carl Yastrzemski robbing Tom Tresh of a double – and gallantly if but momentarily extending Rohr's gem – that exemplified the new attitude. Charging across the Stadium's cavernous left-field gap as if the Hound of Heaven were on his tail, Yastrzemski over-ran the ball with a last twisting lurch. He landed on his face. But he held onto it. Herewith, notice was served.

For this was simply not traditional Red Sox behavior. Very rarely – not since the early-in-the-century age of Duffy Lewis, Tris Speaker, and Harry Hooper – had the defensive prowess of a Bo Sox outfielder inspired such awe and meaning. It spoke rich volumes about the "new Yaz." Roundly, if unfairly, dismissed as a bit of a dog in his younger days, there was suddenly a burning passion evident in his play that unleashed his great skills. He would remain ablaze the rest of the season.

Lumbering through the spring, they were struggling with their manager's unequivocal promise they'd not lose more than they won. In May, they had a horrendous 2-9 road-trip, but ongoing they would bend, but not break. By the Ides of June they were 30-28, a team high-water mark for the '60's. Also in June GM Dick O'Connell, whose brilliance at his job has never been fully appreciated in my book, made two superb moves, landing colorful fireballer Gary Bell from Cleveland and the taciturn, all-purpose infielder Jerry Adair from Chicago, mainly for prospects



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who would eventually prove marginal. Had the wily O'Connell not made those deals, his team would have finished sixth.

It was the night of June 15 that the first beat of what became the "Impossible Dream" fantasy was truly sounded. Eddie Stanky's raspy White Sox were back, leading by six games and flaunting their superb pitching. Still scoreless after 10 innings, Chicago broke through in the 11th and there were two down in the bottom of the frame when Joe Foy scratched a single in the bottom half, bringing up Tony Conigliaro.

What might have been with Tony C. remains agonizing to contemplate a half-century later. Along with enormous skills, he had a wonderful sense of the dramatic. The ballpark was only half full, but it seemed to be bursting with everyone standing as Tony worked John Buzhardt to a 3-2 count, milking the melodrama superbly. I can still see the ball he then hit rising majestically into the night and disappearing in the lights high above the wall.

An hour later, revelers were still dancing in the streets to the raucous music resounding from the Kenmore Square night spots. The party had officially begun!

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Team MR8 gathers \$917,431 for Martin Richard Foundation

A number of runners from Dorchester plugged along and

made it through the Boston Marathon's 26 miles and 385 yards of winding road from Hopkinton to Boylston Street as temperatures hit the mid-70s on an unseasonably warm Monday holiday.

The 100-member Team MR8 raised \$917,431 for the Martin Richard Foundation, with local members compiling decent times: Eoin Cannon, finishing in (4:29:43), led the troupe, followed by John Delano (4:46:46), Pat Doherty (4:55:52), Dianne Lescinskas (5:16:33), Michael McCarthy (4:40:40), Rachel Moo (5:27:22), Kathleen

Mullen (5:44:17), Cailin Pagel (4:27:21), Patrick Ryan (5:04:47), Talia Siravo (5:23:43), Jack Wu (4:19:42), Laura and Peter Oggeri (5:19:58 and 5:02:58), Pat Brophy (4:46:54), Derek Mourad (5:06:59), and Steve Wilkins (6:02:20).

Dorchester native and boxer Michelle Egan crossed the line in 4:22:01. Steven Farrell and Todd Robinson, a Dorchester couple who were featured in the Reporter several weeks ago, hit the tape together, Farrell at 4:39:21 and Robinson just two seconds behind.

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A Visit From The Easter Bunnys: During our Spring Celebration on the Friday before Easter, families of our early education kids were invited in for breakfast, spring crafts, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and of course, an Easter Egg Hunt.



Exploring All Options: Teens visited the University of Massachusetts recently. Through our College Fellows program, teens have the opportunity to visit many colleges and a chance to compare campuses and get a sense of what they like.

CONNECT THE DOT
Falmouth Road Race: Dust off your running shoes because Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has numbers for the Falmouth Road Race, taking place on August 20th! We have received 20 numbers for the 7-mile race, and are currently putting together our team. Applications are available on our website at bgcdorchester.org. If you are interested in running, please fill out an application as soon as possible, as we will be filling spots on a rolling basis before the end of May. We are asking for a \$1250 fundraising commitment from all runners, and as part of our team each runner will receive a personal fundraising page, expert fundraising support, a BGCD t-shirt and water bottle, and the chance to serve as a role model for our members. Runners with our team have a direct impact on the lives of our members.

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April Vacation: We are currently in the midst of vacation week programming at BGCD, following the Boston Public Schools vacation schedule. Instead of our regular schedule, we offer special programming from 8:30AM - 5:30 PM Tuesday through Friday of vacation week, where members can partake in a full day schedule of activities and have a safe place to spend the day while their parents and caretakers are at work.

Program Spotlight: There are still some programs with space, for youth who are interested in signing up. For younger members, there is CS First Computer Science on Mondays at 6PM and 7PM for grades 5-6, and Global Explorers on Thursdays at 6PM for grades 5-7. For teen members, there is Teen Philosophy Club on Tuesdays at 7PM.

DID YOU KNOW
Challenger Baseball: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester collaborates with Savin Hill Little League on our Challenger Baseball team, which plays in Savin Hill each spring. Pre-season practices take place at the Marr Clubhouse, beginning on April 23rd, and outdoor games take place on weekends throughout the spring. The Challenger Division of Little League is a program for developmentally and physically challenged youth, helping them to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. As part of the program, we work with 'Buddy' volunteers who are assigned to specific players or a specific position/role on the field, to assist in aspects of the game. If you are interested in joining the team as a player or a Buddy, you can register online at SavinHillLittleLeague.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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RECENT OBITUARIES

BURNIEIKA, Dorothy M. (Macchi) in Dorchester, Savin Hill. Wife of the late Joseph J. Mother of Joseph J. Jr. and his wife Maureen L. Burnieika of Cohasset, Dianne M. and her husband Peter H. Brown of Bridgewater, and the late John F. “Jack” Burnieika. Daughter of the late Joseph A. and Helen J. (Sullivan) Macchi. Sister of John W. Macchi of FL, and the late Joseph V. Macchi and Elizabeth A. Burneika. Grandmother of Timothy J., Thomas J., Robert F., and Jeffrey A. Burnieika. Survived by 5 great-grandchildren. Former parishioner of St. William Church and member of the Friendly Club and the K Club. Donations in Dottie’s memory may be made to the Bostonian El-

ders Council Fund, 337 Neponset Ave., Dorchester, MA 02122.
BUTTS, Rita R. age 80, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Richard and Rose (Deagan) Butts. Sister of Jeannette and her late husband Paul J. Burns, Clare Sansone and the late Madlyn, Irene, Leo and Donald Butts. Retired 37 yr. employee of Filene’s Basement, Boston.
CONNOLLY, Kathleen M. in Hanover, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Kelly A. and her husband Thomas M. Burke Jr. of Hanover, and Kevin Baranowski. Sister of Rita A. Ruggere of North Brookfield, and the late Patrick J., Timothy C., Thomas F., Mary T., and Edward J. Connolly. Grandmother of Aidan T. and Samantha R. Burke,

and Ashley Baranowski. Survived by many nieces and nephews.
CONROY, Thomas J. died at his home in Cary, North Carolina. Husband of Margaret C. (McMyler) Conroy. Son of the late John J. and Bridget A. (Guy) Conroy. Brother of John F. and his wife Gail Conroy of Milton, Sr. Mary A. Conroy SCH of Bayside, NY, Sr. Catherine A. Conroy SCH of Dorchester, Sr. Lillian A. Conroy SCH of Quincy, Rev. Francis X. Conroy of Beaumont, TX, and Frederick A. Conroy of NY. As a Maryknoll Missionary priest, Tom served the people of Guatemala and Peru for nine years. Later he earned a Master’s Degree in Education and taught high school in Los Angeles Unified School District for almost thirty years. He loved life and embraced adventures with enthusiasm. Donations in Tom’s memory may be made to Sisters of Charity, Mt. St. Vincent, 125 Oakland St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 or to Transitions Hospice Care, transitionslifecare.org/donate.

HORN, Mildred “Millie” Mary (Walker) of Dorchester after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 77. Born in Dorchester in 1939, Millie graduated from Dorchester High School in 1957. She attended The Cambridge School of Business and worked for many years at The New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Boston. She raised her family in South Boston in the 1970s. In retirement, Millie volunteered at The Epiphany School in Dorchester. Millie is survived by her husband, Jim Horn, of 28 years. They were avid patrons of the arts and traveled extensively including South America, Europe and across North America. She is predeceased by her first husband, John DeCosta, who died in 1977. She is survived by her three sons, Edward DeCosta, of Morgantown, West Virginia, James DeCosta, of Madison, CT, and Michael DeCosta, of Brookfield, CT, her daughters-in law, Linda, Tracy, and Dawn, 8 grandchildren, and a great grandson Vincent Anthony DeCosta born earlier this month. She was also a surrogate mother to several nieces, nephews and neighborhood children whom she cared for and helped raise. Donations can be made to The Epiphany School, 154 Centre St. Dorchester, MA 02124.

PIKE, Kenneth age 79. Born in 1937 in Boston, he was a son of the late Lloyd C. and Catherine (Ruggles) Pike. Lived in Dorchester and later Jamaica Plain, where he graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1955. He received a MA in Special Education from Bridgewater State, and attended St. Michael’s Monastic Seminary and College in Union City, NJ, where he received a BA. He lived in North Attleboro for 31 years. He was a US Navy Veteran of Vietnam War, and afterwards he worked for Mueller Corp. in Brockton for several years and then as a school teacher in North Attleboro for 15 years. He also worked at the South Shore House in Quincy doing substance abuse counselling for three years before retiring in 2010. He volunteered at La Salette Shrine in Attleboro as Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, and Altar Server for over 25 years. He was also proud of being a Friend of Bill W. for 32 years. He is survived by his sister, Jeanne Marie Krug and her husband John of York, PA; a brother Donald Pike and wife Carol of Northfield and several nieces and nephews. He was brother of the late John F. Pike and Girard Pike. Donations to the La Salette Shrine, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.

SUTHERLAND, Joan M. (White) She was 85 years old. Joan was the wife of the late Donald G. Sutherland. Mother of Joan R. Livingston and her late husband Martin of Brockton. Sister of the late Anthony F. White and George A. White. Grandmother of Rachel M. Livingston and Alexis L. Livingston.
ZARELLA, Bernadette A. (Holm) of Marshfield, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Francis J. Zarella. Mother of Stacey M. and her husband Lawrence Gilbert of Lexington, Mark J. Zarella of South Boston, and Michael J. Zarella of Dorchester. Daughter of the late William H. Holm and Florence G. (Bronski) Holm. Sister of the late William H. Holm Jr. Late retired Vice-President of Weymouth Savings Bank for over 20 years. Donations in Bernie’s memory may be made to the American Lung Association, 1661 Worcester Rd., Suite 301, Framingham, MA 01701.

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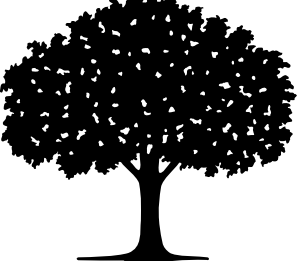
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ST. MARK & ST. AMBROSE COLLABORATIVE GROUP
Fr. Anthony’s youth group is for all young people ages 13-18 of St. Mark & St. Ambrose parishes. The group meetings will consist of time for prayer, time to talk about life and all its challenges, and time to just hang and have fun. The group will also engage in a variety of activities throughout the year, of both a recreational and spiritual nature. The group meets at St. Mark’s on the last Sunday of the month, 6-8 p.m.

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POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS
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CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.
The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it’s a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.
The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.
Dues for the new year (Sept. 2016-Aug. 2017) now due. Fill out application and return with \$7 fee. For further info, please visit: Dorchesterlowermills.org.

ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSOC.
Officers of the association will be elected at the

March meeting. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattiashtmont@gmail.com. Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.
Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.
The monthly meetings are held in Fr. Lane Hall at St. Brendan’s Church. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC
Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSOC.
Cummins Valley Assoc. meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@gmail.com.



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